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PLACE	DATE	TIME	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM	PLACE	DATE	TIME	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM		
					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS							KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS			
ALABAMA										COLORADO											
Statewide	10-12	10 p.m. - 5 a.m.			0	4	5	5	Wind, Rain, Hail	Entire State	7	All day			1	5			Wind		
									Numerous thunderstorms occurred beginning in the northwest portion before midnight on the 10th and ending in extreme south portion on the morning of the 12th. Considerable large hail reported in scattered areas, mainly in Lawrence, Cherokee, Marion, Winston, Autauga, Elmore and Macon Counties. Hail up to 3" in diameter fell at Tuskegee, Macon County. High winds damaged many roofs of houses and other small buildings, felled trees and utility lines. Heavy rain of 3" to 5" resulted in considerable flash flooding mainly in Lawrence, Winston, Marion, Bibb and Hale Counties. Property damage due to wind 75%, hail 15% and rain 10%. Crop damage due to rain 75% and hail 25%.												high gusty wind associated with a cold front was general over most of the state. Considerable damage occurred, but heaviest in the area east of the Divide. At Boulder, an outdoor movie screen valued at \$10,000 was wrecked. In Denver, Pueblo, Fort Collins, Greeley and other eastern Colorado cities, there was considerable damage to power lines, signs, buildings and trees. In the Denver area, a youth was injured when a car was blown off a jack, pinning him underneath. Loveland Pass was closed by snowdrifts for several hours. Blowing dust was general on the eastern plains.
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County	28	1430							Funnel cloud	CONNECTICUT									None reported		
									Pilot reported funnel cloud southwest of Tuscaloosa.	DELAWARE									NONE REPORTED		
ALASKA									None reported	FLORIDA											
ARIZONA									None reported	Port St. Joe Gulf Co.	6	12:30 p			1	3	0		Wind		
ARKANSAS										Avon Park Highlands Co.	10	Evening	5	* 2					Hail		
Gosnell and Yarbro areas, Mississippi County	10	5:30 p.	5	880	0	0	4	0	Wind and rain												
									High winds damaged roofs of several buildings, including Gosnell Schol. Many large road signs blown down.												
Paragould, Greene County	10	8:00 p.	1/2	?	0	0	3	0	Hail	Miami Dade Co.	12	12:28 p					0	0	Funnel Cloud		
									Hail, 3/4 inch in diameter, fell over a small area south of Paragould.	Denia Broward Co.	21	8:00 p					0	0	Funnel Cloud		
Forrest City, St. Francis County	27	Between 3:40 p. - 4:40 p.							Funnel aloft	Ft. Meade Polk Co.	29	8:00 p	1	* 1 1/2					Hail		
Jonesboro, Craighead County	28	2:00 p.	1	?	0	0	0	0	Rain and hail												
									Hail, 3/4 inch in diameter, fell over small area.												
Steprock, White County	30	3:30 p.	?	?	0	0	* 4	0	Hail	GEORGIA											
									Hail was scattered over northern portions of the County. Hail diameter, 1/2 inch. Roofs and automobiles were damaged and some damage was done to the strawberry crop.	Northern section	10-11	Night			0	0	6	4	Hail, wind, rain and lightning		
Foreman, Little River County	30	4:30 p.	?	?	0	0	* 5	0	Wind and hail												
									High winds damaged roofs and out-buildings in scattered areas of the County. Hail, 1/2 inch in diameter, fell in scattered areas over the northern half of the County. Most damage was caused by wind, with some damage to crops by hail.												
DeQueen - Horatio areas, Sevier County	30	5:05 p.	30	?	0	0	5	0	Wind and rain												
									Wind caused damage over the entire County with most damage within 4-5 miles of Horatio and DeQueen. Numerous barns blown down and roofs damaged. Many trees blown down, some cutting power and phone lines and felling of cars and houses.												
Nashville, Howard County	30	5:15 p.	5	880	0	0	5	4	Wind and hail												
									High winds damaged roofs and blew down trees in scattered areas over most of the County. Most damage was in the Nashville-Corinth Section of the County. Hail up to 1/2 inch in diameter. Damage by wind estimated at \$80,000 and by hail, \$11,000.	Near Canton, Cherokee County	11	8:30 a.	1	100	0	0	4	0			Tornado
El Dorado, Union County	30	5:30 p.			0	1	0	0	Thunderstorm												
									One person injured when lightning struck nearby.	Near Milledgeville, Baldwin County	11	p.m.							Lightning		
Spotville, Columbia County	30	6:22 p.	2	440	0	2	4	0	Tornado												
									Tornado moved from southwest. Two homes were destroyed and one home and a church building were badly damaged.	HAWAII										None reported	
Arkadelphia, Clark County	30	6:25 p.	5	1000	0	0	5	0	Wind	IDAHO											
									High winds damaged roofs and buildings and blew down trees in Arkadelphia and surrounding area. Radio Station KURC observed 80 MPH winds on station owned equipment.	Most of State	6-7					4			Wind		
Morphlet, Union County	30	Evening	?	?	0	0	4	0	Wind												
									High winds blew down twelve oil derricks, several trees and television antennas in the north-central area of the County.	Entire State	19-20					17	4	4	Wind and dust		
CALIFORNIA																					
Southern California	20				0	0	4	0	Gale winds lashed many southern California areas, toppling trees, snapping power lines, dislodging roofs, breaking plate glass windows and downing store signs. Traffic was restricted by blowing dust and sand with many accidents resulting from reduced visibility. Moderate damage was reported because of sand blasting of vehicles. Few lightning strikes were witnessed, one being as far north as Tuolumne County.												
Desert Area	28				0	0	3	0	Near Mojave, wind reached velocities between 45 and 60 miles per hour, halting traffic and resulting in some sand damage to vehicles within the area.												

See reference notes at end of table.

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					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
ILLINOIS									
Mendota	28	6p			0	0	5 ⁰	C	Local Flooding
	Rainfall of an estimated six inches produced worst local flood since 1945 with greatest amount of water the result of run-off from northwestern rural areas. More than 75 homes and numerous business buildings damaged by water in basements and lower floors.								
