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ALABAMA			SEE END OF TABLE								
ALASKA			NONE REPORTED								
ARIZONA											
Holbrook (5-10 mis. SW)	20	12:55p.			0	0	0	0			Tornado
			Pilot reported tornado on ground. No verification from public or public safety officials.								
ARKANSAS											
Nashville area, Sevier County	19	9:45 a.	?	?	0	0	0	1	0		Tornado
			Small tornado touched down near Nashville. Hail measured up to 1 inch in diameter. Damage minor.								
Mc Caskill - Blewins area, Hempstead County	19	9:50 a.									Funnel aloft
			Small funnel sighted but did not reach ground. Hail reported in northern part of county.								
Texarkana, Miller County	19	10:15 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted but did not touch down.								
Paragould, Greene County	19	Morning			0	0	0	6			Flash flood
			Very heavy rains caused Eight Mile Creek to break over its banks flooding the city. More than 3,000 persons were forced from their homes by the rising waters but returned in the evening as flood waters receded. About 600 students were evacuated by boat and truck from Paragould High School when waters reached car-top level. At one time all roads leading into the city were under water.								
Jonesboro, Crawford County	19	10:18 a.									Funnels aloft
			Two funnel clouds sighted 2 miles south of Jonesboro. Neither touched down.								
Hot Springs, Garland County	19	10:55 a.	?	?	0	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			Tornado reported 7 miles south of Hot Springs. Trees uprooted and power lines down. One barn destroyed.								
Mablevale, Pulaski County	19	10:58 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud reported but was not observed to touch ground.								
Batesville, Independence County	19	11:15 a.	1	500	0	0	0	6	0		Tornado and rain
			Tornado moved northeastward across Batesville. Extensive damage to Arkansas College, also many buildings and homes damaged. Considerable damage to trees. Very heavy rains accompanied storm adding to the damage.								
Lewisville, Lafayette County	19	11:15 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud observed moving northeastward. Did not touch ground.								
North Little Rock, Pulaski County	19	11:17 a.	1	100				5			Tornado and rain
			Tornado moved northeastward across northern part of city. Path intermittent. Considerable damage to trees. Almost 4 inches of rain caused extensive flooding of streets and low lying areas in Little Rock and North Little Rock.								
England, Lonoke County	19	2:15 p.	?	?	0	0	0	5	0		Tornado
			Tornado struck 6 miles southwest of England and moved northeastward. Four mobile homes destroyed, trees and power lines knocked down, and some farm machinery destroyed.								
West Memphis, Crittenden County	19	2:35 p.									Funnels aloft
			Two funnel clouds reported between Marion and West Memphis moving northeast. Neither observed to touch down.								
Helena and West Helena, Phillips County	19	Afternoon			0	2	0	6	0		Flooding and mud slides
			Between 7 and 8 inches of rain fell during day causing flooding and mud slides. Two residents were injured when their homes were buried by mud slides. Many residences and places of business sustained water damage.								
Salem Community, Lee County	19	4:30 p.	?	?	0	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			Tornado struck and moved northeastward after damaging one house and destroying out-buildings. Several trees blown down.								
De Witt and Stuttgart, Arkansas County	19	Day			0	0	0	6	0		Flash flood
			Up to 7 1/2 inches of rain fell in the area during the day causing widespread flooding of streets and low places. A few houses were evacuated. Bats had to be used in De Witt to reach some of them.								
ARKANSAS (continued)											
Thompson Grove, Crittenden County	19	5:05 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud indicated by radar moving northeastward at 60 m.p.h.								
Jonesboro, Crittenden County	19	5:50 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted but did not touch down.								
Stuttgart, Arkansas County	19	7:16 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted 5 miles southwest of Stuttgart moving northeast but did not touch down.								
Gurdon, Clark County	19	Both days and 20						5	0		Flash flood
			Up to 16 inches of rain fell in a two-day period causing flash flooding, then continued high water.								
Cove Lake, near Paris, Logan County	20	7:30 a.	?	?	0	0	0	3	0		Tornado
			Tornado struck damaging chicken house and barn.								
Morrison Bluff, Logan County	20	7:50 a.	1 1/2	500	0	2	0	4	0		Tornado
			Tornado struck damaging five houses and 6 barns. Two minor injuries reported.								
Harrison, Boone County	20	10:15 a.	7	500	1	19	0	6	0		Tornado and rain
			Funnel first sighted at Fallsville about 39 miles south-southwest of Harrison. It dipped down first at Mount Sherman, 19 miles south of Harrison in Newton County, then moved north to the small community of Bather, then passed east of the city limits of Harrison. Two hundred buildings were reported damaged with considerable damage to other property. Intermittent heavy rain after the tornado added to the damage.								
Mountainburg, Crawford County	21	11:10 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud observed 1 mile southwest of Mountainburg, moving northeast at 35 to 40 m.p.h. Did not touch down.								
Vidette, Fulton County	22	1:55 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud observed near Vidette moving northeast at 35 m.p.h. Did not touch down.								
Fordyce, Dallas County	22	2:30 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud observed just east of Fordyce moving toward the northeast 35 to 40 m.p.h. Did not touch down.								
Harrison, Boone County	22	5:18 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted 7 miles southeast of Harrison moving toward the northeast at 30 m.p.h. Did not touch down.								
Yellville, Marion County	22	6:15 p.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted 1/2 mile west of Yellville moving toward the northeast at 30 m.p.h. Not observed to touch down.								
Jacksonville, Pulaski County	22	10:50 p.	?	?	0	0	0	2			Tornado
			Tornado touched down briefly near Jacksonville. Large trees uprooted.								
North Little Rock, Pulaski County	22	11:55 p.	?	?	0	0	0	2			Tornado
			Tornado touched down briefly. Moved a building across a street.								
North Little Rock, Pulaski County	23	12:45 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel sighted between North Little Rock and Jacksonville moving northeast 30 m.p.h. Not observed to touch down.								
Little Rock, Pulaski County	23	1:05 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted in southwest portion of Little Rock moving toward the northeast at 30 m.p.h. No evidence that it touched down.								
Little Rock, Pulaski County	23	1:35 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted near Asher Avenue in western Little Rock. No evidence that it touched down.								
Jacksonville, Pulaski County	23	1:38 a.									Funnel aloft
			Funnel cloud sighted just southeast of Jacksonville. No evidence that it touched down.								
Hot Springs, Garland County	23	3:10 a.						2	0		Hail
			Hail from 1/2 to 1 1/4 inches in diameter reported at Hot Springs.								
Monticello, Drew County	23	10:20 a.									Funnel aloft

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ARKANSAS (continued)													
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County	25	7:43 p.	Funnel cloud sighted 12 miles west of Hot Springs moving toward the east at 15 m.p.h. Was not observed to touch down.										Funnel aloft
Little Rock, Pulaski County	25	8:13 p.	Funnel cloud sighted 3 miles north of Pine Bluff moving toward the east at 15 m.p.h. Did not touch down.										Funnel aloft
North Little Rock, Pulaski County	25	8:30 p.	Funnel cloud sighted near downtown Little Rock moving toward the east at 15 m.p.h. Did not touch down.										Funnel aloft
Lonoke, Lonoke County	25	8:40 p.	Funnel cloud sighted near McCain Mall in North Little Rock. Did not touch down. Moved eastward at 15 m.p.h.										Funnels aloft
			Two funnel clouds sighted 5 miles west of Lonoke moving eastward. Neither was observed to touch down.										
CALIFORNIA													
NONE REPORTED													
COLORADO													
Southeast Colorado	7-8					0	0	?	0				
			1 to 6 inches of snow furthered the livestock loss that had occurred with the March storms.										
Limon	18	5:25PM	Wind gusts to 70 mph			0	0	?	0				wind
Colorado Springs 8 N	30	0130PM	1 inch hail was reported.			0	0	?	0				hail
CONNECTICUT													
NONE REPORTED													
DELAWARE													
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE													
FLORIDA													
GEORGIA													
Central and North	6-7					1	0	0	0				Heavy Rains
			Excessive rainfall accompanied by high winds over north and central portions of the State. Property and farm lands were damaged in several counties. Road and bridge damage in Warren and Gwinnett Counties were rather extensive. Several homes were reported flooded in the Macon area. One man was reported drowned on the Flint river along the Talbot County line.										
Albany	7	2:00 p.	A freak gust of wind destroyed the second floor of an unfinished condominium near Albany Junior College.			0	0	5	0				Windstorm
Northwest	24-25					0	0	0	0				Heavy Rains
			Heavy rainfall flooded streets and temporarily closed several roads over this area. Especially hardest hit was low lying areas where underpasses and basements of homes were flooded. Some locally strong winds accompanied by small hail was reported. Damage was confined mainly to broken tree limbs.										
South	25-26					0	0	0	0				Heavy Rains
			Excessive rainfall caused rather widespread flooding of streets, highways and farm lands. Hardest hit area was the Southwest sections of the State. A number of roads and highways were flooded forcing officers to reroute traffic. Locally small hail damaged some crops.										
Sparks	25	6:30 p.	Short Narrow	0	0	0	0	0	0				Tornado
			A small tornado damaged barns and trees to two residences.										
Bainbridge	26	1:30 p.	1/4	75	0	0	0	5	0				Tornado
			Damage was confined mainly to an industrial park north of Bainbridge. A mobile home factory was damaged as well as several mobile homes. Also several large trees fell on a number of automobiles.										
Putney	26	p.m.	Short Narrow	0	0	0	0	4	0				Tornado
			Tornado destroyed at least one home, barn and damaged several other residences. Storm was accompanied by heavy rains, toppling trees and causing local flooding in Putney and nearby Albany.										
HAWAII													
NONE REPORTED													
IDAHO													
NONE REPORTED													
ILLINOIS													
North half	9-10	am, pm				2	0	6	6				snow, wind
			8 to 20 inches of snow driven by 60 mph winds piled up 12 foot drifts and paralyzed the North West and extreme North. 15 foot waves on Lake Michigan, damaged lakefront installations.										
South central	9-10	am				0	0	0	7				cold
			sub-freezing temperatures destroyed up to 70% of orchard, harvest, damaging early spring crops.										
Jackson County	19	2-4pm				0	0	4	?				wind, lightning
Coal City	19	7pm	?	?		0	0	5	?				tornado
North East, Illinois	19	7-9pm	65	20 mi.		0	0	5	?				wind, thunderstorm
			winds 60 to 70 mph associated with mesocyclone pressure system swept across 65 mile area from Gardner to Chicago, damaging many structures, breaking trees, and downing powerlines.										
3 miles West of Rockford	20	6:45				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Dekalb, near	20	8pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Lova's Park, near	20	8pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Byron, near	20	8:45				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Sangamon County	20	pm				0	0	5	?				wind, rainfall
Northwest, North	20	pm				1	1	7	?				rainfall
			2 to 6 inches of rain in area already saturated caused flash flooding, two dams failed.										
Henry County	20	pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
			funnel aloft moved Northeast through Henry County.										
Osman, Southeast McLean County	21	am				0	0	4	?				lightening
Merzer, Rock Island, Henry counties	21	5:43	36	100 yds		0	2	6	?				tornado
			Tornado touched down at 5:43 pm, 2 miles Northwest of Millersburg, headed Northeast and dissipated about 6:30pm 3 miles East of Colma. Many farm buildings, animals, homes, and trailers were destroyed. Two minor injuries resulted. Total damage estimated at nearly \$500,000.										
Wheaton (Cook County)	21	9pm	1/4	?		0	0	4	0				tornado
			Tornado did most damage in the 900 block of East Evergreen Street and the 500 block of South President Street damaging about 10 homes. First touch down at Golf and Arbor Roads moving Northeast to Illinois and Prospect Roads.										
Wheaton	21	9:15pm	1/4	?		0	0	4	0				tornado
			Tornado touched down at 9:15pm and moved Northeast at unknown speed, destroying one house and damaging many others.										
Bureau County	21	10:15-10:35pm	about 10 mi.	?		0	0	5	?				tornado
			Tornado touched down 4 miles West of Wyanet at 10:15pm and moved Northeast dissipating 20 minutes later North of Wyanet. Extensive damage done to farm buildings along path. 20 hens in coop killed.										
Wyanet, (fulton county)	21	10:20-10:40pm	about 60 yds	6 mi.		0	?	5	?				tornado
			Tornado touched down at 10:20pm 3 miles West of Wyanet and moved Northeast for about 6 miles, but path was discontinuous. Several farms were damaged or destroyed, and some farm animals were killed. Tornado dissipated about 10:40pm.										
Peru, near	21	pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Waltham, near	21	pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Earlville, near	21	pm				0	0	0	0				funnel aloft
Chicago area	27	pm				0	0	?	?				wind
3 miles Northwest of Paxton	29	11:pm				0	0	4	0				lightening
			Strong wind uprooted trees, down power lines in area. lightning struck a farm setting a fire which destroyed the structure and it's contents										

