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PLACE	DATE	TIME - LOCAL STANDARD	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED ¹ DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM
					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
ALABAMA									
Tilden Community, Dallas County	2	3:00 a.			0	2	4	0	Wind
Winds overturned trailer and injured 2 occupants.									
Wagerville, Washington County	2	7:00 a.	7	narrow	0	0	3	4	Tornado
Narrow path in trees beginning west of Wagerville and continuing northeast to near Leroy. Several barns and outbuildings damaged.									
Atmore, Escambia County	2	7:45 a.	5	narrow	0	0	3	3	Tornado
Near Atmore reported funnel which moved northeast to near Canoe. In spots funnel touched down briefly causing damage to trees.									
South and Central Alabama	2	6:30 a.-11:00 a.			0	5	6	5	Wind, Hail
A line of severe thunderstorms reached West Central Alabama about 6:00 a.m. and moved rapidly southeast and out of state by noon. Wide spread damage from sustained high winds estimated at 75 - 100 mph. At Monroeville high winds over a period of 30 minutes damaged 2 churches, a coliseum, 2 warehouses, numerous houses and other buildings. Near Daleville about 20 trailers were destroyed or damaged and 5 persons injured. Numerous house trailers and frame houses damaged and a few destroyed. Hundreds of trees in scattered localities uprooted or damaged. Damage to chicken houses, barns and outbuildings was extensive. Small hail fell in spots but caused little damage. Most severe damage in extreme southern counties.									
Russell County	2	10:45 a.							Funnel
Funnel cloud observed between Seale and Pittsview. No evidence of touching ground.									
Selma, Dallas County	8	3:00 a.			1	0	4	0	Wind
High winds uprooted tree which fell on trailer and crushed occupant. Scattered damage to roofs, trees and utility lines.									
Antauga, Dallas, Elmore, Marengo, Marion, Montgomery, Mobile and Baldwin Counties	16	4:00 p.-8:00 p.			0	0	5	4	Wind
Severe thunderstorms moving eastward caused scattered damage in many localities. At Demopolis an industrial building was unroofed trees uprooted, windows broken, power lines downed and many roofs damaged. Numerous garages, barns and outbuildings destroyed or damaged and houses in many localities had minor damage.									
Mobile County	18	3:00 p.	1	600	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Tornado touched down in South Mobile County on Rabbit Creek, 10 miles south-southwest of downtown Mobile. One house and workshop demolished, several houses damaged and numerous pine trees uprooted or broken off above ground.									
Mobile and Baldwin Counties	18	3:00 p.-4:00 p.			0	0	5	5	Hail, Wind
Marble size to golf ball size hail fell in scattered areas. At Bayne hail was an inch deep on ground. High winds caused minor damage to roofs and antennas. 75% of damage due to hail and 25% to wind.									
ALASKA									
None reported									
ARIZONA									
None reported									
ARKANSAS									
Hollysred area, Clark County	1	6:15 p.			0	0	3		Hail
Hailstones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter damaged roofs and automobiles.									
Hot Springs area, Garland County	1	6:30 p.			0	0	3		Hail
Hailstones ranging from 3/4 to 1 1/4 inches in diameter damaged roofs and automobiles. Most damage was in the Lake Hamilton area of Hot Springs.									
Heritage area, Bradley County	1	8:00 p.	3	200	0	0	3	2	Tornado
Tornado touched down in mostly open country. Movement was from southwest to northeast.									
Alzheimer, Jefferson County	1	8:00 p.							Funnel
Funnel cloud sighted 4 miles south of Alzheimer moving northeast.									
Gould, Lincoln County	1	8:30 p.			0	2	3		Wind
High winds demolished mobile home. No other damage reported.									
Dumas, DeSha County	1	8:40 p.	1	300	0	0	5		Tornado
Tornado touched down in the southwest and moved northeast across the town, overturning cars, blowing down trees and unroofing buildings. Some building walls were blown down. Estimated 125 to 150 homes damaged.									
Lake Village, Chicot County	1	9:45 p.							Funnel
Funnel cloud sighted 4 miles north of Lake Village moving toward the northeast. Did not touch ground.									
Blytheville - Inzra - Osceola areas, Mississippi County	1	10:30 p.			0	0	4		Wind
High winds demolished a mobile home, overturned cars and blew down power lines and signs. Wind velocities up to 87 m.p.h. were measured at Blytheville Air Force Base.									

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ARKANSAS (continued)									
Perrytown area, Hempstead County	27	5:00 p.	2	7	0	0	4	0	Hail
Hail storm with hailstones ranging in sizes from 3/4 inch to 2 inches in diameter moved eastward from Southwest Branch Experiment Station to northeast of Perrytown. Automobiles, houses, mobile homes, fruit trees and strawberry crops were damaged.									
Hampton, Calhoun County	27	5:30 p.			0	0	4		Wind and rain
High winds demolished a mobile home, blew down superstructure of feed mill, unroofed houses and blew down trees in town of Hampton.									
White Oak Lake area, Nevada and Ouachita Counties	27	6:30 p.			0	0	4		Hail and rain
Storm moved from west to east across White Oak Lake. Hail size ranged from 1/2 inch to 2 inches in diameter.									
Roland area, Pulaski County	27	7:10 p.			0	0	1		Hail
Thunderstorm with hail up to 2 inches in diameter reported with only minor damage.									
Southeast Pulaski County	27	7:55 p.			0	0	2		Hail
Hail storm 9 miles south of Little Rock with hailstones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter. Only minor damage.									
Southwest Little Rock, Pulaski County	27	8:05 p.							Funnel aloft
Funnel cloud observed over Ironton Road area in southwest Little Rock. Did not touch ground.									
Alexander area - Pulaski County	27	8:12 p.	1/4	50	0	0	1		Tornado
Tornado observed by State Police 10 miles southwest of Little Rock city limits. Apparently was touching down in only open country as no damage occurred.									
Gainsville area, Greene County	27	8:45 p.			0	0	4		Hail
Hail storm with hail up to 2 inches in diameter moved from west to east across northeast Greene County. Most damage was to automobiles.									
De Witt, Arkansas County	27	9:00 p.							Funnel aloft
Funnel aloft observed with loud roaring noise, strong wind and small hail.									
Forrest City, St. Francis County	27	9:25 p.							Funnel aloft
Funnel aloft observed west of Forrest City. Did not touch ground.									
Hohwer area, DeSha County	27	9:30 p.	1/4	50	0	0	3		Tornado
Tornado, mostly aloft, touched down only briefly destroying mobile home and damaging house.									
Jacksonville, Pulaski County	27	10:15 p.							Funnel aloft
Funnel sighted north of Jacksonville. Did not touch down.									
Blue Mountain area, Pope County	28	2:20 p.			0	0	3	0	Hail
Golf ball size hail reported at Blue Mountain.									
Russellville - Dover area, Pope County	28	3:45 p.			0	0	5	0	Hail
Hail ranging in size from 1/2 to 2 inches fell over most of Pope County. Ninety percent of ground covered in some areas.									
Heber Springs area, Cleburne County	28	4:00 p.							Funnel aloft
Pilot reported funnel cloud 10 miles west of Heber Springs. Apparently did not touch down.									
Waldo - Magnolia area, Columbia County	28	4:10 p.			0	2	6	0	Hail
Large hail with some hailstones up to 3 1/2 inches in diameter fell over a 120 square mile area around Magnolia. Automobile windshields were broken, windows knocked out, roofs of buildings were severely damaged.									
Dumas area, Van Buren County	28	4:30 p.	8	* 3	0	0	4	0	Hail
Hail ranging up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter fell across southern Van Buren County. Storm moved from west to east.									
Bradley area, Lafayette County	28	5:10 p.			0	0	3	0	Hail
Hail with some hailstones up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter fell over a small area around Bradley.									
El Boroado area, Union County	28	5:30 p.	6	* 1/2	0	4	6	6	Tornado and hail
Tornado touched down 3 miles west of Newell, moved northeastward heavily damaging about 1,000 acres of timber, destroying one residence and a mobile home. The tornado lifted before reaching El Boroado but heavy hail accompanying the storm fell over the entire city. Hailstones described as large as softballs broke automobile windshields, demolished roofs, broke windows and signs. Insurance adjusters estimate that 80 percent of the roofs in the city were totally destroyed.									

See reference notes for all pages at end of table.

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ARKANSAS (continued)									
Urbans area, Union County	28	5:55 p.	10	* 1/2	0	0	4	6	Tornado
			Tornado touched down one mile west of Urbans damaging 5 houses, then skipped along a northeastward path breaking down timber along a 1 mile wide path.						
Hickory Ridge - Cherry Valley area, Cross County	28	6:30 p.			0	0	4	C	Hail
			Hail 1 1/2 inches in diameter damaged roofs, vehicles, broke windows, damaged trees and crops. Heaviest hit was the Cherry Valley area.						
Sheridan area, Grant County	28	7:00 p.			0	0	4	C	Hail
			1 3/4 inch hail fell in the vicinity of Sheridan damaging roofs, gardens and field crops.						
England area, Lenexa County	28	7:10 p.			0	0	4	C	Hail
			Hailstones up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter fell in the England area damaging roofs, automobiles and gardens.						
CALIFORNIA									
			None reported						
COLORADO									
Boulder, Weld and Larimer Counties	6	7-11 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Severe gusty winds caused scattered damage along the foothills of the front ranges. A light plane was overturned and there was lighter damage to other planes at Boulder Airport. The roof of a garage was blown off and a mobile home was overturned in Boulder. A truck was blown off the highway 15 miles east of Boulder. A farm building was blown down east of Berthoud. There was other scattered light damage in the area. Wind gusts were measured in Boulder to 69mph at about 7:30p. and 61mph at about 11p.						
CONNECTICUT									
Statewide	3	a.m.			0	0	4	0	Heavy rain
			Heavy rain caused local flooding and washouts particularly in Winsted, Moosup and Norwich and especially between 5 and 8 a.						
DELAWARE									
			None reported						
FLORIDA									
			See data at end of table.						
GEORGIA									
Miller County	2	Noon			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
			A mobile home was blown over, roofs were damaged and trees were uprooted in the southern part of the County.						
Mitchell County	2	2:00 p.	1	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Small storm demolished a carport and barn and damaged roofs of other buildings. Rafters from a shed were driven into the wall of a residence and sheets of tin roofing were blown more than 100 yards and wrapped completely around trees. Storm hit the Union Grove community, 4 miles northwest of Pelham. Moved east.						
Fort Valley	2	2:00 p.			0	0	3	0	Wind and funnel cloud
			A metal storage building was picked up, moved several feet and demolished. Several people reported seeing funnel cloud just above the ground. Wind gusts of about 60 m.p.h. were observed at Macon Airport and Warner Robins, in adjoining Counties, a short time later.						
Vienna	2	p.m.			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
			Trees were blown down and windows and TV antennas were damaged. A mobile home was blown off the highway while being towed.						
Irwin and Ben Hill Counties	2	p.m.			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
			Heavy damage to trees, barns and roofs in rural sections of both Counties. A large tree fell on a house near Irwinville, causing major damage. Gusts reported at 65 m.p.h. at the Fitzgerald Airport.						
Thomas County	2	2:30 p.			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
			Storm hit Newkirk community, about 4 miles east of Thomasville. One house was unroofed, plate glass windows were blown out, trees were uprooted and a large service station sign was blown over on a parked truck. Storm moved west to east.						
Hall County	2	3:00 - 3:15 p.			0	0	5	0	Windstorms
			Damaging winds hit several areas of County around mid-afternoon. Chicken houses, mobile homes, roofs and trees were damaged in an area extending from Chestnut Mountain northeastward through Candler to Lulu in the northeast part of the County. Several chicken houses were wrecked at Chestnut Mountain and 18,000 chickens were lost. A Candler school building suffered roof and window damage. Additional damage was reported at Clermont, in the northern part of the County and at Flowery Branch, Talmo and Gillsville. Hail and heavy rains also occurred but most of damage was due to wind.						
GEORGIA (continued)									
Elbert County	2	4:00 p.	8	400	0	0	5	0	Tornado
			Storm moved northward along a hit and skip path from near Fortsonia in southern Elbert County, to Middleton, about 8 miles east south-east of Elberton. Farm buildings were destroyed trees uprooted along storms path. About an hour to about 60 m.p.h., were recorded at the Augusta Airport.						
Waycross	2	4:28 p.							Funnel cloud
			Reported by a pilot as a tornado 3 miles southeast of the Waycross Airport. Since there was no apparent damage in this congested area, we believe the funnel must have remained above the ground.						
Iron City, Seminole County	16	10:10 a.	1/2	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Three large corn bins were destroyed and a grain elevator was blown over at the Iron City Milling Company. Roofs were damaged, trees uprooted and one barn was destroyed. Storm moved from southwest to northeast.						
Cochran	16	10:30 a.	1/2	100	0	12	5	0	Tornado
			Storm touched down in the Lakeview Subdivision. Six homes were demolished and at least 25 others were damaged. Dairy Queen was heavily damaged and utility lines were down. Most of injuries were minor. Moved east.						
Augusta Airport	16	12:30 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Sudden windstorm caused extensive damage to one small airplane and minor damage to 3 others.						
Graham, Appling County	16	5:30 p.	3	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Storm hit small communities of Graham and Pine Grove about 10 miles northwest of Haxley and 7 miles southeast of Hazlehurst. Several houses were damaged and trees were uprooted. One witness observed grey funnel and reported a sound like a freight train.						
Brunswick	19	a.m.			0	0	3	0	Lightning
			Lightning struck a large oak tree with such force that chunks of wood as long as 10 feet and weighing several hundred pounds were thrown 60 to 200 feet. One piece landed on top of a house and one went through a window.						
Lilburn, Gwinnett County	19	2:00 p.			0	2	0	0	Wind
			The top of a truck van struck a man and his 5 year old daughter after being picked up and blown 60 feet through the air by a sudden "whirlwind". The girl suffered serious head injuries and the father had a bruised leg. The metal truck top was about 20 feet long, 5 feet wide and reportedly weighed several hundred pounds.						
Summerville, Near	21	3:40 p.			0	0	?	0	Hail
			Hail 1/4 to 3/4 inches in diameter.						
Gainesville, Near	21	11:20 p.			0	0	5	0	Lightning
			Lightning started fire completely destroyed a mobile home.						
Alma, Near	25	3:40 p.							Turbulence
			Pilot reported extreme turbulence. Unable to control aircraft and dust filled cockpit.						
Dalton	29	3:00 a.			0	0	4	0	Wind, hail and lightning
			An early morning wind storm uprooted trees and knocked power lines down over the city. One house burned after being hit by lightning. Hail was also reported in the area.						
Macon	29	4:25 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hail 3/4 inches reported over Macon.						
Athens Area	29	5:00 - 5:45 p.			0	0	6	0	Hail
			Heavy hail with some stones as large as 2 inches in diameter hit Athens and neighboring areas during the late afternoon. First reported at Winder and Bogart about 5 p.m. Began in Athens at 5:15 p.m., and occurred to the southeast in Oglethorpe County and at Tyrone, in Wilkes County, as late as 6 p.m. Roofs, windows, automobiles and shrubbery suffered very heavy damage in the Athens area. Several greenhouses on the University of Georgia campus sustained extensive damage.						
HAWAII									
			None reported						
IDAHO									
Idaho Falls, Bonneville County	1	Afternoon					3		Wind
			Strong wind did considerable damage to trees, buildings as well as whipping flames in a haystack destroying 100 tons of hay and causing smoke damage to grain in a nearby granary.						