St. Louis to Chicago	30	11a-2:30p			4	?	6 ⁰	C	Wind, funnels aloft, lightning, hail
	A squall line moved into Illinois just north of St. Louis and thence northeast across the state. Major damage was to farm outbuildings, buildings under construction, house trailers and roofs of houses and commercial buildings. Most damage occurred along and from 20 to 50 miles either side of lines from Hardin to Springfield to Hoopston and from Pontiac to Morris to Joliet to Chicago. Minor damage was not confined to these areas. 90% or more of damage was estimated to be caused by straight winds. Gusts reached 55 to 90 miles per hour at official weather observing stations along the southern line and 65 to 109 miles per hour at stations near the northern line. Gusts as high as 135 miles per hour were reported on unofficial instruments. Funnel clouds were reported by the public south of Mt. Pulaski, west of Mahomet, southeast of Rantoul, east of Hoopston and at several locations on the southside of Chicago. Damage study indicates the probability that several small funnels may have touched ground momentarily or approached near enough to the ground to produce structural damage at isolated spots. Only one indication of a tornado path was found (described below). Two persons were killed by falling debris at Rantoul when high winds caused the collapse of the front section of a grocery roof. One man was killed by a falling chimney near Pontiac. Lightning was considered as the probable cause when a chimney collapsed and fell through a school roof to kill a boy at Springfield. Lightning also started a number of fires. Hail was general along the squall line and ranged from the size of a pea to more than one inch in diameter. Hail damaged fruit trees which were in bloom and a majority of the blossoms were knocked from trees in parts of Jersey County. Utility lines were badly damaged by falling trees and branches. TV antennas were a common casualty.								
Carrollton	30	11:30a	5	20-100	0	?	4 ⁰	C	Tornado
	Path of damage could be followed from a few miles southwest of Carrollton through the city to the northeast of city. Major damage was to a livestock sales barn northeast of the city with other damage to outbuildings, trees, rooftops and window glass.								
Southern	30	7:30-9:30p			0	?	5 ⁰	C	Wind, funnel cloud
	Squall line winds of high velocity caused major damage in a 50 mile wide area from Jackson County to Webster County. Greatest concentration of damage was near Carni. A funnel cloud was sighted at Waller in Franklin County and some of the damage may have resulted when small funnel clouds approached or touched ground briefly.								
INDIANA									
Kankakee River Valley (northwestern Indiana)	30	2-4 p.			0	49	6	0	Wind, tornadoes(3)
	A turbulent complex of thunderstorm cells and ascending tornadoes sometimes touching ground were responsible for a display of great wind energy from DeWette (Jasper County) to South Bend, Elkhart, and into Michigan toward Three Rivers. Twin paths of damage are evident and two and sometimes three tornado clouds were reported. Great amounts of black mud were picked up so visual observations were lacking. The sequence of events may have been as follows: About 2 a.m. in DeWette a dozen people saw a tornado and rushed to the basement of a supermarket. No serious injuries occurred but the building suffered \$120,000 damage and a nearby lumber yard had a \$225,000 loss. At about 2:15 p.m. toward the northeast a tornado tore through an orchard southwest of Kouts. Strong wind or tornado winds struck the nearby towns of Aylsworth to the west and Malden. 5 miles to the north about the same time. Twelve miles farther north, east of Valparaiso hail fell of golf ball size. Hail covered the ground at Westville, 12 miles northeast of Valparaiso, and size ranged from marble to walnut. Westville was having hail about the time that citizens in Hanna reported 2 or 3 funnel clouds travelling from the west and southwest. High trees fell on roads north and east of Hanna. Fifteen minutes later (3 p.m.), and 5 miles south of New Carlisle large trees were again being uprooted. The turbulent mass moved toward South Bend and first struck southwestern South Bend about 3:20 p.m. About the same time a funnel cloud was seen in the area about 200 feet above the ground. From South Bend northeast and east-northeast twin, intermittent paths of damage are evident. One toward Three Rivers, Michigan and the other through Elkhart ending at Bristol (3:45 p.m.) where 6 large house trailers were smashed. Fifteen minutes earlier in southwestern Mishawaka, a cloud "shaped like an inverted pear" came out of a cloud, hovered about 30 seconds some 200 feet above the ground, then retreated back into the clouds. This happened twice in a short time. Losses in the South Bend-Mishawaka area is near one million dollars. Forty-nine people were injured in South Bend, seven were hospitalized.								
Benton and White County	30	2 to 2:32 p.			0	3	5	0	Tornado, wind
	Much of the damage was due to straight line winds estimated at near 100 mph but there was also at least one tornado. The most damage in Benton County extended from Dunnington eastward to Atkinson and Templeton. In White County a notable loss was 4 high voltage transmission towers at 2:32 p.m. northwest of Chalmers. Nothing but a tornado, it is believed, could blow these towers down. The strong winds swept eastward across the state causing scattered damage.								
INDIANA (Cont'd)									
Southern Newton County	30	2:24 p.			0	5	4	0	Tornado, wind
	A state trooper near Kentland saw a funnel cloud pass overhead full of lumber and debris. A tractor trailer was turned over north of Kentland and eastward, north of Goodland a funnel cloud was seen. Children were injured at the Kentland grade school when a chimney collapsed.								
Peru, Miami County	30	3 p.			0	0	3	0	Tornado
	A three-year old girl was whisked from friends by a strong wind and carried over two fences for a block. She was found 30 minutes later by police covered with dirt and debris but uninjured leaning against a house.								
Fort Wayne	30	4 to 4:30 p.			0	2	5	0	Wind
	Winds clocked at 89 mph at the airport damaged 3 airplanes and destroyed another after being lifted 50 feet into the air. In Fort Wayne between Lexington Avenue and State Boulevard cars, homes, trees and power lines were damaged by the strong winds.								
Pike, 6 miles north of Lebanon, Boone County	30	afternoon			1	0	4	0	Wind
	A high cement block wall being constructed was blown down and crushed a worker. Scattered property damage from winds occurred in the area.								
Southwestern Indiana	30	9:50 p. to 10:50p			0	few	5	0	Wind, tornado, lightning
	A north-south line of severe thunderstorms moved into the western border counties of southern Indiana a few minutes before 10 p.m. Many communities reported wind damage to buildings, trees and power lines. A large store was demolished at Oakland with a loss of \$60,000. Signs of a tornado, such as severity of damage, sounds, and greenish sky indicated the presence of one or more tornadoes but there were no damage patches formed. Some Bicknell citizens thought sounds indicated the presence of a tornado. In Knox County three airplanes were destroyed near Edwardsport, a large exhibit building at the fair grounds was levelled. In Sullivan County a new restaurant three miles south of Sullivan was left in sagging ruins. At Montgomery in Daviess County a church was damaged and a service station was blown over. Lightning and resulting fire destroyed a house at Princeton.								
