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PLACE	DATE	TIME - LOCAL STANDARD	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM	
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ALABAMA			SEE	END OF	TABLE					
ALASKA			NONE	REPORTED						
ARIZONA										
Phoenix	11	8:00 p.				0	0	4	0	Wind
			Strong winds accompanying a thunderstorm tore off portions of the clubhouse roof, and the roofs of several barns, at Turf Paradise racetrack. A number of plate glass windows were shattered by the wind and several racehorses were killed.							
ARKANSAS			NONE	REPORTED						
CALIFORNIA										
Southern California South Coast Basin and Coastal area	10 and 11					11	unk	7		Heavy rain and wind
			These two days stand out as especially damaging in terms of wind and flood during a nine (9) day period in which considerable rain fell on southern California. Rainfall totals were light along the immediate coast (1-2 inches), but were much heavier in coastal valleys (3-7 inches), and extremely heavy in the San Gabriel Mountains (e.g., 12 inches at Mt. Wilson and Mt. Baldy). The storm was accompanied by unusually strong winds; for example, at 4 a.m. on the 11th, Newport Beach was reporting steady 40-knot winds. Many inland areas received equally strong winds. Mudslides and earthslides were numerous closing many roads and highways. The most severe slide occurred when a portion of California 1 gave way five miles south of Big Sur. Hundreds of persons were stranded in floodwaters or snow from the storm. High winds uprooted some 200 trees in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego County. In Pasadena, a segment of an uncompleted freeway bridge collapsed. Between the 6th and 11th 3 persons drowned, one died in a slide, and 7 died in auto accidents. During the morning of the 11th, violent rain squalls with thunder and hail struck many areas, especially the coastal and intermediate valleys of the Los Angeles Basin. At 9:00 a.m. Arlington Field in Riverside reported gusts to 57 m.p.h. accompanying thunderstorms. On the morning of the 11th, Mt. Wilson reported 6 inches of rain during a 6-hour period.							
San Joaquin Valley	14							5		Hail and Thunderstorms
			Thunderstorms and associated large hail reportedly to 1 1/2 inches in the Delhi damaged 350 acres of peaches and 600 acres of almonds. An estimated 40-60% of the bloom and bud were damaged on 8 sections of land and nearly 10% damage on an additional 10 sections. Damage is near \$325,000.00.							
10 mi South of Santa Ana	12	1750p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Funnel Cloud
32.7N 117.2W (NXY)	13	0800p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Water Spout
36.3N 119.4W (NLC)	14	1431p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Funnel Cloud
37.3N 120.5W (MER)	14	1646p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Funnel Cloud
32.7N 117.2W (NXY)	15	1030p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Water Spout
COLORADO			NONE	REPORTED						
CONNECTICUT			SEE	END OF	TABLE					
DELAWARE			NO	STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE						
FLORIDA										
Venty Cedar Key Lewis Air Port	01	10:00a								Funnel aloft
5 S Stuart Port Salerno	09	11:28p	2	30	0	1	5	0		Tornado
			A tornado ripped through two sections of Port Salerno just before midnight demolishing a church, twisting off roofs on houses and an apartment building and snapping power lines and trees along its path. The Horsehoe Point Pioneer Clubhouse was also demolished. Authorities estimated damages to be about \$100,000 to all the buildings except to the apartment building which suffered about \$200,000 damage. Residents heard roaring like a freight train and felt vacuum. Hospital reports only one person was treated for injuries. Tornado moved eastward.							
Offshore of Port St. Joe	13	10:20p								Waterspout
GEORGIA										
Statewide	1-2					0	0	6	c	Heavy Rains
			Heavy rains caused widespread damage to roads, bridges, farm ponds, farm land and other property. The 24-hour total exceeded an inch over most of the State but the area of heaviest rain was over a one or two county wide strip extending northeastward from Early County to Burke County. Totals in this area ranged from 3 inches to over 5 inches. The observer at Dublin reported a storm total of 5.63 inches and damage in Laurens County alone was estimated at one-half million dollars. Homes and business property were damaged in several communities by overflowing streams.							