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ILLINOIS (continued)									
Galva (Henry county)	30	7:40pm	?	?	0	0	?	?	hail
		Hail covered ground up to one foot deep.							
		Floods and flash floods ravaged the state through the month. Thunderstorms producing excessive rains deluged the state repeatedly, and many rivers and streams experienced flash flooding or flooding on several different occasions during the month. Many stations established new April precipitation records. Flooding and flash flooding, other than that associated with the Mississippi river caused damage estimated at about 50-75 million dollars. The Mississippi River remained above flood stage at all points through the month, with three successive crests moving downstream. The last flood crest toward the end of the month was the highest crest ever recorded at many stations. Crest records extend back to 1784 at St. Louis, which established a new record high river level. Statewide Mississippi River flood damage is estimated at about \$50 million. Two deaths resulted.							
INDIANA									
Entire State	11	Morning						6	Late freeze
		Late freeze over entire state morning of 11th and lesser freezes mornings of 12th and 13th severely damaged peach and apple crops.							
Indianapolis area, Marion County	16	3:40p			0	0	4	0	Wind
		High winds caused major damage to roof of one Indianapolis school building and miscellaneous smaller damages. Gusts to 46 mph at Weir Cook Municipal Airport							
Muncie area, Delaware County	16	4:22p			0	0	4	0	Wind
		Damaged roofs, windows, trees, signs, etc. Gust to 95 mph measured by FAA Control tower, Muncie Airport, at 4:22p.							
Hartford City, Elackford County	16	4:28p							Funnels aloft
		Two (2) funnel clouds observed in area moving northeastward. None observed to touch ground.							
Evansville area, Vanderburgh County	19	5:30p							Funnel aloft
		Did not touch ground.							
Evansville area, Vanderburgh County	20	3:00p							Funnel aloft
		Did not touch ground.							
IOWA									
Statewide, excepting NW, extreme W and extreme SE	8-10							8	Snow storm with high winds
		Snow began the 8th. High winds, 40-50 mph. with gusts to 65 mph, began late the 8th continued the 9th and diminished the 10th. Snow drifted as deep as 16 feet. Highways were closed, travel was suspended, properties were damaged or destroyed, livestock and poultry suffocated, high lines were downed and normal farm activities were even further delayed. Livestock and turkey losses approximated 20 million dollars, of which some 11 million was in cattle and calf losses. Record all time snowfalls were reported in several localities. Belle Plaine reported 20.3 inches snow, Dubuque 19.2 inches and Grundy Center 19.0 inches snow (3.8 inches water equivalent).							
New London, Henry County	19	3:30 p						4	Hailstorm
		2 inch hail diameter.							
Alvord, Lyon County	19	4:00 p	1	50	0	0	0	4	Tornado
Alvord, Lyon County	19	4:00 p							Funnels (2)
Dickinson County	19	4:30 p							Funnels (2)
Merrill, Plymouth County	19	5:00 p							Funnel
Western Iowa	19	5:00 p			5	6			Windstorm
		Cold front with high winds gusting to 85 mph, caused extensive property losses totaling into the millions of dollars. Four injuries to people in SW Iowa and one injury in Crawford Co. Winds diminished as storm moved							
IOWA (continued)									
		into central Iowa. Power line losses in Buena Vista Co. and adjacent areas near \$100,000.							
Kiron, Crawford County	19	5:00 p	1	300	0	0	4		Tornado
		Moved NE.							
SSW Beaconsfield, Ringgold County	19	6:15 p	3	300	0	0	4		Tornado
Creston, Union County	19	6:20 p	1	200	0	0	4		Tornado
Ellston, Ringgold County	19	6:30 p							Funnels (2)
Taylor and Union Counties	19	6:30 p							Funnels (3)
NW Madison County	19	7:15 p							Funnel
Central Lee County	19	7:30 p							Funnel
SNW Osceola, Clarke County	19	8:00 p	2	400	0	0	4		Tornado
		Moved NE.							
Shenandoah area Fremont & Page Counties	19	11:30 p					5		Windstorm
Kossuth County	20	2:45 a					4		Windstorm
		Winds gusting to 72 mph, ripped roofing from buildings, shattered windows, damaged trailers and properties.							
Kalona, Washington County	20	12:15 p	2	350	0	0	4		Tornado
		Moved NE.							
7SE Bloomfield, Davis County	20	4:00 p	2	150	0	0	3		Tornado
		Moved NE.							
S Jefferson County	20	6:49 p							Funnel
New London, Henry County	21	3:00 p					4		Hailstorm
		Hail to 4 inch diameter.							
Holbrook, Iowa Co. to Oxford, Johnson County.	21	3:40 p	15	300	0	1	6		Tornado
		Losses totaled \$600,000 to 25 farmsteads. Tornado moved NE, discontinuous path.							
Yarmouth, Des Moines County	21	4:00 p					4		Hailstorm
		Hail to 3 inches diameter, also heavy rain.							
Wayne County	21	4:00 p							Funnel
Houghton, Lee County	21	6:10 p	4	250	0	0	4		Tornado
Winfield, Henry County	21	9:20 p	1	150	0	0	4		Tornado
Indianola, Warren County	30	4:30 p					4		Hailstorm
		Hail several inches deep west of Indianola; also heavy south of Indianola.							
KANSAS									
Lyon County	13	4:50 - 5:30 p	9-10	400	0	0	3	0	Tornado
		Intermittent path from 5 1/2 miles south of Olpe to 6 miles south southwest of Emporia. Damaged or destroyed barns and outbuildings on two farmsteads.							
Kearny County	14	8:55 p							Funnel aloft
		Funnel aloft observed 6 miles west of Lakin.							
Kiowa County	15	10:00 a.				1			Lightning
		Boy seriously injured - recovered.							
Extreme West	18	Evening			0	0	4	0	Hail, Wind, Lightning
		Severe thunderstorms primarily Hamilton, Wichita, Sherman, and Thomas counties. Spat of 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch hail with few stones to 1 1/2 inch, from Syracuse to Leoti. Five mobile homes damaged at Colby.							
Smith County	19	10:30 a	4	100	0	0	3	0	Tornado
		First observed 7 miles north of Kensington. Destroyed 3 outbuildings and farm machinery.							
Central, Northeast portions	19	Afternoon and evening			0	2	5	0	Wind
		Intense storm center in southwest Nebraska produced gale force winds 60 to over 70 mph (101 mph at Newton airport) causing considerable property damage, primarily in 100 mile wide band from Hutchinson to Hiawatha. Most severe damage in Marion County and Hillsboro vicinity with estimated loss of \$80,000. A DC3 and smaller aircraft damaged at Newton airport. Two high school boys injured by flying boards in Concordia. Several communities reported various amounts of damage less than \$10,000.							

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KANSAS (continued)									
Brown County	19	11:00 - 12:00 p.	short	narrow	0	0	1	0	Tornado
		Touched down briefly 5 miles northeast of Hiawatha. Farm family identified tornado by sound.							
Neosho County, Anderson County	20	6:10 - 7:30 p.			0	0	3	0	Hail
		One inch hail at Erie, Thayer, and 10 miles south of Garnett.							
Bourbon County	20	Early morning			0	0	3	0	Lightning
		Farm home and apartment house struck in Fort Scott vicinity.							
Pawnee County	21	2:00 a.			0	0	4	0	Lightning
		Lightning set fire to home 6 miles southwest of Larned.							
Crawford County	21	1:30 p.			0	0	1	0	Hail
		Golfball size hail at west edge of Pittsburg.							
Johnson County	21	1:35 p.			0	0			Funnel aloft
		Observed near Bonner Springs.							
Rush County	30	8:45 p.	1/4	narrow	0	0	3	0	Tornado
		Near Nekoma, destroyed 40 x 60 foot metal building and wind mill.							
Sumner County	30	10:05 p.	6 1/2	500	0	0	4	0	Tornado
		Intermittent contact with surface from 3 miles south and 1 mile west to 3 miles east and 2 miles north of Belle Plaine.							
South Central Portions East Central Portions	30	8:00 p - Midnight			0	0	4	0	Wind, Lightning
		Local strong damaging winds associated with intense thunderstorms spread east northeast along a 100 mile wide band from near Kiowa in the southcentral to LaCygne in the east central. Local roof, tree, and power line damage resulted. Storms continued into the early morning hours of May 1 along eastern border of east central Kansas.							
KENTUCKY									
West and Central	9	Afternoon & Evening			0	3	4		Wind
		An intense low pressure moved northeastward thru the Mississippi Valley causing strong winds with gusts to 40-50 mph over most of west and central Kentucky. Numerous trees were blown over causing damage to utility lines, automobiles and buildings. A falling fence grazed a pedestrian in Paris and 2 persons were injured when a mobile home was overturned in Owensboro.							
North Central	10	Morning			0	0	4		Snow
		Snow flurries caused slick bridges and overpasses, resulting in numerous automobile accidents and several minor injuries, especially in the Louisville area, during the morning rush hour traffic.							
West, Central, and Southeast	11	Morning					6		Freeze
		Freezing temperatures caused strawberry, peach, and apple crop losses ranging from 20 to 100 percent on individual farms. The least losses were on those farms adjacent to rivers or lakes.							
State	16 & 17				0	0	?		Wind
		High winds over the state with gusts to 30-40 mph. Damage was reported to boat docks on west Kentucky lakes.							
Fulton, Hickman and Graves Counties	19	1:30 - 2:30 pm	?	?	0	0	5	0	Tornado, Thunderstorm
		A tornado touched down at Hickman at 1:30 pm causing minor damage in the cemetery. The storm then moved northeastward, touching down at least two more times. Hail and high winds were observed in Clinton about 1:50 pm. Lightning destroyed telephone equipment worth over \$75,000 at the Spring Hill Community in northern Hickman County. Some rural buildings were destroyed near Pryorsburg about 2:15 and on farms about 5 miles southeast of Mayfield around 2:30 pm.							
Paducah	19	2:30 pm							Funnel cloud
		A funnel cloud was observed on the south edge of Paducah.							
McCracken and Marshall Counties	19	3:30 - 4:00 pm	?	?	0	0	4		Tornado, Funnel cloud
		A funnel was observed on the south edge of Paducah at 3:30 pm. This storm moved eastward and touched down two times, 3/4 mile apart about 3:55 pm, near the Little Cypress Community in northern Marshall County, destroying 3 trailers and damaging several homes and power lines.							
Marshall County	19	Afternoon	?	?	0	0	?	?	Tornado