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Bonner and Boundary Counties	5-6	Night and a.m.					4		Wind		
									50-60 m.p.h. winds disrupted utility services; damaged boat docks, facilities and craft from high waves on Lake Pend Oreille; trees pushed over and local damage to signs, roofs and structures.		
East Idaho, Oakley North-northeastward	6	Afternoon				1	4		Wind		
									Wind gusts 60 to as much as 80 m.p.h.; uprooted trees, damaged awnings, roofs and utility lines, overturned truck-trailer rig and cut visibility on highways severely. Strongest wind was reported in Madison County; at least one relatively new hay shed was demolished in this area.		
Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls Counties	22	6:00 p.-11:00 p.					1	4	Wind		
									Strong wind broke tree limbs, downed power services, Jerome south-eastward to the Oakley area. A trailer hose was overturned on a road in Gooding County injuring the driver of the tow vehicle. 100 tons of hay burned west of Gooding when a ditch fire got out of control.		
Southwest Idaho Valleys	25-31							6	Freeze		
									Temperatures that dropped to as low as 19 degrees the morning of 27th and 20-28 degrees other mornings at end of month resulted in a 40 to 50 percent loss to the sweet cherry crop that has a potential value of near 1.5 million dollars in the area. Other fruit is not considered to have been severely damaged.		
Collinsville	1	C.S.T. 7:20 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail (1 1/2" diameter)		
Springfield	12	5:43 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail (1" diameter)		
Rushville	12	6:00 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail		
									Hail, up to one inch size, reported along with heavy rain but winds were light.		
Lincoln, near	12	7:00 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail		
									Hail was three-fourths inch in diameter.		
Mahomet, 2 miles NE	12	8:30 p.	0.8	300	0	33	5	0	Wind, rain		
									Strong west winds destroyed 29 mobile homes and damaged 30 others. Property losses were estimated at close to \$300,000. One serious injury resulted in a still-born baby. Heavy rain followed the wind. Meteorologists reported little evidence of tornadic action.		
Rockford, 25 miles S.	12	9:00 p.	?	?	0	0	?	0	Hail (1" diameter)		
Chrisman, near (Edgar County)	31	6:32 p.							Funnel clouds (3)		
Homer, near (Champaign County)	31	Late p.m.							Funnel cloud		
Goshen	1	E.S.T. 10:20 a.			0	0	3	0	Lightning		
									Falling brick and debris ripped 4 x 15 ft. hole in roof and damaged class room when school building was hit by lightning.		
Southwestern Indiana	2	Early a.m.	?	?	0	0	?	?	Ice		
									Glaze accumulation of 1/4 to 1/2 inch from freezing rain resulted in power outages and broken tree limbs. Secondary roads remained slippery until mid-morning on March 3.		
Evansville	15	About 7:00 p.			0	0	5	0	Lightning		
									Lightning-caused fire in North Park shopping center destroyed food store and damaged other adjacent stores.		
Northern Iowa	26-27						5		Ice storm		
									Iceing began late the 26 and by the dawn of the 27th ice accumulations upward to an inch or more in some north-east and north central localities coupled with wind had extensively downed power and communication lines and made highways hazardous to impassable.		
Russell County	1	early a.m.			0	0	4	0	Wind		
									Strong winds damaged docks and several boats at Wilson Reservoir.		
Eastern one-third	12	afternoon eve			0	0	4	0	Lightning		
									Damage occurred locally in Brown, Cherokee, and Columbus Counties.		
Northeast portion	14	night of 14-15			0	0	4	0	Hail, lightning		
									At 11:00 p.m. hail up to 1 1/2 inches diameter fell about 6 mi. west of Wakefield. Lightning destroyed a barn and contents near Dwight.		
West	1						0	0	6	7	Flooding
											In western Kentucky at most points along the lower Green River and along the lower Ohio River (from below Haysville, Kentucky to Dam No. 50, Fords Ferry, Kentucky) water levels were above flood stage on the 1st of the month and still rising. Crests, occurring during the first 8 days of the month, ranged from about 1 to about 10 feet above flood stage, depending on location. In general levels fell to below flood stage by about mid-month. The department of the Army Corps of Engineers estimated damages during late February and early March along the Ohio River at about \$25 million; and along the Green and Rough Rivers, \$27,000 and \$274,000 respectively. Along the lower Ohio River south of Fords Ferry, Kentucky, the Ohio rose above flood stage soon after the 1st, crested several feet above flood stage, and fell to below flood about mid-month. In this area there was some damage to highways.
Southwest	1	night					0	2	5	0	Wind
											There were heavy thunderstorms in the area, associated with a cold front passage, the storms apparently moving in a north-easterly direction. The thunderstorms were accompanied by high winds and heavy rain, and hail at some locations. News reports indicated that at about 11:30 p.m. 3 mobile homes were damaged or destroyed in Hickman County, about 4 miles north of Fulton on or near Highway 307. Two persons received minor injuries while leaving an overturned mobile home. In the same vicinity, in or near the Beelerton community, a barn was blown onto a highway. In the Jordan community, Fulton County, at about 1:30 a.m., March 2nd, several farm buildings were damaged; another barn was blown down, several horses being killed and several injured. West of Fulton off the Middle Road, a church building annex was unroofed by high winds on the night of the 1st. There were numerous tree limbs and utility lines downed in Hickman County, and a number of trees damaged or downed in Fulton County and Graves County. There was minor wind damage in Christian County near Hopkinsville; some minor wind damage to outdoor signs and trees at 2:30 a.m. on the 2nd, in Franklin, Simpson County; about midnight of the 1st, some wind damage to outbuildings and trees in Calloway County.
State	2						0	?	?	0	Glaze, snow
											After a cold front passage, freezing rain followed by snow spread across the State, making for hazardous driving conditions. Snow-fall totals range from a trace to about 1 inch over much of the west and central sections, and from a trace to about 6 inches over much of the rest of the State. There were numerous automobile accidents on icy surfaces, but the total of accidents was not known. News reports stated that there were 40 accidents in the Louisville area and 25 additional accidents in Jefferson County outside of Louisville, that driving conditions were hazardous in central and southeast Kentucky. Schools were closed in at least 15 counties. There was some scattered thunder storm activity.
Caddo and Bossier Parishes	1	6:30-10:30p.					0	2	4	0	Wind, hail, lightning
											Squall line brought strong winds, small hail, lightning damage to Shreveport-Bossier City area. Two fires started by lightning. Eight light standards damaged at Shreveport Regional Airport. One light plane damaged. Wind gusts Barksdale AFB 50 knots.
Rapides Parish	1-2	11:00p.-1:00a.					0	0	4	0	Wind, hail, lightning
											Same line moved through Central Louisiana with mostly light damages. One home east of Alexandria struck by lightning. Wind gusts England AFB 52 knots.
Ouachita Parish	1	11:15-11:25p.									Funnel cloud
											Indicated by radar 8 miles east to 25 miles northeast of Monroe. No evidence of touchdown.
Calcasieu Parish	2	12:30a.					0	0	2	0	Wind
											Wind blew roof from tin barn onto carport at Buhler.
St. Landry Parish	2	2:00a.					0	0	4	0	Wind
											Cooling tower on theater at Eunice fell onto roof, causing roof damage and water damage to interior.
East Baton Rouge Parish	2	2:45a.					1	3	4	0	Wind
											Winds demolished one house trailer, damaged others 5 miles north of Zachary. Girl, 2, fatally injured.
Tangipahoa Parish	2	3:30-4:00a.					0	0	5	0	Wind, hail
											Winds tore off roofing of livestock barn at Amite, destroyed two sheds, toppled large smokestack at lumber company. The two end walls of the Loranger Coliseum were blown out, and the roof of a silo blown off. Trees downed in several areas.
Washington and St. Tammany Parishes	2	4:00-5:30a.					0	1	5	0	Wind
											Winds caused damages in the Varnado area, between Bush and Waldheim, at Pearl River, in Covington.

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LOUISIANA (continued)									
Bossier Parish	7	8:30-8:50p.			0	0	4	0	Hail
			Hailstorm struck portion of 2 1/2 inches, ground covered	Plain Dealing. 3 inches deep.			Stone sizes 3/4 to Ten		houses damaged.
Lake Pontchartrain	8	7:15a.							Waterspouts (3)
			Sighted near south shore, off Lakefront Airport,						New Orleans.
Jefferson Davis Parish	15	4:15p.	1/8	50	0	0	0	2	Small tornado
			Touched down briefly in wooded area 4 miles east of Jennings. No damage except to trees.						
Caddo Parish	15	4:15p.			0	1	2	0	Lightning
			Youth, 18, critically injured by lightning while on a practice athletic field at Shreveport.						
Richland Parish	15	5:20p.							Funnel cloud
			Sighted between Rayville and Holly Ridge.						Did not touch down.
St. Martin Parish	16	12:30a.			0	2	4	0	Wind
			Thunderstorm winds destroyed trailer home at Parks.						
Jefferson Parish	16	2:20a.	1/2	75	0	2	5	0	Tornado
			Touched down in University City subdivision, northwest of Moisant International Airport in Kenner. Fifteen homes damaged, six leveled. Moved southwest to northeast.						
Orleans and Jefferson Parishes	16	2:00-3:00a.			0	0	5	0	Wind
			Winds caused damages in other sections of Jefferson and Orleans Parishes. Five homes damaged at Avordale, one in Westwego. A boat marina was demolished at Lafitte. Peak winds reached 42 knots at Moisant, 60 knots at WSPD, Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, and 75 knots at Lakefront Airport.						
Southeast Quarter of State	18	Noon-3:00p.			0	0	4	0	Hail
			Numerous reports of hail 1/4 to 1 inch diameter in the area between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, eastward to Covington. Largest stones measured 2 inches around Gonzales, Ascension Parish, where autos and homes damaged.						
Plaquemines Parish	18	5:45p.							Funnel cloud
			Sighted over West Pointe Ala Hache, but did not touch down.						
Beauregard Parish	20	9:10p.			0	0	4	0	Wind, hail
			Winds gusting to near 60 m.p.h. struck DeRidder area, knocking radio station off the air. Hail, 3/4 inch diameter, reported.						
Cameron Parish	20	9:55p.	1/4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Several buildings damaged at Creble. Truck weighing 18,000 pounds moved 100 feet. Storm moved from west to east.						
Cameron Parish	20	10:05p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hail 1 3/4 inches in diameter reported from Cameron.						
Acadia Parish	20	11:45-mdnt.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Large barn demolished, home damaged 3 miles northwest of Rayne, signs, limbs blown down in Crowley.						
Allen Parish	24	9:10p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hail 1 3/4 inches in diameter reported between Elton and Oberlin.						
Allen Parish	24	9:45p.	1/16	25	0	0	2	0	Small tornado
			Small funnel touched down just north of Elton, resulting in only minor damages.						
Beauregard Parish	24	Evening			0	0	4	0	Wind, lightning
			Power failures twice during evening at DeRidder, affecting 800 customers for one hour, then 2000 for 1 1/2 hours.						
DeSoto Parish	28	5:00p.			0	0	4	0	Hail, wind, rain
			Hail in the Mansfield and Logansport areas. At Mansfield one stone measured 4 inches in diameter, most were 'golf ball' size. Damage to windows, roofs, autos. Rain totaled 1.21 inches between 5:00 and 5:45 p.m.						
Bossier Parish	28	5:50p.							Funnel cloud
			Sighted 7 miles southeast of Barksdale AFB.						
West Carroll Parish	28	7:45p.			0	0	5	0	Hail
			Hail, up to 2 1/2 inches in diameter, damaged homes, store fronts, autos and airplanes at Oak Grove. Two house trailers were destroyed with occupants forced to take refuge in autos.						
LOUISIANA (continued)									
Calcasieu Parish	28	9:10p.-9:30p.			0	0	3	0	Hail, wind
			Hail, 3/4 inch diameter, 15 miles NNW of WSO, Lake Charles. Winds caused minor damage in Prien Lake area.						
Southeast, South Central and East Central Divisions	30	11:30a.-4:00p.			0	4	5	0	Hail, wind, rain
			Most extensive and intense hail storms in many years in this area. Numerous reports of 1/8 inch to 1 3/4 inch hail. At Houma and other areas of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, hail the size of ice cubes covered the ground to depth of 6 inches. Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Blue turned white from layer of hail. Winds caused minor damages at many points, including toppling house trailers and electric poles and wires. Hail reported from Vermilion Lafourche, East Baton Rouge Parish line southward and eastward to coast.						
Terrebonne Parish	30	12:45p.							Funnel cloud
			Valentine and LaRose						
Lafourche Parish	30	12:45p.							Funnel cloud
			Bourg						
MAINE									
Coastal	3				0	0	5	0	Glaze, lightning
			Freezing rain began in some areas on the 2nd, and built up heavy deposits of ice during the morning of March 3. Heaviest hit was the central to southwestern coast, with the Rockland area affected the hardest. There ice hung from limbs and wires like curtains several inches long. Ice was 3/4th inch or more thick in many areas, ground littered by fallen limbs, with many whole trees toppled. Many vehicles hit. Utility lines knocked down by falling limbs and by snapping action when ice started to fall from wires. Thousands of homes without service, and up to 50% of homes in Rockland where this was said to be the worst ice storm in 60 years. Some outages continued for 3 days. Many families evacuated from heatless homes. Most schools closed and many activities cancelled. The storm was accompanied by thunder in early morning hours, with scattered lightning damage. Some icing and sleet northward into central and northern Maine, but with little or no damage there where storm was mostly as snow.						
Coastal	5				0	0	4	0	Snow
			Heavy snow, 6 to 12 inches in much of the coastal area, added to the still ice-laden trees, causing additional toppling of trees and branches. Some new utility outages while some former outages were prolonged. Some island communities ran short of water due to lack of power for pumping.						
Southwestern	15				0	0	4	0	Snow
			Snowfall totalled mostly 8 to 15 inches, causing delayed and hazardous travel.						
Central and South	22				0	0	4	0	Glaze, wind
			Freezing rain fall in many areas and combined with strong wind to bring limbs and trees onto utility lines. Outages were extensive in parts of Somerset County.						
MARYLAND									
Frederick (City)	3	12:45 a.	1	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
			A small tornado, moving from northeast to southwest, damaged about 25 buildings and downed trees and utility lines. Its path extended from Monocacy Village Park to Baker Park. Building damage included roofs, chimneys, TV antennas and carports. The most severe damage occurred when the roof was torn off a three-story building. Windows were reported blown out into the street. The top a medium-sized tree was twisted off. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. No one was injured; however, at least seven persons were reported temporarily homeless.						
Eastern portion	22	Early afternoon			1	0	5	0	Wind, hail, lightning
			Thunderstorms, accompanied by strong gusty winds, widespread hail and lightning, moved rapidly across the area. Buildings were damaged; many trailers were overturned; utility service was disrupted; and many trees were downed. Winds at Andrews Air Force Base, near Suitland, were clocked at 69 knots. A 52-year old man was killed at 1:25 p.m. when a tree limb crashed down on his head as he was leaving his home. Trailer homes were overturned at such scattered as Andrews Air Force Base, Brascoville, Levistown and a trailer park at Crownsville. Hail, mostly to pea-size but occasionally to 3/4 inch-size, was unusually widespread as many National Weather Service cooperative observers noted their occurrence. At some locations, such as at Silver Spring and Severna Park, the ground was reported covered with hail. Some building damage by hail and lightning was also noted. Total damage was likely to reach \$175,000; in Prince Georges County, damage was likely \$60,000.						
Anne Arundel County	22	1:35 p.							Waterspout
			A waterspout was reported moving along the Severn River near the Route 50 bridge. Its reported diameter was about 300 yards while height was about 200 feet.						