Warrenton, near	2	3:30 a.	1	50	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			Storm moved through a rural area about four miles northwest of Warrenton. Trees were uprooted and twisted off and farm buildings were damaged. Moved eastward.							
Thomson, near	2	3:30 a.	1	50	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			This storm hit 3 miles northeast of Thomson at about the same time, or possibly a little later, as the one above. Several chicken houses were flattened, barns were damaged and trees were blown down. Moved eastward.							
Lee County	8	5:40 p.	1/4	20	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			State Patrolman reported that his car was picked up and spun around on U. S. Highway 82, about 10 miles northwest of Albany. As the storm moved away he saw trees being topped by the wind. Moved eastward.							
Worth County	8	6:30 p.	2	500	0	5	5	0		Tornado
			Storm moved eastward through the Red Rock and Antioch Communities about 7 miles northwest of Sylvester. Three mobile homes and 2 frame houses were demolished. A grocery store, a church and a mobile home were heavily damaged. Farm buildings were blown away and trees were uprooted. Two people were carried through the air about 50 yards as their mobile home disintegrated.							
Central and South	9-10					?	?	7	0	Snowstorm
			A snowstorm of unprecedented magnitude and intensity hit central and south Georgia on the 9th and 10th. It began as sleet and freezing rain in west central sections during the early morning hours of the 9th, but soon changed to snow and spread rapidly across the State, reaching the eastern border before noon. The snow continued through the afternoon and night of the 9th. It ended in the west early on the 10th but continued in the east and southeast through most of the day. Depths reached 18 inches in parts of 2 or 3 west central counties and falls of 14 inches or more were reported over a 40 to 70 mile wide belt across the middle of the State, centered roughly from Columbus to Macon to Augusta. Amounts decreased sharply north of this area but more gradually to the south. Over 3 inches fell in Savannah and an inch or more was measured in southwest and south central border counties. Practically all previous snowfall records were broken over central and south Georgia. Damage was extensive in the area of heaviest snow as hundreds of chicken houses, carpools, sheds and awnings collapsed under the added weight. Several industrial plants and business buildings suffered roof and equipment damage. Interruptions in utility service occurred in several areas where freezing rain occurred but this was not a major problem over most of the area. Pine trees suffered heavy damage in some areas from ice accumulation. All major highways and other roads were either closed or became extremely hazardous in the heavy snow area and traffic was almost completely halted. Hundreds of stranded motorists were rescued or assisted by the State Patrol, Civil Defense and National Guard Units. There were numerous injuries and 3 traffic deaths were indirectly attributed to the storm.							
HAWAII										
Keawakapu Beach, Maui	8	11:30 a.				0	4	2	0	Dust devil
			3 persons suffered minor injuries when they were knocked down by flying furniture and debris as a dust devil swept through beach area toward the ocean. 1 person thrown into thorny trees sustained cut on leg. Some water reported sucked out from pool, personal belongings of swimmers lost and furniture smashed.							
IDAHO										
ILLINOIS										
INDIANA										
Beverly Shores	4-24	E.S.T.				0	0	4	0	Wind
			Record high water in Lake Michigan and off lake winds caused the abandonment of two homes along the shore, one of which toppled into the Lake. Eight other houses are endangered. Beach erosion bad. Shore-line roads are severely damaged.							

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IOWA			NONE	REPORTED					
KANSAS Central third	1				0	0	4	0	Ice, Snow, Wind
			An intense winter storm moved northeast through eastern Kansas, bringing a variety of weather. A combination of snow, ice, and wind caused damage to utility lines in Barton, Russell and scattered other counties.						
KENTUCKY			NONE	REPORTED					
LOUISIANA Avoyelles Parish	1	2:00a.			0	2	4	0	Hail, wind
			Several mobile homes and a barn damaged at Brouillette. One trailer home flipped completely over, but occupants only slightly injured. Hail of 3/4 inch diameter accompanied storm.						
St. Charles Parish	8	11:01a.							Waterspout
			Pilot report, near east shore Lake Salvador.						