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KENTUCKY (continued)									
Union County	19	4:30 pm	?	?	0	0	0	0	Tornado
		A tornado hit a farm on Grove Center Road. Three farm buildings and a grain bin were destroyed, other buildings damaged, and several hogs were killed.							
Union and Henderson Counties	19	5:30 - 5:45 pm			0	0	3	0	Severe thunderstorm, Funnel cloud
		A severe thunderstorm caused damage to farm buildings on Hitesville Road in northern Union County at 5:30 pm. The storm moved eastward and a funnel cloud was reported south of Corydon in Henderson County at 5:43 pm.							
West	19	Afternoon & Evening			0	0	0	0	Heavy rain, High winds, Flash flooding
		Trees were blown down in several locations in the afternoon and again in the late evening. Heavy rain and flash flooding were widespread, especially west of Kentucky Lake. Flooding was worst in Hickman (Fulton County) where rainfall over 6 inches necessitated evacuation of over 30 homes.							
Union County	20	1:50 pm							Funnel cloud
		A funnel cloud was observed 8 miles south of Mt. Vernon, IN. Weather radar indicated a very strong thunderstorm in this area at the time.							
North Central and West	23				0	0	?	?	Flash flooding
		Heavy rains moved from Western Kentucky in the early morning to Central Kentucky by mid-day, causing flash flooding of low-lying and poorly drained areas. Hardest hit locations were in the counties near the Ohio River from the Covington area downstream through Louisville and Owensboro to the Henderson area.							
West	1-30				0	0	?	?	Flooding
		In western Kentucky there was major flooding along the Mississippi and lower Ohio rivers in the entire month. The Ohio River at Paducah fell slowly to just barely bankfull on the 19th. But heavy rains on the 19th and again on the 23rd caused the river to remain 1 to 2 feet above flood stage the rest of the month. At Cairo, Illinois the Ohio River was 10-15 feet above flood stage all month. Damage reports were not available since the flooding was still in progress at the end of April.							
LOUISIANA									
Caddo Parish	15	11:15 PM			0	1	0	0	Wind
		Winds in excess of 60 m.p.h. recorded in Shreveport area in heavy thunderstorm. One minor injury. Numerous trees uprooted, power lines downed.							
West Feliciana Parish	16	morning			0	1	2	0	Wind
		Guard at Angola State Prison injured by flying debris when high winds struck. Wall of one cellblock buckled outward.							
Arcyelles Parish	17	2:30 AM	1	220	0	0	5	0	Tornado
		Tornado hit 8 SE Marksville. No information concerning damaged structures available.							
Calcasieu Parish	17	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	13	10	0	1	4	0	Minor outbreak of small tornadoes (2 or 3), hail
		Several small tornadoes occurred in the Lake Charles area. Tornado 10 WSW Lake Charles near Carlyss lifted mobile home and dropped it nearly 300 ft away, resulting in one minor injury and major damage to the trailer. Garage destroyed in western Lake Charles. 3 ENE Lake Charles one mobile home destroyed, three mobile homes sustained considerable damage, two small buildings destroyed. At least three people report having seen funnels. According to one, "I saw twisters jumping around in the hail and rain." Golf ball size hail also reported. Twisters moving toward the northeast.							
Vermillion Parish	17	5:00 PM	1/4	50	0	0	3	0	Tornado
		Tornado hit just south of Crowley, combine uprighted, barn collapsed, tin torn from buildings.							
Caddo and Bossier Parishes	22	8:25 PM			0	0	2	0	Hail
		3/4 inch diameter hail reported 15 NNW of Shreveport on parish line. Minor damage to automobiles, some minor roof damage.							
Ouachita Parish	23	11:20 AM			0	0	0	0	Hail
		3/4 inch diameter hail reported in south Monroe.							

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LOUISIANA (continued)									
Bossier, Caddo, Desoto, Claiborne, and Moorehouse Parishes	24	7:30 AM-early evening			0	2	3	0	Funnel cloud, wind, hail, heavy rain
					Heavy thunderstorms moving eastward across northern Louisiana caused light damage to some buildings, downed power lines, and uprooted numerous trees. Funnel cloud sighted near Oak Ridge, tops of trees twisted off. Rains in excess of 6 inches falling in 4 hours caused flash flooding in Bossier and Caddo parishes; two minor injuries near Vivian when car swept off road. 1 inch diameter hail reported near Logansport.				
Cameron Parish	26	2:20 AM			0	0	2	0	Wind
					At Creole, minor damage to crude oil storage plant caused by high winds.				
East Baton Rouge Parish	26	4:30 AM	1/4	70	0	0	4	0	Tornado
					Tornado caused considerable damage to lumber yard in Baton Rouge. Light damage to surrounding residential area. Distribution of debris indicates rotary motion.				
MAINE									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
MARYLAND									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
MASSACHUSETTS									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
MICHIGAN									
South Central Lower Peninsula	1	Before Sunrise			0	0	3		Lightning
					Damage occurred in Lansing and near Ionia.				
3 NW Shover, Sanilac Co.	1	7.30a			0	0	5		Lightning
					Barn and 44 cattle destroyed.				
4 WNW Imlay City, Lapeer Co.	1	3.55p.	3	70	0	0	2		Tornado
					Twisted trees from ground and exploded windows from house. Moved north-northeastward.				
5S New Baltimore, Lake St. Clair	1	5.20p.			0	0	0		Waterspout
West Shores, Lakes St. Clair & Erie	9				0	0	7		Lake Shore Flood
					Storm surge on Lake St. Clair flooded shoreline from Chesterfield Township to St. Clair Shores, and caused minor flooding southward to extreme eastern Detroit. 300 persons evacuated.				
					Storm surge on Lake Erie flooded entire shore of Monroe County, plus Grosse Ile and Brownstown Townships and Gibraltar of Wayne County. 10,000 persons evacuated. 20 homes destroyed, 125 severely damaged.				
Lake Michigan Shore, Muskegon to Grand Haven	9				0	0	2		Lake Shore Flood
					Several homes flooded Edgewater Section of Muskegon Lake and at mouth of Grand River.				
Menominee Co.,	9				0	0	4		Lake Shore Flood and Erosion
					Damage to shore installations and buildings. Several homes flooded.				
Iosco Co., Shore Of Lake Huron	9				0	0	3		Lake Shore Flood and Erosion
					Cottage 3 miles south of Oscoda destroyed, several other buildings damaged.				
Northern and Western Lower Peninsula	9-10				0	?			Heavy Snow
					4 to 8 inches of snow, with many drifts to several feet, blocked highways and caused school closings. Many minor auto accidents with some personal injuries.				
South shore of Saginaw Bay	10				0	0			Lake Shore Flood.
					Storm surge caused minor flooding, 50 persons evacuated.				
Southwest and West Central Lower Peninsula	10-11						?		Freeze
					About 35% of tart cherry crop and lesser amounts of other fruits damaged by two successive nights of hard freeze.				
MICHIGAN (continued)									
Lower Peninsula	16	Afternoon			0	0	5		Wind, Thunderstorms Lake Shore Flood and Erosion
					Strong and gusty southerly winds of 30 to 60 mph most of the day. Widespread damage to utility lines and trees, and some minor structural damage. Heavy thunderstorms in the southeast and east central sections. Witness reported funnel cloud in Mt. Morris, but all damage was by straight line winds. Flooding in Algonac, Harsens Island, Clay Township, Ira Township, and New Baltimore, at north end of Lake St. Clair. Erosion and some flooding on north shore of Lake Charlevoix.				
Southern Lower Peninsula	21	Early morning			0	0	4		Thunderstorms Lightning
					Lightning damaged 2 homes in Berrien and Van Buren Counties. Widespread damage to power lines in Oakland County.				
MINNESOTA									
Southeast Minnesota	8-9	6 pm - all day			0	0	4	0	Near Blizzard
					Eighteen southeastern counties covered by snowfall of 4 to 20 inches which started late afternoon of 8th and continued through afternoon of 9th. Winds on the 9th up to 70 mph reduced visibility to near zero. Deepest snow of 20" reported at Grand Meadow, Mower County with 17" at Preston, Fillmore County; Wabasha, Wabasha County, recorded 16" as did Hokah, Houston County. Schools closed, utilities disrupted. Field work halted after a snowless March. Although highway traffic virtually at a standstill there were two pileups that resulted in two fatalities. One man died while shovelling snow to free his truck.				
Bock, Mille Lacs County	15	2:45a			0	0	4	0	Lightning
					Lightning bolt set fire to and destroyed 10 room house. Storm moved northeast.				
Northrop, Martin County	15	3:10a			0	0	4	0	Lightning
					Lightning started fire in kitchen and dining room of supper club with smoke damage to attached 5 room apartment. Storm moved northeast.				
Redwood, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa Counties	19	7:15 p to 8:40 p			0	0	5	0	Wind, lightning, funnel clouds
					Severe thunderstorms along and in advance of a vigorous north-easterly moving cold front produced winds 45 to 70 mph, hail 1/2" to 3/4", rains up to 1/2". Funnel reports received but damage attributed to straight-line winds. Major path of damage extended from Lucan 55 in Redwood County to 2N of Montevideo in Chippewa County. Shorter path of major damage extended from 5SSE to 6NNW of Clarkfield in Eastern Yellow Medicine County. 1 barns, silos, machine sheds and vehicles damaged in a 3 to 5 mile radius of Lucan. Similar destruction felt Montevideo area including damage to trailer homes. Four barns destroyed. Telephone and power service interrupted. In Clarkfield area damage to grain bins, county garage and lumber yard. Trees down for one-two city block section.				
Brown, Blue Earth, Nicollet, LeSueur, Sibley, Scott, McLeod, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Stearns Counties	19-20	6:10:00 p to 8:00 a			0	4	5	0	Winds, lightning, funnel cloud
					Severe thunderstorms accompanying vigorous cold front producing wind up to 75 mph caused wind damage to or destroyed numerous barns and other outbuildings and their contents. Utilities interrupted. In Blue Earth county 3 mobile homes destroyed; funnel cloud sighted. At St. Peter, Nicollet County, windows knocked out of state hospital and Gustavus College, one small aircraft destroyed, mobile home tipped over. In LeSueur county 4 injured at Kasota when mobile home tipped over; 1-inch hail at New Prague. At Dakota County in Eagan partially built 20-unit housing section blown over. At Glencoe, McLeod County, walls of partially constructed 115x260 ft warehouse blown down. Part of steel superstructure blown down and twisted Maplewood Mall, Ramsey County. In Stearns County near West Union a 90 year old barn blown down; funnel cloud reported Sauk Centre 3E.				
Tower, St. Louis County	20	5:00 p			1	0	0	0	Lightning
					Man struck and killed by lightning as he pushed leaves off pickup truck. Storm moved NNE.				
FUNNEL CLOUDS REPORTED DURING APRIL									
					County	Date	Time		Location & Remarks
					Yellow Medicine	19	8:00 p		Clarkfield 1S
					Redwood	19	8:15 p		Lucan South
					Redwood	19	8:42 p		Vesta
					Chippewa	19	8:45 p		Montevideo 10NE
					Blue Earth	19	9:15 p		Lake Crystal, near.
					Stearns	19	9:45 p		Sauk Centre 3E