IOWA									
Near Rockford	20	10:00p.						4	Lightning
Des Moines	21	a. m.						1 3	Lightning
KANSAS									
Reno County, near Plevna	19	3:00p-4:00p	8	*3					Hail
	Hailstones ranged from peas to marbles in size but melted rapidly with the heavy rain. Storm moved south.								
Northwest Kingman and Southwest Reno counties	19	5:00p-6:00p	6	*2					Hail
	Field crops were damaged 10-60% in the area from Turon to Pendola. Storm moved from southwest. Ground was covered 3 to 4 inches deep with hail.								
Harper County, NE portion	27	3:45p							Funnel Clouds (5)
	Five funnel clouds, four small and one large, were sighted near Danville. Some appeared dark and others quite light. The largest appeared as a long grey rope. All remained aloft several hundred feet from the ground and moved eastward.								
Butler County	27	4:30p.							Funnel Cloud
	A small funnel cloud moving eastward was observed about 5 miles NE of El Dorado.								
Wyandotte County	30	8:00p							Funnel Cloud
	A small funnel cloud moving NE was reported about 5 to 8 miles west of Kansas City.								
KENTUCKY									
Northern Kentucky Paducah to Lexington	30	7:00 PM 'til mid-night	250					5	Wind, lightning, and funnel aloft
	Vigorous squall line moved eastward across northern portion of Kentucky. Wind damage occurred in many communities along path of storm. Highest gust of wind from official observation was 64 MPH at Ft. Knox. Rash of small fires was caused by lightning at Louisville. Funnel aloft was reported near Bardstown about 11:40 PM.								

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LOUISIANA									
Oaknoia	5-6				0	0	4	3	Heavy rain
			Nearly 7 inches of rain in 5 hours caused flooding damage to crop-lands, homes, roads, and bridges						
All State	10-11				0	0	5	5	Hail and wind
			Severe squall line passing through the State dropped hail over many parishes, damaging timber, crops, and roof tops. Converse reported the largest hailstones, 3 inches in diameter, and over \$150,000 in damages to hundreds of acres of pine timber, roof tops, and a school house. Other areas reporting damage were Jennings, Matchitoches, Hosston, Book, and West Carroll Parish.						
New Orleans, 35 mi. SE	25	9:50-10:00 a.							Waterspout
Chesbrough	27	10:00 p.	3	35	0	0	4	4	Tornado
			Moved southwest-northeast, destroying dairy barn; damaging one home and house trailer, downing several trees						
Taylorstown	27	11:01 a.	1/4	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Touched down twice, damaging 2 houses, a barn, grocery store, and warehouse						
Corlyss area, S of Sulphur	27	Evening	?	?	0	0	4	3	Tornado
			Dipped down on 3 farms, ripping roofs from barns, downing trees and utility poles						
Baton Rouge	27	Evening			0	0	4	0	Strong wind
			Room torn off house						
East Central Division	27-28				0	0	5	4	Heavy rain
			The greatest 24-hour rainfall of record for the month of April flooded much of the East Central Division. More severe in the Baton Rouge and Baker area where water entered many of the buildings. The erosion of lands caused many farmers to reseed. Some live-stock loss						
Fluornoy, SW Shreveport	30	6:58 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Tornado
			Turned over police car						
East and West Carroll Parishes, and Morehouse Parish	30	9:15 p.	20	*2	0	1	5	4	Tornado
			Moved northwest-south, destroying 3 homes, downing trees and utility poles						
MAINE									
Statewide	1				0	0	4	0	Rain, snow
			Heavy rains in southern and eastern sections and heavy wet snow in northern counties caused widespread damage. Much of the southeastern part received from 2 to more than 3.5 inches of rain. Major damage resulted from road washouts and flooded basements. Snow in northern sections downed large branches that broke power and telephone lines.						
Statewide except coastal	13-14				0	0	5	0	Snow, wind
			Late-season snowstorm left 6 to 15 inches of heavy, wet snow. The heavier amounts fell in northern counties. High winds felled snow-laden tree limbs which took down power and telephone lines. Many communities were without these services for periods up to 24 hours. This was the major casualty of the storm. Streets and highways became hazardous and numerous skidding accidents and injuries occurred.						
Statewide	23-24				0	0	5	0	Wind.
			Strong winds, frequently gusting to gale force, did widespread, mostly minor, damage. Heaviest item of damage was the wreck of a section of the roof of the Skowhegan State Fair's grandstand. Many areas of the state had downed signs and antennae and broken tree limbs which took down power and phone lines. The high winds pushed fire danger into a condition of extreme hazard and woodland fire-fighters were hard-pressed to contain the numerous fires in progress.						
MARYLAND									
NONE REPORTED									
MASSACHUSETTS									
Central and eastern sections	1	All day			0	0	5	0	Rain, wind
			Rainfall totals exceeded 2 inches over most of this area. Major damage resulted from flooded basements and highways and road washouts. Telephone service was interrupted in many communities as a consequence of rain-soaked underground cables. In the Upham's Corner section of Boston heavy rain washed out a large brick wall of a parking lot. One car was crushed. Strong winds broke large tree limbs, downing power and phone lines in southeastern parts of the state.						
Leyden	9				0	0	0	0	Dust devil
			Dust devil, sounding like a jet plane, lifted cans and bottles about 200 feet into the air. Funnel extended from ground to about 2000 feet. Disturbance lasted about 1 1/2 minutes.						
North-central section and Berkshires	12-13				0	0	4	0	Snow
			Late-season storm left up to 12 inches of snow in the Berkshires and from 4 to 8 inches over northern Worcester County. Tree limbs broke under the weight of snow, taking power lines down and causing outages in some communities. Traffic was generally slowed or briefly halted in some areas.						
MASSACHUSETTS (Cont'd)									
Statewide	23, 24				0	1	5	3	Wind, dust
			Strong winds on both days, gusting to 60 m.p.h., picked up top soil, toppled television antennae, downed trees and limbs, and created highly dangerous fire conditions. In Chelsea, a baby was injured when a light pole fell across her carriage. Windblown clouds of dust reduced visibility in all sections. In the Conn. River Valley much topsoil was blown off newly planted fields, and some young shoots were damaged by the bullet-like sand particles. The dangerous fire condition of woodlands was aggravated by the winds, and fire fighters were hard-pressed to contain numerous fires in progress. In Greenfield, an antenna was blown across a high tension wire, starting a fire that destroyed a barn and damaged a house to the extent of \$20,000. High winds toppled a 40 foot concrete block wall in Amesbury on the 24th. Wall was part of a building under construction.						