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					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
MASSACHUSETTS State	3				0	0	5	0	Rain, glaze, lightning
									Glaze from freezing rain in western and northern portions caused hazardous roads with resultant accidents but little direct damage. Heavy washing and flooding rains in central and coastal sections caused some washouts and flooded roads in many areas. Many basements flooded, causing some schools and other buildings to close due to lack of heating facilities. Flooded cables caused thousands of phone service failures, with about 10,000 outages in the Brockton area alone. Early morning thunder in many sections, with mostly minor scattered lightning damage.
Northeastern	5				0	0	4	0	Snow
									Snowfall totalled 6 to 12 inches in much of the northeastern portion, including the Boston area, causing mostly minor damage to trees, limbs and utility lines. Travel difficult and hazardous and many Sunday activities were cancelled and some schools were closed the next day.
State	15				0	0	5	0	Snow
									Heavy snow totalled 10 to 20 inches in most inland areas but less along the immediate coast and in the Cape Cod area. Transportation difficult and many activities cancelled, including most school sessions. Three deaths in central Massachusetts were attributed to exertion connected with the storm.
MICHIGAN Southeast Lower	13-14	am-pm			1	0	6	0	Ice Storm
									Ice accumulations of 1/4 to over 1 1/2 inches caused extensive damage to trees, telephone and power lines from Kalamazoo and Battle Creek northeastward to near Saginaw. Heavy snow fell to the north of this line. Reports of power failures began to increase rapidly after 11 am on the 13th of March. While outside crews worked around the clock to repair damaged powerlines, isolated areas were without power until March 16. One death was attributed to the storm, when a workman was toppled from his ladder while trimming a tree near Grand Ledge. Three others, near Bay City, died of heart attacks while trying to remove the heavy wet snow. With total damage estimated at four million dollars, the storm is considered the worst of its kind since 1900 in southern Michigan.
MINNESOTA Southeast Corner of State	1	5:00 a. - 4:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Heavy snow
									Heavy snow of 4 to 6 inches fell during the day in Winona and Houston Counties, the very southeast part of the State, causing some minor traffic accidents.
Southern Three-Fourths State	3	2:00 a. to 4-10:00 a.			0	0	0	0	Heavy snow
									Heavy snows of 4 to 10 inches began on the 3rd in the west central area shortly after midnight and ended on the 4th during the forenoon in the east and southeast. The entire State generally received 2 inches or more and the southern three-fourths of the State 4 inches or more. The area from Elbow Lake-Alexandria-Little Falls-Mille Lacs Lake received 8 to 11 inches of snow. The snow slowed and/or stopped traffic particularly in the very heavy snowfall areas. Winds of 25 to 30 m.p.h. caused drifting of the snow. Low pressure center moved east along the southern border of the State during this period.
Entire State	6				0	0	0	0	Strong winds, blowing snow
									Strong winds with 2 to 3 inches of new snow across the north one-third of State closed many schools, and zero visibilities from blowing snow in county areas stopped traffic at times. The worst areas were in the north and west central. Low pressure system moved east across southern part of State.
Southern and Eastern Part of State	20-21	Late evening - Forenoon			0	0	4	0	Rain and snow, lightning
									Rain of one-half to near one inch fell generally on a 130 mile wide line from Brookings, South Dakota-St. Cloud-Duluth. The rain changed to snow, a strip from Babbitt to Gunflint Lake area, snowfalls ranged from 4 to 7 inches. Lightning caused damage to a church near Le Sueur the morning of the 21st. Low pressure system moved east-northeast across Iowa.
Entire State Except Northeast	26-27	1:00 a. to 5:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Freezing rain and heavy snow
									Freezing rain in southern part of State changing to heavy, wet snow north of this area in central and northwest caused hundreds of vehicle accidents in the southern half of State. The freezing rain fell early on the 26th and by mid-afternoon had generally melted. The heavy snow fell generally intermittently on both the 26th and 27th in Central-West Central and Northwest Districts. The heaviest 6 inches fell in the Park Rapids-Wadena area and toward the southeast to Milaca and Otama. Low pressure system moved slowly east across central Missouri.

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MISSISSIPPI Greene County	1-2				0	0	?	0	Heavy Rain
									County agent reported, "Heavy rain Wednesday (1st) and Thursday (2nd) washed out rural roads and bridges. Some pond dams were damaged or washed out."
Leake County	1				0	0	?	0	Heavy Rain
									County agent reported, "Heavy rain Wednesday (1st) halted all farm work."
Clarke County	1	1:00 p. - 5:05 p.			0	0	5	0	Hail, Lightning
									Hail fell about 1:00 p.m. at Enterprise, only partially covered ground, average diameter of hailstones was reported 1 inch. At 5:05 p.m. lightning struck building 1/2 mile south of Enterprise; the resultant fire destroyed a 15,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant, estimated loss of \$450,000.
Tallahatchie County	1	9:00 p. - 10:35 p.			0	0	?	0	Hail
									County agent reported storm began 9:00 p.m. and ended 9:15 p.m., moved from west towards east. There was plenty of thunder and lightning. Hail fell in an area 3 miles either side of Charleston east and west, by an area 1 1/2 miles north and south. The hailstones were 3/4 inch and smaller; average diameter 1/3 inch; "very little" of the ground was covered, and that only to a "slight" depth. Highway Patrol observed golf ball size hail at 10:35 p.m. at 2 N Charleston (lat. 34.0° N, long. 90.1° W); storm movement towards NE at 52 m.p.h.
Coahoma County	1	9:30 p. - 10:20 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Thunderstorms reported moving from SW towards NE through Delta area in open cotton fields. About 9:30 p.m. lightning struck some Clarksdale power lines and darkened most of city about 45 minutes. Destructive winds at 10:20 p.m. were reported in an area about 50 yards wide on State Highway 6, about 6 ENE Clarksdale (lat. 34.2° N, long. 90.5° W). A pipe used to carry cotton seed waste across the highway was ripped loose and strewn on the road; two cars were reported to have struck the pipe, damages likely over \$450. The Big Creek Gin manager reported, "Our waste disposal system was completely destroyed. All our gin pipes are torn up, and six poles were just snapped off;" he estimated "a minimum of \$3,000 damages." Other reports: one downed power pole; 6-7 telephone poles broke; a few trailers overturned; no injuries; total damages estimated up to \$15,000; debris blown in same general direction.
Marshall County	1	11:45 p.			0	0	?	0	Wind
									Highway Patrol reported wind damage at 7 N Victoria (lat. 34.9° N, long. 89.6° W) about 16 NW Holly Springs. One mobile home blown over, another damaged, and frame of house under construction blown down.
Warren County	2	12:15 a. - 12:30 a.			0	0	?	0	Wind
									Vicksburg police department reported shingles blown off roofs in south section of Vicksburg (lat. 32.3° N, long. 90.9° W). Policeman living there said he was awake about 12:15 a.m., "There was a sudden calm, and then a very loud roaring noise;" this was followed by strong gusty winds and heavy rain, he noted the storm apparently did not touch down in the area. A few limbs were blown off trees some distance from his home, and at least one tree felled.
Hinds County	2	2:25 a.			0	0	?	0	Heavy Rain
									Civil Defense reported flash flooding in Jackson on Monument and Mill Street - impassible.
Pike County	2	3:20 a.			0	0	?	0	Wind
									County Supervisor said the storm apparently moved from NW to SE. Utility officials reported hardest hit area just W of Interstate 55 at Magnolia exit. Newspaper noted, "Residents along the Muddy Springs road, which runs west from that exit, said that about 3:20 a.m., during a heavy rain and hailstorm, a roar was heard that Robert Spencer described as 'like the Panama Limited coming through my yard.'" Man about a mile W of Interstate 55 on Muddy Springs road said winds ripped and lifted his dairy barn from its concrete foundation, and turned it over back on foundation. At about 3:30 a.m. a number of trees were downed in the SW area of Magnolia; at 3 E Magnolia on Highway 48, a home was damaged and an attached business shop was demolished. Another area heavily affected by downed power poles was near Progress community. Magnolia Electric Power Association reported some 2,000 families incurred power interruptions.
Kemper County	2	3:35 a.			0	0	3	0	Wind
									Public reported wind damage in Mound community on Highway 495, about 18 N Meridian (lat. 32.6° N, long. 88.3° W). A metal awning used for carport was ripped off one home; man noted, "Lack of other damage in area. . . . Total damage was estimated about \$700.00." Storm said to have been moving towards SE, no destructive path discernible.
Marion County	2	4:00 a. - 4:45 a.			0	0	?	0	Wind
									About 4:00 a.m. at Kokomo (lat. 31.2° N, long. 90.0° W) power lines were downed and large hail reported (size not given). At 4:15 a.m. at Columbia (lat. 31.3° N, long. 89.8° W) winds to 70 m.p.h. were reported with thunderstorms. At the Columbia-Marion County airport

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									several hangars and one airplane were damaged; also in the area an outburst was destroyed, a barn damaged, and several trees downed. In the Emon community, 10 E Columbia, one mobile home was blown from its foundation and another nearby was moved on its foundation. At 4:45 a.m. at 3 N of Improve School, during cloudy and rainy weather, man heard noise, went to window and saw by the lightning that his barns were blown away; he noted, "There was a good bit of hail just after. . . ." He estimated \$700. damages; all of a hay-tractor-tool barn destroyed and 1/2 of a cattle-barn barn.											off of houses; total property damage estimated over \$500. In addition in a wooded area in a path 1/4 mile long, width unknown there was "lots of" tree damage.					
Harrison County	2	About 6:30 a.								Harrison County	2	About 6:30 a.							Waterspout						
																			Sheriff's office reported sighting of waterspout south of Edge-water Park traveling easterly.						
Lamar to Green County	2	4:30 a.-6:00 a.			0	0	0	5	Thunderstorms, Wind	Jackson County	2	6:10 a.-6:25 a.			0	0	3	0	Wind						
									Storms affected townships 1 and 2 N, ranges 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 where timber was blown down. U. S. Forest Service estimated \$120,000 damages.										During heavy thunderstorm on State Road 57, 4 NW Vanleave (lat. 30.6° N, long. 88.7° W), at New Prospect Camp Ground about 6:10 a.m., wind felled tree on one end of mobile home, damaged roof of one camp ground cabin and damaged several small outbuildings; trees and power lines knocked down. Damages to property estimated \$3,100, to trees - unknown. Civil Defense investigator said no evidence of circular motion was found.						
Forrest County	2	4:45 a.-5:30 a.			0	0	?	0	Wind, Hail	Yazoo County	8	12:20 a.			0	0	4	0	Wind						
									Hattiesburg newspaper noted, "A violent electrical storm accompanied by high winds, hail and heavy rain, raked the area about 5 a.m. today (2nd), flattening the 300-foot radio tower of the highway patrol, also most of the concrete-block walls at the Burns Aircraft Corp. building site. . . . The peak intensity of the storm, which hit shortly before 5 a.m. and lasted less than half an hour, caused widespread but scattered damage to power and phone lines as trees were blown down and limbs torn off. Three schools were closed as a result of power failure. . . . Maximum wind velocity was recorded at 50 miles an hour, for the Hattiesburg sector, where hail was mixed with rain for a short period. Certain types of roofing took a beating, as did shrubs and trees. Low lying areas were flooded. . . . Hail knocked out some windows at the Big Yank Corp. factory on Edwards St." Damages to factory estimated \$100; hail covered ground in places and was reported as mostly marble size. The County (highway) Supervisor 5th District reported that at Carnes a county-owned shed was blown from west towards the east across the road into the school yard; about 2 E Carnes, a tractor shed was damaged, about 40 feet was taken off the end of a chicken house, and roofing ripped on a residence.															Near and to the south of Sartalia (lat. 32.6° N, long. 90.5° W), there was wind damage. Newspaper noted, ". . . church suffered the most damage. The front portion was totally destroyed and the back moved from its foundation." The Dixie Farms was also damaged (estimated \$2,000); the newspaper noted, there the storm "tore roofing from a shop, hurled tin sheathing against machinery and rolled tanks and culverts (pipes) over a quarter of a mile. . . . Several small sheds were lifted from their foundations, roofing and gutter material were torn from . . . house. From indications and reports from residents of the area, the storm came out of the west."	
Jones County	2	5:00 a.	4	100-300	0	0	4	3	Tornado	Attala County	8	12:30 a.-12:33 a.	1/4	100	0	0	3	0	Tornado						
									In the Whitfield community, S of Laurel on Highway 29, near the Jones - Perry County line, public reported sighting one funnel. It remained aloft for a while then it reached ground to damage property along a path up to 4 miles long and 100-300 yards wide. A roaring like a train was reported. Most of the damages were to roof tops, barns, outbuildings, etc. and estimated about \$18,465. Forestry personnel estimated \$1,000 additional damage to trees.													Storm moved from SW towards NE. On a farm S S Koscusko and 1 W of Highway 35, man reported that he saw one funnel, it "touched down momentarily," and the weather was "rainy." There was a "Train, off in distance, sound as it approached. Farm machinery moved in every direction. Some equipment picked up and left on top of other equipment," along a path 1/4 mile long and 100 yards wide; cotton trailers were overturned; damages estimated \$3,000.			
Wayne County	2	5:30 a.-5:40 a.			0	0	?	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind	Madison County	8	12:40 a.-12:45 a.			0	0	4	0	Thunderstorm, Wind, Hail						
									"Heavy rain, excessive thunder and lightning" storms moved through the county. The Tornado Preparedness Committee in Wayne County reported that one funnel cloud aloft formed near the Smithtown community; it "did not reach all way to ground, mostly tops of trees to halfway down." There was damage to tree tops in the DeSoto National Forest, at about 5:30 a.m. Between Clara and Chicora, there was damage about 5:40 a.m.; there 1/4 mile of the damage path was investigated and its width was 500-600 feet; there were "some trees uprooted, most twisted off halfway up - neighbors reported roar sounding like train. . . ." Later, to SE about 1 1/2 miles away, high winds were reported to have overturned a school bus and a pick-up truck near State Line community. No casualties were reported.														Man about 5 W Flora (lat. 32.5° N, long. 90.3° W) reported storm moved from NW towards SE; during rainy weather there were "roaring sounds, strong winds, hail" and at 12:40 a.m. on a hilltop on Brownville road the storm "took off top of house and put it down on 2 cars about 30 yards away, did a little damage to a mobile home" whose windows were blown out. Another person in the Flora area reported golf ball size hail at 12:45 a.m. near Flora. Civil Defense confirmed wind damages estimated \$7,000; no damage due to hail was reported.		
Hancock County	2	About 5:40 a.	3 1/2	Up to 300	0	1	5	0	Tornado	Hinds County	8	About 1:00 a.			0	0	5	0	Thunderstorm, Wind						
									Hit first on Highway 90 at Holiday Sands Motel, about 5 1/2 W Bay St. Louis (lat. 30.3° N, long. 89.5° W); the motel, being expanded, sustained about \$10,000 damage when one wing and part of another were destroyed. About a mile SE of the motel, the funnel hit again, causing about \$30,000 damage to the home of Dr. Iaton Weinberg on the lower Bay Road. Touching down again in Spanish Acres, the tornado destroyed a brick home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Vicknair and their two children; Mrs. Vicknair sustained a leg laceration. About 150 feet away an unoccupied small frame dwelling was leveled. About a block away a large pine tree was blown down on to a house causing roof and structural damage. Roof damage also occurred to 2 or 3 other homes in the neighborhood. There also was moderate flooding in several streets in the Spanish Acres area. Before hitting the subdivision, the high winds caused damage to the Aloha Trailer Park on Old Spanish Trail at Highway 90, where one unoccupied trailer was splintered and another partially damaged when a portion of the first was blown on it. Other damage was a tree on the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Nicholson on Old Spanish Trail behind the subdivision, shattered billboards along Highway 90, strong wind damage to trees and a boat blown from its trailer on Chantilly Terrace in Waveland; one home in Waveland had roofing blown off it. Street flooding and power failure were also experienced in Bay St. Louis.																Severe thunderstorm moved from NW towards ESE. Civil Defense reported 4 1/2 mile path of damage in N and NE Jackson (lat. 32.3° N, long. 90.1° W) from near Forest Avenue and the northern end of Lake Hico to the Lake Circle area of Eastover to about Mississippi Highway 25 (Lakeland Drive) crossing of the Pearl River. The worst damage was in the Meadow Moss area of north Jackson and the Crestview area in Eastover. A large segment of roofing was torn away from a church on Hanging Moss Road; there was damage on several neighborhood streets including roof of one residence torn loose. Total damages estimated \$75,000. An estimated 100 trees were blown down, and numerous limbs were torn off and strewn over streets and private yards, while 12 streets were blocked; there was considerable damage to utility lines; electrical service for an estimated 1,000 customers was interrupted. In all there was considerable but partial damage to 25 residences (mostly roof), 1 church and 1 restaurant.
										Claiborne and Tunica counties	15								Heavy Rain						
																			County agents reported heavy rains stopped farmers from work.						
										Lauderdale County	16	3:00 p.-4:00 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind						
																			A line of thunderstorms moved from NW towards ESE. Winds gusted to 52 m.p.h. from NW at 3:49 p.m. at Key Field Meridian. There were reports of wind damage in isolated sections of Meridian area, generally in the form of blown down signs, collapsed walls, power lines blown down by wind and broken by falling tree limbs. Total damages estimated \$35,000.						
										Attala County	16	3:15 p.-3:18 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail						
																			Hail fell over most of Koscusko but did not cover ground. The hail was as large as eggs, but soft and mushy, splattering when it hit the ground. The average diameter was 1 inch and the largest 1 1/2 inches. Rain accompanied the hail. No damage reports received.						
										Harrison County	16	5:50 p.-6:00 p.			0	0	4	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind						
																			Civil Defense observer reported that a funnel cloud had passed overhead in the SW section of Gulfport about 5:50 p.m. and moved SE over Mississippi Sound. Damaging winds occurred in some sections of Gulfport. Winds at Gulfport Airport were clocked up to 65 m.p.h. about 6:00 p.m. At Hardy Court near 4 E Gulfport in Mississippi City, strong winds blew down about 70 percent of east wall of concrete blocks of drug store under construction. Total wind damage estimated \$10,000.						
										Perry County	2	6:20 a.			0	0	3	3	Wind						
																			Between Beaumont and McLain, about 4 SE Beaumont on Little Creek Road (lat. 31.1° N, long. 88.8° W) there was damage in a small area about 6:20 a.m. some trees reported down and a number of power lines went down with the trees; no other damage reported in this sector. At 5 1/2 of 6 miles south of Beaumont a house trailer was reported blown off blocks and set on ground, also shingles removed						