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MISSISSIPPI										
Bandcock County	7	3-6 a.m.	?	?	0	0	4	?	Tornado.	
									Public reported tornado damaged 2 trailer houses in Dedeaux Community and extensive damage to Hancock North Central School.	
George County	7	4-7 a.m.	?	?	0	0	3	?	Tornado.	
									Public reported tornado unroofed farm buildings, carpports, and blew trees over on utility lines, houses and other buildings in vicinity of Lucedale.	
Southwest, South Central and Central	17	7-11 p.m.			0	3	4	0	Wind, Rain.	
									Thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage in this area, mainly from trees being blown over on houses, farm and commercial buildings and utility lines. LINCOLN COUNTY: 3 minor injuries - 1 from tree blowing over on trailer house; 2 from tree blowing over on truck. Heavy rain and flash flooding also reported.	
Piney Woods, Rankin County	17	9:45 a.m.							Funnel aloft.	
8 W. Hernando, Desoto County	19	6:32 p.m.							Funnel aloft.	
Clarkdale	22						3			
									Heavy rain caved in roof of furniture warehouse. Heavy rain.	
Tate and Panola Counties	23	Early Morning			0	0	?	?	Heavy rain.	
									Heavy rain flooded highways between Batesville, Senatobia, and Coldwater. Streets in Creashaw covered by 12 inches of water.	
Bolivar, Sunflower Counties	24	8:09 - 9:25 a.m.			0	9	5	0	Wind, heavy rain.	
									Public reported widespread property damage from thunderstorm, winds, hail, and flooding from Rosedale vicinity eastward to vicinity of Cleveland to near Drew. BOLIVAR COUNTY: 20 cotton trailers damaged, 4 houses heavily damaged, 7 houses light damage, flash flooding with 3 feet water in buildings at Rosedale where 4 inches rain fell in an hour; trees uprooted, numerous power lines down, and 1 aircraft damaged along storm path in county. SUNFLOWER COUNTY: Just north of Drew, 2 to 3 inches hail on ground, hailstones size unknown; also utility lines blown down.	
Tallahatchie County	24	8:48 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.			0	1	5	?	Wind, heavy rain.	
									Damage to buildings at Webb, Tippo, Swan Lake and Leverett. Wind, heavy rain and hail. Newspapers indicate 46 homes, 3 churches, and 2 schools, 2 mobile homes, and grain elevator damaged or destroyed in County. Flash flooding reported.	
Sumner, Tallahatchie County	24	9:25 a.m.	?	?	0	42	5	?	Tornado.	
									Tornado demolished West District Elementary and Junior High School near Sumner.	
1,5 E. Grenada, Grenada County	24	10:24 a.m.							Funnel Aloft.	
3 N. Morgan City, Leflore County	24	10:45 a.m.							Funnel Aloft.	
About 8 W. Ellisville, Jones County	24	About 10:30 p.m.	1.5		0	0	?	0	Tornado.	
									Tornado demolished several homes, chicken houses, barn, caused tree damage in Sand Hill Community near Highway 588 and Leaf River bridge. Moved northeast.	
W. of Laurel, Jones County	24	about 10:35 p.m.	1		0	0	?	0	Tornado	
									Second tornado touched down in Big Creek area along Highway 84 West of Laurel and destroyed dairy barn, house, house trailer, farm outbuildings and equipment, caused timber damage and downed utility lines. Moved northeast.	
Jones County and S. E. Smith County	24	10-11 p.m.			0	0	5	0	Wind, heavy rain.	
									Widespread strong winds and heavy rain damaged buildings, power lines, and trees, while flash flooding washed out small bridges, covered some roads with water and forced closing of schools and evacuation of some homes and farm animals. JONES COUNTY: Damage from tornadoes, wind and flooding estimated at over \$300,000.	
8 N. Brookhaven, Lincoln County	24	10:50 p.m.			0	0	?	?	Wind.	
									Trees blown down.	
Southern	25	Morning			0	0	?	?	Heavy rain.	
									Widespread heavy rain across southern Mississippi caused flash flooding, closed highways.	
7 E. Saltfello, Lee County	25	5:20 p.m.							Funnel aloft.	
Starkville, Oktibbeha County	25	5:50 p.m.					?	?	Hail.	
MISSISSIPPI (continued)										
									Hail 1/4" to 3/4" in diameter reported in area.	
5 N. Batesville, Panola County	25	11:45 p.m.					?	?	Hail.	
									Hail up to 1" in diameter reported.	
Lafayette, Yazobusha Counties	26	12:15 a.m.			0	0	1	0	Wind, Heavy rain.	
									Trees, power lines down; flash flooding on Highway 7 north of Abbeville and south of Coffeerville.	
Natchez, Adams County	26	3 - 4 a.m.			0	0	5	0	Wind, heavy rain.	
									Strong winds damaged 3 aircraft, 1 hangar, roofs of businesses, plate glass windows, 2 homes, 6 house trailers, trees, and power lines. Heavy rains caused some mud slides.	
Copiah, Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties	26	5 - 6 a.m.			0	0	5	?	Wind, heavy rain.	
									Strong winds in Utica and Jackson, demolished florist shop in Jackson; minor damage to homes and businesses by numerous falling trees; power lines down. Heavy rain caused flash flooding in Jackson.	
Brandon, Rankin County	26	5:25 a.m.			0	0	1	?	Funnel aloft	
									Small shed demolished.	
Columbia, Marion County	26	5:55 a.m.			0	0	?	?	Wind	
									Wind of 51 knots reported by Civil Defense Director	
9 W. Poplarville, Pearl River County	26	7:00 a.m.							Funnel Aloft.	
Perry County	26	About 7:00 a.m.							Funnel aloft.	
									Public reported 2 funnels aloft - one near Ricaton, one near Beaumont.	
2 E. Pontotoc, Pontotoc County	26	8:10 a.m.							Funnel Aloft.	
MISSOURI										
Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and most tributaries	All Month						1	8	7	Record Floods
										Highest river stages recorded for both large rivers with exception of St. Charles, Mo. on the Missouri River. Also record duration of flooding for both rivers. Flash flooding and levee breaks were common.
Garden City, Cass County	2	10 a.								Hail
										1 1/2 inch hail
Northwest half of state	8-10						1	5		Blizzard
										Worst April blizzard on record. 4 to 12 inches of snow and 6 to 10 foot drifts. Temperatures dropped to around 20 degrees. Highways closed up to 12 hours. Cattle walked over drifts to interstate highways. Motorists stranded. Cars and trucks blown off slick highways. 12,000 4-pound turkeys died near Kirksville. Large number of cattle and calves lost. Gradient winds gusting to 60 MPH were noted in many areas. Snow began extreme northwest late on 4/8 and developed 4/9 and diminished extreme northeast on 4/10.
Cameron, Clinton County	19	6 p.		1	50			3		Tornado
Windsor, Henry County	19	7:30 p.	10	2640			5	4		Tornado
Haiti (5SW), Pemisoot County	19	4:30 p.	2-3					4		Tornado
Savannah, Andrew County	19	5:15 p.- 5:30 p.	40	50				3		Tornado
Hayley Farm, DeKalb County	19	5:15 p.- 5:30 p.	40	50				3		Tornado
Berlin-Albany, Gentry County	19	6 p.	40	440				3		Tornado
Fairport, Gentry County	19	5:15 p.- 5:30 p.	40	50	1			3		Tornado
King City, Gentry County	19	5:15 p.- 5:30 p.	40	50				3		Tornado
Engleville, Harrison County	19	6:10 p.	40	440				3		Tornado
										Same tornado track for all touchdowns on 4/19 starting with location of Savannah.
Cole Camp-Ionia, Benton County	20	5:45 p.	2	200			4	5		Tornado