Southern half of State	8-9				0	0	5	0	Snow, sleet, glaze
			Snow, sleet and freezing rain developed west portion late on 8th, and overspread southern portions on 9th. Measurable amounts, 0.5 to 3.0 inches, reported from Jennings-Bunice area eastward to Florida Parishes and New Orleans metropolitan area. This marked first occasion during past 80 years with two measurable accumulations of snow during a single season for this region. Schools closed many localities. Roads and highways impassable or very hazardous. All Mississippi River bridges south of Vidalia-Natchez closed for varying periods. Fuel shortages again curtailed some business and industry.						
Red River Parish	13	11:55a.			0	0	?	0	Hail, lightning
			Hail 1 1/4 in. in diameter fell 7 miles southeast of Coushatta. Accompanying lightning damaged trees.						
Southern Parishes	17	Afternoon							Sleet
			Brief periods of sleet reported throughout region from Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes eastward to Lafourche, St. John, and Tangipahoa Parishes. No accumulations.						
MAINE State	2-3				0	0	4	0	Glaze, wind, rain
			Freezing rain caused glare ice on roads, resulting in many vehicle and pedestrian accidents. Falling ice-laden limbs caused local damage. Many schools closed. Glaze in morning of 2nd in south but continued into the 3rd in extreme north. Progressive warming from the south changed precipitation to plain rain, with storm totals from about 1 to over 2 inches. Local flooding and washouts. Scattered wind damage.						
Southwest	8	a.m.			0	0	0	0	Glaze
			Roads became very slippery, with accidents resulting.						
MARYLAND			NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE						
MASSACHUSETTS State	2				0	0	5	0	Glaze, rain, wind
			Freezing rain began late on 1st and became serious the morning of the 2nd until warming progressed northward over the State followed by heavy rain, with storm totals up to over 2 inches. Variable ice coating thickness up to near one inch in places. Roads and walks extremely hazardous with hundreds of accidents, both vehicular and pedestrian. Several hospitals each treated 20 or more injuries from falling. Most schools and many other activities were cancelled. Many sections of roads closed as too hazardous or by accident pile-ups. Much flooding from heavy rain. Roads in the Natick-Sudbury area were flooded up to 3 ft. deep. Many road washouts, with one 18 ft. deep in the Greenfield area. Many cellars flooded. Wind blew down ice-laden limbs down, causing utility outages and other damage. A limb struck an auto in Brockton. Wind damaged a Brockton school roof. Many windows blown out.						
Coastal and Cape Cod	11-12				1	1	5	0	Wind, snow, blizzard
			Heavy snowfall of limited extent, beginning south of Boston and reaching 4 to 8 inches on Cape Cod and the Islands where drifts were up to 4 to 6 ft. Blizzard conditions at times on the Cape and Islands. Many schools closed. Wind and high surf swept one person to her death at Hull. A fishing boat offshore of the Cape sank with crew rescued with one seaman injured.						
MICHIGAN Detroit, Wayne County	15	2 pm			0	0	4	0	Winds
			A Detroit hospital expansion wing had a section of the 4th and 5th floor steel structure toppled by high winds. Because of the bad weather, only a few men were working in the area.						
MINNESOTA Southern One-Half of State	13th to 14th	12:00 a to 12:00 p			0	0	0	0	Heavy snow
			Heavy snows of 4 to 7 inches began about midnight to the early morning hours on the 13th and ended about noon on the 14th. The heavy snows were south of the Madison-St. Cloud-Hinckley line except in the southeast counties. The heavy snows caused some traffic tie ups and minor accidents but generally they were minimal.						
