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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
					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
ALABAMA	SEE END OF TABLE								
ALASKA	NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE								
ARIZONA	NONE REPORTED								
ARKANSAS	SEE END OF TABLE								
8 Miles Southwest of Stuttgart - Arkansas County	4	11:00 p.			0	0	4	0	Winds
	Strong winds generated by thunderstorms extensively damaged two sheds. The sheds housed farm equipment which sustained major damage.								
9 Miles West of Marianna - Lee County	5	12:11 p.			0	2	4	0	Winds
	Winds generated by thunderstorms destroyed 5 mobile homes and injured 2 of their occupants. Some roof damage also occurred to several nearby houses.								
15 Miles South of Batesville - Independence County	20	2:45 p.							Funnel Cloud
	Public reported a funnel cloud moving toward the northeast.								
Oil Trough - Independence County, and Newport - Jackson County	20	3:05 p. to 3:25 p.			0	0	4	0	Winds
	Thunderstorms moving through the area generated winds of 70 MPH. Little damage was observed in the Oil Trough area with one mobile home in Newport sustaining major damage.								
Judsonia - White County	20	3:40 p.			0	0	4	0	Winds
	Winds generated by thunderstorms destroyed a house under construction.								
Western Craighead County	20	3:45 p.			0	0	3	0	Winds
	Winds generated by thunderstorms damaged utility poles at Cash. Glass and roof damage was also widespread in Cash. Minor wind damage was also noted in Jonesboro.								
Leachville - Mississippi County	20	4:30 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
	Winds generated by thunderstorms broke numerous windows and caused extensive roof damage in the business district of Leachville.								
Southern Chicot County	20	6:25 p.	1	25	0	0	2	0	Tornado
	This was the same tornado which struck Kilbourne, Louisiana. The tornado dissipated shortly after entering the state with only minor damage in Arkansas.								
Norrow - Washington County	26	3:45 p.	2	75	0	0	5	0	Tornado
	This tornado was first observed at a farm just south of the town. The tornado moved toward the northeast through the eastern section of the community. Several homes and mobile homes sustained major damage as well as numerous farm outbuildings. Damage was estimated slightly in excess of \$75,000.								
Danville to Centerville - Yell County	26	5:40 p.	17	100	0	4	6	0	Tornado
	The tornado first touched down in the vicinity of Danville and moved toward the east-northeast to several miles northeast of Centerville. Most of the damage occurred at Centerville where 17 homes were destroyed and 20 others sustained major damage. Numerous farm outbuildings in the path of the tornado were also destroyed. The four injuries were at Centerville. Total damage was estimated near one million dollars.								
South of Atkins - Pope County	26	5:45 p.	2	50	0	0	5	0	Tornado
	A tornado moving toward the northeast briefly touched down just south of Atkins. Numerous farm outbuildings were destroyed with several houses sustaining major damage. Damage was slightly less than one-hundred thousand dollars.								
Van Buren County	26	6:50 p. to 7:05 p.	9	75	0	0	5	0	Tornado
	A tornado moving toward the northeast touched down in the vicinity of Clinton and moved to near Shirley before dissipating. Two homes and a mobile home sustained major damage between Clinton and Shirley. Numerous farm outbuildings also sustained major damage. Damage estimates were near 80 thousand dollars.								
ARKANSAS (continued)	SEE END OF TABLE								
Dixie to Wiville - Woodruff County	26	6:50 p. to 7:05 p.	9	70	0	2	5	0	Tornado
	This tornado first touched down at Dixie and moved northeast to Wiville. Most of the damage was at Wiville where two persons were injured. Numerous farm buildings along the storm's path were damaged. Damage was estimated nearly two-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars.								
Ashley County	26	7:15 p. to 8:20 p.			0	0	4	0	Winds
	Thunderstorms moving through the county caused scattered damage. Most of the damage occurred when large trees fell on houses with most of the damage at Hamburg and Parkdale.								
5 Miles North of Wynne - Cross County	26	9:00 p.							Funnel Cloud
	Public reported a funnel cloud moving toward the east.								
Siloam Springs - Benton County	29	7:15 a.			0	0	0	0	Hail
	Hail up to one-inch in diameter briefly fell on the city.								
Sebastian and Crawford Counties	29	12:03 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail and Funnel Cloud
	An eastward moving funnel cloud was observed 5 miles southwest of Fort Smith. Hail up to the size of golfballs also fell just north of Van Buren. No damage was reported.								
Huntsville - Madison County	29	12:25 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
	Golf ball sized hail fell on the city for a brief period.								
Northern Pike and Clark Counties	29	12:30 p. to 1:00 p.			0	0	3	0	Hail and Winds
	High winds and hail up to golf ball size fell on these counties mainly at Lemley and Amity. Minor wind damage was also observed at Amity.								
Clarksville - Johnson County	29	1:14 p.							Funnel Cloud
	Public reported a funnel cloud moving toward the east.								
Jessieville - Garland County	29	1:35 p. to 1:55 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
	Hail up to two inches in diameter covered the ground. No damage was reported.								
2 Miles Southeast of Bismarck to DeRoché - Hot Spring County	29	2:00 p.	6	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado and Hail
	Tornado briefly touched down destroying several buildings. Soft-ball sized hail also fell, damaging autos and store windows.								
Scotland - Van Buren County	29	2:48 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
	Golf ball sized hail fell on the city for a short period.								
Southern Pulaski County	29	3:05 p. to 3:15 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
	Golf ball sized hail fell on portions of the county south of Little Rock. No damage was reported.								
Jacksonville - Pulaski County to Cabot - Lonoke County	29	3:07 p. to 3:25 p.	16	100	5	64	7	0	Tornado
	This tornado was first observed just north of Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. The storm moved toward the east-northeast and struck Cabot. Cabot bore the brunt of the destruction. All of the deaths and injuries occurred at Cabot. Total destruction in Cabot was as follows: 50 businesses, 54 mobile homes, 8 homes, and one apartment complex. Damage was estimated nearly 8 million dollars.								
Northern Cleburne County	29	3:25 p. to 3:40 p.	17	50	1	6	5	0	Tornado
	The tornado first touched down just east of the city of Greers Ferry and moved northeast to Drasco and lifted in the vicinity of Concord. Eight buildings and six mobile homes sustained major damage with damage of over 200 thousand dollars. The one death and six injuries all occurred in Drasco.								