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
Pearl River County	18	1:05 p.- 1:45 p.			0	0	1	0	Hail
A severe thunderstorm was indicated by radar 15 W Picayune at 1:05 p.m., moving towards E at 40 m.p.h. Newspaper noted "... hail, sometimes as large as a golf ball or larger, fell over much of Pearl River County. . . . a light rain started in the early afternoon, accompanied by small and medium sized hail, and finally the larger hailstones. . . . no major damage was reported, by either the hail or the accompanying high winds. . . . It lasted only about 20 minutes though, with a front advancing rapidly and clearing the area a short time after arrival." Hail was widespread over the entire city of Picayune where 60-70 percent of the ground was covered; hailstones averaged 1/2 inch diameter with largest 3/4 inch and frequent pieces 1 1/2 to 2 7/8 inches in length (soft hail except for the marble size). Hail was first reported in W Picayune about 1:15 p.m. and 10 minutes later in N and E Picayune. The hail splattered when it hit automobiles and damage was reported as "very minor." Newspaper noted, "Several residents called in reporting hailstones the size of silver dollars or goose eggs in various parts of the county."									
Marion County	18	2:00 p.- 2:30 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail, Funnel Cloud Aloft
Storms moved from NW towards SE. Woman in Hathorn community reported storm began 2:00 p.m. Hail was reported as falling about 2:10 p.m. and covered the ground in a 3-5 mile radius of Hathorn community (into Jefferson Davis County). The greatest depth was 1 1/2 inches. She wrote "No wind accompanied. Heard thunder once. Black cloud bank in NW and south wind preceded the hailstorm. Hail came straight down, beginning very suddenly and hit with some force." In Echon community, 10 E Columbia, on Highway 98, man reported storm began 2:30 p.m. in an area estimated 2-3 miles long and 400 yards wide; the ground was "almost all" covered; the diameter of the hail averaged 1 inch and largest was 1 1/2 inches. He wrote an "extremely strong downward thrust wind preceding hail. Cloud was moving estimated 10 miles/hr. CB type cloud with anvil, no mammatus observed except funnel cloud." He saw 1 funnel at 2:30 p.m. whose "SW end of cloud moving west to east did not touch down." A "small area of squd preceded the CB and after it passed sky went finely clear." No hail damage reports received from within the county.									
Forrest County	18	2:30 p.- 3:45 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
Man at Hattiesburg reported storm moved from W towards E and hail fell about 2:30 p.m. - 2:34 p.m. and covered about 3/4 of the ground with hailstones that averaged 1 inch diameter. County Agriculture Agent reported a storm that moved from NW towards SE, began 3:00 p.m., ended 3:45 p.m. Hail fell about 3:00 p.m. in a 4-5 sq. mi. area of Hattiesburg and vicinity (Petal-Hattiesburg-Lander Park) and covered ground to a greatest depth of 1 inch; the hailstones averaged 1/4 inch to 3/4 inch diameter. No reports of damage received.									
Hancock County	18	2:50 p.- 3:00 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
At 5 N Bay St. Louis, Highway Patrol unit spotted a funnel cloud aloft at 2:50 p.m., it dipped slightly, then had dissipated by 3:00 p.m. as the thunderstorm front moved in.									
Harrison County	18	3:30 p.- 4:30 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
Newspaper noted, "Residents in the Latimer community north of D'Iberville reported hail as large as an inch in diameter covered the ground 'almost solid.'" Boy on "Carter Rd., Bay Vista, Biloxi, said he went out in his front yard during the hailstorm at 3:45 p.m. and picked up one which measured 1 1/4 inches in diameter. He said also he collected others ranging from one-half inch to one-inch in diameter." Man on D'Iberville St., Biloxi described the weather as "Excessive rain, lightning and thunder. Wind in gusts to 50 m.p.h. Heavy low clouds." He reported hail covered 3/4 of the ground; the average diameter was 1 inch and the largest 2 inches. No damage reports were received.									
Lowndes County	25	12:45 a.- 12:46 a.			0	0	0	0	Hail
Hail 3/4 inch in diameter reported at Columbus Air Force Base (lat. 33.6° N, long 88.4° W). No damage reports received.									
State	27- 28								Thunderstorms
Newspaper noted, "Severe weather . . ." occurred "through most of Mississippi Monday night (27th). . . . There were reports of trees and utility poles damage, some lines temporarily down. . . . Violent weather struck the State in the northwestern section early Monday night, and continued through the night southward." CLAYBORNE COUNTY: County agent reported, "Heavy rain Monday (27th) night and Tuesday (28th) night brought most all farm work to a standstill."									
Bolivar County	27- 28	6:00 p.- 2:00 a.			0	0	4	0	Wind, Funnel Cloud Aloft
Civil Defense reported storms from about 6:00 p.m. of the 27th to about 2:00 a.m. of the 28th. The storms moved from SW towards NE; there were high winds, lightning, and excess thundery damages were estimated as over \$5,000. At 7:50 p.m. a funnel cloud aloft was sighted near Rosedale, reported moving NE towards Shelby. The Rosedale sheriff's office noted it "did not touch down" and there was no storm damage. At Boyle high winds and heavy rains were reported. Newspaper noted at Cleveland "the only damage reported was to trees. There was no major damage elsewhere in Bolivar County, except in Gunnison, where Mississippi Power and Light Co. reported a blown transformer." Investigations of reports from near Shaw, O'Reilly, and other places indicated damages appeared to be due to high winds; no confirmation of a touchdown received.									

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
Washington County	27	8:20 p.- 9:30 p.			1	0	?	0	Wind, Funnel Cloud Aloft
Civil Defense reported thunderstorms moved from SW towards NE; there was county wide damage but mostly of a minor nature. About 8:30 p.m. in the west side of Arcola (lat. 33.3° N, long. 90.9° W), woman heard a roaring sound and looked out window to see a small metal type house turned over 3 times; a 62-year old man was trapped inside with a broken neck, he later died. Her house lost some shingles, other house, to NE lost roofs or shingles. She said it was a funnel cloud aloft which came no lower than tree or roof-top level. A man off to one side observed tin or debris from the houses blowing about in the air. At 8:33 p.m. between Avon and Way-side (lat. 33.3° N, long. 91.1° W) a roof was blown off a house. At 8:35 p.m. at the Greenville airport (lat. 33.1° N, long 91.1° W) instruments indicated a wind speed of 69 m.p.h. "The Sheriff" reported one house near Estill had the kitchen "blow off" and the rest of the county south of Greenville "had a good bit of wind." At Hollandale a billboard was blown across the road. South of Greenville some power lines and trees were blown down, and some houses were damaged; a large tree blocked the Bayou Road near Carlton's Trailer Park and a power line was down in that area. Investigators noted damage appeared to be due to high winds; no confirmation of a touchdown received.									
Sunflower County	27	8:55 p.- 9:50 p.			0	0	?	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
At 8:55 p.m. radar indicated a hook echo 8 SW Inverness moving towards ENE at 35 m.p.h.; by 9:12 p.m. this had dissipated. Man reported that at 9:01 p.m. it was raining so hard at Inverness that he could not see to drive, but a tornado was "heard overhead." At 2 N Inverness (lat. 33.3° N, long 90.6° W) several overturned cotton trailers, some blown down trees and power lines were reported. At 9:50 p.m. at Inverness 2 houses damaged and 1 utility house destroyed. Part of Inverness was without power for a while. At Indianola high winds and heavy rains were reported. Investigators noted damages appeared to be due to high winds; no confirmation of a touchdown received.									
Hinds County	27	8:55 p.- 11:00 p.			0	0	?	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
Thunderstorms moved through the county. Civil Defense noted, "The damage was limited to mainly trees and utility lines throughout the western portion of Hinds County." Radio station reported funnel cloud aloft over Jackson before 10:10 p.m. at Terry Road 5 S Highway 24 (lat. 32.2° N, long. 90.2° W). Jackson Police Department reported roofs of 4 construction buildings at Riverside and Highland observed at 10:10 p.m. (lat. 32.1° N, long 90.1° W).									
Humphrey County	27	9:00 p.- 9:35 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
Belzoni police reported a funnel cloud sighted at 9:00 p.m. S of Belzoni and at 9:35 p.m. over Belzoni. There was some small hail. Damage was reported to trees and awnings.									
Holmes County	27	9:36 p.			0	0	?	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
Thunderstorms moved through the county near Tchula (lat. 33.1° N, long. 90.2° W) 3 farm buildings were damaged by high winds. Highway patrol observed funnel cloud aloft at 9:36 p.m. at 2 NE Tchula.									
Rankin County	27	10:15 p.- 11:00 p.			0	0	?	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
About 1 SE Thompson Field on Old Brandon Road (lat. 32.3° N, long. 90.1° W); man wrote storm began 10:15 p.m., ended 10:16 p.m., moved from west towards east, caused damage in an area 100 yards by 50 yards. He reported, "Trees and light lines down on Old Brandon Road and Skyway Hills." Diring "cloudy and rainy" weather he saw 1 funnel which remained aloft. He noted, "The sound was almost like a train going by. The noise was an awful roar. The funnel looked something like a ball of fire, it would fall and go up again. A few seconds after the cloud there was a heavy down pour of rain, also thunder and lightning." At 10:30 p.m. a funnel cloud aloft was reported over Pearl Street in Brandon (lat. 32.3° N, long. 90.0° W). At 11:00 p.m. radar indicated a hook echo 5 S Brandon moving towards E at 35 m.p.h. Investigators noted damage in area appeared to be due to high winds; no confirmation of a touchdown received.									
Smith County	27	11:30 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
Report received from Highway Patrol: funnel cloud between Raleigh and Taylorsville (lat. 31.8° N long. 89.4° W), moving towards E at 35 m.p.h. No reports received indicative of a touchdown.									
State	28- 29				0	0	?	0	Thunderstorms
Newspaper noted, "Lingering warm, humid air mixing with an oncoming mass of cool, dry air produced a second day of thunderstorms. . . . and some moderate to heavy rains in Mississippi Tuesday night (28th). The repeat performance of turbulent weather began again early Tuesday night and continued through this morning (29th), accounting for several areas of wind damage in the state but no injuries. . . . Some hail and severe winds were reported in thunderstorms which crossed central and northwestern sections of the state, with rains occasionally heavy."									
Jones County	28	12:01 a.- 12:05 a.			0	0	3	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
Storm moved from SW towards NE. Tree fell across roof of home on Lower Myrick Road, Laurel (lat. 31.7° N, long. 89.1° W) and, damaged the front porch; winds also ripped roof off pump house, tore down power and telephone lines, and scattered tree limbs about									