Fitchburg	25	After-noon			0	1	3	0	Wind
			A violent gust of wind blowing across Route 2 tipped over a two-ton van on its side, injuring its driver.						
MICHIGAN									
Ludington	26	7:23 A							Waterspout
			Pilot reported observing waterspout in Lake Michigan at 5 miles west of Ludington which dissipated while flying by.						
Southeastern and Southwestern Lower Michigan.	30	Noon 6:00 P			1	12	6	C	Thunderstorms with high winds hail, lightning and rains.
			Numerous thunderstorms swept across southern Michigan with high winds up to 80 MPH. Numerous homes, trailers and factory buildings suffered wind damage and several were demolished. Hail up to 1 1/2" was reported in the vicinity of Benton Harbor. Lightning cut power to several cities. Coldwater and Three Rivers were the hardest hit where city streets were blocked off for several hours due to fallen trees and power and water services were cut off for hours due to lightning hits. Heavy rains flooded streets in various towns. Farm barns were damaged by high winds and in several cases blown down. Cattle were injured within the barns and some were killed by the impact. One man was killed in Pontiac due to collapse of hotel by high winds. Injuries reported were due mostly to high winds and flying debris. Numerous plate glass windows were broken, airports suffered damage to planes and buildings due to high winds also.						
Southern Lower Michigan	30	Afternoon							Funnels aloft
			Several funnels aloft were witnessed during the afternoon in the area.						
Ypsilanti 6S	30	After-noon	**300	33	0	0	3	0	Tornado
			Farm house of G. Johnson which is 6 miles south of Ypsilanti was hit by tornado. Mr. Johnson observed the funnel and reported hearing a roar. Porch of the house was damaged and porch furniture destroyed.						
Ypsilanti 7 SE	30	After-noon	**200	33	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Tornado struck farm of D. Porter which is 7 miles south of Ypsilanti. Large barn was demolished and side of the house was damaged. Nearby small airplane blown into a tree with serious damage.						
Lansing	30	5:00 P	(?)	(?)	0	0	2	0	Tornado
			Small tornado hit fire station building on central west side of Lansing. Fire Chief observed the small funnel which tore roofing off the upper part of the station roof.						
Grand Ledge	30	5:00 P	3/4	50	0	0	3	0	Tornado
			Witness observed small tornado approach 3/4 mile away from the southwest where it blew off a roof building on the east side of town of Grand Ledge. It also moved a car 75 ft. off a driveway without damage.						
MINNESOTA									
			None Reported						

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MISSISSIPPI Canton, 25 NNE Jackson	10	8:45 p.-10:00 p.	5	2000	0	0	4	3	Tornado	
									Moved west-east, touching down at several places, demolishing one house trailer, downed trees, and disrupted utilities	
Oxford	10	Evening			0	0	5	5	Hail	
									Hail, average size 2 inches diameter, maximum 5 inches, covered a four-square mile area, inflicting heavy damage to roof tops, automobiles, greenhouses, windows, roads, crops, and livestock	
Tupelo area	11	1 a.-1 p.			0	0	6	0	Heavy rain	
									Record 24-hour rainfall caused worst flooding in city's history. Extensive damage, over \$1,000,000, to residential and industrial buildings, roads and bridges	
Warren County	10-11	7 p.-2 a.			0	0	4	4	Heavy rain	
									Extensive damage to county roads, bridges, retaining walls, sewers, roofs, and crops	
Philadelphia	10-11				0	0	5	5	Hail	
									Hail, average size a half inch diameter, maximum three-quarters inch, caused considerable damage to roof tops, crops, and livestock	
All State	10-11				0	0	4	4	Hail	
									In addition to the excessive damage in the above areas, hail occurred in many counties. Hail three-quarters inch or greater in diameter was reported by Winona, maximum 2-1/2 inches; Yazoo City maximum 1-1/4 inches; Canton, Jackson, and Laurel, maximum 2 inches	
Tunica	28	9:30 p.	35	500-3000	1	6	5	4	Tornado	
									Moved southwest-northeast, killing one woman when house collapsed	
Clinton	28	11:34 a.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Tornado	
									One roof damaged	
MISSOURI										
Caruthersville Pemiscot County	11	Night							Hail Storm	
									Hail the size of golf balls	
St. Louis County	30	5 PM					5		Hail Storm	
									Hail the size of lemons, baseballs and golf balls fell in the southwest part of St. Louis County	
MONTANA									None reported	
NEBRASKA										
10-12 miles NE of Ord	26	7:30 p.	2	narrow	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
									Tornado and several funnels observed, several buildings demolished, as storm moved NE.	
NEVADA									None reported	
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Statewide	23-24				0	0	4	0	Wind	
									Strong winds, frequently gusting to gale force, did widespread, mostly minor, damage. Most of the damage consisted of downed signs and antennae and broken tree limbs.	
NEW JERSEY									None reported	
NEW MEXICO									None reported	
NEW YORK										
Statewide, but more importantly throughout eastern counties, including Long Island	20-28				1	35	6		Brush, field and forest fires	
									Unusually dry air with record low humidities, strong westerly winds, bountiful sunshine and high temperatures depleted soil moisture rapidly. The weather elements were aided by the lack of foliage on trees and brush. A serious fire hazard developed. Hundreds of fires developed, some quite extensive with heavy losses. Most serious was in the Glens Falls area where a "crown" fire developed and destroyed 15 homes, numerous buildings and other facilities, burning over 1500 acres near the city. 35 were injured. One death due to burning while fighting a fire in the Oneida area occurred on the 28th. Other fires too numerous to enumerate throughout other sections of the State.	
NORTH CAROLINA										
Eastern North Carolina	8	morning				4	0	5	0	Electrical, wind
									Line of squalls moved eastward through area, setting off widespread thunderstorm activity. Minor damage to houses, barns, signs, antennas, etc. A fishing party of four persons was lost in the Chowan River when their boat was hit by a squall.	
Greene, Pitt, Sampson, Wayne Counties	8	7-10 a.m.			0	0	5	0	Tornado or Tornadoes	
									Reports of roaring winds and whirling cloud formations at intervals along a Clinton-Goldsboro-Greenville line. Many small buildings demolished, others damaged, trees blown down and a dozen aircraft at four separate locations blown from moorings, some demolished. No clear indication of width or continuity of path, as storms were associated with general squally weather reported above.	