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6 Miles Northwest of Des Arc - Prairie County	29	4:10 p.							Funnel Cloud
									Public reported a funnel cloud moving toward the northeast.
10 Miles South of Searcy - White County	29	4:24 p.							Funnel Cloud
									Public reported a funnel cloud moving toward the east.
Taylor - Columbia County	20	4:40 p.			0	0	0	0	Hail
									Hail up to golf ball size briefly fell on the city. No damage was reported.
Ravenden - Lawrence County	29	4:49 p.	1	100	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									A tornado briefly touched down damaging several homes with trees and outbuildings receiving the brunt of the destruction. A north-easterly direction.
Jackson and Craighead Counties	29	5:00 p. to 5:30 p.			0	0	3	0	Funnel Clouds and Wind
									Numerous funnel clouds were reported as a line of thunderstorms moved through the area. Funnels were reported in the following areas: between Swifton and Alicia, Egypt, Bono, Cash, and Jonesboro. These funnel clouds were moving in a northeasterly direction. Some minor wind damage was reported in the vicinity of Bono, but it does not appear to be associated with the funnel cloud.
Fontaine - Green County	29	6:30 p.			0	0	3	0	Winds
									Thunderstorm generated winds damaged 3 homes near Fontaine. The damage was primarily roof damage.
Eastern Drew County	29	7:30 p. to 8:00 p.							Funnel Clouds
									The public reported several funnel clouds between Monticello and McGehee. Movement was toward the northeast.
									SEE END OF TABLE FOR ADDITIONAL DATA
CALIFORNIA									
NORTHERN & CENTRAL									
									NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS AREA
CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN Area									
	2				?	?			Heavy Rain
									Heavy rains triggered mud and rock slides in the foothills in an area north of Los Angeles. A 15 Car accident was caused by the rains in the Glendale area.
	3-4				?	?			Heavy rain & Snow
									Flooding and mud slides continued as a second storm in as many days moved into the Los Angeles area. Numerous power failures were caused by the storm in the Sepulveda, North Hollywood and Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles. Cold Arctic air moved into Southern California forcing produce growers to protect from frost. Blizzard conditions prevailed in the mountain areas around the Los Angeles basin with Big Bear reporting 16 inches and Running Springs 20 inches of new snow.
	8-19				?	?			Heavy Winds
									Heavy winds damaged 4 trailers, 2 overturned, at lake Crowley near Bishop in the Owens Valley. Mammoth Lake Airport Reported wind gusts to 65 knots at 1100PST on the 18th.
COLORADO									
									NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE
CONNECTICUT									
<i>Southern Conn.</i>									
	9	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy Snow
	8								10" of snow covered the area.
<i>Norwich</i>	13	Aftr.			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Light roofs and small buildings were blown apart.
<i>Northern Conn.</i>	16	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy snow
	5								8" of snow fell.
<i>Millerton, Sharon</i>	21	3 PM			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Barns, sheds, windows and cars were damaged.
<i>Southington</i>	21	3 PM			0	0	4	0	Wind, Funnel Cls.
									Roof of clothing store blown off in strong westerly winds. Several possible funnel clouds were reported by public.
DELAWARE									
<i>Statewide</i>									
	9	All Day			0	0	0	0	Snow
									Coastal storm brought heaviest snowfall of season to the state. Amounts ranged from 3 to 5 inches over the south portion, to up to 6 inches at Wilmington and 7 inches at Odessa, in the north portion. Scores of minor traffic accidents reported due to slushy roads, but no serious injuries.
<i>Little Heaven, Kent County</i>	13	Midday			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Winds associated with approaching cold front estimated as high as 71 mph. Barn destroyed and calf inside was killed.
<i>New Castle and Kent Counties</i>	21	Afternoon			1	18	6	0	Wind
									Pre-frontal squall line winds, with gusts estimated up to 100 mph, did extensive damage to buildings, telephone poles, trees and mobile homes. Boy fatally injured when trailer he sought shelter behind overturned onto him. 10 injured when roof of church was lifted off in Wilmington. damage \$35,000. Auto trying to avoid an apparent falling tree, resulted in 4-car pile-up, with 8 persons receiving minor injuries, northeast of Newark. Near Middletown, airport received \$20,000 loss to buildings and \$675,000 to aircraft. Newcastle County Airport reported \$21,000 damage.
<i>Newcastle, (2 1/2 miles E of Wilmington Airport)</i>	21	2:00 p	1/10	30 ft	0	1	5	0	Tornado
									Apparent tornado badly damaged 4 houses. Roofs were demolished and well-scattered. Two utility poles sheared off and moved 50 to 75 feet from base. Portion of second story wall removed from one home. Smashed windows and debris limited to area just over a block in length. Man suffered broken ankle when struck by flying debris, as he clung to iron fence.
FLORIDA									
<i>TARPON SPRINGS, PINELLAS CO.</i>									
	5	4:32 PM EST			0	0	0	0	WATERSPOUT
									A WATERSPOUT WAS OBSERVED A FEW MILES WEST OF TARPON SPRINGS.
<i>ANDYTOWN, BROWARD CO.</i>	7	3:30 PM EST	0.1	10	0	0	0	0	TORNADO
									A FISHERMAN AT SAWGRASS RECREATIONAL PARK REPORTED A SMALL TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY IN THE SAWGRASS.
<i>PORT ST. JOE, GULF CO.</i>	9	4:51 AM EST	0.5	30	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO HIT THE SOUTH PORTION OF PORT ST. JOE DAMAGING A NUMBER OF ROOFS, TV ANTENNAS AND UTILITY SHEDS. THERE WAS ROOF AND WATER DAMAGE AT PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED \$25,000.
<i>PANACEA, WAKULLA CO.</i>	9	5:30 AM EST	1.0	10	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO FIRST TOUCHED DOWN NEAR ALLIGATOR POINT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND CROSSED OCHLOCKNEE BAY INTO WAKULLA COUNTY ABOUT 5 MILES SOUTH OF PANACEA DAMAGING A NUMBER OF ROOFS WITH FOUR HOMES AND ONE MOBILE HOME SUSTAINING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE WITH THE TOTAL ESTIMATED \$25,000.
<i>LIVE OAK, SUWANNE CO.</i>	9	8:00 AM EST	0.5	20	0	0	3	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN IN A WOODED AREA 10 MILES WEST OF LIVE OAK WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED \$1000.