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
									the yard. During cloudy and rainy weather, no one saw a funnel but man heard "a loud roaring type noise." Civil Defense investigator noted damages appeared to be due to high winds; no confirmation of a touchdown received. Damages estimated \$5,000 occurred in an area 1/4 mile long and 100 yards wide.
Bolivar County	28	4:30 p.-9:00 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind, Funnel Cloud Aloft
									Civil Defense reported storms from about 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The storms moved from SW towards NE; there were high winds, lightning, and excessive thunder; consolidated wind damages for night of 27th and for 28th total estimated \$20,000. Based upon a 7:37 p.m. observation, newspaper noted, "... both Highway Patrol and Bolivar County Civil Defense units spotted a funnel aloft at Skene." Its movement was towards NE. No damage indicative of a touchdown was located or reported.
Washington County	28	6:13 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									A funnel cloud aloft was reported over old Greenville Air Force Base at 6:13 p.m.; movement was towards NNE. No reports indicative of touchdown damage received.
Sharkey County	28	8:00 p.-8:15 p.			0	0	4	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft, Wind
									Civil Defense reported a storm beginning 8:00 p.m., ending 8:15 p.m. There was damage in an area 50 yards by 30 yards at 3 S Rolling Ford (lat. 32.9° N, long. 90.9° W) at 8:15 p.m. During "rainy" weather a funnel was not seen, but a "roaring noise" heard. A mobile home was flipped over several times stopping on its top side 50 yards away, in middle of paved country road; clothing was blown into nearby trees. Other damage included windows out in several houses and trees down. About 3/4 mile away a mobile home was blown off its foundation and on to its side. Damages to trailers estimated over \$6,000.
Warren County	28	8:45 p.			0	0	?	0	Wind, Funnel Cloud Aloft
									Vicksburg newspaper headlined, "High winds sweep city and county," and noted, "A tree was blown down on Fisher Ferry Road, and slight damage was reported in scattered areas of the city and county, but no heavy damage done." At 8:45 p.m., a funnel cloud was sighted 2 S Vicksburg (lat. 34.3° N, long. 90.9° W) Fisher Ferry Road moving towards Edwards to NE at 45 m.p.h. Report checked by police who confirmed a funnel cloud that did not touch down, and tree damage due to straight line winds.
Hinds County	28	9:06 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									Civil Defense reported a funnel cloud aloft at 9:06 p.m. over Springridge Road south of Clinton. Woman on Sprules, Clinton heard a "violent roaring in northeast" about 9:17 p.m. Civil Defense Director wrote, "The spatter units reported the roar of the funnel and it was observed aloft when sky illuminated by lightning. Spotter units traced movement from initial sighting until it moved northeast out of immediate area near Tougaloo."
Prentiss County	28	About 9:30 p.-9:45 p.			0	0	?	0	Hail
									Golf ball size hail reported falling about 10-15 minutes 5 W Baldwyn; ground not covered but "peppered"; no real damages reported. A house trailer was said to have been toppled during the thunderstorm but no injuries.
Simpson County	28	10:10 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									Woman in Mendonhall (lat. 32.0° N, long. 89.9° W) reported hearing a roaring aloft "like a freight train." She indicated it was moving towards E. No damage indicative of a touchdown located or reported.
Jefferson Davis and Covington counties	28	10:25 p.-11:00 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									A radar at Columbia reported indications of a hook echo at 10:25 p.m. at 5 W Prentiss, moving eastward. Public reported a funnel cloud at 10:47 p.m. near Collins (lat. 31.6° N, long. 89.6° W). At 11:00 p.m. Jackson radar indicated a hook echo 4 NW Collins moving towards NE.
Smith County	28	10:55 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									On Highway 35, at 6 S Raleigh (lat. 31.9° N, long. 89.5° W) woman reported hearing roar of a funnel cloud overhead and movement towards NE. The roar lasted a few minutes and was followed by hail of marble size or less.
Wayne County	28	10:57 p.							Funnel Cloud Aloft
									Civil Defense relayed a report of a funnel cloud at 10:57 p.m. in NW Wayne County moving towards Shubuta (Clarke County). No reports of damage indicative of a touchdown received.
MISSOURI									
Caruthersville, MSW Pemiscot County	1	10:30 p.			1		4		Thunderstorm Winds
									A small child was slightly injured when a mobile home located on the west side of County Route D, 2 miles west and 3.8 miles south of Caruthersville was demolished. The mobile home had been tied down at each corner. The winds also caused widespread minor damage to a number of buildings in the area.
MISSOURI (continued)									
Weingarten MW, St. Genevieve County	1	5:50 p.	0.1	30				4	Tornado
									A tornado apparently touched down briefly damaging the middle section of a large barn on a farm near State Highway 32, 4 miles west of Weingarten, about 1/2 mile east of Millers Switch. Both ends of the barn were apparently undamaged and the cattle and horses in the barn were unharmed while the roof and upper portion was torn out of the center of the barn.
Festus, 7N, Jefferson County	1	Evening						3	Hail
									Near Fevely, 7 miles north of Festus, hail fell in a narrow belt along County Route 2 near the I-55 and U.S. 61 intersections. The hailstones were up to golf ball size and covered the ground to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. The hail caused severe damage to a few roofs in this area.
Hawk Point, Lincoln County	12	Afternoon			1	1			Lightning
									A teenage girl was killed and a two-year-old girl was injured when they were struck by lightning one and one-half miles north of Hawk Point which is 11 miles north of Warrenton.
Kansas City, Jackson County	12	Evening					1		Wind
									An 83-year-old woman was killed when she was blown off the curb by a gust of wind and into the path of a truck in downtown Kansas City.
Kansas City, Jackson County	12	Evening							Hail
									Numerous reports of hail, varying from pea to marble size, were received from various locations around greater Kansas City in association with moderate thunderstorm activity that ended a record 28-day dry spell.
St. James, Phelps County	12	Late Eve.						4	Thunderstorm Winds
									High winds destroyed one mobile home and damaged several others at a mobile home park in St. James. It appeared that none of the mobile homes were tied down.
West Plains, 8S Howell County	15	6:00 a.							Funnel Cloud
									A funnel cloud was seen moving southeast about 8 miles south of West Plains near Missouri Highway 17.
Lambert Field, St. Louis County	27	12:30 a.						5	Lightning
									Lightning struck the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Lambert Field shortly after midnight and the ensuing fire destroyed the two-story frame building.
St. Charles, St. Charles County	31	2:00 p.						5	Thunderstorm Winds
									Strong winds ripped through a mobile home sales lot and destroyed or damaged a number of new mobile homes. None of the homes had been tied down.
MONTANA									
Western Half of State	5-6				0	0	4	0	High winds
									Winds gusting to 90 m.p.h. in the Livingston-Big Timber area and 60 to 70 m.p.h. elsewhere caused power outages and mostly minor damage to property in scattered areas. Two buildings at Montana State University, a retirement center at Bozeman, and a hangar at the Harlowton airport suffered roof damage. Five thousand dollars damage to a greenhouse occurred in Helena.
Glacier County	11-15				0	0	?	0	Flood
									Most streams in the county flooded from snowmelt following a winter of record snowfall. Willow Creek flooded four blocks in Browning and washed away a rural house on the 11th. Some bridges were destroyed and road beds damaged.
Dawson & Richland Counties	12-15				0	0	?	?	Flood
									Ice jamming on the Yellowstone River and rapid melting of snow cover flooded 60 miles of lowlands from Glendive northward. Dawson County experienced the worst flooding since 1926. Savage and Fairview suffered flooding from the Yellowstone River and Lone Tree Creek caused basement flooding in Sidney. Five county bridges were destroyed.
NEBRASKA									
									None reported
NEVADA									
									None reported

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NEW HAMPSHIRE									
State	2-3				0	0	4	0	Glaze, lightning
		Freezing rain glazed roads and weighted limbs and wires. Local utility outages from falling limbs. Roads very hazardous. Thunderstorms during the night in some areas.							
Central and South	15				0	0	4	0	Snow
		Snowfall totalled 6 to 20 inches in most central and southern areas, causing delayed and hazardous travel and cancellation of many scheduled activities.							
NEW JERSEY	See data at end of table.								
NEW MEXICO	None reported.								
NEW YORK									
Magara and Orleans Counties	1	a.m.					4		Freezing rain
		Freezing rain during morning hours caused havoc throughout two counties of western New York. Some 10,000 customers lost power in Niagara County alone as ice coating snapped poles, lines and tree limbs. Schools in at least six Niagara County communities were closed because of power outages or hazardous, icy roads; two major industries also closed from lack of power. Schools closed at Albion, Orleans County as disrupted power lines and icy road conditions extended into northern Genesee and western Monroe Counties.							
Western and South Central	1-2						5		Flooding
		Rain totaling up to 1.2 inches plus temperatures warming to the 50s and low 60s and rapid snowmelt resulted in flash flooding of streams flowing into Lake Erie in Chautauque and Erie Counties. About 1200 persons were evacuated along Cattaraugus Creek near its terminus with Lake Erie in the Silver Creek area. Flooding by Casepovia Creek at West Seneca, Erie County also forced evacuation of some 150 persons. Rain and snowmelt waters inundated highways and low lying lands, basements of countless homes, stores and schools flooded and roads were eroded in wide areas of Chautauque, Erie and Niagara Counties. Influence of unseasonably warm temperatures on both dates extended across western New York to south central interior, causing heavy runoff from the melting of a deep snow cover. Numerous communities as far east as Oswego and Delaware Counties had to cope with inundation of highways, streets, home lots and all low lying areas. Local erosion of road beds and embankments were reported. Slight to moderate overflows occurred along the Susquehanna, Niagara and Chautauque Rivers as minor streams and creeks rose sharply throughout the western and south central counties.							
West Central	2-3	night							Snow
		Passage of sharp cold front afternoon and early evening of 2nd brought a rapid temperature change and a variety of precipitation to the State during the following 12 to 18 hours. The major storm effect was 6 to 10 inches of heavy, wet snow from the central and eastern Finger Lakes to the western Mohawk Valley and in the central counties of the southern tier. Highway travel was greatly hampered by morning of 3rd, forcing closures of schools, industries and other activities. Many auto accidents during morning rush hours in metropolitan areas such as Syracuse and Binghamton. The heavy snow followed a change of precipitation from rain through brief intervals of freezing rain and sleet. Temperatures decreased in west central counties from near 60 midday of 2nd to the teens by sunrise on 3rd.							
Sinclairville, Chautauque County and Horseheads, Chemung County	11-12	night							Lightning
		During thunderstorm activity in southwestern New York a group of 17 deer were apparently killed by lightning in an open field near Sinclairville. As thunderstorm activity continued into midday of 12th a lightning bolt was seen to pass through a flock of migratory geese flying northward in the area of Horseheads, Chemung County. Eleven dead birds were recovered, each showing burns and holes through body, according to Conservation Dept. biologist.							
East Central	14-15	early a.m. to early p.m.					4		Snow
		Heavy snowfall of 8 to 12 inches centered over Mohawk and upper Hudson Valleys and adjacent east central highlands with 4 inches at Saratoga Springs. Schools over a wide area were closed. Highway travel greatly hampered. About 6 a.m. on the 14th slippery roads were blamed for a massive multiple-car smashup, involving an estimated 100 autos, on Interstate 87, about 10 miles north of Albany. No serious injuries occurred but over three hours required to remove damaged vehicles and open lane to traffic.							
NORTH CAROLINA									
Caldwell, McDowell, Rutherford and Wilkes Counties	2	Night					4	0	Wind
		Wind damaged four buildings in Hysartsville; unroofed a grocery store, blew down trees, in Rutherfordton; damaged a home in Hudson and a mobile home in McGrady.							
Bertie, Mecklenburg, Transylvania, Wake and Wilkes Counties	22	Early morning			0	3	4	2	Electrical, hail, wind
		Thunderstorms occurring with cold front trailing from low pressure							

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NORTH CAROLINA (continued)									
Interior	25						5	5	Snow, glaze, cold
		Early blooming varieties of peaches damaged by snow, glaze and freezing weather. Snow and ice one to six inches deep accumulated over Mountains, Piedmont and parts of Coastal Plain. Many traffic accidents in which icy roads were a factor, some causing deaths and injuries.							
NORTH DAKOTA									
Western half	13-19				0	0	6		Flooding
		Rapid snowmelt and ice jamming of streams caused flooding in several local areas. The worst flooding occurred on the Knife River in Mercer County. In Beulah some 200 homes were in the flood area, about 20 suffered major damage while another 40 suffered lesser damages, mostly basement flooding. Other local flooding occurred on the Cannonball, Yellowstone, Missouri, and Heart Rivers. At Mott about 30 families were evacuated from their homes but only a few houses had damage other than flooded basements. Flooding in the lowlands southwest of Williston isolated farm homes and caused some property damage. Damage to roads, bridges and other facilities added significantly to the total loss.							
OHIO									
Entire State	12-Evening-13	morning			0	?	4		Electrical and flooding
		Thunderstorms accompanied by high winds and hail struck Ohio. The storms were associated with a low pressure area which developed over Amarillo, Texas and moved rapidly northeastward. Lightning was responsible for numerous power outages and minor damage to several homes and businesses. As a result of the heavy rainfall a flash flood watch was in effect for some southern Ohio counties and for counties in the northeast one-quarter of the state. Near Ashland minor flooding of U. S. Route 42 occurred during the night. At one point the water depth on the road was one foot. By the next morning the road was again passable.							
Entire State	21-Evening-22	evening			0	?	4		Wind and electrical
		Thunderstorms with hail and high winds accompanied the passage of a cold front on the night of March 21. Winds of 70 m.p.h. were reported at Willowick (18 miles northeast of Cleveland). In Columbus a bank's large plate glass windows were blown out. Damage was set at \$5000. Wind also damaged mobile homes and other buildings. Lightning was responsible for many power outages and for setting fire to a barn, which was completely destroyed, in Bellefontaine. In Cleveland heavy rains caused a minor mud slide.							
OKLAHOMA									
Milhall, Logan County	12	7:20 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
		Hailstones up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter caused no reported damage.							
Guthrie, Logan County to Luther, Oklahoma County	12	8:00 p.-9:00 p.	15	*2	0	0	5	0	Hail
		Hailstones from 1 inch to 3 inches in diameter caused considerable damage to roofs and buildings.							
Miami, Ottawa County	12	10:20 p.	1	200	0	0	4	0	Wind and hail
		Straight winds estimated at 100 m.p.h. demolished four private planes at Miami Airport. A concrete block building, a drive-in theater, several barns and a house trailer were damaged. Two unloaded semi-trailer trucks were blown over. Hailstones up to 1/2 inch in diameter were reported accumulated on one man's front porch, but no damage was reported from the hail. The storm appeared to have moved from the northwest to the southeast.							
Meeker area, Lincoln County	12	10:53 p.			0	0	?	0	Hail and funnel aloft
		Small hail caused scattered minor property damage. One funnel cloud was sighted aloft by the highway patrol.							
25 Yale, Payne County	20	6:00 p.			0	0	5	0	Lightning
		Lightning set afire a 55,000-barrel oil tank. The tank exploded about 8 hours after being set afire. A fire truck was destroyed by the explosion.							
Wilson, Carter County	20	8:45 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
		Hailstones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter caused no reported damage.							
OREGON									
Western one-third of State	1-3	All days-a.m. 3rd	300	*100	1	8	6	6	Rain and mud slides
		Three days of heavy rain at the close of February were followed by 3 similar days at the opening of March. These very intense March rains occurring in 32-60 hours provided totals of 4-8 inches along the southern 2/3 of the coast and totals of 6-10							