Cabarrus, Davidson, Harnett, Haywood, Mecklenburg, Onslow, Pitt Counties	11	early am			0	1	4	0	Electrical, rain, wind	
									Squall line associated with an active low pressure system moved through North Carolina setting off a number of thunderstorms with widespread occurrence of heavy rain, locally damaging winds and lightning. One man hospitalized after being struck by lightning in Pitt County.	
NORTH DAKOTA									None reported	
OHIO										
Lima	30	4:45 PM	Short	Narrow	0	6	5	0	Thunderstorm winds	
									A violent localized wind storm struck near Lima just before 5 PM. While light damage was widespread in the area, greatest destruction was inflicted by a small-scale storm which may have been a weak tornado. Newspaper accounts report two funnels having been seen, but these were not confirmed. Most severe damage was done to factory building of Flair Homes, Superior Coach Co. and Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton. The Flair Homes building was almost completely demolished and 6 workmen were injured by falling debris. Damage at Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton was confined to breakage of skylights, windows and roofing by large-size hailstones. At Superior Coach there was extensive roof damage and a steel smoke-stack was blown down.	
Ashtabula	30	9 PM	Short	Narrow	0	2	5	0	Thunderstorm winds	
									This localized, hit-skip windstorm followed a narrow path along E. 45th Street, blowing down selected trees, tearing off parts of roofs and doing other high-level damage. Most severe damage was to Hewett's Garage where the building collapsed onto 5 cars being repaired. There were unconfirmed local reports that this was a "baby tornado".	
									Both of the above storms occurred in connection with a widespread outbreak of severe thunderstorms. All of central and northern Ohio was affected, but storms were most severe in the northern third. Northwestern counties were hardest hit between 4:30 PM and 6 PM, while in the northeast they struck between 8 and 9 PM. Throughout northern Ohio there were numerous reports of barns and other buildings unroofed or demolished, trailers overturned, utility lines blown down, and lightning strikes. Only a few of reporters mentioned large hail,--one of them at Lima. Thunderstorm rains measured one inch or less in most cases. No deaths are known to have occurred; and total number of injuries is not known.	
OKLAHOMA										
Near Clinton, Custer County	1	11:00 a. to 11:30 a.			0	5	3	0	Wind	
									Strong winds 7 miles east of Clinton caused the driver of a small car to loose control, with the car overturning and injuring three persons. Strong gusty wind three miles north of Clinton caused the driver of a second small car to loose control. Two passengers were injured when they were thrown from the vehicle as it turned over once and landed on its wheels.	
Sedan, Kiowa County	10	5:00 a.			0	0	3	3	Wind and hail	
									Early morning thunderstorms moving east were accompanied by severe winds which deroofed two barns and damaged other farm buildings, trailers, and TV antennas. Showers were accompanied by hail of 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Several farms received heavy crop damage from the hail in a 3 by 1 1/2 mile swath.	
Caddo, Grady, McClain, and Cleveland Counties	10	5:15 a. to 7:45 a.			0	0	5	3	Wind, hail, and rain	
									Thunderstorms with winds up to 75 MPH struck damage eastward across four counties in the southern part of central Oklahoma. First hit	

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					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
OKLAHOMA (Cont'd) County									
									A lightning bolt struck a small home in which a mother and her seven children were sleeping. The home burned after lightning followed the TV antenna into the living room. Two children perished and a third was critically burned.
McCurtain County	30	4:30 p. to 6:00 p.			0	0	4	5	Wind
									A severe wind storm struck the southeast corner of the County in the area south of a line from Idabel to Egleston. Straight, hard winds estimated at 85 MPH nearly demolished a newly rebuilt saw-mill at the northwest edge of the City of Idabel, while northeast a livestock auction barn lost much of its roof. Many trees were uprooted causing damage to 4 cars, business buildings, and utility lines. Extensive roof damage was reported over the area with several barns partially destroyed or unroofed. A registered quarterhorse was killed 6 miles southeast of Idabel when crushed by a falling tree. The Cisco area west of Idabel reported extensive damage to buildings with the winds overturning a tractor parked at the edge of an open field. At Harris a pickup pulling a trailer with two horses was blown off the road and overturned in the bar ditch. Timber stands suffered about four million board feet losses in an area south of Egleston and from Idabel to Haworth and to the southeast. Windthrown timber salvage will increase logging costs. Crop damage limited mostly to downed timber except for some damage to alfalfa.
Idabel Area, McCurtain County	30	About 5:00 p.	Short	Narrow	0	0	3	5	Tornado
									A small tornado hit just south of Idabel during a heavy wind storm (wind storm described separately), lifting a pickup containing a lady driver and put it back down on one side of the road. Shortly afterwards, the pickup was again lifted off the road and whirled around in mid-air, stopping crossways on the road. The funnel was later observed aloft and believed to have been the same funnel which hit timber areas further to the east-northeast. Some damage areas looked as though someone had been doing clearing with trees felled in different directions.
OREGON									
Full length of the Oregon coast and inland for approximately 75 miles as far south as the Umpqua River Valley	27-28	Evening until following morning	400	75	0	0	4	3	Wind
									Winds along coast, unofficially observed by Coast Guard at 75-110 miles per hour and officially observed at Astoria WRAE at 71 mph, sank or severely damaged number of boats, floating docks. Both along coast and inland valleys number of farm buildings blown down; wind felled trees caused widespread power and telephone service interruptions as well as damaging homes and parked cars across which several of them fell. Winds also broke out scores of windows, blew down a number of outdoor signs; severely damaged many roofs. A number of highways were temporarily closed by downed trees. No known loss of life or serious injury in Oregon due to storm.
PENNSYLVANIA									
Near Bethlehem	29	7 P.M.					4		Thunderstorm
									Lightning fired a cabinet-making shop, destroying building and contents.
Punxsutawney	30	Night					3		Thunderstorm
									Lightning fired a garage.
Erie	30	10 P.M.					4		Wind
									Strong winds moved a number of garages off their foundations, broke plate glass windows, and downed trees, utility lines and signs in parts of the city.
PUERTO RICO									None reported
RHODE ISLAND									None reported
SOUTH CAROLINA									
Mars Bluff, Florence County	8	7:05 a.	1/5	35-70	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									No funnel was seen but noise and damage characteristically tornadoic.
Marlboro County	12	1:35 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud
									Pilot reported a funnel cloud between 30 and 40 miles north-northeast of Florence. The funnel dissipated at 1:10 p.m.
Central South Carolina	12	late forenoon-mid afternoon			1	0	4	0	Hail and wind
									A squall line moved across Central South Carolina from SW to NE with a number of localities reporting hail. Hail about 3/4 inches in diameter was observed at Ridgeway in Fairfield County. The fatality occurred near Bamberg, Bamberg County.