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MISSOURI (continued)											
Lincoln, Benton County	20	5 p.					4		Tornado		
Mrs. Benton County	20	6 p.	2				5		Tornado		
Carrollton (3S), Carroll County	20	4:55 p.	5				4		Tornado		
Kansas City (19S), Cass County	20	7:29 a.							Hail		
El Dorado Springs, Cedar County	20	4:15 p.	1	50			4		Hail		
									Walnut size hail		
Stockton (8S), Cedar County	20	2:30 p.	1	50	3	4			Tornado		
Roomville (6S), Cooper County	20	1:50 p.	3	50			3		Tornado		
Pilot Grove, Cooper County	20	6 p.	10	440			3		Tornado		
Lockwood, Dade County	20	10:40 p.	10	100			32	6	Tornado		
Willard (5NW Springfield), Greene County	20	8:45 a.							Hail		
									3/4 inch hail.		
Atlanta, Macon County	20	5:35 p.	10	440	1	3	5		Tornado		
Sedalia (20SSW), Pettis County	20	2:30 p.	5	50			3		Tornado		
Sedalia (5S), Pettis County	20	6:55 p.	5	50			13	6	Tornado		
Iconium, St. Clair County	20	5:05 p.	2				4		Tornado		
Osceola (5SE), St. Clair County	20	1 p.	10	50			4		Tornado		
									Pilot report		
Osceola (4SW), St. Clair County	20	1:08 p.	13	440			50	7	Tornado		
Roscoe, St. Clair County	20	1:10 p.	6	50			4	3	Tornado		
Arbela, Scotland County	20	6:35 p.	10	440			5		Tornado		
Carthage, Jasper County	21	9:35 p.	5	100			2	4	Tornado		
Joplin (2B), Jasper County	21	9:15 p.	5	100			1		Sev. Thunderstorm		
Newton-Lucerne-Princeton, Putnam, Mercer, Sullivan Counties	21	2 p.	20	880			1	5	Tornado		
Smath, Dunklin County	26	6:16 a.	2	100			2	4	Tornado		
MONTANA											
East of Continental Divide	18-20	Contin-uous					0	0	6	0	Blizzard
<p>A severe snow storm and blizzard spread northward from the southern border on the evening of the 18th.</p> <p>A severe spring snow storm spread into the south central division on the evening of the 18th. A blizzard developed in the south central division early on the 19th and spread northward and westward into the north central and central divisions of the state. Winds of 40 to 60 miles per hour persisted in the south central division for about 36 hours and about 18 hours in the other divisions. Snowfall ranged from one foot in the northern areas to 3 feet in the higher terrain and on the windward sides of the mountains. Temperatures were in the upper 20's and low 30's. Heavy rains with amounts ranging from 1 inch up to near 3 inches fell over the area east of a line from the Canadian border north of Glasgow through Miles City to Broadus, but changed to snow as the storm moved eastward. There were many blocked roads that made travel impossible due to the wet heavy snow and deep drifts. About 500 motorists were stranded in many towns in the area. Wet snow with strong winds caused major loss of utility and telephone lines with some communities without electric power and telephones for about 30 hours. Livestock loss was locally severe with most losses confined to sheep, lambs, and new calves in the blizzard areas with some loss in the heavy rain areas.</p>											
NEBRASKA											
Dawson County	3						0	0	4	?	High winds
Roof and top 45 feet of an 38 feet diameter steel storage tank damaged.											
All Nebraska	7-8						?	?	?	?	Heavy snow and high winds
A winter storm dropped snow over most of the state. In western Nebraska 11 inches of snow accumulated. Some drifts in the Hastings area were 8 to 10 feet high. Slick roads caused vehicle damage. U.S. 73 between Blair and Fort Calhoun closed 11 hours.											
Custer and Valley Counties	14	7-8 pm	200				0	?	6	?	Tornado and Hail
Tornado touched down at Oconto lifted near Ord. Storm observed by public, and radar.											
Custer, Valley, Garfield and Wheeler	14	8 PM	40				0	?	5	?	Tornado and Hail
Tornado touched down near Sargent lifted near Ericson.											
Northeast and East Central Nebraska	19						0	?	5	?	High winds, hail and rain
A deep cyclonic area caused high winds and a cold front moving across the area produced thunderstorms and hail.											
Knox and Pierce Counties	28	8:25 pm					0	?	5	?	Thunderstorms high winds and hail
Thunderstorms at Plainville and Bloomville, Nebraska produced 1 1/2 inch hail and wind to 60 m.p.h.											
Lancaster County	29	7:12 pm					0	?	4	?	Thunderstorm and hail
3/4 inch hail reported 16 miles south-southeast of Lincoln, NE.											
Phelps and Kearney Counties	30	4:30 am					0	?	4	?	High wind and thunderstorm
Strong winds accompanied thunderstorms.											
York County	30	7:10 am									Funnel cloud
Funnel cloud sighted by public 1 mile north of Bradshaw.											
Polk County	30	7:40 am					0	?	4	?	Tornado
A tornado touched down briefly 4 miles northeast of Polk damaging farm equipment and downing power lines.											
NEVADA											
NONE REPORTED											
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE											
NEW JERSEY											
NONE REPORTED											
NEW MEXICO											
Northeastern New Mexico	2	Daytime					0	0	7	0	Blizzard
Up to 2 feet of snowfall with drifts to 25 feet deep in canyons followed snows in late March of up to 2 feet in northeast quadrant of the State. Extensive deaths to cattle, especially newborn calves, and to some sheep, swine and horses. Helicopters used in rescue operations and for feeding livestock and marooned people. Transportation disrupted, many schools and businesses closed, and minor power and phone outages. Damage to roads and bridges from cumulative winter storms increased.											
Northeastern New Mexico	7	Day & Night					1	0	?		Blizzard
New snow 2 inches to one foot with drifts to 8 feet in same area previously hit through late March and early April. Further extensive livestock loss, roads blocked, communications disrupted, 1 life lost in New Mexico due to exposure.											
Lovington, Lea County	18	2:30 p.	?	?			0	0	2	0	Tornado
Apparent small tornado unroofed building and caused other minor property damage. Witnesses reported funnel dipping to point of impact then dissipating.											
Clayton, Union County	24	4:00 p.	?	?			0	0	?	?	Hail
Ground covered with hail most 3/4-1 inch some to 1 1/2 inches. Main effect of storm rural areas in immediate vicinity of airport. No damage estimate available.											
Clovie, Curry County	24	6:00 p.	?	?			0	0	*4	C	Hail
Golf-ball sized hail. Most damage to glass (very extensive) and to crops in nearby area.											

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NEW MEXICO (continued)									
Near Tucumcari, Quay County	25	12:45 p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Funnel clouds
			Pilots reported 4 - 6 funnels aloft from 15 to 40 miles west of Tucumcari. No damage reported.						
NEW YORK									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
NORTH CAROLINA									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
NORTH DAKOTA									
McIntosh, Logan and Sargent Counties	19	8:00 p.			0	0	4		Tornado and high winds
			Tornado struck two farms 16 miles south of Napoleon, destroying several buildings and grandies. High winds damaged farm 14 miles south of Napoleon and southwest of Wishek, and several farms in the Milnor district.						
OHIO									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
OKLAHOMA									
Eastern Two-Thirds of State	1				0	0	?	?	Local flooding
			Heavy rains caused local flooding at the end of March and extended into the first part of April. Many streams and reservoirs were at high levels flooding lowlands and some roads.						
Northwest Half of State	7-8				0	0	?	?	Snow
			Snow or snow mixed with rain fell with heavier accumulations confined to extreme northwest. Depths up to 14 inches were reported near Fargo. Oklahoma City reported only a trace. Near blizzard conditions occurred in the Panhandle.						
Near Altus, Jackson County	15	9:20 a.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel aloft was reported about 15 miles north of Altus Air Force base.						
Calumet, Canadian County	15	Afternoon			1	0	0	0	Lightning
			A man was struck and killed by lightning as he was shutting a pasture gate.						
Near Apache, Caddo County	15	3:45 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel aloft was reported just west of Apache. It moved toward the northeast.						
Carney, Lincoln County	15	5:45p.	1/4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			A trailer home and other smaller outbuildings were destroyed or damaged.						
Eastern Third of State	15-16				0	0	?	?	Local flooding
			Rivers and creeks flooded as a result of heavy rains and several roads were closed due to high water. Most flooding was in lowland areas but some families were advised to evacuate along the Caney River and Little Caney River.						
McCurtain County	19	2:30 a.			0	0	?	0	Hail, rain
			Hailstones of 1/2- to 3/4-inch in diameter were reported at Idabel. Only minor damage, mostly to car windshields was reported. Rains of 3 to 4 inches were reported to have caused overflow of small streams in southeastern McCurtain County.						
Vici area, Dewey County	19	Evening					4	0	Wind
			Winds estimated at more than 70 m.p.h. caused considerable damage in the area. Homes, mobile homes, barns and outbuildings were damaged or destroyed.						
Stephens County	19	About 11:00 p.	2	880	0	4	4	0	Tornado, wind
			A tornado touched down near Velma and destroyed or damaged several homes. Four persons in one family were treated at a hospital for minor injuries and released. Wind damage also occurred at Alma.						
Pauls Valley, Garvin County	19	11:45 p.	15	250	0	2	6	0	Tornado
			A tornado moved on a 15-mile path from south to just east and north of Pauls Valley and destroyed several buildings along its path. Most damage was at Pauls Valley State School. Two persons were injured in the storm.						
Near Chandler, Lincoln County	19	11:45 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hailstones 1 inch in diameter were reported 3 miles northwest of Chandler. No known damage.						
Ada, Pontotoc County	20	12:20 a.	9	*1	0	21	6	0	Tornado, high wind
			A severe thunderstorm with a tornado struck the western part of Ada destroying a mobile home park and damaging or destroying many						

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OKLAHOMA (continued)									
			other homes and outbuildings. The storm moved from southwest to northeast on a 1 to 1 1/2-mile wide path. One oddity of the storm was a phonograph record which was embedded in a vertical position in a utility pole by the tornado. At least 21 persons were injured during the storm. Heavy damage was also inflicted to a hangar and airplanes at the airport.						
Near Vinita, Craig County	20	8:30 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
			Hail was reported near Vinita. Stones were 3/4-inch in diameter with no damage reported.						
Ketchum, Craig County	21	About 8:00 p.			0	0	?	?	Tornado
			A tornado touched down at Ketchum uprooting many trees and downing power lines.						
Craig and Ottawa Counties	21	About 8:40 p.	5	Narrow	0	0	?	0	Tornado
			A tornado touched down 5 miles east of Vinita and downed power lines. It was observed on the ground by Oklahoma Highway Patrol again 1 miles southwest of Afton.						
Near Weleetka, Okfuskee County	21	8:50 p.			0	0	4	0	Funnel aloft, wind
			A funnel was reported 2 miles south of Weleetka by the public. No evidence of it touching the ground was reported. The storm moved northeast. Strong winds in the area caused considerable damage to homes and outbuildings.						
Near Ada, Pontotoc County	21	10:55 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Aloft
			A funnel aloft was reported near Ada but it did not touch down. The storm moved east-northeast.						
Near Wewoka, Seminole County	21	Night			0	0	0	0	4 Funnels aloft
			Four funnels aloft were reported but none touched down.						
Eastern Third of State	21-22				0	0	4	?	Rain, local flooding
			Heavy rains in the area caused flooding on creeks, rivers and streams. Pastures and roads received damage from the high water.						
Eastern Two-Thirds of State	23				0	0	?	?	Local flooding
			Several streams left their banks as a result of heavy rains which fell on already soaked ground. Mostly lowlands flooded.						
Near Hollis, Harmon County	23	11:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel aloft was reported 2 miles north of Hollis.						
Near Vinson, Harmon County	23	About 11:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel aloft was reported near Vinson but it did not touch down.						
Near Altus, Jackson County	23	11:15 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel aloft was sighted 20 miles southwest of Altus Air Force Base but did not touch down.						
Greer and Kiowa Counties	23	Night			0	0	?	?	Hail
			Hail caused extensive damage to wheat crops in both counties. Damage estimates not known and size of hail undetermined.						
Near Stigler, Haskell County	24	Night			0	0	0	0	Hail, rain
			Golf ball size hail was reported covering a highway near Stigler. Heavy rain also flooded the highway.						
Near Burlington, Alfalfa County	30	6:30 p.			1	0	0	0	Lightning
			A man was killed by lightning as he worked on his farm.						
Mooreland, Woodward County	30	6:55 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			a funnel was reported 2 miles northwest of Mooreland but did not touch ground.						
Alfalfa and Grant Counties	30	8:20 p.	20	100-880	0	6	5	0	Tornado, wind
			A tornado touched down on the northeast side of the Great Salt Plains Reservoir area completely demolishing one mobile home and damaging three other trailers, a house and a cafe. The tornado apparently moved eastward about two miles south of Highway 11, on a skipping path and then accompanied by straight-line winds moved northeastward through Medford as a funnel aloft. Some damage occurred to many buildings over a half-mile wide path in and near Medford.						
Garfield County	30	About 8:35 p.			0	0	3	0	Tornado, funnel aloft
			A funnel was reported near Drummond about 8:35 p.m. A tornado was reported 5 miles west-northwest of Enid about 8:45 p.m. with a noise reported like a freight train. Only light damage to two rural buildings west-northwest of Enid.						