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OREGON (continued)									
			inches in the southern half of the Coast Range. Greatest 3-day totals as measured were: 6.41 inches at Dora 2 W; 7.65 inches at Port Orford No. 2; 7.87 inches at Brookings; 8.08 inches at Gold Beach; 9.96 inches at Illaha; and a total 10.78 inches at Port Orford 5 E where 7.85 inches of it fell during the 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd. This station recorded a 20.48-inch total for the 6-day storm period. Most rivers in southwest Oregon were over their banks with the Corps of Engineers estimating total flood damages of \$4.3 million for the Rogue, Umpqua, and Coquille drainages. Landslides caused much damage on Federal and State forest lands and to many public roads. A mudslide in southwest Portland on the 1st blocked southbound lanes of Interstate 5 with 3,000 cubic yards of mud pushing one car over the center median divider. One occupant of the car was hospitalized with a strained back and the other two only received minor injuries. Two youths were killed on the 2nd when their pickup became mired in mud up the Chetco River road 4 miles from Brookings. One of the youths left the vehicle to work it loose from the mud and was killed by a downed electric wire. The other youth went to his aid and also died of electric shock. Numerous roads were closed by slides, a few homes moved off their foundations, others tilted, and some businesses were damaged. Curry County incurred significant damage. A car plunged into a huge washout on Highway 101 about 17 miles north of Gold Beach at 1:20 a.m. on the 3rd, killing 1 occupant and injuring 3 others. A second car plunged into the washout on top of the previous car also injuring its single occupant. Another man received minor injuries when his truck-trailer rig plowed into the edge of a moving road slide 30 miles east of Eugene on Oregon Highway 58. The slide knocked the cab off the trailer and pitched it forward into the slide.						
Southern half of Klamath County	1-3	6a. 1st-50 6a. 3rd	*50	0	0	4	4	Rain and flooding	
			Heavy rains of 1.25-3.00 inches fell across the lower Klamath Basin causing considerable snowmelt at lower elevations. Heaviest precipitation of 5.28 inches fell at Crater Lake National Park Headquarters where snow depth increased from 155 inches up to 176 inches. Considerable lowland flooding in the area temporarily closed or restricted travel on county roads. The high water washed out some roads and bridges and flooded some basements in the Klamath Falls area. Sandbags were even required near Sprague River to keep water from around a mobile home.						
Malheur County	1-2	Noon 1st-100 5p. 2nd	*40	0	0	4	4	Rain	
			Intermittent rain of less than 1 inch across this Owyhee Mountain area was accompanied by mild wind causing considerable snowmelt. Resulting runoff troubled area farmers and road crews with peak flow in rivers reported late on the 6th. Some high water was reported in the Jordan Valley area, Willow Creek, Malheur River and Owyhee River, and a few bridges were washed out.						
Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa counties	11-13	Evening, 100 11th-Morning, 13th	*50	0	0	5	4	Rain	
			Periods of intense rain totaling 0.70-1.70 inches during the storm fell on frozen ground causing scattered damage from eroded and silted fields, washed out roads and bridges, and some roads blocked with mud and rocks. Damage was reported from Condon, Pendleton, Melix, Athens, and Milton-Proewater. Rain was even heavy in the Blue Mountains where the Mescham Weather Service office reported 1.20 inches of rain and 7 inches of snowmelt.						
PACIFIC									
			None reported						
PENNSYLVANIA									
Fayette County	12-13	Night		0	0	4	0	Rain	
			Thousands of dollars in damages to homes and properties by flood waters in the Uniontown area were caused when more than 3 inches of rain fell. Some newly constructed buildings had as much as 15 inches on the first floor. In the Masontown area damage was confined to flooded basements.						
PUERTO RICO									
			None reported						
RHODE ISLAND									
Statewide	3	a.m.		0	0	4	0	Thunderstorms	
			Heavy rains flooded highways, stranded cars and forced some school cancellations. High winds and lightning caused several power failures and 2 homes were struck by lightning.						
SOUTH CAROLINA									
			See data at end of table.						
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Northeast	26			0	0	4	0	Icing and wind	
			Freezing rain caused extensive icing conditions in the northeastern part of the state. Strong winds accompanied the icing conditions resulting in considerable damage to power and telephone lines. Power was off for intervals ranging from a few minutes to all day and night.						
TENNESSEE									
Shelby County	1	10:20p.		0	0	3	0	Wind	
			Minor wind damage reported near the Tennessee-Mississippi border in south Memphis. Maximum wind gust of 48 m.p.h. at Memphis International Airport.						
TENNESSEE (continued)									
Kenton, Gibson County	1	11:00p.-11:15p.		0	2	4	0	Wind	
			Strong winds overturned a mobile home; two persons received minor injuries						
Dyer, Gibson Counties	1	11:15p.		0	0	5	0	Hail, wind	
			Hail caused damage to roofs and buildings in portions of Dyer and Gibson Counties. Hailstones averaged about one inch in diameter. Strong gusty winds caused damage to property also.						
Trenton, Gibson County	1	11:20p.		0	4	5	0	Wind	
			Strong winds overturned a mobile home with four occupants receiving minor injuries. Also utility lines down and store front glass blown in.						
Yorkville, Gibson County	1	11:30p.		0	1	4	0	Wind	
			Strong winds overturned a mobile home, two miles east of Yorkville. One person received minor injuries. Trailer was completely demolished.						
Northeast	25-26			0	0	0	0	Snow	
			Spring snowfall snarled traffic and closed schools. One to five inches of snow fell in the area. U.S. Highway 441 across the Great Smoky Mountains into North Carolina was temporarily closed.						
Athens, McMinn County	27	a.m.		0	0	3	0	Lightning	
			Lightning caused some minor damage to farm buildings.						
Locke (near), Shelby County	28	7:00p.		0	0	3	0	Wind	
			Strong winds associated with a thunderstorm destroyed a tractor shed and uprooted several trees.						
TEXAS									
10 SSE Waco, McLennan County	1	3:59 p.						Funnel aloft	
Corsicana and vicinity, Navarro County	1	4:15 p.-4:30 p.	10	*10	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm
			Hail, averaging about one inch in diameter fell within a 10 mile radius of Corsicana. Corsicans and the outlying communities of Navarro, Angus, Bureka and Mildred reported some hail. The largest stones, 2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter, were reported at Angus.						
Nash, Bowie County	1	4:30 p.-7:00 p.	1	*1/2	0	0	4	0	Hail, windstorm, heavy rain
			Hail, up to the size of golf balls, high winds and heavy rains struck the Nash community about five miles west of Texarkana and caused some damage. Hail covered the ground in places. High winds hit the downtown section and ripped off the roof of the Beautique Beauty Bx. The Ed Bailey home sustained minor damage and the Bailey automobile was damaged by flying debris.						
Mount Pleasant, Titus County	1	5:00 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm
			Hail up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter fell in the Mount Pleasant area of Titus County.						
White Oak, Gregg County	1	5:00 p.-5:30 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hail, windstorm
			Hailstones, three-quarters inch in diameter, accompanied by high winds, struck the White Oak community west of Longview, and caused minor damage to property.						
6 W Texarkana, Bowie County	1	5:20 p.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Windstorm
			High thunderstorm winds unroofed a beauty shop with the roof falling on an automobile and another house nearby, causing additional damage.						
Longview, Gregg County	1	5:30 p.-4:30 p.	?	?	1	1	4	0	Windstorm
			Luther James, 28, was killed when strong thunderstorm winds collapsed a 10-foot high cinderblock wall at a construction site in Longview. Ed Foster, 46, working at the same location, on Spur 63 approximately 100 yards north of U. S. Highway 80, was injured. Elsewhere, the Owens Construction Company located at 305 Cherokee Street received major damage to the roof section as high winds ripped the overhang from its mounting. Also in the same block the roof vents were blown off the Dickinson Insurance Company building and caused heavy rains to flood office facilities there. The Nearly Arts and Crafts Shop at 2715 West Marshall Avenue suffered minor damage.						
Titus County	7	5:30 p.-9:00 p.	25	*10	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm, Lightning
			Hail fell in many parts of Titus County, but damage to property was believed to be minor. Hailstones averaged about three-quarters inch in diameter with largest stones two inches in diameter.						

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Cameron County	8	7:00 p- 9:00 p.	15	*5	0	0	3	5	Lightning struck the Robert Bokemeyer home in the Chapel Hill community, entered the home by electrical lines, splitting timbers and knocking out electrical outlets enroute to the air conditioner in a living room window and a nearby television set. Heavy rain, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 inches, accompanied by some hail, washed out about 5,000 to 6,000 acres of cotton and perhaps that many acres of grain, all newly planted, in the vicinity of Harlingen, Rib Honda, San Benito and Ranchito in Cameron County. Although hail up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter broke a few windows, hail damage was not believed to be great.
Harlingen, Cameron County	13	Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Lightning
E Quannah, Hardeman County	14	7:00 p- 7:15 p.	3	200	0	0	4	0	2 Tornadoes
									A small tornado, moving in a northeasterly direction, touched down briefly at the southeast edge of Quannah where it destroyed a barn owned by Jake Roberts and carried it 300 feet across the road. The tornado lifted, then touched down again at the B-Bar-J Ranch about three miles east of Quannah and destroyed about seven metal buildings used to house horses, and several fences. A second tornado was sighted on the ground at the ranch at the same time. The second tornado was not known to have caused any damage.
8 NE Boerne, Kendall County	15	4:30 p- 5:00 p.	?	*4	0	0	3	3	Hailstorm
									Hail averaging about one inch in diameter peppered pasture land and small farms near Boerne. Largest stones were 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Only minor damage was reported.
Near Selma, Bexar County	15	5:30 p- 5:40 p.	1/16	4	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A small tornado threaded its way between a man and his wife in a northeast San Antonio mobile home park (near Selma) and caused 20 thousand dollars damage to structures. Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Heath were standing 30 feet apart when the small funnel swept between them. The tornado then shredded the walls and roof of their 47-foot mobile home before lifting to hopscotch its way across the Mobile View Estates Trailer Park on IH35 just south of Doerr Lane. Nine other mobile homes were damaged by the erratic funnel which disappeared into the cloud after 10 minutes of destruction. "It's a good thing my wife talked me into planting a rosebush this afternoon, or we would have been in the trailer when it hit", Heath said, glancing at pieces of roof from his trailer which had been tossed 120 feet away into the screened porch of another mobile home. Heath said the small tornado lifted him off the ground and that he had to grab hold of his car to keep from being swept away by the winds. Most of the other damaged mobile homes suffered bent awnings and roofs. Debris was found sprinkled throughout the mobile home park - most of it within 100 feet of the homes from which it had been ripped. A. R. Robertson said he saw the dark funnels traveling through the sky over a vacant field east of the trailer park. "I saw it dipping up and down and coming right for the trailers. It's a good thing it moved around like it did after it hit the first home, because if it had stayed on the ground it would have wiped out most of the park", Robertson said.
Yorktown, Dewitt County	15	6:40 p- 7:30 p.	8	*3	0	0	4	3	Hailstorm
									Hail caused considerable damage to roofs, windows and automobiles in Yorktown and parts of Dewitt County. Trees and some crops also were damaged. Hailstones averaged one inch in diameter with largest stones 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Hail covered the ground to a depth of three inches in places. Strong wind gusts accompanying the storm were estimated at 70-80 m.p.h.
Falls City and vicinity, Karnes and Willson Counties	15	6:55 p- 7:15 p.	7	*1 1/2	0	0	3	4	Hailstorm
									Small hail, averaging one-half inch in diameter caused extensive damage to crops, native pasture and gardens in a one-half mile wide strip from about two miles west of Poth in Willson County, to Falls City, in Karnes County. Largest hailstones were three-quarters inch in diameter.
Refugio, Refugio County	15	8:30 p- 9:30 p.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm
									Hail caused minor damage to property in Refugio. The hail was scattered and about one inch in diameter. A few stones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter were reported. One home suffered six broken windows due to the hail. Most of the damage was to shrubs and gardens.

Kerr County	16	4:00 p.	30	*3	0	0	5	3	Hailstorm
									Hail, averaging about 1 1/4 inches in diameter, damaged roofs, windows and automobiles along a three-mile strip across Kerr County. A few hailstones 2 3/4 inches in diameter were reported. The storm moved from northwest to southeast.
Waring, Kendall County	16	4:00 p- 4:20 p.	7	*4	0	0	3	3	Hailstorm
									Small, but heavy hail fell in the Waring community, east of Comfort, in Kendall County. Damage was minor. Hailstones averaging 1/2 inch in diameter covered the ground to a depth of 2 to 2 1/2 inches. Largest hailstones were 3/4 inch in diameter.
Amistad Dam area, Val Verde County	19	10:15 p- 10:25 p.	3	*1 1/2	0	0	5	0	Hailstorm, High winds
									Hail, averaging three-quarters inch in diameter hit the Amistad Dam area, including the Birk Ranch a mile below the Dam. Hedges and trees were stripped of their leaves, and high winds blew down at least one large bill board. Hail piled up in drifts, covering the ground. Drains in the area were filled with drifted hail. Largest stones were about one inch in diameter. At KOA on Highway 90 West, between Diablo East and Del Rio, the hail dented automobiles, damaged roofs and broke windows and skylights.
Vienna, Lavaca County	20	Afternoon	1/4	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									A small tornado destroyed a large hay barn on the Rud Sieber place at Vienna, 1 1/2 miles southeast of Hallettsville.
Clemville community, Matagorda County	20	2:00 p.	1/16	5	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A small tornado touched down in the Clemville community, west of Bay City, and overturned the mobile home of 77-year-old Lilly MacArthur. The tornado lifted the roof of the mobile home first, then picked up the home and turned it over, leaning it against the Betty Alderson home. There was no one in the MacArthur mobile home when the tornado struck. The tornado moved from southeast toward the northwest.
1 SE Weimar, Colorado County	20	2:15 p.							Funnel aloft
									Funnel aloft moved toward the northeast.
Harris County	20	2:00 p- 4:00 p.	1/16	10	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A small tornado touched down on Roberts Road near Rosehill in Harris County between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and damaged two buildings, a dog kennel and some truck scales. Total damage was estimated at 5 thousand dollars.
9 SE Wharton, Wharton County	20	3:15 p.	1/2	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A tornado demolished a small farm house, the home of R. L. See, near the Bolling area, nine miles southeast of Wharton. The home was scattered over an area of about five acres according to a Department of Public Safety Officer.
Near Rosenberg, Fort Bend County	20	3:35 p.	17	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A tornado hopped and skipped across Fort Bend County, first touching ground about five miles north of Needville, just south of the Rosenberg city limits, and continuing along a 17-mile path, in a northeasterly direction to the Four-Corners community north of Sugar Land. Damage was minor. The Nora Foote home, south of Rosenberg was damaged, as were several other buildings on the Foote property. In the Four-Corners area, a new turkey house on the Jester Farm of the Department of Corrections was destroyed, several mobile homes were destroyed, and roofs were blown off several houses on Gaines Road. There were no injuries.
3 SW Hallettsville, Lavaca County	20	4:30 p.	4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado, Funnel aloft
									A tornado damaged the Morgan portable building plant three miles southwest of Hallettsville, and also destroyed or heavily damaged four or five small buildings near the main building. About 30 people were working in the plant, but no one was injured. Damage was estimated at thirty thousand dollars. The tornado continued northeastward, and caused heavy damage on the Eddie Neuhaus place just west of Hallettsville. A large funnel roared over Hallettsville, at about the same time the tornado was moving along a path slightly to the west. The funnel aloft sounded like a freight train, according to witnesses, but the tip stayed just above the courthouse tower.
5 NW Houston, Harris County	20	5:20 p.							Funnel aloft
Near Alief, Harris County	20	5:20 p.							Funnel aloft
									Funnel cloud was observed six miles northwest of Andrau Airpark and was moving toward the north.
SE Bremond, Brazos County	20	6:00 p- 6:30 p.	2	*1	0	0	3	3	Hailstorm
									Hail, averaging 1 3/4 inch in diameter, caused some damage to homes, gardens, and livestock in the fidwell Prairie community southeast of Bremond. The largest hailstones were 2 3/4 inches