<i>GLEN ST. MARY, BAKER CO.</i>	9	9:00 AM EST	3.0	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO MOVING ALONG A PATH JUST SOUTH OF GLEN ST. MARY DESTROYED TWO LARGE MOBILE HOMES WHICH WERE UNOCCUPIED WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED \$20,000.
<i>JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL CO.</i>	9	9:30 AM EST	5.0	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN OPEN COUNTRY NEAR BALDWIN AND MOVED INTO WESTERN JACKSONVILLE DAMAGING A CHURCH PARSONAGE AND BOAT IN THE YARD ABOUT 8 MILES WEST OF DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED \$8000.
<i>GENEVA, SEMINOLE CO.</i>	9	5:30 PM EST	7.0	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO WAS FIRST SIGHTED 4 MILES SOUTHWEST OF GENEVA AND WAS LAST SEEN AS IT MOVED OVER LAKE HARNEY. A \$3,500 HOUSE BOAT WAS DESTROYED ON LAKE HARNEY. POWER LINES AND TREES WERE DOWNED ALONG THE TRACK. SEVERAL UTILITY SHEDS WERE DESTROYED AND THERE WAS SOME ROOF DAMAGE. TOTAL ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$10,000.
<i>BAGDAD, SANTA ROSA CO.</i>	21	4:30 AM CST	0.5	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY NEAR BAGDAD DESTROYING A SMALL CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED \$7000.
<i>PACE, SANTA ROSA CO.</i>	21	4:40 AM CST	0.5	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
									A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY 4 MILES NORTH OF PACE DESTROYING A \$10,000 MOBILE HOME.

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FLORIDA (continued)									
WAUSAU, WASHINGTON CO.	21	620 AM CST	6.0	20	0	0	4	0	TORNADO
A TORNADO MOVED RAPIDLY EASTWARD ALONG A 6 MILE PATH JUST SOUTH OF WAUSAU DESTROYING ONE MOBILE HOME WITH HEAVY ROOF DAMAGE TO SIX HOUSES ALONG THE PATH. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED \$80,000.									
MILTON-HOLLEY-NAVARRE AREA, SANTA ROSA CO.	26	535 PM CST			0	0	4	0	SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AND HAIL
A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM STRUCK THESE SMALL TOWNS JUST EAST OF PENSACOLA ACCOMPANIED BY 75 MPH WINDS WITH 3/4 INCH HAIL COVERING THE GROUND IN SOME AREAS. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD MINOR DAMAGE TO POWER LINES, WINDOWS, AND SOME MOBILE HOMES.									
PENSACOLA, SANTA ROSA CO.	27	825 AM CST			0	0	0	0	WATERSPOUT
THE PUBLIC REPORTED A WATERSPOUT CROSSING THE INTER-STATE HIGHWAY 10 BRIDGE OVER ESCAMBIA BAY AND MOVING NORTHEAST AT 30 MPH. NO DAMAGE WAS REPORTED.									
GEORGIA									
SEE END OF TABLE									
HAWAII									
1 mi. off Waikiki, Oahu	1	2:53p-2:59p							Funnel cloud
S. of Keahole Airport Hawaii Island	6	9:18a-9:35a							Funnel cloud
4 mi. SW of Barbours Point, Oahu	18	2p							Funnel cloud
IDAHO									
Near Hailey, Blaine County	1				0	1	0	0	Avalanche
A 16-year old boy riding a snowmobile was buried for over an hour by a 600-foot wide snow slide and was rescued unconscious but survived without serious injury.									
Ada, Boise, Canyon, Gem, and Owyhee Counties	22	5:00 p.			0	2	5	0	Windstorm
Strong winds, associated with a cold frontal passage, caused extensive damage at the Caldwell Airport in Canyon County and lesser damage in surrounding areas. A hangar was demolished, at least 10 airplanes received structural damage, and a pickup truck was a total loss at the Airport. About 25 mobile homes at the KIT recreation vehicle plant just north of Caldwell Airport received slight to moderate damage; 8 or 9 were tipped over on their sides. Two mobile homes in a nearby location were moved horizontally and damaged. A large trailer house was destroyed, and a woman and child bruised but not seriously injured east of Montour, Gem County. A mobile home, about three miles northeast of Eagle, Ada County, was blown off its foundation and damaged. Small buildings, granaries, barns, awnings, and other miscellaneous building damage occurred in the Eagle area; southwest of Homedale, Owyhee County; at Horse-shoe Bend, Boise County; and at scattered locations in all five Counties. Power lines and poles were heavily damaged in the Caldwell area, and considerable damage occurred at Nampa mainly from downed trees and limbs blown onto power lines. Some utility line damage occurred northeast of Hobus and at scattered locations including Kuna and Boise, Ada County. Several automobiles were damaged by flying objects.									
Near Marsing, Dwyhee County	26	4:30 p.			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud
A funnel cloud 1 1/2 miles west and 1 mile south of Marsing moving in a southeasterly direction was observed independently by three people.									
ILLINOIS									
Oak Lawn, Cook county	1	4:35pm			0	0	2	0	Hail
Hailstones 3/4 to 1 inch in diameter fell in Oak Lawn during an afternoon thunderstorm. Only minor damage was noted.									
Lake and Kankakee counties	2	to 9			0	0	4	0	Floods
Heavy rains fell on portions of northeastern Illinois during the first few days of the month causing rivers and creeks to overflow their banks. Two of the towns hardest hit were Gurnee and Lincolnshire - both located in Lake County along the Des Plaines River. Flooded streets and surrounding farmland were common as up to a foot of water stood in many areas. Three schools serving Gurnee closed due to high waters. In Lincolnshire, streets were impassable and a few homes received water damage. Families living along the Kankakee River near the Womance area, in Kankakee county, were evacuated from their homes on the fifth. The river was rising as fast as six inches per hour in this area. By the ninth, waters were receding.									
Mt. Carmel, Wabash county	3	12:30pm							Hail
Golfball size hail fell in Mt. Carmel about 12:30 pm; only minor damage was noted. Heavy rain accompanied the hail.									