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Rapid City	9	early a.m.			0	0	4	0	High Wind
									Wind tumbled newly-erected walls for shopping center at Campbell and East St. Patrick.
Near Mitchell	26	p.m.			0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado during night destroyed large barn near town. Several nearby farms had considerable damage to trees with minor damage to buildings.
Near Wessington Springs	26	p.m.			0	0	3	0	Lightning
									Barn, 1,500 bales of hay, and one cow destroyed in the blaze.
TENNESSEE									
West and Middle Tennessee	10-11	Night 10th-11th			0	0	5	4	Wind, lightning, and rain
									During severe thunderstorms, high winds caused damage to trees, buildings, power and communication lines, television antennas, roofs and chimneys. Three large walls of an addition to the ITT Kellogg plant under construction at Milan, Gibson County, were crumbled. All poles and floodlights, except two, were blown down at the Dyersburg local baseball park. Minor wind damage occurred at other spots. Lightning damaged homes and businesses and killed a few livestock. Heavy rains caused flooding of the Cumberland, Duck, Stones and Harpeth Rivers, and other streams. Scores of families were evacuated from low-lying areas and some roads and schools were closed. Chief flood damage was to roads, bridges, a state-owned fishing lake, and erosion of farmlands. Damage by wind about 45% of total, by lightning 5%, and by rain 50%.
Tiptonville, Lake County	30	10:07 p.							Funnel cloud
									Confirmed funnel cloud reported to cross the Mississippi River.
West Tennessee	30	Evening			0	0	5	4	Wind, lightning, and rain
									A line of heavy thunderstorms, accompanied by high winds, hail and heavy rains, did scattered damage to homes, trees, automobiles, and caused severe flash flooding. About 40 families were forced to evacuate their homes at River, Obion County, where water entered several homes and businesses. Lightning did minor damage in addition to apparently starting fires destroying a farm dwelling in Dyer County and a furniture store at Union City, Obion County.
TEXAS									
5 SE Adrian Oldham County	4	2:40 p							Funnel aloft
Dallas County	10	6:14 p-8:22 p	?	?	0	0	6	4	Hail, wind, rain
									Hail up to 3/4 inches in diameter, accompanied by 60 mph winds pelleted Dallas and Dallas County resulting in \$1.5 million damage to property and \$20,000 to crops. Outside of Dallas, Irving and Seagoville were the communities hardest hit. Costly plate-glass windows were either blown out or pellet-marked by hail at scores of Dallas business houses. Neon signs were broken in widely scattered areas throughout Dallas. In Dallas proper, the Oak Lawn area was the worst hit. The wind ripped roofs from lumber firms, cafes and houses over a wide area of the city and county. In Seagoville, windows were smashed by hail at a dozen businesses and homes, and the roof blown off a café. Hail stacked up to a depth of 6 inches in the South Oak Cliff section of Dallas. Rain, falling in through broken windows caused some damage. 1000 windows were shattered at Greiner Junior High School in Oak Cliff. A breakdown of property damage follows: Hail, \$1,250,000; wind, \$225,000; rain, \$25,000. The alfalfa crop in the area was damaged, with total crop damage estimated at \$20,000. Average hailstones were 1/4 inch, with largest 3/4 inch. Rainfall measured 0.70 inch, at Love Field. Dallas Insurance firms expected about 10,000 claims.
Shelby County	10	7:30 p-8:30 p	15	*10	0	0	5	4	Hail
									Hail up to 3 inches in diameter damaged property and crops from Shelbyville to the Waterman community. Hail stones averaged 1/2 inch in diameter.
Warsaw Community Kaufman County	10	8:00 p	3	*2 1/2	0	0	4	0	Hail
									Hail, averaging "golf ball" size, caused damage to roofs, paint, window screens, and automobiles, and broke windshields. Largest stones were described as the size of "goose eggs." The hail covered the ground to a depth of 3 inches.
Longview Gregg County	11	afternoon	?	?	0	0	?	0	Hail
									Hail battered the southern outskirts of Longview late Wednesday afternoon, covering the ground like white hen eggs and causing damage to car tops, windshields and window glass. No major damage reported in Longview proper, although some marble size hail was noted. In the Estes Industrial district hailstones the size of golf balls fell, and one stone of baseball size battered the windshield out of an automobile. The Gregg County Airport reported hail up to 2 inches in diameter fell there but no major damage noted.
Overton	11	5:10 p-	2	*1	0	4	5	4	Hail

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TEXAS (Cont'd)										
Rusk County		5:30								Hail measuring up to 3/4 inches in diameter damaged almost every home and business in the city. Hail size ranged from "moth ball to baseball size." Damage was mostly to windows and roofs. Windows were shattered all over the city. Neon signs were heavily damaged. Tires and hoods of automobiles were dented, and windshields broken. Property loss was estimated at \$500,000 and crop loss \$10,000. No strong winds accompanied the storm which moved from SW to NE.
Navasota Grimes County	18	10:30 a			0	0	?	0	Lightning	Fire set off by a bolt of lightning caused heavy damage to a residence. Lightning struck the south end of the home where electric lines make their entrance. Fire spread immediately throughout the attic.
Houston Harris County	18				0	1	0	0	Lightning	A bolt of lightning that crashed to a concrete apron at Houston International Airport knocked unconscious an 18-year old boy and temporarily paralyzed him. Doctors said two front teeth were knocked out, several others were loose, and a slight heart murmur that may be temporary, was detected. Witnesses said the boy was knocked about two feet into the air and thrown 20 feet.
San Angelo Tom Green County	22	afternoon	?	?	0	0	?	0	Hail	Thunderstorms dumped more than 2 inches of rain and hail on the city. Hailstones ranging up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter caused some minor damage, mostly to new vegetation. Most stones were 1/2" or less in diameter. The rain washed hailstones into piles up to 8 inches deep.
15 W McKinney Collin County	23	1:29 p								Funnel aloft
Near Leander Williamson County	23	1:00 p								Funnel aloft
Hill County	23	evening								7 funnels aloft
Callahan County	24	12:07 p								Funnel aloft
Harrison County	24	2:30 p- 2:45 p	1	50	0	0	2	0	Tornado	Funnel aloft observed by Weather Bureau personnel. Tornado moved through wooded and pasture area in south part of county. Only damage was to trees and fences. The tornado path was from NW to SE.