MISSISSIPPI Southern Half of Mississippi	7-10				0	0	?	?	Ice Storm, Sleet, Snow
			A rapid moving cold front pushed through the State on night of 7th to 8th and moved into the northern Gulf. It was followed by colder temperatures and a band of rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow. Temperatures on the 9th did not climb above 32°F except in and near the southernmost counties and for a few interior locations. After 2:00 p.m. on the 8th, rain mixed with sleet was just north of a line from Vicksburg to Philadelphia. By 2:30 p.m., ice was accumulating at Jackson and nearby. By 5:00 p.m., it extended from Vicksburg to Meridian and southward; ice was forming on trees and wires from the Jackson area southward across Crystal Springs and Hazlehurst and by mid-evening bridges and overpasses had been reported iced over from Jackson to south of Brookhaven. By 5:30 a.m. on the 9th, the freezing rain and sleet continued south of a line from Natchez to Quitman. Sleet moved into the Coastal area in the morning and afternoon, and was followed by some snow in the afternoon and evening. After 7:00 p.m., the Bilbixi-Ocean Springs bridge and the Bay St. Louis Bridge were closed. The precipitation ended before midnight of the 9th. In the affected areas schools, most bridges, some businesses, highways and roads were closed; some property damage resulted from falling tree limbs broken off by ice accumulations. After sunrise on the 10th, the sunshine and brisk winds cleared all roads of snow and ice in the southern part of the State. CENTRAL DIVISION: On the 8th, during the afternoon and early night, at Jackson a mixture of ice pellets, light snow, and light freezing rain coated roadways with a thin layer of ice. SOUTHWEST DIVISION: At Centerville, there was an ice storm on the 9th with approximately 1/4 inch of snow on top of the ice. At Brookhaven on the 8th, before 8:30 p.m. ice had begun to accumulate on trees and power lines and there were some power failures; on the 9th before 7:00 p.m., there was 1/2 inch of ice on the ground. SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION: At McComb, there was a sleet and snowfall of 2.0 inches on the 9th; at Tlertown 1.5 inches was on the ground at 7:00 a.m. on the 9th; the Columbia cooperative observer noted, "on the ninth had sleet and ice, 1 to 2 inches deep on ground." SOUTHEAST DIVISION: The Beaumont observer reported it was snowing at 7:00 a.m. of the 9th and noted 3 inches. The State Line observer reported, "sleet and glazed ice, 2 1/2 inches snow" at 7:00 a.m. of 9th. COASTAL DIVISION: Some unofficial reports of precipitation mostly snow on the 9th included; Biloxi, 2 inches; Gulfport, 2-4 inches; Pascagoula, 2-3 inches; at the Jackson Fire Tower (N of Pascagoula) where unofficial precipitation measurements are made at 1:00 p.m., the observer recorded 2.15 inches on the 9th and 5.15 inches on the 10th (both amounts from melted precipitation). The observer said, "The sleet accumulated about 3 inches on the ground and about 3 inches of snow covered it. I measured it with a ruler and it was about 6 inches on the ground on the 10th."						
Jackson County	13-14	Around Midnight	1 1/4	30-80	0	1	3	0	Tornado
			Newspaper noted, "A twister touched down near Old Highway 90 and Seaman Road around midnight Tuesday (13th) . . . and damaged the camper . . . owned by A. V. Duda of Shore Drive in Gulf Hills." At this time movement was reported towards the NW. About 1/2 mile away on south side of Solomon Road, halfway between E. Cedar and S Seaman roads, roof taken off greenhouse and damaged pile of building material on east side of Harry Barnett's house. The tornado reportedly started making a turn to NE as it crossed Solomon Road, and passed on the west side of Charles Turner's house on the north corner of Solomon and Seaman roads. Mr. Turner stated, "I was awake and I could hear it roaring. I opened two doors, one on the south and the other on the east side. All of a sudden it stopped lightning and raining, then it passed over to the west of my house, then it started raining again. To the north of my house about 20 yards, the bushes 8 to 10 feet tall were twisted and tied in knots. Then it turned NE; a big sycamore tree was split and chewed up about 400 yards away on Solomon Road in Wesley Ladnier's yard." Jackson County Patrolman stated, "The trees were in different directions. . . it appeared that the tornado traveled about a third of a mile before lifting. It cut a path about 30 yards wide. The length of the destructive path believed under 1 1/4 miles and the width from 30 to 80 yards with the average about 40 yards. A small house just north of the Turner's house was heavily damaged and man inside was pinned under debris; he received small cuts on right arm. Damages estimated over \$1,000 to house."						