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ILLINOIS (continued)									
Northern third	4	late afternoon			0	12	6	0	Thunderstorms, wind, funnel clouds
Very strong thunderstorms moved across west central Illinois during the late afternoon and passed over the northeast portion of the state during the early evening hours. Two tornadoes were spawned by the storms (see below). Damage to trees was reported just north of Carthage at 5:10 pm. Funnel clouds were sighted at 5:45 pm near Bushnell and south of London Mills at 5:47 pm. High winds destroyed some out buildings on a farm near Lewistown at 6:02 pm. Five members of a family received minor injuries when the wind damaged their rural Lewistown mobile home. Two employees of the Duck Creek power plant suffered minor injuries as they tried to seek shelter from the winds. A home east of Womine was unroofed at 6:30 pm. Minor damage to trees and roofs was noted in Amboy at 6:38 pm. At 6:51 pm a funnel cloud was sighted one mile west of Oelshy. Scattered damage was noted in southern La Salle County and eastern Marshall counties - in rural areas near Leach, Wilona and Stripton, some outbuildings were destroyed, trees uprooted and antennae bent. Wind gusts to 70 mph were clocked at Marshfield at 7:13 pm breaking some tree limbs and lifting roofing material. Three persons on Chicago's South Side were hurt when the strong winds pulled a section of roof from a townhouse. Wind gusts were recorded to 78 mph in Tinley Park at 8:02 pm. Heavy rains accompanying the storms created some flooding in underpasses and basements. Two women were blown off their feet and injured in downtown Chicago. Two parked airplanes were flipped by the wind at Pal-Waukee Airport in Wheeling.									
Victoria, Knox county	4	5:45pm	1/8	440	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Eight buildings were damaged as a tornado moved through the west central section of Victoria about 5:45 pm. Parts of several buildings were strewn across the main street through the town, power lines were downed. A large metal shed was completely destroyed. There was also minor damage to garages, cars, and a few other residences. A roar like a freight train was heard just before the tornado struck.									
Milo IF, Bureau county	4	6:25 pm	3/4	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
A tornado caused extensive damage to several homes and farm buildings in the Milo area of rural Bureau County. The tornado touched down about one mile east of Milo at 6:28 pm. Several trees were uprooted - some twisted. A barn was demolished and scattered over a half mile area. One person described a stillness and then a loud roar as the tornado struck.									
Clinton and Marion counties	4	9-10 pm			0	0	4	0	Thunderstorms, wind
Thunderstorm-driven winds extensively damaged a two-story frame home in Germantown at 9:15 pm; the entire roof and gutters were ripped from the house. In Sandval, a mobile home was tipped to one side by the wind about 10 pm. Other relatively minor damage was reported in Germantown and Sandoval.									
Randolph county	4	9-10 pm			0	0	3	0	Thunderstorms, wind
Thunderstorm-winds caused damage to rural residences between Evansville and Baldwin. Metal roofs were torn from two barns just east of Evansville. Southwest of Baldwin, a number of huge cedar trees were uprooted about 9 pm.									
Northern half	12				1	3		0	Wind, hail
An intense low pressure system drove strong, gusty winds over much of northern Illinois. A large barn near Binghamton was moved sixteen inches off its foundation and another building's roof was blown across a road about noon. In Bloomington, three persons were injured as a result of the wind - two were injured by shattered glass, the third was blown over by the wind. Three-quarter inch hail was noted at Joliet at 1:00 pm. Strong winds did minor damage at New Lenox about 1:15 pm. At 1:19 pm one inch hail was noted at Peotone. About 1:40 pm a man was killed in Richton Park when high winds caused the collapse of a wall on a construction site.									
3 S Oswego to Villa Park	12	12:50-1:12 pm	23	30	0	3	6	0	Tornado.
Thunderstorms developed explosively over northeast Illinois shortly after noon. Three tornadoes were spawned, two passing through the Chicago metropolitan area. The first tornado touched down three miles south of Oswego and travelled a northeasterly course at about 60 mph. to Villa Park. Several homes were destroyed or heavily damaged in a subdivision near Oswego near the touch-down point; the most intense damage occurred in this area. As the tornado travelled northeast, most damage was light - mainly uprooted or damaged trees and roofs. Passing over Naperville, the tornado lifted the roof of the Naperville Racquet Club sending supporting beams crashing to the floor. Three persons were injured by flying glass and objects torn loose by the winds. Homes, trees, and fences in the town sustained varying degrees of minor damage. In Lisle the tornado pulled a roof from a large apartment building and severely damaged several houses. Damage again became light and extended to Villa Park.									

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Northlake to Wilmette	12	1:20-1:32 pm	17	150	2	66	7	0		Tornado.
<p>A second tornado developed in the Chicago metropolitan area at Northlake at 1:20 pm. The west end of a brick-veneer, steel-framed building near the touch-down point was severely damaged - several of the steel beams were badly twisted. After the initial damage, the tornado travelled a short distance causing only minor damage to roofing materials and trees. Homes in Franklin Park and Leyden township were extensively damaged - a few nearly destroyed; roofs were lifted, garages destroyed, trees uprooted or snapped, and all sorts of flying debris generated. Passing through a light industrial complex just south of O'Hare Airport, the tornado peeled back many long-span roofs and knocked over several brick walls. One man died several days later from injuries sustained when he was caught beneath a falling wall, many were injured as the tornado passed through the industrial park. Large high tension wires were blown down. Two storage tanks on a petroleum tank farm were dented from the force of the winds. Many apartment buildings in Schiller Park were badly damaged forcing the evacuation of the residents. The tornado proceeded northeast about 60 mph, and lifted a large section of roof from the Howard Johnsons east of O'Hare Airport. Many homes and businesses from Park Ridge to Wilmette noted damage to roofs, siding, trees, garages, and cars. A construction worker was killed in Morton Grove when he was struck in the head by lumber tossed about by the tornadic winds.</p>										
2-1/2 SE St. Anne to state line east of Hopkins Park	12	1:35 pm	9	150	0	0	5	0		Tornado.
<p>A third tornado was spawned in Illinois this afternoon initially touching down two and a half miles southeast of St. Anne and traveling northeast into Indiana. The tornado destroyed a hoothouse and two machine shops near its touchdown point. Several homes were damaged in the Leesville and Hopkins Park area. Eyewitnesses saw the tornado lift cars and toss them several hundred feet.</p>										
Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Washington and Perry counties	20	early aft			0	0	4	0		Hail.