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Houston, Harris County	20	5:00 p- 6:45 p.	**50 **10	7	0	0	3	0	2 Tornadoes, funnel aloft windstorm
									in diameter. Two baby calves were killed when struck by the large hailstones.
									Two small tornadoes, associated with an intense rainstorm that struck Houston on the 20th, touched down within the city, but caused only minor damage. The first tornado descended in the 9100 block of Monterrey, where it ripped into roofs, uprooted three large trees and toppled a camper truck owned by Woodrow Carters. A number of windows were shattered. About 6:45 p.m., the second funnel touched down in the 9300 block of Talton and uprooted two trees and tore boards off a carport.
									Mrs. Howard Cox of 9341 Talton said the funnel vanished moments after touching down. "I never heard a sound like that in all my life," she said.
									A funnel aloft swooped low over the Oak Forest area in northwest Houston, but receded back into the clouds with no damage reported. High winds hit the Handy Dan Lumber Co. at 11210 North Freeway about 5:00 p.m. and caused \$300 damage.
Near Dayton, Liberty County	20	8:20 p.	1/4 1/4	10 10	0	2	4	0	2 Tornadoes
									One small tornado severely damaged two mobile homes in the Eastgate community, six miles west of Dayton; a second tornado destroyed a mobile home occupied by an elderly couple, 11 miles west of Dayton, but the occupants escaped serious injury. Both tornadoes traveled northeastward at about 30 m.p.h.
Near Channelview, Harris County	20	8:15 p.							Funnel aloft
Markham, Matagorda County	20	9:00 p- 9:30 p.	1/8	8	0	0	4	0	Tornado, funnel aloft
									A small tornado caused minor damage to property in Markham, estimated at ten thousand dollars. (One funnel was observed that did not touch ground. The tornado moved toward the northeast.
Anahuac, Chambers County	20	9:00 p- 10:20 p.							2 Funnels aloft
									One funnel was observed aloft just north of Anahuac about 9:00 p.m. moving toward the northeast. At about 10:20 p.m. a second funnel was thought to have passed directly over Anahuac, without touching ground. Several people in the town, and in the rural area nearby, reported hearing a loud roaring noise at that time.
Near Hitchcock, Galveston County	20	9:20 p.							Funnel aloft
Graford, Palo Pinto County	20	Night	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm
									Hail, ranging in size from 3/4 to 1 3/4 inches in diameter fell in Graford. In some places the hail drifted to a depth of one foot. No heavy damage was reported.
Harris County	20-21				0	0	7	5	Flooding
									Extensive flooding occurred in northern Harris County as a result of high intensity rainfall on the afternoon of the 20th that totalled more than seven inches. There were no deaths or injuries but property damage was estimated at 5 1/2 million dollars. The heaviest rainfall occurred along a line stretching from Houston Intercontinental Airport to Barker Dam. A total of 7.47 inches fell at Houston Intercontinental Airport. Of this total, 1.05 inches fell within a 5-minute period, and 6.25 inches fell within a 2-hour period. Both amounts exceed the previous all time annual records of 0.64 inch and 6.05 inches for the 5-minute and 2-hour time intervals, respectively, established at the downtown National Weather Service Office location. A total of 7.55 inches fell at the Houston Independent Heights raingage, while an unofficial storm maximum of 9.50 inches was measured from a catch in a 5-gal. car, at 9346 Sunnywood Drive.
									White Oak, Brickhouse, Hunting and Greens Bayous and Turkey Creek all flooded their banks at places. The Kenwood and Oakwood sections of north Houston were the worst flooded. An estimated 700 persons were evacuated from these areas. High water also flooded the Chateau Forest, Arbor Oaks, Inwood Forest, Thornwood II, Acres Homes and the Spring additions. An estimated 1500 homes suffered flood damage. Heavy rains pushed water into fifty thousand dollar homes next to a new townhouse project along Langham Creek in the Memorial area. In some portions of the Memorial area, families reported as much as two feet of water in their homes, but there was no mass evacuation of this area. The flooding continued through the 21st as a result of backed-up water in the bayous.
									On the 20th, a total of 6.00 inches fell between 3:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. at the U. S. Geological Survey gage at Greens Bayou and U. S. Highway 75. A storm total of 3.31 inches was recorded at the National Weather Service Office downtown, and 4.44 inches fell at the NWSU site, one-half mile away.
									Numerous small tornadoes accompanied the storm system; these are reported separately in this issue. Agricultural damage was relatively minor and confined largely to truck-farms.
TEXAS (continued)									
Aspermont, Stonewall County	23	6:00 p- 6:45 p.	5	*1 1/2	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm, High winds
									Hail, averaging one inch in diameter fell at the Airport at Aspermont. Largest stones were 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Mostly small hail fell at Aspermont. High winds accompanying the storm blew over several cotton trailers and blew off a small portion of the roof of a garage. Large hail was reported at Old Glory, 10 miles east of Aspermont. Some hail was reported in eastern Stonewall County also, and in the Jayton area of Kent County.
10 SE Cisco, Eastland County	23	8:45 p.							Funnel aloft
Near Garland, Dallas County	24	2:00 a.	?	?	0	3	5	0	Windstorm
									Thunderstorm winds overturned about 10 mobile homes in the Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, owned by Bill Hackett, located about five miles northeast of Rowlett in the Liberty Grove community. Several persons suffered minor injuries, none serious.
1/2 W Kaufman, Kaufman County	24	5:10 p- 5:15 p.	2	200	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A tornado dipped down on the Lone Star community, four miles west of Kaufman, where it destroyed a vacant house, two mobile homes and deroofed several other buildings.
									"The thin, looping, white-colored" tornado hung menacingly above the Kaufman area for about 12 minutes before dropping down to the Little Brushy Creek bottom near FM 4578. Kaufman residents watched as "the ribbon coil arched above the city, spreading what appeared to be about four to six miles from its source in the clouds to its pendulum-actoned tail".
									The tornado picked up a mobile home owned by Jack Taylor and scattered pieces of it 700 yards away. The Vincent house, which was vacant, was blown away without a trace. The only other severely damaged residence in the Lone Star community was the mobile home belonging to E. S. Gallagos. The tornado dipped in one of its whip-like attacks at the ground and severed the top ten inches of the mobile home. Other barns, houses and buildings suffered roof damage in the storm.
10 NE Dallas, Dallas County	24	2:00 a.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Windstorm
									Several mobile homes damaged by high thunderstorm winds.
Near Caddo Mills, Hunt County	24	2:30 a.			0	0	4	0	Lightning
									Lightning struck a house on Farm Road 36 near Caddo Mills. The house was destroyed by fire started by the lightning.
San Antonio, Bexar County	24	6:00 p- 6:10 p.	1	*1/2	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm
									Hail, averaging three-quarters inch in diameter, fell in the Hollywood Park area on the northern edge of San Antonio. Largest stones were one inch in diameter. Damage was minor.
Rockdale, Milan County	24	6:00 p- 6:30 p.	?	?	0	0	5	0	Hailstorm
									Hail, averaging one inch in diameter, fell in all parts of Rockdale, but was heaviest in the western part of the city. Gardens, shrubs, roofs of houses, and a few automobiles suffered some damage. Largest stones were two to three inches in diameter.
									The hail storm produced some freak hailstone shapes - some rolls a few inches long, some "very peculiar" shapes, and slivers of ice.
Deport and vicinity, Lamar County	24	6:25 p- 6:35 p.	8	?	0	1	5	4	Hailstorm
									Hailstones 1 1/3 to 4 inches in diameter, bombarded Deport and the surrounding communities of Fulbright, Mosely, Whitehall, Rugby and Lone Oak, in what residents described as the worst hailstorm to hit this area in a generation. The hail, coming from a southwesterly direction, fell in chunks. On roofs and car-tops, it sounded like bricks dropped from clouds, according to witnesses. One woman was slightly injured, when struck on the head by a hailstone, as were some livestock. There was almost no wind with the storm. Housetops, windows and automobile windshields were damaged. Roofs of several business houses were damaged extensively.
									Mrs. William Evans said the hail beat holes in their roof and that they watched pieces of shingles fly through the air. There was some water damage inside their home.
Dimebox, Lee County	24	8:00 p- 8:10 p.	1/2	500	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm
									Hail, ranging in size from 1/4 to 1 3/4 inches in diameter damaged gardens in Dimebox. There was little damage outside the town.
Wall, Tom Green County	26	2:00 p.							Funnel aloft
Billess, Tarrant County	26	2:00 p- 2:15 p.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm

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Boaque County	26	3:00 p. 3:15 p.	20	3/4 inch	0	0	4	3	Hailstorm, high wind	
				1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter, caused only minor damage.						
				Hail, averaging one inch in diameter, fell in a four mile strip across Bosque County from about Cranfills Gap to Whitney. Largest stones were 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Some minor damage was caused by the hail and by high winds that accompanied the storm.						
Eastern portion Hill County	26	3:12 p.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail up to 2 1/2 inches in diameter. There were no reports of heavy damage.						
Richardson, Dallas-Collin Counties	26	3:40 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm	
				Hailstones up to two inches in diameter fell in Richardson. No heavy damage was reported.						
20 N Dallas, Collin County	26	3:55 p.							Funnel aloft	
25 N Dallas, Collin County	26	3:57 p.							Funnel aloft	
2 SE Hensley Field, Tarrant County	26	4:01 p.							Funnel aloft	
10 SE Dallas, Dallas County	26	4:05 p.							Funnel aloft	
E Dallas, Dallas County	26	4:30 p.	?	?	0	0	0	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail up to one inch in diameter fell in the Whitestock Lake area just east of Dallas. There were no reports of any damage.						
Hillsboro, Hill County	26	4:30 p. 4:45 p.	6	100	0	2	5	0	Tornado	
				A small tornado cut a swath about 100 yards wide across Hillsboro and injured two persons. Property damage was estimated at 310 thousand dollars. The tornado moved from southwest to northeast at about 15 miles per hour. The tornado first touched down at the intersection of Lowrey and Hedge Streets, knocking the Melvin Whitt home 40 feet off its foundation. It next jumped to the vicinity of East Walnut and East Elm Streets where it proceeded in an easterly direction for three or four blocks before jumping a block north to Franklin Street and continuing northeast. It then jumped to the 300 block of Craig Street and Smith Street where it unroofed two homes and overturned a mobile home. The tornado then lifted and came back down in the 400 block of Corsicana Street. From there it touched down briefly at the Hillsboro Country Club Golf Course on number 2 green, then dissipated.						
				Charles F. Hunter, DPS regional liaison officer, said the bottom end of the visible funnel traveled at about one-story roof top level. Two two-story homes lost their roofs and part of the second story.						
				The injured were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith of 512 South Covington who were cut by flying glass.						
				The tornado knocked several homes off their foundations, unroofed others, damaged several mobile homes, and caused heavy glass and awning damage in the downtown area. Damage was mostly concentrated in a strip from Abernathy, Lowrey and Line Streets, on the west side of Hillsboro, through the heart of the downtown area, and East Elm, Franklin, Craig, Smith and Corsicana Streets.						
				The Melvin Whitt home at 173 Lowrey, on the west side of Hillsboro, was moved 40 feet off its foundation and set down in two sections. Whitt said, "Everything fell off the walls. It knocked us down and we couldn't stand up. All we could hear was the wind. My wife and I were in the kitchen when it hit and everything just hit the floor."						
				Whitt didn't know his house had been moved until he stepped outside.						
				"I really didn't feel anything", he said.						
2 SW Penelope, Hill County	26	5:00 p.	1/2	10	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
				A small tornado touched down about two miles southwest of Penelope where it blew a mobile home over on its top, and destroyed a barn on a nearby farm. The mobile home belonged to Jerry Holub.						
5 NE Mexia, Limestone County	26	7:00 p.							Funnel aloft	
Fairfield, Freestone County	26	7:00 p. 7:25 p.	?	?	0	0	3	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail fell in the Fairfield area, but caused only minor damage. Hailstones averaged one-half inch in diameter, with largest stones one inch in diameter.						
Near Blooming Grove, Navarro County	27	2:50 p. 3:15 p.	1/16	40	0	0	3	0	Tornado, funnel aloft	

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TEXAS (continued)										
									A funnel cloud which stayed aloft except for one brief moment, touched down once in the Lone Oak community, about five miles north of Blooming Grove, and destroyed a barn. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. A second funnel did not touch ground. A witness reported that he was close enough to the tornado to "see the swirl of the clouds around the funnel". The tornado moved from west to east.	
Navarro County	27	3:45 p. 4:00 p.	20	*20	0	0	5	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail fell throughout most sections of Navarro County. Hailstones averaged about 3/4 inch in diameter, but largest stones were 2 inches in diameter. The large hail was reported in the Angus community. No heavy damage was reported, although some automobiles were dented by the hail.						
Talco, Titus County	27	4:00 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm	
				Hailstones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter fell at Talco, 10 miles north-northwest of Mount Pleasant. No extensive damage was reported.						
12 E Waco, McLennan County	27	4:00 p.	?	?	0	0	0	0	Hailstorm	
				Hailstones up to two inches in diameter fell in an area 12 miles east of Waco. There was no report of any damage.						
12 W Marlin, Falls County	27	4:38 p.							Funnel aloft	
10 S Waco, McLennan County	27	4:40 p.							Funnel aloft	
Marlin, Falls County	27	5:15 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail, up to one inch in diameter, fell in Marlin. No heavy damage was reported.						
10 NW Henderson, Rusk County	28	3:30 p.							Funnel aloft	
Angelina County	28	4:29 p.	15	150	0	13	6	4	Tornado, hail, rain	
				A tornado cut a path of destruction through a rural area of Angelina County southeast of Lufkin, where it injured 13 persons and caused property damage estimated at 3 million dollars. The path of damage was about 15 miles long and varied from 100 to 200 yards in width. The most severe destruction occurred in the vicinity of Fuller Springs, Homer, Huntington and Harmony Hill. The greatest property loss was at the Lufkin Industrial Trailer Division nine miles southeast of Lufkin on U. S. 69.						
				The tornado first touched down on the edge of Fuller Springs, although it did little damage there. It traveled from west to east. From Fuller Springs, the tornado continued through Homer where damage was substantial, then crossed U. S. 69 and bounced over the top of the trailer plant. The tornado ripped the roof from most of the trailer plant building which covers eight and one-half acres and the building sustained extensive water damage. Approximately 40 trailers, some valued at over \$10,000 were damaged. Total loss to Lufkin Industries was estimated at 2 million dollars. From the trailer plant, the tornado traveled due east, passed within one half mile of Huntington and proceeded along FM 328. The tornado finally dissipated approximately five miles west of Hanks Creek on San Rayburn Lake.						
				The Angelina County Civil Defense Director reported 12 homes totally destroyed, nine mobile homes destroyed, 20 homes severely damaged, two churches destroyed, one church severely damaged, and at least eight homes sustained moderate damage. Several other buildings and vehicles were severely damaged. Damage to Texas Power and Light Company property was estimated at 50 thousand dollars. A total of 29 of the company's poles were knocked down.						
				An estimated 700 to 1000 acres of pulpwood-sized pine and hardwood trees were damaged or destroyed. Total destruction of the trees was confined to about 500 acres.						
				At Huntington, the wood frame home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lacey, both about 80, was demolished.						
				"I ran to the back (of the house) to open windows, and I stood there and watched my bathroom go sailing out in the field. Then the roof came off", Lacey said.						
				The bathtub landed in a field about 100 yards away from the house. Other fixtures, pieces of wood and sheet metal and household furnishings were strewn hundreds of yards away, whipped back in the direction from which the tornado came.						
				The tornado passed just north of the Angelina County Airport. Federal Aviation Agency personnel described the storm as, "one boiling, swirling mass with a green center". Hail and heavy rain accompanied the storm. Hailstones averaged 1 1/2 inches in diameter; largest stones were 2 1/2 inches in diameter.						
Coldspring, San Jacinto County	28	5:30 p. 6:30 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hailstorm	
				Hail, averaging one inch in diameter, fell at Coldspring. Largest hailstones were 1 3/4 inches in diameter. Generally damage was minor. A few automobiles suffered chipped windshields.						