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OKLAHOMA (continued)									
Enid, Garfield County	30	9:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail, rain, wind
			Hailstones up to golf ball size were reported covering the ground. Some wind accompanied the storm which also produced heavy rains. No known damage.						
Near Okeene, Blaine County	30	9:10 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft
			A funnel was reported southeast of Okeene but did not touch down.						
Noble County	30	10:55 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel aloft, hail
			A funnel aloft was reported 3 miles west of Perry and golf ball size hail was reported south of Perry. No known damage.						
OREGON									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
PACIFIC									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
PENNSYLVANIA									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
PUERTO RICO									
North Coast	18-23				2	0	0 ⁵	C	Rain, Floods
			Extreme drought conditions were brought to an end in the northern portions of Puerto Rico when heavy rains caused serious flooding during the period 18th thru 23rd. After nearly a month with no significant rain, a series of days with heavy afternoon showers and thunderstorms began on the 18th and increased in intensity with some days heavier than others in different parts of the island. A new 24-hour record was observed at Cataño with 8.70 inches registered on the 23rd. Over the six day period from the 18th thru the 23rd the highest total was 18.62 inches at Toa Baja. Additional record 24-hour total rainfall amounts were reported at Toa Baja with 8.15 inches recorded on the 23rd and Morovis with 8.20 inches on the 21st. The flooding which occurred was mostly from surface runoff and poor drainage. No rivers are known to have run over their banks as most interior water sheds did not receive heavy rains. A total of about 700 families were evacuated from their homes. Heavy street flooding occurred along north coast roads and especially in the San Juan Metropolitan Area. Flooding was reported in Bayamon, Cataño, Trujillo Alto, Dorado, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Carolina, Morovis, Vega Alta, Vega Baja. Most of the evacuated families came from such San Juan sectors as Canteras, Barrio Obrero, Puerto Nuevo Bajo, La Playita and Rio Piedras. One person drowned in the Rio Grande de Loiza River and the other in Luquillo. Some agricultural crops especially tobacco suffered from soil erosion and land slides were reported along interior roads and in the Round Hill Urbanization, Trujillo Alto. Pastures were damaged in some low lying places from cattle trampling and flooding. Businesses and warehouses in the Puerto Nuevo area east of Highway 2 received significant flood damage to merchandise. Telephone and electricity services were out at various times in the areas affected.						
RHODE ISLAND									
Narragansett, Washington Co.	4-5	p.m.-p.m.			0	0	4	0	Heavy rain, wind
			The combination of high tides and heavy rain, nearly 1", caused considerable local flooding in the coastal low areas of southern Rhode Island. Winds, gusting to 35 and 40 knots, were responsible for the collapse of an unoccupied, two and one-half story 18-unit apartment house under construction in Narragansett.						
SOUTH CAROLINA									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Hutchinson County	19	4:05-4:15	-	-	0	0	0	0	Marble size hail
Clay County	19	4:21-4:32	-	-	0	0	0	0	Marble size hail
Lincoln County	19	4:30-4:40	-	-	0	0	0	0	Marble size hail
Turner County	19	5:07-5:10	1	25	0	0	1	0	Tornado
Beadle County	19	5:13-5:20	-	-	0	0	4	0	Wind
Sanborn County	19	5:15-5:30	20	200	0	0	4	3	Tornado
Codington County	19	5:15-5:25	-	-	0	0	3	0	Wind
Faulk County	19	5:30-5:45	8	25	0	0	3	0	Tornado
McCook County	19	5:30-5:44	2	25	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Edmunds County	19	6:00-6:15	2	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
TENNESSEE									
Millington, Shelby County	19	10:15 a.	1	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado, hail
			Six mobile homes were severely damaged or destroyed and 13 others were damaged by tornado winds. 3/4 inch hail reported in the vicinity.						
Ashport, Lauderdale County	19	11:30 a.	0	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			Top and side of country store blown off. A house was knocked off its blocks about 100 yards away and numerous trees blown down.						
Tiger Tail Community, Western Dyer County	19	12:35 p.	0	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			A mobile home was destroyed. Other buildings and a power line were damaged.						
Ridgely, Lake County	19	12:50 p.			0	0	2	0	Wind, funnel cloud aloft.
			Funnel cloud reported southeast of Ridgely. High winds blew down a tractor shed and trees were blown into power lines. Power was off 30 minutes in Tiptonville.						
Northern Obion County	19	2:00 p. to 2:30 p.			0	0	3	0	Wind
			Power lines were reported down between Union City, Tennessee and Hickman, Kentucky.						
Dyer County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	4		Flash Flood
Gibson County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	?		Flash Flood
Haywood County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	4		Flash Flood
Lauderdale County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	4		Flash Flood
Madison County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	5		Flash Flood
Obion County, Tennessee	19	Afternoon and evening			0	0	?		Flash Flood
Shelby County, Tennessee	19	5:00 p. to 6:00 p.			0	0	6		Flash Flood
Tipton County, Tennessee	19	Late afternoon and evening			0	0	5		Flash Flood
			Heavy rain over the western half of West Tennessee resulted in flash flooding of many sections of that portion of the state, during the afternoon and evening of April 19. Closed gates in levees prevented normal runoff and resulted in local flash flooding in many communities. In other sections backwater from the Mississippi retarded runoff through streams flowing directly into the Mississippi River or into tributaries affected by backwater. Up to 4 inches or more of rain fell during the afternoon of April 19.						
Columbia, Maury County	19	9:15 p.			0	0	0		Funnel cloud
Waverly, Humphreys County	19	Evening			0	0	?		Flash Flood
			Flash flooding of Trace Creek caused the evacuation of approximately 40 families.						
Martin, Weakly County	20	12:10 a.			0	0	3		Wind
			Strong winds uprooted trees and damaged power lines in Martin and broke store windows in Sharon, Tennessee 8 miles south of Martin.						
Madison County, Tennessee	23	Midnight to 6:00 a.			0	0	?		Flash Flood
4 SE Watertown, Wilson County	25	3:25 p.			0	0	4		Tornado
			Three house trailers were severely damaged.						

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TEXAS EASTERN									
Dilley, Frio County	2-3	Near Mid-night	?	?	0	0	?	?	Hail
									Storm moved from 3 miles west of Dilley to the northeast. Damage to windows, roofs, and crops along storm path.
Eagle Pass, Maverick County	3	9:30 pm	?	?	0	0	4	0	Hail
									Damage was confined to the city. Hail measured up to 2 inches diameter. Damage was largely to windows, roofs, automobiles, and trailer homes.
Portland, San Patricio County	8	2:45 pm							Funnel Aloft
									Probable movement was east, 25 miles an hour.
Lampasas, Lampasas Co. to Cameron, Milam Co.	14	9:30 am	80	20	0	0	4	4	Hail
									Storm ended 11:30 am east of Cameron. Hail 1-1/2-2 inches diameter reported in Bertram, Andice, Jartzel, Florende, Walburg, Granger, and Cameron. House roof destroyed and ground covered to 2 inches by hail in Bertram. Heavy corn, maize, cotton damage in Williamson Co.
San Antonio	15	5:00 pm			2	0	3	0	Heavy Rain
									Rapid rainfall up to 2-1/2 inches on Olmos Creek in metropolitan San Antonio created flash flooding. One youth was drowned when caught by rising water in a drainage ditch. A woman was drowned when the automobile in which she was a passenger attempted to ford a low water crossing on Olmos Creek and Tuxedo Drive. The vehicle was swept off the street, but two other occupants escaped.
Pearsall, Frio County	15	5:20 pm	23	*3/4	5	8	6	6	Tornado
									The tornado path began 8 miles west of Frio County Airport, moved east across the airport and the Melon Community, ending 15 miles due east of the airport. All persons killed were occupants of two cars traveling on IH 35 as the tornado crossed. Persons injured included 3 other occupants of the cars; rest were residents of local houses. Eight houses totally destroyed and several others damaged. Three airport hangars damaged, 8 to 10 airplanes destroyed, 2 runways partially torn up. Livestock losses were 30 head. About 13,000 acres of crops were destroyed. Hail in area up to 1-1/4 inch diameter.
Quihi, Medina County	15	Evening	15	200	0	0	5	?	Tornado
									The tornado path began near the Quihi community about 7 miles northeast of Hondo in eastern Medina County. The storm moved toward the east southeast to New Fountain and ended near Castroville. Damages included destruction to several barns and farm equipment and the death of two head of cattle. Numerous small buildings were unroofed. Hail to 1-3/4 inch diameter accompanied the storm.
McMullen County	15	7:00 pm	15	3	0	0	?	4	Hail
									Wheat, oats, forage crops were severely damaged by hail up to 1-1/2 inch diameter. The area effected was in the extreme northwest portion of the county.
Rockport, Aransas Co.	15	10:00 pm	Short	Narrow	0	0	0	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down in empty field 5 miles east of Rockport according to police. Lasted about 5 minutes.
Port Arthur, Jefferson County	16	9:25 am							Funnel Aloft
									State police reported funnel appearing briefly over city. Movement was east northeast at 35 miles an hour.
Port Arthur	16	Morning			0	0	6	?	Heavy Rain
									Torrential rains totaling some 13 inches fell over the Port Arthur area from the 14th to the 17th with over 10 inches 16th to the 17th. The Mostrose section of southwest Port Arthur reported the most flooding. About 200 families were not able to return to their homes until the 26th when water receded.
Port Arthur	17	6:10 am	Short	Narrow	0	0	0	0	Tornado
									Police sighted tornado touching down briefly in open near Port Arthur city operation building on Highway 73.
Groves, Jefferson Co.	17	12:20 pm							Funnel Aloft
									Sighted by Port Arthur Police. Movement was northeast at 20-30 miles an hour.
Flour Bluff, Nueces Co	17	12:45 pm							Funnel Aloft
									Reported by Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Lasted about five minutes.
Flour Bluff, Nueces Co	17	1:15 pm							Waterspout
									Reported by public in Laguna Madre.
Del Rio, Val Verde Co.	23	3:45 pm			0	1	4	0	Wind, Electrical
									An electrician was slightly injured when lightning struck house he was working on. Local gusts in associated thunderstorm overturned a mobile home. Fifty per cent of damage due to electrical and fifty per cent due to wind.