<p>Thunderstorms passing across the six-county area dropped large hailstones during the early afternoon hours. Three-quarter inch hail was reported at Alton and Collinsville at 1:45 am. At noon hail as large as three inches fell in the Belleville vicinity. Three-quarter inch hail fell in the areas south and west of Burkeville and Hecker. A severe hailstorm struck the area around Okawville at 1:45 pm. Homes and buildings in town suffered damage to roofs, siding and windows; cars were severely dented by the hail. The worst hail damage occurred in the area of Covington, Radam, Du Bois and Colterville. A report from Johannesburg noted golf-ball size hail breaking many windows. 1-3/8" hail fell in the Belleville vicinity at 1:45 pm. Hail to four inches in diameter fell at Chester at 2:55 pm.</p>										
2 SW Farmersville to 5 NW Morrisonville	20	12:05 pm-12 15 pm	8	25	0	4	5	0		Tornado.
<p>A tornado touched down about two miles southwest of Farmersville causing considerable damage to farm homes, barns and sheds as it traveled in an east northeasterly direction. As the tornado crossed I-55 at Farmersville it overturned a tow-truck slightly injuring the driver and two passengers. The tornado was aloft over a small portion of its path. At one point the narrow funnel passed between farm buildings without doing damage.</p>										
3-1/2 ESE New Athens to Centralia	20	12:25-1:05 pm	39	250	0	0	5	0		Tornado.
<p>A tornado touched down about three and a half miles southeast of New Athens and traveled an east northeasterly course passing three miles south of Okawville and two and a half miles north of Hoyleton before reaching Centralia. Damage from the tornado between New Athens and Hoyleton was light. The tornado intensified at Hoyleton and extensively damaged several farms, barns, machine sheds, and a silo were destroyed.</p>										
3 SW Lexington, Bloomington county	20	12:26 pm			0	0	2	0		Hail.
<p>One-half to 3/4 inch hail fell three miles southwest of Lexington in Bloomington County.</p>										
Litchfield, Montgomery County	20	12:32 pm			0	0	2	0		Hail.
<p>Three-quarter inch hail fell at Litchfield. Only minor damage was noted.</p>										
ILLINOIS (continued)										
5 SE Decatur to 5 NW Danville	20	1:15-2:30 pm	63	800	0	18	6	0		Tornado.
<p>A large tornado spun a sixty-three mile, unbroken path from near Casner to northwest of Danville. The tornado touched down about five miles southeast of Decatur near Casner; a house trailer was demolished and five homes were damaged. Travelling northeast about 50 mph, the tornado destroyed the Voorhies Clock Tower Barn - considered an area landmark; several other buildings were also destroyed. Members of the Benet Fire Department followed the tornado from south of the town to Ivesdale; the tornado was nearly a half-mile wide at the base and appeared to be filled with pieces of trees and buildings. The tornado passed south of Ivesdale about 1:33 pm. The tornado's destructive path increased in size to nearly a mile in diameter before approaching Sadorus; the funnel narrowed to a half mile upon reaching Sadorus at about 1:45 pm. Multiple funnels were sighted at this point; an eyewitness described the tornado as "two whirling clouds running side-by-side in the manner of an egg beater." Marks left in a field three miles southwest of Sadorus indicated that the tornado was composed of three or four suction spots (funnels) at that point. Sadorus was hard hit--five people were injured; thirty families were made homeless; thirteen houses and seven mobile homes were destroyed; twenty-five houses were damaged beyond repair; at least a dozen vehicles were crushed by falling debris and the winds. Damage at Sadorus topped \$2 million. Continuing northeast, the storm deposited debris onto fields, I-57, and US 45 as testimonial to its passage. Damage was noted along the northern edge of Philo; several homes were destroyed. A small van was driven into the path of the tornado on IL 130 west of Sidney and tossed into a field a half mile away; the driver was seriously injured. Several farm houses, outbuildings, and cars were destroyed a few miles northwest of Sidney about 2:05pm. Although no tornadoes passed through Champaign-Urbana, several sunnel clouds were sighted near the University of Illinois Assembly Hall during the state high school basketball finals. The tornado destroyed several farm buildings about three miles south of St. Joseph. Shortly before reaching Ogden, the tornado veered to the left setting a course right for the town. The tornado--with two funnels visible--slammed into Ogden about 2:10pm passing directly through the downtown district. A lumber yard, bank, water tower, grain elevator, fire house, and several homes were destroyed. Five persons were injured in the town; total damage in Ogden was near \$1 million. A sheriff's deputy followed the tornado from I-74 north of Ogden to near Collinsville. Damage north of Ogden was light. The tornado lifted five miles northwest of Danville about 2:20pm.</p>										
Frankfort, Will county	20	1:26pm			0	0	0	0		Wind.
<p>Thunderstorms drove winds to 69mph at Frankfort at 1:26pm.</p>										
4 WNW West Liberty to 2N West Liberty	20	2:30pm	3	15	0	0	4	0		Tornado.
<p>A tornado touched down in the vicinity of West Liberty during the early afternoon. A storage shed north of West Liberty was lifted from its foundation and destroyed. Most other damage was light.</p>										
West York to 3 NE West York	20	3:25pm	3	15	0	0	4	0		Tornado.
<p>A tornado touched down in West York flipping a mobile home and uprooting several large trees in the southern section of the town. Other damage was light consisting of snapped tree limbs and some broken windows.</p>										
6 1/2 SW Oblong	20	3:15pm			0	1	4	0		Wind.
<p>Winds destroyed several farm buildings southwest of Oblong about 3:15pm. A large machine shed was demolished while a 36 x 40 foot frame barn was damaged beyond repair. A man was injured when the wind carried him twenty-five feet and deposited debris on him.</p>										
DeKalb, DeKalb county	20	6:10pm			0	0	0	0		Hail.