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TEXAS (continued)									
Near Lake Livingston, Polk County	28	5:45 p.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Windstorm
			Four mobile homes near Lake Livingston were destroyed or heavily damaged.						
UTAH									
Salt Lake County	18	Aftn.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Strong winds associated with the passage of an active cold front blew down the walls of a new business Mall, which is under construction in South Salt Lake County, causing damage in excess of \$20,000.						
VERMONT									
State	2-3				0	0	4	0	Glaze, lightning
			Freezing rain glazed roads, trees and wires in many areas, with a report of ice two inches thick in Bristol. Falling limbs caused some damage. Very hazardous travel and many school and other activities were cancelled. Scattered thunderstorms during the night, but little lightning damage.						
Central and South	15				0	0	4	0	Snow
			Heavy snow, mostly 5 to 15 inches, caused delayed and hazardous travel and cancellation of many scheduled activities.						
VIRGINIA ISLANDS									
None reported									
VIRGINIA									
Clarke County	2,3				0	0	3	0	Wind
			High winds associated with a thunderstorm late on the 2nd and early on the 3rd demolished a barn and a well house on Route 622 near the Shenandoah River.						
Near Fredericksburg	22	12:15 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			One inch hail and 68 knot winds were reported.						
East	30	Morning			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hail occurred at several locations on the Lower and Middle Peninsulas. One daffodil grower reported about \$1000 crop damage. Hail described as golf ball size and also as 3/4 inch in diameter fell on Gloucester.						
WASHINGTON									
West of Cascades	5-6						5	4	Wind, Flood, Slides
			Winds and heavy precipitation brought five western Washington rivers to above flood stage with the resultant flooding of lowlands. Heavy precipitation caused considerable flooding in many other areas due to inadequate drainage and debris-plugged drains. Five homes were destroyed by earthslides and Cascade mountain passes were closed from 12 to 48 hours by snowslides. A car containing three people was buried by snow at Snoqualmie Pass for 1 hour and 40 minutes, but a safe rescue was conducted. Wind gusts of 40 to 60 m.p.h. were recorded but with minimal damage.						
East of Cascades	6						4	3	Wind
			Gusts to 61 m.p.h. were reported at Hanford and gusts to 75 m.p.h. in the Ephrata area. At Ephrata, trees were downed, roofs damaged, signs smashed and there were numerous utility outages. 100 sheets of 5/8" plywood were carried for distances of 2 blocks in Pasco and a car, a house and a fence were damaged.						
King and Thurston counties; Entiat Valley	12-19						5	3	Earth slides
			Further rain soaked earth slides continued on the 12th with one home damaged, a second endangered on the Lake Washington and Burlington-Northern railroad tracks were covered. On the 17th, the Winthrop-Mazama highway was closed by slides and 4 vehicles were trapped. Sliding and slides in the Entiat Valley resulted in a drinking water shortage. At Eld Inlet in Thurston County, five homes were damaged by slides on the 19th.						
Seattle	24						5	3	Wind
			A gale lashed the Seattle area on the 24th with wind gusts to 60 m.p.h. recorded on the Evergreen Point floating bridge. Two barges and a 75-ton crane were sunk off Beach Drive SW. (S of Alki Point). The equipment was valued at \$250,000. A late season snowfall dumped several inches of snow on the outskirts of Everett at the same time.						
WEST VIRGINIA									
None reported									
WISCONSIN									
Entire State	1								Snow
			Heavy snow from west-central to northeastern Wisconsin. Lighter snows, freezing rain, sleet and hail, accompanied by thunder, across southeast half of state. Many injuries due to slips on icy pavements. Also many cars in ditches. Some wires down throughout SE Wisconsin.						
Northwest half	3								Snow
			Heavy snow across northwest half of state. Some buildings collapsed from heavy snow loads.						
Northeast half	7								Snow
			Light snowfall blown about by strong winds cause near zero visibility and many auto accidents.						
WISCONSIN (continued)									
Southeast half	13								Snow
			Heavy snow in southeastern Wisconsin. Strong winds cause considerable drifting along Lake Michigan shores.						
Southeast half	29								Snow
			Heavy snow from southcentral to north-eastern Wisconsin. Several heart attacks attributed to shoveling of snow.						
WYOMING									
Statewide	6	Mid Morn- to late Afternoon			0	0	6	0	Windstorm
			Very high winds across the State began mid morning, peaking at noon with gusts to 100 miles per hour, decreasing by late afternoon. Much damage, especially in Lander, to buildings, windows, cars, trucks, trees, signs, aircraft, hangars, winter wheat fields, etc.						
FLORIDA									
Pensacola	02	9:00a.	1/2	200	0	0	3	0	Tornado
			A tornado touched down in downtown Pensacola and flying debris hit a power transformer, damaged the roof of an office building and smashed a plate glass showcase at a shoe store. No actual damage estimate available. No one was injured. Estimated damage \$5,000.						
Near Jay 25 NNE Pensacola	02	9:35a.	2	500	0	0	4	0	Tornado, Winds, Rain
			When this tornado touched down probably the hardest hit was Austin Machine Works, where the roof was lifted off and heavy rains damaged the buildings' contents, including tools and office equipment. A police report showed an estimate of damage as \$10,000 to the roof and \$8,000 to the contents. A gas station near the machine works was hit by part of the fly away roof and sustained about \$100.00 worth of damage to the service station's roof and an additional \$125.00 in damage to a truck parked nearby. A Food Store was forced to close for the day after high winds lifted off part of the roof and drove the heavy rains into the rest of the ceiling causing it to fall in chunks. A six foot chain link fence in front of the store was flattened. At a Piggly Wiggly Store two large plate glass windows were shattered and a third cracked and part of an air conditioning unit on the roof of the store was bent. A mobile home suffered extensive damage. A furniture company had part of its roof blown off. The manager estimated about 1/3 of the roof and 1/3 of the store was damaged. Also rain leaking through the shattered roof damaged part of his stock. No exact estimate of the damage was available. The glass was broke out of one of the front doors of a Savings and Loan Association. Estimated total damage at least \$20,000.						
5 SE Apalachicola	02	12:20p.							Waterspout
E of Mariana Jackson Co.	02	abt. 12:30p.			2	0	0	0	Winds
			Two men drowned when high winds capsized their boat.						
10 NE Fort St. Joe 15 NW Apalachicola	02	1:30p.	1	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado
			This tornado started as a waterspout and came inland. It took the roof and back porch off a house and the porch roof off of a motel next to the damaged house. No injuries were reported. Estimated damage \$5,000.						
8 SE Ft. Lauderdale	03	3:05p.							Funnel aloft
3 N Crassy Key 58 EWS Key West	03	3:16p.							Waterspout
Peabroke Pines Near Ft. Lauderdale	04	2:59p.	2	500	0	6	5	0	Tornado
			At least six persons were injured, none seriously, when a tornado touched down in a retirement area. 134 homes were actually damaged, 44 of them considered severely damaged. The damage was estimated at approximately \$100,000.						
Near Ft. Lauderdale Near Plantation	05	2:30p.							Funnel aloft
7 N Crestview Okaloosa Co.	08	5:45a.	1/4	100	0	3	3	0	Tornado
			The roof of one house was lifted and three family members were injured when their trailer was destroyed by a tornado.						
Greenwood Jackson Co.	16	afternoon	5	300	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			A tornado touched down at about one mile intervals destroying a dairy barn, tearing a porch off a house and destroying a mobile home. No injuries were reported. Damage estimated at \$15,000.						
Fort St. Joe	16	10:15p.							Funnel aloft
			A funnel cloud was spotted over Fort St. Joe heading North.						

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FLORIDA (continued)									
Crestview	18	afternoon			0	0	0	0	Hail - 1 3/4"
Panama City	18	8:45p.			0	0	0	0	Hail - about 3"
10 E Opa Locka 15 ENE Miami	20	6:30p.							Waterspout
10 NE Tampa	21	6:30p.							Funnel aloft (2)
Statewide	28-31								Widespread Storms
20 NW Panama City	28	8:05a.	1/2	20	0	0	1	0	Tornado
Altha Liberty Co.	28	8:45a.	1	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Milton Santa Rosa Co.	28	a.m.	1/2	50	0	1	4	0	Tornado
Crestview Okaloosa Co.	28	a.m.			0	1	0	0	Lightning
Gonzalez Escambia Co.	28	a.m.			0	0	2	0	Hail
Vnty Panama City	28	a.m.			0	0	4	0	Lightning
4 W Blountstown Calhoun Co.	28	9:13a.			0	1	4	0	Wind
Marianna Jackson Co.	28	a.m.			0	1	4	0	Wind
Tallahassee Airport	28	10:25a.			0	0	4	0	Wind
Tallahassee	28	10:30a.	1/4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Tallahassee	28	10:37a.			0	1	3	0	Wind
10 W Tallahassee	28	10:45a.	1/4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Tallahassee	28	11:00a.							Funnel aloft
Live Oak Suwannee Co.	28	11:30a.			0	2	5	3	Wind
Gainesville	28	afternoon			0	20	3	0	Wind
FLORIDA (continued)									
Bradford and Clay Counties	28	abt. 1:00p.			0	0	5	3	Wind
Keystone Heights Clay Co.	28	afternoon	3	20	0	0	3	0	Waterspout-Tornado
7 S Starke Bradford Co.	28	afternoon	4	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
15 W St. Augustine	28	2:30p.	1/2	20	0	0	2	0	Tornado
5 W Pensacola	29	12:15p.							Funnel aloft
10 NW Pensacola	29	12:50p.	1/4	20	0	0	2	0	Tornado
Panama City	29	12:55p.							Funnel aloft
Freeport Walton Co.	29	1:00p.			0	0	4	0	Hail
1 S Monticello Jefferson Co.	29	3:25p.			0	0	2	0	Hail
Jacksonville	29	p.m.			0	0	4	0	Lightning
25 S Live Oak Suwannee Co.	29	6:40p.	1/4	20	0	0	2	0	Tornado
Brooksville	31	4:15a.	1/4	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado
Plymouth 17 NW Orlando	31	4:30p.	1/2	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Apopka Near Orlando	31	5:00a.	1/4	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Longwood Near Orlando	31	5:00a.	1/4	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
North Orlando	31	5:15a.	1/4	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado
Bayport 33 NW Tampa	31	5:24a.							Waterspout
Pinellas County	31	5:45a.			0	2	6	0	Wind
10 W Orlando	31	6:00a.			0	0	3	3	Hail
Tampa	31	6:11a.	1/4	30	0	4	5	0	Tornado

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FLORIDA (continued)										
			in damage was caused when a tornado struck the Holiday Mobile Park near Mac Dill AFB. Twenty trailers were destroyed or damaged.							
Altenhurst Brevard Co.	31	6:30a.	1	100	0	1	5	3	Tornado	
			\$100,000 damage mainly to a poultry farm and a fish camp. Damage to orange groves near \$5,000. One man slightly injured.							
Kennedy Space Center	31	6:36a.	2	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
			Tornado moved across northern portion of rocket complex destroying 3 buildings. Gusts to 58 m.p.h. reported at Space Center.							
Brandon	31	abt. 7:00a.	1	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
			4 to 6 homes were badly damaged at the Gulf Park Trailer Park. Observers heard noises like a jet engine. Damage estimated about \$25,000.							
10 SE Murdock 29 ENE Ft. Myers	31	9:13a.			0	0	0	0	Hail	
			Golf ball size hail was sighted. No damage reported.							
Okechobee City	31	11:05a.							Funnel aloft	
Lake Istokpoga Highlands Co.	31	11:42a.			0	0	0	0	Hail	
			Public reported hail to 1 3/4" diameter. No damage reported.							
Vnty New Smyrna Beach	31	daytime			0	1	2	0	Wind	
			Girl, 12, camping with family just south of New Smyrna Beach suffered a broken arm and other injuries when a canvas camper overturned.							
Vnty Pahokee Palm Co.	31	daytime			0	1	3	0	Wind	
			A woman received minor injuries and a possible broken leg when the wind slammed into her trailer at the Glades Correctional Institution Trailer Park.							
Loxahatchee Palm Bch Co.	31	3:00p.	1/2	50	0	0	3	2	Tornado	
			One house trailer turned over and minor damage to trees.							
NEW JERSEY										
Burlington County	22	3:30p.			0	0	2	0	Funnel Cloud, Hail	
			A funnel cloud was reported to have touched the ground for about 15 seconds around 20 miles south of Pemberton. A few trees were uprooted. Hail 1/4 inch in diameter was reported at McGuire AFB at the same time.							
Cape May	22	3:30p.			0	0	0	0	High winds and Hail	
			Winds estimated at 75 m.p.h. accompanied by hail occurred along the ferry route between Cape May, N. J. and Lewes, Delaware.							
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Greenville, Aiken and Anderson Counties	2	Late Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Wind	
			Wind speeds of 64 miles per hour were measured in Greenville and widespread minor damage was done in several areas as a squall line moved through the state. Trees were downed, power outages occurred, some damage was done to a light airplane and two cars were demolished by trees falling on them in the Greenville area. Nearby Greer had a similar experience and two homes were damaged. Princeton which lies on the southern border of Greenville County, had a garage blown down and wind damage to a grocery store. Aiken also had wind damage with two farm buildings being blown down. Also considerable tree and limb damage and brief power outages. Saylor's Cross Roads, about 10 miles southeast of Anderson had trees downed, small buildings damaged or destroyed and some mobile homes moved off of their foundation but did not tip over.							
York County	21	12:30 a.			0	1	3	0	Wind	
			A trailer was overturned in the town of Clover by strong winds. Three persons were trapped inside. One, a five year old child, was thrown halfway through a window and was stuck there. A pole and a tank kept one edge of the trailer about two feet off the ground or the child would have been crushed. She was treated for cuts and bruises at a hospital and released. Her parents, although trapped inside, were not injured.							
Orangeburg County	22	12:30 a.	3	75	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
			A small tornado touched down one mile northwest of the town of Santee and moved northeastward along a three-mile path. A small house was moved 5 feet, two houses lost their roofs, trees were felled and broken along the path. There was heavy rain and lightning and a loud roar was reported.							
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