MISSOURI									NONE REPORTED
MONTANA									NONE REPORTED
NEBRASKA									NONE REPORTED
NEVADA									NONE REPORTED

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<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>									
State	2				0	0	4	0	Glaze, rain
Freezing rain began late on the 1st and became serious in the morning of the 2nd, before progressive warming from the south changed the precipitation to just rain. Totals from storm were mostly 1 to 2.5 inches. Glaze ice resulted in many vehicle and pedestrian accidents. Ice-laden limbs fell and cut utility lines and caused other damage. Many schools closed. Street and cellar flooding from heavy rain which continued into the 3rd.									
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>									
Hunterdon County, Tewksbury Township	2	9:30p	3/10	7	0	0	3	0	Tornado
A small tornado touched down in a cornfield, demolished a large barn, tore a limb off a tree, and quickly dissipated.									
Hunterdon County, two miles east of Lebanon	2	9:30p	2/10	8	0	0	2	0	Tornado
A small tornado tore up a fence, overturned an automobile, and scattered considerable debris around a farmhouse.									
Hunterdon County, two miles northwest of Califon	2	9:30p	2/10	8	0	0	2	0	Tornado
A small tornado tore down trees, unroofed a garage, and exploded a wooden spring house in a rural area of Lebanon Township, near Califon.									
Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties	2-3				0	0	4	0	Heavy rains
Heavy rains on the 2nd resulted in flooding in several Central Jersey communities on the 3rd and 4th. Middlesex Borough, East Brunswick, Hillsborough, Bourd Brook and Plainfield were among the hardest hit areas. Evacuations were in a few cases, particularly in East Brunswick.									
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>NEW YORK</b>									
Coastal, lower Hudson Valley	1-2	p.m. to late p.m.							Rain
Very heavy rains of 3.0 to 3.5 inches fell from New York City (Manhattan) northward to Putnam and eastern Orange Counties in lower Hudson Valley. Storm totals of 1.7 to 2.4 inches widespread from Staten Island eastward through Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island. Heaviest amounts occurred on 2nd with 2.98 inches measured at Central Park Observatory, New York City. Street and highway flooding extensive in greater New York City. Local flooding reported in Westchester, Putnam and southern Dutchess Counties.									
Geneva, Ontario County	2	late a.m.					4		Wind
Mobile home being transported on highway was overturned by high winds and heavily damaged. Incident occurred one-half mile east of Geneva.									
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>									
Statewide	2				2	0	6	5	Rain
Rains of two to six inches in 24 hours caused flash flooding of many small streams scattered throughout North Carolina, followed by moderate to severe flooding of main rivers. One man drowned in Yadkin River, one in Neuse. Extensive property damage, most costly in new developments built in flood plains of creeks near larger cities. Water reached two to six feet deep in some houses, stores and warehouses. Hundreds of low-area residents evacuated, business abandoned. Soybeans, corn and cotton still unharvested due to extended wet weather suffered further damage. Pastures and winter grains hurt in low areas.									
Coastal Plain, South-eastern Piedmont	9-10				2	3	6	5	Snow, wind
One to one-and-one-half feet of snow in a little over 24 hours over most of fifteen southeastern counties, tapering off northward and westward to five or six inches Rocky Mount-Raleigh-Wadesboro line and to little or none northwest of Roxboro-Salisbury-Gastonia line. Greatest snow of record extreme southeast. Very windy weather; gusts to 50 miles per hour. Drifts two to six feet deep; some drifts not completely melted two weeks later. Snow mostly dry, and did not stick badly to trees, shrubs and power lines; only a few areas out of power. Many sheds and warehouse roofs broken down by weight of snow, with loss of property from new autos to stored crop commodities. Late harvests further delayed, with additional loss and damage to crops. Aircraft lost in storm crashed in Chowan County; two killed, three seriously injured. Traffic at a standstill one to five days; much closing of schools and businesses. Thousands of tourists stranded; all commercial accommodations overtaxed, many cared for in emergency shelters and private homes. Extensive damage to secondary roads; cost of cleanup and repairs in millions. Same storm—a low pressure area moving through the offshore waters—caused high winds and seas along the coast, with heavy beach erosion. Several beach cottages lost in surf; waterfront hotels and motels damaged.									