<p>One-quarter to three-quarter inch hail was reported in DeKalb.</p>										
Southwest and central sections	29	5 - 8pm			0	0	5	0		Thunderstorms, wind, funnel cloud
<p>Thunderstorms with high winds swept across the southwest and central portions of the state during the afternoon and evening hours. High winds caused widespread minor damage to buildings, trees, and power lines. St. Clair county was hard hit when a severe thunderstorm moved across the area late in the afternoon. Three mobile homes, a house, a utility shed, trees, and power lines were damaged in Summerfield. A section of one mobile home was crushed by a fallen tree. A funnel cloud was sighted one mile east of Scott Air Force Base in Belleville at 5:25pm.</p>										
<p>As thunderstorms moved northeast and re-developed, high winds uprooted a large tree in Lacon, Marshall county, demolished a machine shed, and damaged a house roof.</p>										
<p>Additional reports (March 26) will appear in a later issue as delayed data.</p>										

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INDIANA										INDIANA (continued)										
Bedford, Lawrence County	3	3:30 p			0	0	3	0	Hail	Shippshewana, Lagrange County	12	4:35 p	12	100	0	9	*5	C	Tornado	
			Ping-pong ball size hail caused damage to automobiles.																Tornado first struck a church causing damage to the roof and tearing off siding. It then moved northeast uprooting trees and knocking down power lines. There were reports of 2 funnel clouds touching the ground at one time. The last structure suffering damage was another church.	
No. Indianapolis Marion County	4	Evening			0	0	4	0	Wind	New Haven, Allen County	12	4:50 p	100	15	1	0	4	0	Tornado	
			Strong winds damaged roof of Honeywell Building.	3 to 4 thousand foot square															A very brief touchdown of a tornado demolished one mobile home killing one woman.	
Hammond, Lake County	4	8:30 p			0	0	4	0	Wind and rain	Centerville, Wayne County	12	5:40 p	12	125	0	0	5	0	Tornado	
			Damaging winds ripped off roof of Howard Johnson Motel. Minor damage due to rain.																The tornado first struck at the Hi-school on the southwest section of town. It tore off most of the roof over the gym and broke several windows. Some minor damage was done to the Jr. Hi and elementary schools. It then destroyed 2 buildings at the IH fair grounds, one of which housed several boats and recreational vehicles that were heavily damaged. The tornado then moved through the town of Centerville causing major damage to several homes and minor damage to several others. The storm then skipped through a woods about one mile and a half north-east of town before lifting.	
Deep River, Lake & Porter County	12	2:00 p	7	200	0	0	3	0	Tornado	Michigan City, Porter and La Porte Counties	12	2:00 p	17	200	0	7	*5	C	Tornado	
			Tornado moving towards the northeast did damage to several homes.																Extensive damage to a recreational complex in Porter County. Service station in Ross Township destroyed. 4 homes were a total loss and numerous houses damaged in Waterford. Trees and power lines also knocked down.	
Portage, Porter County	12	2:00 p							Funnel cloud	Portage, Porter County	12	2:00 p							Funnel cloud	
			Funnel cloud sighted by school teacher near US-65.																	
Lake Village, Roselawn, Demotte Newton & Jasper Counties	12	2:30 p-2:50 p	35	250	1	15	5	0	Tornado	Valparaiso, Porter County	20	2:42 p							Funnel cloud	
			Tornado developed over east-central Illinois. First sighting in Indiana was near Lake Village. Residents report that storm was preceded by short duration of heavy rain, large hail stones, and brief period of quiet. 13 homes and 15 trailers were destroyed. 37 homes and many other trailers were damaged in Lake Village. A campground between Lake Village and Roselawn lost 25 of 30 trailers. The tornado continued on a northeastward path, hitting hard a subdivision at Demotte. There was also damage to many local businesses. The Ponderosa Trailer Court was leveled. In rural areas; farm houses and farm equipment were damaged or destroyed. Five airplanes and the hangar and airport office were damaged or destroyed. Five semi-trailers were blown off the Highway 65 as the tornado past by. One man was killed when a farmhouse in Demotte was destroyed.																	Scattered local flooding, some limbs and trees down, and minor power line outages.
Monroe City, Porter County	12	3:05 p			0	0	7	0	Hail	St. Joseph & Elkhart Counties	20	3:30 p thru 4:30 p	?	?	0	0	*4	C	Wind, Locally heavy rainfall, and pea-sized hail	
			Golf ball size hail. Damage unknown.																	
Fowler, Benton County	12	3:20 p	5	25	0	0	2	0	Tornado	Tippecanoe & Carroll Counties	20	4:20 p thru 4:50 p	18	300	0	8	*6	C	Tornado-hail	
			Tornado sighted moving to the northeast through open field. Minor damage to 2 farm buildings.																	The tornado first struck at Klondike (7W of Lafayette), accompanied by golf ball sized hail. Eight homes were destroyed with 31 homes and 16 mobile homes damaged. Eight persons were injured, none seriously. The storm moved north-eastward into Carroll County. Damage was reported to several houses in the Springboro-Pittsburg area. The town of Delphi suffered considerable property damage.
Octagon, Tippecanoe County	12	3:25 p	7	100	0	0	?	0	Tornado	5 N of South Bend, St. Joseph County	20	4:30 p			0	0	?	0	Hail	
			Tornado moving to the east northeast through open field.																	
Monticello, White County	12	3:30 p							Funnel cloud	Prairieton, Vigo County	20	4:30 p	14	40	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
			Funnel cloud																	
Lafayette, Tippecanoe County	12	3:30 p			0	0	0	0	Hail	Marshall County	20	4:55 p							Funnel cloud	
			Golf ball size hail.																	
5 S Grissom AFB, Miami County	12	3:59 p			0	0	7	0	Hail	Inwood, Marshall County	20	4:59 p	15	75	0	10	*5	C	Tornado	
			One and three quarter inch diameter hail stones.																	
Knox-Govertown, Starke County	12	4:00 p	12	40	0	4	4	0	Tornado	Greencastle, Putnam County	20	5:10 p	25	200	0	0	4	0	Tornado	
			A tornado moving from Knox northeastward to Govertown damaged several houses. A school bus was blown off the roadway causing serious injuries to two people.																	
Plymouth, Marshall County	12	4:15 p	5	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado	Carmel, Hamilton County	20	5:30 p	1	30	0	0	5	0	Tornado	
			A rather narrow path of this northeastward moving storm did damage to sections of downtown.																	
Crawfordsville, Montgomery County	12	4:25 p	8	40	0	0	4	0	Tornado	Spencer, Owen County	20	5:35 p			0	0	7	0	Hail	
			Tornado did minor damage to 7 homes. Automobiles were damaged when 2 garages were destroyed. Some utilities were knocked down.																	