Hardin County	24	3:40 p- 3:55 p								Funnel aloft
Austin & Waller Counties	24	evening	?	?	0	0	0	0	Hail	Funnel cloud aloft visible from Weather Bureau Airport Station at Nederland, about 20 WNW of station. The funnel lowered and raised frequently but did not touch ground. It appeared to be moving SSE about 15 mph. No echoes were visible on station radar in area of funnel cloud.
Jones County	26	4:01 p								Funnel aloft
Midland County	26	4:10 p								Funnel aloft
1/2 E Anson Jones County	26	4:26 p- 4:30 p	1/4	narrow	0	0	?	?	Tornado, hail, funnel aloft	Funnel reported by public east of Midland, 6th floor of Shell Oil building in Midland. Tornado struck in open country, 1/2 miles E of Anson. The only damage was to 3 utility poles. A second funnel remained aloft. Hail averaging 1/2 inch in diameter caused extensive damage to roofs in the north part of Anson, and rather heavy loss of wheat in several fields west and north of Anson. Largest stones were golf ball size. The crop damage was confined mainly to a strip beginning near the Corinth Missile site and extending NE to near Stamford. Loss in the area was estimated at 75 to 100% on a few fields of wheat involving about 500 acres. The storm moved from NW toward SE.
7 SE Stamford Jones County	26	4:30 p	4	*1/4	0	0	4	4	2 tornadoes, funnel aloft, hail	Funnel aloft reported by public east of Midland, 6th floor of Shell Oil building in Midland. Tornado struck in open country, 1/2 miles E of Anson. The only damage was to 3 utility poles. A second funnel remained aloft. Hail averaging 1/2 inch in diameter caused extensive damage to roofs in the north part of Anson, and rather heavy loss of wheat in several fields west and north of Anson. Largest stones were golf ball size. The crop damage was confined mainly to a strip beginning near the Corinth Missile site and extending NE to near Stamford. Loss in the area was estimated at 75 to 100% on a few fields of wheat involving about 500 acres. The storm moved from NW toward SE. Tornado destroyed garage leaving automobile inside undamaged. Several barns damaged or destroyed. Another tornado touched ground, but no known damage. A third funnel remained aloft. Property in the area suffered roof and window damage from hail averaging one inch in diameter with largest stones 2 inches in diameter. Tornado damage estimated \$5000. Hail damage to crops, \$20,000. Hail damage to property, \$1000. The storms moved from SW toward NE.
TEXAS (Cont'd)										
20 S Abilene Taylor County	26	9:25 p								Funnel aloft
Sheppard AFB Wichita County	26	10:45 p	3	100	0	13	6	0	Tornado	Funnel moved from W toward E. Tornado touched ground on the Sheppard Access Road, damaging several cars, and destroying a 100 x 30 foot metal building at a motor company. The funnel then cut through a field and went into a housing addition on the southwest edge of Sheppard AFB (near Wichita Falls). About 30 houses in the addition were damaged, some extensively. Going on to the air base proper, the tornado destroyed 5 unoccupied two-story barracks, damaged a hanger, power installations, transformer station, paint shop, and the Base's 10-story control tower. All but one of the 12 large glass windows of the tower were blown out. Control Tower personnel had abandoned their post only 4 minutes before. No serious injuries resulted; 13 persons were treated for minor injuries, mostly the result of flying glass. Strongest wind noted on WB instruments located approximately one mile from storm path was 55 knots (peak gust). The tornado moved from SW to NE, and was described as a "dirty green funnel." Only slight damage occurred outside the AFB area. No hail was observed.
Childress County	26	night	?	?	0	1	?	?	Hail	Wheat in the eastern half of Childress County suffered severe damage from hail. Heaviest damage occurred in the Tall, Kirkland, and Carey communities. Largest hailstones measured 8 1/2 inches in circumference. One person suffered facial cuts when struck by pieces of window glass, broken by the hail.
Near Briscoe Wheeler County	26	night	-?	?	2	0	?	0	Lightning	Two Navy fliers died in a thunderstorm near Briscoe when their jet fighter plane disintegrated, apparently hit by lightning.
8 NE Brenham Washington County	27	early morning	short	narrow	0	0	?	0	Tornado	Small tornado destroyed 2 barns on a farm.
Lake Travis Travis County	27	early morning	?	?	0	0	5	0	Wind	Thunderstorm winds struck the Highland Lakes Marina near Volente on Lake Travis and ripped away a 75 x 200 foot section of the large docks. Several boats were damaged. Two persons fishing from the marina were blown about 75 feet into the water.
Bolivar Galveston County	27	9:45 a	short	narrow	0	0	?	0	Tornado	Small tornado demolished one home, picked up cabin off its blocks and turned it around, and picked up small cafe and set it down in same position. Observers reported seeing a funnel and hearing a roaring noise. Several waterspouts had been observed previously over Galveston Bay. The funnel moved NE'wd along The Intracoastal Waterway. It is not certain whether this was a small tornado or a waterspout.
Maxia Limestone County	27	morning	?	?	0	0	?	0	Wind	Strong thunderstorm winds blew the roof off one home, demolished a barn, toppled and smashed three oil derricks, uprooted trees, and toppled television antennae.
10 SE Andrews Andrews County	27	early afternoon								Funnel aloft
Knox County	27	afternoon								4 funnels aloft
Tyler Smith County	27	6:00 a- 6:45 a	?	?	0	0	?	0	Wind	Four funnels aloft sighted near Benjamin, Texas. Thunderstorm winds with gusts measured at 87 mph sent a 442-foot TV antenna crashing to the ground, uprooted heavy trees and blew down utility lines in sections of the city. Rainfall during the storm measured .85 inches. A 65-foot tall ventilator was blown down at the General Electric plant, and a tin roof was blown off a lumber company building. Damage was expected to run into thousands of dollars.
Near Waco McLennan County	27	6:05 p								Funnel aloft
Victoria Victoria County	27	6:15 a	?	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado	Small tornado unroofed a farm implement building. A cultivator and several tractors were damaged. The tornado uprooted ten heavy concrete support beams, standing 26 inches deep in the ground. Three of the beams were hurled 50 feet over the back of the tin building along with a major portion of the roof. One beam slammed through the wall of the structure.
5 W Perrin AFB Grayson County	27	6:23 p								Funnel aloft
Lufkin Angelina County	27	6:30 p- 7:00 p	?	?	0	0	4	0	Wind	Thunderstorm winds caused considerable damage to homes and buildings in Lufkin, especially in the northern portion of the city. A saw mill, service station, and a garage were demolished, while 2 homes were severely damaged. None of these were very substantial buildings. Other homes and buildings were damaged to a lesser extent, and several trees uprooted by the strong winds.