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30 mi SW of Kerrville to 10 mi S of Boerne	25	12:20 pm	55	?	0	0	?	?	Hail
									Damage was believed to be minimal with hail up to 2-3/4 inch diameter near Boerne and 1-1/2 inch diameter near Bandera falling on range land. The storm moved into Bexar County at 2:10 pm.
San Antonio and Bexar County, Guadalupe Co.	25	2:10 pm, 4:30 pm, 4:10:45 pm	60	40	0	0	7	5	Hail
									Three separate hail storms moved southeastward over the area affecting widespread parts of Bexar County. Most of the property damage was due to the first storm which moved over the north side of San Antonio. The second storm produced additional property damage on the southwest side of San Antonio and produced most of the crop damage in southern Bexar County. The third storm caused some additional crop damage. The first storm had hail up to 2-1/4 inch diameter and the other storms had hail up to 1-1/2 inch diameter. Only the first storm moved into Guadalupe County causing some crop damage.
Batesville, Zavala Co. to Refugio, Refugio Co.	25	2:15 pm	160	*10	0	0	?	5	Hail
									The storm reached Refugio at 6:30 pm and moved offshore. Hail of 1 inch diameter was reported most of the length of the storm. Crop damage was only reported in Frio County where hail up to 3 inch diameter fell completely covering the ground south of Pearsall.
Seguin, Guadalupe Co.	25	3:25 pm							Funnel Aloft
									The funnel was sighted just north of Seguin moving southeast. It did not touch ground.
Hondo, Medina Co. to 10 mi W of Falls City, Wilson Co.	25	4:00 pm	60	*5-10	0	0	4	3	Hail
									Damage was concentrated in northern Atascosa County near Lytle where hail up to 2-1/2 inch diameter battered roofs, automobiles, and crops. Light damage occurred in the southern part of the county. Crop damage to southern Bexar County from this storm has not been included.
Tilden, McMullen Co.	25	4:04 pm							Funnel Aloft
									Funnel was sighted by airplane pilot 10 miles northeast of Tilden. It was reported as a tornado by the public but there was no evidence of its having touched down.
Freer, Duval County	25	7:00 pm	?	?	0	0	?	?	Hail
									Hail 1-3/4 inch diameter was reported 5 miles east of Freer.
Lampasas, Lampasas Co. to Hempstead, Waller County	25	7:40 pm	160	*20	0	0	6	6	Hail, Wind
									The storm moved into Burnet County from west of Lampasas, moved southeast, and moved into Harris County about 11 pm. In Burnet Co. 4% of reported property damage from this storm occurred and 9% of reported crop damage. Winds to 60 mph were reported but damage was due to 1-3 inch diameter hail which covered the ground to 3 inches in Williamson Co. 83% of reported property damage from this storm occurred and 90% of the reported crop damage. Winds to 60 mph were reported but damage was mostly due to hail which was 1-1/2 inch diameter and covered the ground to 3 inches most areas. This was one of worst such storms for Williamson Co. as it destroyed over 100,000 acres of crops. Hail to 1-1/2 inch diameter was reported at Hempstead, Waller County.
30 mi NW Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co. to Palacios, Matagorda County	25-26	9:15 pm	220	*6-10	0	0	6	?	Hail, Wind
									The storm moved across Stonewall causing major damage to peach trees but dollar value was not reported. Hail reports of stones to 1-1/2 inch diameter were received from points along the storm path to the City of Yoakum. In Yoakum 90% of all property damage reported from this storm occurred. Damage was caused by estimated winds of 60-75 mph driving 1-2 inch diameter hail into windows and walls on west side of buildings. The storm moved over Edna at 12:15 am the 26th with hail up to 2 inch diameter. The remainder of reported property damage occurred at Edna with some unspecified crop damage in the area. The storm moved into the Gulf of Mexico from Palacios at 1:15 am with hail at Palacios of 2 inch diameter and gusts to 83 mph.
Medina, Bandera Co. to Goliad, Goliad Co.	25-26	9:50 pm	145	*5	0	0	?	5	Hail
									Hail of 1-3/4 inch diameter was reported at Medina. The storm moved over San Antonio at 10:45 pm but damages in San Antonio were included in an above report, same date. In Wilson County property damage was minimal with some slight crop damage. In Karnes County most of the reported crop damage occurred. Hail to 1-1/2 inch diameter ruined large portion of wheat crop. The storm was last reported in Goliad at 1:30 am on the 26th with hail of 1-3/4 inch diameter.
Harris County	25-26	11:00 pm	50	?	0	2	?	?	Wind, Hail
									The storm moved into Harris County with 1-3/4 inch diameter hail first reported at Tomball. Before midnight extreme winds turned over five mobile homes in the Sheldon Highlands community slightly injuring two persons. Hail 2-1/2 inch diameter caused excessive damage to windows, roofs, and automobiles along FM Road 1960 in northeast Harris County and northern Houston.

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TEXAS (continued)									
Baytown, Harris County	26	After Mid night	5	100	0	0	?	?	Tornado
									The discernible damage was on a path extending from the McFair community to North Baytown. Damages included several destroyed mobile homes, bent heavy duty power poles, downed and twisted trees, and damage to Sterling High School. Widespread roof and window damage was probably due to large hail which accompanied the storm.
Fort Arthur, Jefferson County	26	12:30 am	20	?	0	0	5	?	Wind, Hail
									The severe thunderstorm was first reported near Fannett. It moved east across southern Port Arthur into Lake Sabine and Louisiana. Wind gusts were estimated at near 100 mph over southern Port Arthur. Extensive damage occurred to Lincoln High School. Damage was also reported at Gulf, Texaco and Sinclair plants but estimates were not given. Hail up to 1-1/4 inch diameter was reported.
CENTRAL									
East of Windthorst Archer County	2	6:30 p							Funnel aloft
									Funnel sighted by Dept. of Public Safety moving east.
Antelope, Jack County	2	7:10 p			0	0	?	?	Hail
									3/4 inch hail.
Dallas, Dallas County	15	5:30 p			0	0	?	0	Windstorm
									Damage reported along Davis Boulevard.
Corsicana Navarro County	15	7:50 p	3	200	0	3	6	0	Tornado
									Tornado first touched down on northeast side of town damaging buildings at Navarro Jr. College. Windows blown out of 67 to 70 cars on the County Hospital parking lot. Damaged medical clinic, doctor's offices, and drugstore. 35 homes destroyed and 40 others damaged. Wholesale grocery destroyed and paint store damaged. Severe tree damage throughout area.
S.W. Gregg County	15	10:15 p			0	0	2	0	Windstorm
									Thunderstorm winds blew large trees into power lines.
Tatum, Panola County	15	10:25 p - 11:00 p			0	0	4	0	Windstorm, hail
									3/4 inch hail broke windows out of cars. Large chicken house damaged by wind.
Quanah Hardeman County	15	10:35 p							Funnel aloft
									Funnel sighted moving to the north.
North Texas	16-30						6	C	Flooding, heavy rain
									Heavy rains totaling more than 7 inches fell on the 16th in an area near Gilmer. Flooding began at Hagansport on the Sulphur River and along the Upper Sabine from near Emory to near Longview. On 23-24, more than 4 inches of rain fell in the Gilmer-Gladewater-Marleton area extending the flooding on the Sabine to Logansport by the 28th. Major flooding occurred near Mineola from 26th to 28th; and from near Gladewater to near Longview from the 25th through the end of the month. Flooding also resulted on the Cypress River at Jefferson from the 24th to 27th. Two to four inches of rain on the 24th-25th from Grapeland to Douglas; caused overflow on the Angelina and Upper Neches Rivers through the end of April. Heaviest damage was on the Sabine where ten dwellings were flooded. Also included in the damage were numerous livestock losses as well as extensive damage to roads, bridges, etc. Pastures and grazing areas were inundated with water.
North Central Texas	17-30						7	C	Flooding, heavy rain
									Two to four inches of rain fell near Trinidad from the 15th to the 17th causing flooding on the Upper Trinity River near Trinidad from the 17th to the 20th. Near Long Lake, flooding began on the 20th. Another 4 to 5 inches of rain fell in the Trinity basin on the 22nd-23rd causing flooding at Dallas on the 24th to 26th, near Rosser on the 24th to 28th and near both Trinidad and Long Lake through the end of the month. Flooding was further reinforced by an additional 2 to 4 inches of rain on the 24th-25th. Flooding resulted near Carrollton on the Elm Fork of the Trinity on the 24th. Thousands of acres of grass, grain and cotton crops were flooded with heavy damage to fences and roads. Numerous livestock were killed.
10 N Wichita Falls Wichita County	19	10:01 p			0	0	1	0	Hail
									Hail averaging 1 inch with largest 2 inches.
Near Hawley Jones County	22	10:28 a			0	0	?	?	Hail
									2-1/2 inch hail reported.
Fort Worth Tarrant County	22	11:25 a - 12:05 p			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm
									Hail averaging 1 inch fell over portions of Ft. Worth and its suburbs. Largest stones reported were 2-1/2 inches in diameter. Some damage to autos and roofs reported.
TEXAS (continued)									
Wichita Falls Wichita County	22	12:18 p - 12:31 p			0	0	1	0	Hail
									Hail averaged 1/2 inch with largest 3/4 inch.
8 S.E. of Baird	22	1:30 p - 1:45 p	1/4	100	0	0	3	0	Tornado, hail
									Tornado destroyed garage and shed.
5 S.W. of Ballinger Runnels County	22	1:34 p - 2:20 p	1/2	50	0	0	3	0	3 Tornadoes, hail
									Three small tornadoes, on the ground at the same time, moved across the Little Ranch. 1-inch hail.
McKinney Collin County	22	1:45 p			0	0	0	1	Hail
									1-inch hail caused slight damage to vegetable gardens.
N. of Waco McLennan County	22	4:05 p			0	0	?	?	Hail
									1-inch hail.
Upshur, Camp, Morris and Bowie Counties	22	8:40 p - 9:20 p	50	*4	0	0	3	3	Hailstorm
									1/2 to 3/4 inch hail fell from S.N.E. of Gilmer in Upshur County to Hooks in Bowie County. Damage to plants and trees with window damage at Hooks.
19 N.W. Ballinger Runnels County	23	4:00 p - 4:30 p	1	300	0	0	3	4	Tornado, hail
									Tornado damaged barns and several windows. Average hail 1-1/2 inches, with largest stones 2-1/2 inches. Crop damage to grain crops caused by hail.
Coleman Coleman County	23	4:00 p - 4:20 p			0	0	?	?	Hail, heavy rain
									4 inches of rain in 20 minutes. 1-inch hail.
Dublin Erath County	23	4:15 p - 6:15 p			0	0	?	0	Windstorm, heavy rain
									Roof blown off lumber yard and drive-in theater screen blown down. 4.6 inches of rain.
Stephenville Erath County	23	4:30 p - 6:30 p			0	0	?	0	Flooding heavy rain
									4.5 inches of rain caused Bosque River to flood city park and several homes. Some highways closed.
Cleburne Johnson County	23	5:00 p - 7:30 p	2-1/2	300	0	3	6	0	Tornado, heavy rain, flooding
									Tornado traveled across town just above roof top level, occasionally touching down. Roaring heard with rapid pressure drops as windows blown out. Extensive damage to businesses with about 20 homes damaged, as well as a large apartment complex. City and County buildings heavily damaged. 5.2 inches of rain caused heavy flooding on Buffalo Creeks with extensive street and bridge damage.
Elysin Fields Panola County	23	7:05 p			0	0	?	?	Hail
4 N. of Bowie Montague County	24	1:00 a	1/4	100	0	0	*5	C	Hailstorm, funnel aloft, heavy rain
									1-inch hail caused considerable damage to trailer houses, cars and crops. Funnel sighted. 5 inches of rain.
Texarkana Bowie County	24	5:45 a	2	300	0	8	6	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down near Kings Highway and U.S. 59 and moved along Highway 59 causing extensive damage to numerous mobile homes on a trailer sales lot. Also heavily damaged a laundromat, three service stations, and a box company. Touched down in College Hill section causing little damage.
Fairlie Hunt County	24	4:30 p - 5:00 p	1/4	50	0	0	*3	C	Tornado
									Roofs destroyed with damage to trees and crops.
Concho County	25	5:30 p	25	*2	0	0	*5	C	Hailstorm
									Storm path extended from N. W. of Paint Rock to S. E. of Miller-vied with heaviest damage reported in Paint Rock where every building received heavy damage. Locally severe crop damage. 1-inch hail with largest stones measuring 2 inches.
WESTERN									
7 miles southwest of Muleshoe, Bailey County	2	3:30 p. - 3:35 p.	1	20	0	0	0	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down briefly in open country. Observer affirmed that it moved toward the southeast and was on ground but a short distance. One other funnel aloft also observed.