Cedar Lake-Howe, Lagrange County	12	4:30 p	12	125	0	8	4	0	Tornado	Avon, Hendricks County	20	5:35 p	8	30	0	0	3	0	Tornado	
			The north side of Cedar lake suffered the most concentrated damage. 10 to 12 houses damaged. Windows blown out of several homes. Numerous automobiles and trucks damaged due to falling trees. Tornado movement to the northeast.																	

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INDIANA (continued)									
Marshall & Elkhart Counties	20	5:40 p to 5:55 p							Funnel clouds
									Funnel clouds reported near Bremen in Marshall County and near Nappanee in Elkhart County.
Anderson, Madison County	20	6:27 p	6	100	0	0	4	C	Tornado
									The tornado ripped the roof off a house and up-rooted several trees on the south side of city.
New Castle, Henry County	20	6:35 p	**80	15	0	0	7	0	Tornado
									A brief touchdown of a tornado picked up a car going south in the city and dropped it in a front yard. Another car going north was turned end from end.
Greenwood, Johnson County	20	7:00 p			0	0	?	0	Hail
									One inch diameter hail. Damage unknown.
Farmland, Randolph County	20	7:08 p	?	?	0	0	4	0	Wind
									Several buildings were damaged by strong winds.
IOWA									
Southwest, South Central, West Central, Central, East Central and Northeast Iowa	3-4	Late P.M. - Early P.M.			0	0	6	0	Ice Storm
									Rain turning to sleet and snow accompanied by high winds moved into southwest Iowa late P.M. the 3rd and generally Early through State on 4th. Most schools closed and numerous traffic accidents were reported. Greatest damage and inconvenience was to power and communication lines that went down, along with considerable tree damage due to heavy icing. Airports closed to traffic because of runway icing.
Moulton, Appanoose County	29	Early Evening			0	0	3	0	Lightning
									Three homes damaged and several more lost appliances when lightning traveled in on the wiring.
KANSAS									
Barber County	11	4:40 p	1	20	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down 5 miles west of Kiowa and moved northeast for 1 mile. Damage to outbuildings on two separate farmsteads.
Clay County	12	9:00 a			0	0	4	?	Wind
									Straight line wind damage to steel wheat bin at Wakefield.
Marion County	29	11:00 a	0	0	0	0	3	0	Funnel, Wind
									Severe thunderstorm with strong straight line winds caused some tree damage 1 mile east of Pilsen. Funnel cloud also sighted in the area.
Marion County	29	11:30 a	0	0	0	0	0	0	Funnel
									Funnel sighted 2 1/2 miles south of Lehigh.
Ottawa County	29	1:25 p			0	0	4	?	Wind
									Large severe thunderstorm caused considerable wind damage to quonset building 2 east and 1/4th south of Delphos and to small barn just north of Delphos.
Cloud County	29	1:30 p	2	17	0	0	?	?	Tornado
									Small tornado touched down 3 miles east of Glasco and was last observed 5 northeast of Glasco. The tornado was estimated to be on the ground 10% of the time and did no known damage.
Saline, Ottawa, Cloud Dickinson and Clay Counties	29	2p-4p			0	0	2	?	Hail, Wind
									Large thunderstorms produced considerable hail, strong winds, and brief heavy rains. Hail ranged from 1/2 inch to Golf Ball size and was several inches deep in places. A few homes reported broken windows and paint damage.
Jewell, Republic, and Washington Counties	29	6p -Midn			0	0	5	?	Wind
									Wet snow, strong winds and heavy glazing caused damage to utility poles and lines. Damage was severe in Republic County with numerous utility poles broken off and many lines down.
KENTUCKY									
Statewide	20	Evening							Heavy Thunderstorms
									The severe thunderstorm activity across Kentucky on the evening of the 20th caused 4 deaths and numerous injuries. The damage was in the millions. The storms struck nearly every county in the western two thirds of the state. Damage in eastern Kentucky was spotty. From reports available, the following counties seemed to have suffered the heaviest damages.
Barren County	20	8:00 p.m.			0	30	5	0	Thunderstorm
									Caused major damage to more than 100 homes. The storm was nearly devastating to Glasgow, Horse Cave, Cave City, and Park City. Campers at campgrounds at Park City were injured when their camping vehicles were blown about like toys.
Glasgow, Barren Co.	20	8:00 p.m.			0	10	5	0	TORNADO
									One or more tornadoes touched down in Glasgow between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Destruction was considerable in several parts of Glasgow. Aerial photos indicate the Glasgow Trading Center was heavily damaged by one touchdown, while other aerial photos indicated major damage to several homes in Glasgow to be more than a thunderstorm.
Christian County	20	Evening			3	0	4	0	Thunderstorm
									Heavy thunderstorms caused wide spread damage in and around Fort Campbell. Three members of a Huey helicopter crew were killed in a crash during the storm. The cause of crash is being investigated.
Adair County	20	8:20 p.m. EST			0	0	5	0	Thunderstorm
									A severe thunderstorm demolished 4 mobile homes, damaged or destroyed 50 barns, 2 silos, 9 homes, and several trees.
Clark County	20	9:25 p.m. EST			0	0	5	0	Thunderstorm
									Caused major damage or destroyed 8 homes, 6 mobile homes, and 55 barns. One silo was damaged.
Bourbon County	20	Night			0	3	4	0	Thunderstorm
									Destroyed several mobile homes. Three children were injured in one mobile home.
Hart County	20	8:20 p.m. EST			1	3	5	0	Heavy Thunderstorm
									Caused one death when a portion of a motel roof blew onto a moving car on U. S. 31W, 5 miles south of Mumfordsville. In Hart Co., 4 mobile homes were destroyed, 6 homes damaged, and 70 service buildings were damaged.
Edmonson County	20	7:30 p.m. CST			0	2	5	0	Thunderstorm
									Caused heavy damage or destroyed 10 homes, 4 mobile homes, and 75 barns and service buildings.
Metcalfe County	20	8:00 p.m. CST			0	0	5	0	Thunderstorm
									Damaged 50 homes, 10 mobile homes, and 200 barns and service buildings.
Logan County	20	7:00 p.m.			0	0	5	0	Thunderstorm
									Damaged or destroyed 26 homes, 42 mobile homes, and 75 barns. Machinery and equipment loss was considerable.
East KY	29	Night			0	0	4	0	Rain
									Over three inches of rainfall caused flash flooding in southeast Kentucky. Bell County schools were closed.