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>									
NONE REPORTED									

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<b>OHIO</b>									
Lowell, Washington County	2	12:30p			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
Strong winds tore the roof off a bath house near a swimming pool, knocked over a concrete block wall and badly damaged a refreshment stand and some lockers. No one heard thunder, saw lightning or observed hail. Several trees were downed. Investigation indicated that the damage was not caused by a tornado. Heavy rain accompanied the strong winds.									
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>OREGON</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>									
Mercer County	2	Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Wind
High winds accompanying a thunderstorm lifted a four-car garage off the ground and flattened it. A single-engine plane, valued at \$5,200 was flipped over onto its roof and destroyed. Near Sharon at least three mobile homes were damaged, and in Grove City trees were uprooted or broken off.									
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>									
Statewide	2-3	8:30 pm-4:30 am			0	0	5	0	Glaze, wind
A Great Lakes low pressure system brought more than 2 inches of rain and freezing rain throughout the state. Beginning late on the 1st, glaze was especially heavy early during the storm, bringing traffic to a standstill, causing many accidents, forcing the closing of many schools and combined with wind to cause some power failures.									
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>									
Statewide	3				0	0	5	2	Flooding due to heavy rain
Several inches of rain fell in most of the state in less than twenty-four hours on the 1st and 2nd. Many rivers and smaller streams reached flood stage and above by the 3rd. Although damage and loss due to flooding was widespread, one rather small area suffered the most. A stream known as Black Creek near Florence overflowed along a five mile section and at least 33 cottages and mobile homes had water inside of them from a depth of from 6 inches up to 4 or 5 feet.									
Statewide	9-10	Late afternoon to late afternoon			9		7	4	Snowstorm
A record snowstorm dumped up to 2 feet of snow in the midlands of the state and lesser amounts in the adjacent areas. Thousands of motorists, mostly tourists, were stranded on the roads. They were rescued by many means, many by helicopter, and housed in hotels, motels, churches, schools and armories. Farmers helped many stranded people, some of them putting up 50 to 60 people in their homes. All roads in the hardest hit areas were closed for two to three days. At least 8 persons died from exposure and one child was killed by a collapsing carport. Food and supplies were taken to many snowbound families by helicopter. Snow drifts of six feet were common as strong winds blew the light snow. It was the heaviest snow to hit the state in the period of weather records which date back some 75 years. Damages and losses were great. Around 200 buildings collapsed and thousands of permanent swings and carports were downed. Structural damage, road damage and costs involved in snow removal and rescue of stranded people add up to about \$30,000,000. The poultry industry alone accounts for 1/10 of that total in collapsed chicken houses and dead birds.									
Horry County	12-28				0	0	4	2	Flooding
Melting from the heavy snow cover which fell on the 9th and 10th caused the Waccamaw River to begin flooding on the 12th. An inch of rain on the 14th removed the remaining snow and raised the water level higher. The Waccamaw crested 2 feet over flood stage at Conway on the 17th, the highest level in 18 years. Four to five hundred homes were affected and an estimated 300 families temporarily evacuated their homes. Property damage was estimated at about \$35,000.									
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>									
NONE REPORTED									

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<b>TENNESSEE</b>									
Greene County	1	10:00 a.			0	0	4	0	Wind
High winds destroyed mobile home near Camp Creek, and caused miscellaneous other damage in areas of Grystone, South Greene, Houston Valley, Cedar Creek and St. James.									
Newport, Cooke County	1	10:30 a.			0	0	4	0	Wind
Buildings were damaged by strong wind in the Cosby area. Scattered breakage of power and telephone lines.									
Chattanooga, Hamilton County	6	a.m.			0	0	3	0	Lightning
Lightning was responsible for a church fire in Chattanooga.									
Huntingdon, Carroll County	6	6:00 a.			1	0	4	0	Lightning
Ms. B. Cary, 72, found dead in bed, apparent victim of lightning when house struck by lightning and damaged by fire.									