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TEXAS (continued)									
Whitharral area, Hookley County	2	1:28 p.-2:31 p.	2	15	0	0	2	0	Tornado
			Tornado in open country. Moved northeast and overturned some cotton trailers. Two funnel clouds aloft also reported.						
Crosbyton area, Crosby County	13	about 12:30 a.	?	?	0	0	1	0	Hail
			Hail up to 1 inch in diameter. Did little damage.						
25 miles northwest of Amarillo, Potter County	13	5:58 p.	1	15	0	0	0	0	Tornado
			Tornado moving east southeast touched down briefly in open country.						
White Deer area, Carson County	13	8:20 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail
			Hail 1/2" to 2" in diameter. Did only minor damage.						
Washburn area, Armstrong County, Panhandle Skellytown area, Carson County, Canadian area, Hemphill County	14	5:30 p.-7:45 p.	70	150	0	0	4	0	Tornado and Hail
			Tornado touched down four times as it moved northeastward along 70-mile track. It damaged several houses in Panhandle and Skellytown with major portion of damage in Panhandle. Hail 2 3/4" in diameter reported near Washburn.						
Pampa-Miami area, Gray and Roberts Counties	14	9:15 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft
			Funnel cloud aloft appeared for a few minutes moving northeastward across the county line.						
Hurthwood, Lubbock County	15	4:00 a.-4:15 a.	?	?	0	0	4	0	Wind
			Windstorm destroyed unoccupied mobile home and damaged brick home. Wind gusts to 69 mph at Reese Air Force Base.						
Lubbock, Lubbock County	15	4:00 a.-4:05 a.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail and Wind
			Hail to 1 3/4" in diameter in South Lubbock caused very minor damage to autos.						
Plainview, Hale County	15	4:15 a.-4:30 a.	8	200	2	28	6	0	Tornado
			Tornado moved southwest to northeast destroying about 40 residences in the west southwestern and northwestern sections of Plainview. Three commercial buildings and other residences were heavily damaged.						
Plainview, Hale Center, Abernathy, Lubbock area in Hale and Lubbock Counties	18	5:15 p.-10:15 p.			0	0	4	0	Funnel clouds aloft and wind
			Several funnel clouds aloft were reported in Hale County. Winds gusted to 81 mph at Plainview airport and to 80 mph at Lubbock. Some minor damage to roofs and storage sheds and a mobile home damaged.						
Pampa area, Gray County	18	9:00 p.	?	?	0	0	0	0	Hail and Wind
			Hail to 1 inch in diameter fell north of Pampa for a brief period. Wind gusts were estimated at 60 mph. Little or no damage.						
West Texas	19	9:00 a.-6:00 p.	?	?	0	0	6	0	Wind Storm
			High winds occurred over much of West Texas. Winds gusted to 81 mph at Amarillo, 58 mph at Lubbock, and 79 mph at El Paso. There was considerable blowing dust. Widespread damage to mobile homes, roofs, and signs was mostly in the Panhandle.						
Roby area, Fisher County	22	8:15 a.-9:20 a.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail
			Hail to 3 inches in diameter covered ground over a small area just north of Roby. Minor automobile damage.						
Midland, Midland County	23	12:00 m	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail
			Hail to 1 inch in diameter fell for a brief period in downtown Midland. Minor damage.						
Sterling City area, Sterling County	23	3:00 p.-3:15 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail
			Hail to 1 3/4 inches in diameter fell northwest of town. Smaller hail fell in town. Only minor damage.						
TEXAS (continued)									
Big Lake area, Reagan County	23	4:05 p.	?	?	0	0	2	0	Hail
			Hail to 1 1/2 inches in diameter fell over a small area 3 miles north of Big Lake. Minor damage.						
NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS									
Carlsbad area, Tom Green County	23	6:00 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud Aloft
			A funnel cloud aloft was visible briefly. It was moving eastward.						
Morton area, Morton County	23	7:40 p.-7:55 p.	3	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado and Hail
			Two tornadoes touched down in open country 5-6 miles east and southeast of town and moved eastward. They did no damage. Hail to 1 1/2 inches in diameter covered the ground and did some minor damage to roofs and automobiles.						
Shamrock, Wheeler County	23	9:45 p.-9:50 p.	1/4	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
			A tornado hit the Shamrock Airport and demolished three airplanes. Shamrock received 2.5 inches of rain as the storm moved from west to east.						
Abernathy area (8 NW), Hale County	24	9:40 p.	1/4	15	0	0	0	0	Tornado
			A tornado touched down in open country for a period of approximately 1 minute. It did no damage.						
Abernathy, Ralls area, Hale, Lubbock, and Crosby Counties	24	9:50 p.-10:10 p.	20	1000	0	0	3	4	Hail
			Hail to 1 3/4 inches in diameter covered the ground 3-5 inches deep. It damaged automobiles and roof tops and severely damaged wheat crop.						
Lubbock, Dalou area, Lubbock County	24	10:00 p.-10:20 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Clouds Aloft
			Three funnel clouds were sighted north and northeast of Lubbock moving southeastward.						
Bronte area, Coke County	25	4:00 p.-4:30 p.	?	1760	0	0	3	4	Hail
			Hail 3 miles north of Bronte to three inches in diameter with average size 3/4 inch. Minor damage to roofs, most of damage to small grain.						
Fort Stockton area, Pecos County	28	3:15 p.	1/8	15	0	0	0	0	Tornado
			A small tornado touched down in open country for approximately one minute.						
White Deer, Carson County	30	5:40 p.-5:45 p.	1/8	100	0	3	5	0	Tornado
			Tornado hit south side of White Deer. It destroyed several mobile homes, damaged other residences, automobiles, and small buildings.						
UTAH									
Northern Utah, Davis, Weber and Salt Lake Counties	2	Morning and early afternoon			0	1	5	0	Damaging winds
			Winds estimated between 60 and 75 miles per hour blowing out of the canyons of the Wasatch Front between Salt Lake City and Brigham City tipped over a half dozen semi-truck trailers, damaged several mobile homes, ripped through the Lagoon amusement resort near Farmington, resulting in damage in excess of 35,000 dollars, blew down a large outdoor theater screen and damaged many roofs and signs and some windows. The winds forced closing of major highways along the front for several hours. One man was injured when a collection booth belonging to Deseret Industries was tipped over by the wind.						
Seven miles south of Corrine	3	aftn			0	0	0	0	Funnel cloud
			A funnel cloud which did not touch the ground was sighted by our cooperative weather observer at Corrine.						
VERMONT									
NO STORM DATA RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
VIRGIN ISLANDS									
NONE REPORTED									
VIRGINIA									
NONE REPORTED									

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WASHINGTON									
Eastern counties	5					?	?	?	Duststorm
Dusty winds caused duststorms in many parts of eastern Washington, Grant County to Inland Empire. Visibility was reduced to zero closing roads to traffic and causing numerous rear-end type accidents. Grant County sheriff's office alone reported 20 separate accidents. Some injuries reported from several collisions. Wind caused erosion problems, which were magnified by the drought. Several fields of sugar beets "blown-out" as beets are planted quite shallow. Spokane reported gusts to 46 MPH and blew steadily at 25 MPH until late afternoon. Yakima reported highest gusts of 50 MPH.									
WEST VIRGINIA									
			NONE REPORTED						
WISCONSIN									
SOUTH HALF OF STATE	8-9				0	0	6	0	Snowstorm, Wind
Severe late season snowstorm brought 10-20 inches of badly drifted snow to Wisconsin. Heaviest snowfall in southwestern Wisconsin. Many highways, including the interstate system, closed for up to 18 hours. Several weather related deaths occurred due to heart attacks and traffic mishaps. Storm the worst since 1921. Winds gusted above 50 mph in most southern counties causing scattered wind damage.									
LAKE MICHIGAN COUNTIES									
	9				0	0	6	0	Flooding beach, erosion
Strong northeast winds along the entire Wisconsin Lake Michigan shore caused severe lowland flooding along Green Bay in Brown, Oconto and Marinette counties. Shoreline erosion occurred elsewhere. Damage in Green Bay alone estimated at several million dollars.									
Southeast Counties									
	20				0	0	7	0	Flooding
Heavy rains on top of snowmelt runoff from the storm 10 days earlier brought rivers and streams in southeastern Wisconsin over their banks. Severe flooding occurred along the Turtle Creek in the Beloit area and along the Root and Fox rivers in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Racine counties. Several million dollars damage alone to inventory of shoes at Beldit factory.									
WYOMING									
ALABAMA									
Union Springs, Bullock County, Hurtsboro, Russell County	7								Funnel Cloud
State Troopers reported funnel cloud moving through the area. No indication that it touched the ground.									
North and Central Counties	11				0	0	0	7	Freeze
Record low temperatures in the 20s caused major damage to fruit and other vegetation. Central Alabama peach and plum crop near total loss. Apple prospects cut in half. In Chilton County alone, about 4,000 acres of peach trees suffered a 90 percent loss.									
Elba, Coffee County	18	5:00 p	1	100	0	14	6	0	Tornado
Tornado along with damaging straight-line winds destroyed 8 mobile homes, damaged 10 others, destroyed or damaged 20 large semi-truck trailers, damaged 2 hangers at Elba Airport, damaged another destroyed, 19 aircraft destroyed 2 damaged. Overall, wind damage occurred along path 5-6 miles wide. Tornado affected only a fraction of damage area. Moved northeast.									
ALABAMA (continued)									
Gardendale, Jefferson County	24	12:45 p							Funnel Cloud
Public reported funnel cloud 2 miles north of Gardendale moving northeast. No indication that it touched ground.									
Wilsonville, Shelby County, Hutchinson Shoals, Camp Brownie, Talladega County	24	5:20 p	4	800	0	0	5	0	Tornado
Tornado moved northeast through communities on both sides of Coosa River. Destroyed 3 buildings, heavily damaged 5 others. About 6 mobile homes overturned.									
Billingsley, Autauga County	24	5:30 p							Funnel Cloud
Public reported funnel cloud moving eastward at 30 m.p.h. No indication that it touched ground.									
Melvin, Choctaw County	25	Morning					5	0	Rain
Nearly 7 inches of rain in 12 hours set off flash-flooding washing out 2 bridges with several highways under water. Route 17 was blocked by a landslide.									
Luverne, Crenshaw County	25	11:45 a							Funnel Cloud
Funnel observed just southeast of Luverne. No indication that it touched ground.									
Midland City, Dale County	25	1:10 p							Funnel Cloud
Public reported funnel cloud near Midland City about 9 miles northwest of Dothan. Moved east-northeast at 30 m.p.h. No evidence of touching ground.									
Decatur, Morgan County	25	4:34 p							Funnel Cloud
Police sighted funnel cloud moving northeast. No indication that it touched ground.									
Florence, Lauderdale County, Tuscumbia, Colbert County	25	7:35 p			0	0	0	0	Hail
Hail up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter nearly covered ground.									
Hazel Green, Madison County	25	9:30 p			0	0	0	0	Hail
Hail 1 inch in diameter fell briefly									
Dothan, Houston County	26	10:30 a			0	0	4	0	Wind and Rain
High winds uprooted trees, partially unroofed a school and ripped down signs east of downtown area. Up to 4 1/2 inches of rain set off flash flooding in the area. Most of damage caused by wind.									
Satsuma, Mobile County	26	Noon			0	0	4	0	Electrical
Lightning knocked large hole in roof of Satsuma High School.									
Lee, Coffee and Pike Counties	26	7:30 p - 9:30 p			0	0	5	0	Wind
High winds near and west of Elba Airport destroyed 3 chicken houses and 2 mobile homes killing 3,000 chickens, uprooted trees and knocked down power lines. Storm moved northeast. Two trucks and chicken house damaged at Brundidge, Pike County. Several metal out-buildings damaged at Opelika, Lee County.									

- * 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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