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Van Zandt County	27	7:35 p								Funnel aloft Funnel cloud observed between Willspoint and Edgewood, Texas.
Wood County	30	?	?	?	0	0	0	0		Tornado Small tornado touched ground briefly in the SE part of Wood County. No damage resulted.
Detroit	30	?	?	?	0	1	4	0		Wind Thunderstorm winds demolished a garage, collapsed the front wall of a feed store, and caused considerable roof damage to homes and businesses within the town. One person, who lived in a trailer house in East Detroit, was injured.
Red River County										
Dallas	30	2:00 p	?	?	0	0	6	0		Hail, wind, rain Squall line thunderstorms struck the city of Dallas causing hail, wind, and flash flood damage to scattered areas throughout the city. Heaviest damage, \$750,000, occurred from hail, which averaged 1/2 inch in diameter, with largest stones 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Showers, up to 2 inches over a short period caused flash flooding that resulted in \$100,000 damage. Winds caused \$10,000 damage, and lightning, \$500.
Dallas County										
Mansfield	30	2:00 p	?	?	0	0	0	0		Hail Department of Public Safety reported golf ball size hail, heavy rain, and strong wind. No damage reported.
Tarrant County										
Paris	30	afternoon	?	?	0	0	?	?		Hail, wind Thunderstorm winds measured at more than 60 mph destroyed a hanger at Cox Field, the Municipal Airport at Paris, and damaged three light planes. The windstorm uprooted trees in Paris. Hail up to hen egg size fell.
Lamar County										
Delta County	30	6:00 p- 8:00 p	?	?	0	0	4	4		Wind, hail, rain Strong thunderstorm winds and small hail (1/2 inch diameter) caused damage over entire county. Several barns were unroofed, and two garages blown down. Wind damage was estimated at \$20,000. The hail damage was confined to crops, principally vegetables. Some young cotton was washed up by heavy showers. Seven-tenths of an inch fell in Cooper within a 15-minute period. Crop damage was estimated at \$25,000.
Van	30	evening	?	?	0	0	4	0		Wind Thunderstorm winds blew over an oil derrick and loosed a gusher of oil that shot 100 feet into the air and sprayed surrounding houses for about 30 minutes. Damage to the well, and other wind damage in Van was estimated at \$10,000.
Van Zandt County										
Nacogdoches	30	night			0	0	5	0		Flooding Torrential rains caused the earthen dam holding Sullivan Lake to break, flooding a section of Nacogdoches. About six acres of water emptied into about 20 homes along Meadowbrook and Linwood Drives. The lake was thirty feet deep at the center, and the dam had been in existence more than 50 years.
Nacogdoches County										
UTAH										
None reported										
VERMONT										
Southern Green Mountains	13-14				0	0	4	0		Snow Late-season storm left 12 to 18 inches of heavy wet snow. Power and phone services in many communities were major casualties of the storm.
Statewide	23-24				0	0	5	0		Wind Strong winds, frequently gusting to gale force during this period, did widespread damage, mostly of a minor nature. Heaviest damage resulted when a number of silos were blown down. In scattered areas, siding and roofs of buildings were damaged, antennae were felled, and power and phone services were interrupted when falling tree limbs downed utility wires. At Barre, about 300 feet of wood fencing was blown down.
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS										
None reported										
VIRGINIA										
Norfolk County	8	10:50 AM	9	?	0	0	5	0		Tornado A skipping tornado meandered through about nine square miles of southeastern Norfolk County. Its movement was generally north-eastward through St. Brides, Hickory and Pentress communities. Roofs were torn from numerous buildings, and many buildings and structures were damaged to extents ranging from partial to complete destruction. One entire roof of a home destroyed an automobile on which it landed. Flying debris and fallen trees contributed to lesser damages. Notable freak wind results included chickens stripped of feathers, roof slate driven deep into a tree, masonry building blocks hurled 375 feet through the air, moving automobile lifted and dumped off the road, farm wagon picked up and tossed 30 feet against a barn.
Norfolk, Virginia	11	9:45 AM	3/4	?	0	1	3	0		Tornado A small tornado touched ground briefly in a residential area of north portion of city. Damages were light and confined to roofs of a number of homes and some glass windows were blown out. One person was injured by flying broken glass. In a display of wind force, several automobiles were lifted momentarily from the ground. The funnel cloud was observed to taper to a thin pencil line at surface.
Norfolk Area	20	1:00 PM			0	0	0	0		Funnel Cloud Aircraft reported a funnel cloud aloft over water 18 miles east of Norfolk Airport in conjunction with thunderstorm activity in Hampton Roads area during the afternoon.
WASHINGTON										
South Central	6									Wind. High wind resulted in a dust storm in the lower Yakima Valley and other south central areas.
Entire State	27				1	0	4	4		Wind. Damaging winds occurred in all areas of the State as an intense Pacific storm moved eastward. Wind velocities reached 60-70 MPH along coast and 40-60 MPH in the interior. Power lines were down in many areas and other property was damaged. One person was electrocuted by a fallen power line.
WEST VIRGINIA										
Sistersville, Tyler County	27	2:45 p								Circular windstorm A woman within her house heard a noise like a jet aircraft, looked out and saw a "dark funnel-like cloud" which approached and ripped off a porch door. No mention was made of precipitation and the day was mostly fair in the vicinity.
Lincoln and Boone Counties	30	6 - 9 a						5		Thunderstorm Severe thunderstorm activity caused flash floods which damaged homes, commercial, school and church buildings, roads and bridges. More than 3.21" of rain reported in a short period with 3.86" total at State Forest Station at Buck Knob. Floods reported by River District Office, Huntington, West Virginia.
WISCONSIN										
	30	Evening						5		Thunderstorm Severe band of thunderstorms crossed over the northern half of the state. Numerous buildings and warehouses were struck by lightning and burned. Particularly hard hit was the Green Bay and Fox River areas.
WYOMING										
None reported										

- ° Includes crop damage.
- C Crop damage.
- * Miles instead of yards.
- ** Yards instead of miles.
- † Storm damages are placed in categories varying from 1 to 9 as follows:
 - 1 Less than \$50
 - 2 \$50 to \$500
 - 3 \$500 to \$5,000
 - 4 \$5,000 to \$50,000
 - 5 \$50,000 to \$500,000
 - 6 \$500,000 to \$5,000,000
 - 7 \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000
 - 8 \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000
 - 9 \$500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

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