<b>TEXAS</b>									
San Antonio, Bexar County	8	8:00 a-8:17 a	?	?	0	0	?	0	Hailstorm
Hailstones up to 1 3/4 inches in diameter were reported on Nogalitos Street, and 3/4 inch in diameter hail was reported at Ritterman Road and I.H. 35, in the south part of San Antonio. There were no reports of any damage.									
Cypress, Harris County	13	1:00 p-3:10 p	4	30	0	1	4	0	Tornado
A tornado touched earth several times along a four mile, zig-zag course through residential areas around Cypress. Most of the damage was in the Hot Wells Resort and Cypress Bend Additions. One woman was injured when the mobile home she was in was lifted about fifty feet into the air and slammed down about 65 feet from the foundation. The mobile home was demolished and debris carried about one mile away. At Hot Wells Resort, parts of buildings were blown away and carried about three miles.									
Beaumont, Nona and Fannett, Jefferson County	26	5:25 p-5:35 p							3 Funnels Aloft
<b>UTAH</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>VERMONT</b>									
State	2				0	0	4	0	Glaze, rain
Freezing rain much of day caused hazardous conditions. Many vehicle accidents and many walkers injured in falls. Severe icing in some sections. Ice-laden limbs cut some utility lines. Many schools closed. Precipitation changed to just rain in most areas before ending, with totals from storm to over 2 inches in the southeast where floods and washouts caused further damage.									
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>									
St. Thomas	4	12:26 p.							Waterspout
A waterspout was reported 6 miles west of the Airport.									
	16	3:12 p.							Funnel Clouds
Two funnel clouds were reported 15 miles south of the Airport.									
<b>VIRGINIA</b>									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
<b>WASHINGTON</b>									
King County	28	6:20 PM					4		Lightning
Heavy thunderstorms occurred in King County with cloud to ground lightning strikes from several thunderstorm cells in the area. In Bellevue, lightning struck a large fir tree near the Ivanhoe Elementary School at about 6:20 p.m. The lightning bolt spiraled down the tree and a channel of dirt was made along a large root at the tree base to a chain-link fence about 5 feet away. One large root landed on the roof of a residence across the street. Fifty to sixty windows were broken apparently by the compression wave resulting from this intense lightning discharge. Underground telephone lines and wiring in nearby homes were also damaged.									
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
<b>WISCONSIN</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>WYOMING</b>									
NONE REPORTED									
<b>ALABAMA</b>									
South Alabama	9-10						5	6	Snow and ice
For much of Southeast Alabama it was the greatest snowstorm on record. Freezing rain and sleet first began in southwest late on the 8th and by early morning of the 9th roads were already icy. Later in the day, the precipitation gradually became all snow and became very heavy finally ending in the counties near the Georgia border on the morning of the 10th. The heaviest snow, 11-14 inches fell from east of Evergreen and north of Andalusia northeastward to the Phenix City area adjacent to Columbus, Ga. Depths tapered off north and south of that zone to 1 inch a few miles north of Montgomery and to about 3 inches along the Florida border. For most of the area, this storm exceeded by several inches the big storm of February 25, 1914 when 6-8 inches fell in the area that received 10-14 inches from this storm. However, Montgomery's three inch fall did not approach their 11 inch record of December, 1886. Total fall at Mobile was 7.6 inches, the most of this century but short of their 6 inch record of February 14-15, 1893. Most of the timber damage from this storm occurred over the more southern counties where the freezing rain was slower about changing to snow. The damage was extensive, especially to pines. In the zone of heavier snow, buildings, awnings, carports and outbuildings were damaged by the excessive weight and many of them collapsed. Traffic came to a standstill in most areas, power lines were torn down and the snow remained on the ground 4-5 days.									
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>									
Statewide	2-3	early am-early am			0	0	5	0	Rain, glaze, wind
A low pressure area moving northeastward through the Great Lakes produced moderate to heavy rain and some freezing precipitation over southern New England. Storm totals of 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches in Connecticut combined with melting snow over the interior sections to cause stream flooding mostly in southern Connecticut. Elsewhere, clogged sewers and drains were responsible for local flooding. Glaze and wind caused some power outages in New Britain and Newington.									

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

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