West and South Central	29	Morning			0	0	4	0	Heavy Rain
									4-5 inches of rain caused flooding in Hopkinsville, Bowling Green, Glasgow and several smaller towns. Several families were evacuated from their homes at Hopkinsville.
LOUISIANA									
Lake Pontchartrain	8	Afternoon			0	0	0	0	Waterspouts
									Three waterspouts were spotted near the Causeway crossing Lake Pontchartrain. All dissipated near Mandeville without moving on shore.
Coastal Waters	8-9	Night			4	0	5	0	Windstorm
									Explorer I, a crew boat, sank during the night in high winds and rough seas. The boat was tied up next to an oil rig, offshore south of Lafayette and about 80 miles southeast of Calcasieu.
Red River Parish	20	5:30 p.m.			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm
									Public reported one inch hail about 10 miles northwest of Coshatta.

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LOUISIANA (continued)									
Richland - West Carroll Parishes	20	6:30 pm	18	75	0	0	5	?	Tornado
	<p>A tornado touched down near Start and Highway 80, damaged several buildings and hit the area along Highway 133 about one mile north of Girard destroying a number of homes, barns and dairy cows. At the home of David Del Rio winds were so strong they drove pine straw into the walls. One of his barns ended in a field two miles away.</p> <p>The next extensive damage occurred six-eight miles north of Holly Ridge. A number of houses were damaged, barns blown away and cattle destroyed. A large 60' x 70' metal building belonging to Deryl Gaston was lifted up by its concrete roots and smashed into a clump of trees across the road.</p> <p>Along Parish Line Road, the damage was even heavier and more capricious. The McPherson home had its roof ripped off and walls caved in. The George Sbat family escaped injury by taking shelter in an interior closet before their roof blew away. The Lingefekt home on the north side of the road in West Carroll Parish was destroyed before the tornado finally lifted.</p>								
West Carroll Parish	20	6:15 p.m.	1	50	0	32	6	?	Tornado
	<p>Most of the small town of Kilbourne was wiped out by a tornado. Seventeen homes and six trailer homes, eight businesses including the grocery store and post office and the new 250,000 gallon water tank were all demolished. Eight homes, three churches and parsonages were heavily damaged. Approximately 70 buildings were damaged in the area.</p> <p>Of the 32 treated for injuries, two were critical; seven others were hospitalized for broken bones, concussions or lacerations.</p> <p>Heavy rain and hail preceded the tornado and several people spotted a funnel approaching from the southwest and were able to seek cover or get in their cars and escape.</p> <p>"It got as still as a mouse about 10 minutes before." When the funnel crossed Highway No. 17, it suddenly touched down. "It looked like it just sucked up everything," was the description of Mrs. C. E. Majors.</p> <p>The twister skipped across the Arkansas state line and damaged two buildings before wearing itself out.</p>								
West Carroll Parish	20	6:35 p.m.	brief		0	0	4	0	Tornado
	<p>Brief touch-down SE of Oak Grove destroyed several farm buildings and many trees.</p>								
East Carroll Parish and Madison Parish	20	Evening			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
	<p>At Lake Providence, two big cotton trailers were blown onto a highway. A car ran into a ditch trying to avoid the trailers. No one was seriously hurt.</p> <p>At Tallulah, two trailer homes were knocked off their foundations.</p>								
Jefferson Davis - Allen Parishes	24	6 pm	1/2	25	0	0	4	0	Tornado & windstorms
	<p>A small tornado destroyed a barn and equipment shed on the Linn Doherty farm about four miles south of Elton. 2x4 boards were driven into the farm house roof like spears.</p> <p>"It sounded like an airplane passing over and only took a matter of seconds," said Mrs. Doherty.</p> <p>Wind damage occurred at the Elton Junior High School and also over a two-mile section about one mile north of Elton at 6:25 p.m. Heavy rains flooded many roads.</p>								
Jefferson Parish	24	11:00 p.m.			0	0	4	0	Windstorm
	<p>High winds damaged the University City section of Kenner, ripped off part of the roof of Jefferson Downs, pushed a wall down at the Atonement Lutheran Church and toppled numerous signs on cars in Metairie.</p>								
Southwest Parishes	24-25	night			0	0	4	0	Excessive Rains
	<p>Heavy rains, up to nearly nine inches at DeQuincy and 6.45 inches at Kinder, flooded many places throughout southwest Louisiana. About 200 families were evacuated from parts of DeQuincy when 3-4 feet of water entered their homes.</p>								
Rapides Parish	26	4:20 a.m.			0	0	?	?	Hail
	<p>One inch hail was reported at Deville.</p>								
Caddo Parish - Bossier Parish	26	5:35 p.m.			0	0	?	?	Funnel Cloud & Hail
	<p>A funnel cloud was reported about five miles north of Shreveport but caused no damage.</p> <p>Three-fourth of an inch of hail was reported 10 miles NW of Shreveport and golf ball size hail reported near Benton.</p>								
LOUISIANA (continued)									
Avoyelles Parish	26	11:55 p.m.			0	0	5	0	Windstorm
	<p>A severe thunderstorm with very high wind caused over \$65,000 damage at Delta Plantation at Vict. An equipment shed and two trailers were destroyed. A metal I-beam was ripped out of a wall and crashed into one of the trailers.</p>								
Caddo Parish	29	3:40 pm			0	0	?	?	Hail
	<p>Golf-ball size hail was reported five miles north of Vivian.</p>								
Desoto Parish	30	10:25 am			0	0	3	4	Hailstorm
	<p>Hail covered ground at Logansport and Mansfield. Hailstones varied from marble size to golf-ball size.</p>								
Vernon-Sabine-Natchitoches Parishes	30	2:40 pm	12	50	0	0	5	4	Tornado, high winds & hail
	<p>A tornado dropped to the ground a number of times as a severe thunderstorm that was part of a squall line moved through central Louisiana.</p> <p>Initial touchdown was at Hornbeck where the ground was covered by hail. Four homes were badly damaged and many trees and power lines felled. At Eagle Hill and Peason Ridge on Ft. Polk Reservation, a trailer was scattered for a mile down a hill and other trailers that housed radio equipment were knocked over. Homes and a chicken farm on Highway 118 were damaged. Kistchie National Forest lost many trees. Trees were twisted off between Gorum and Derry.</p> <p>Damage to homes and barns again occurred around Chopin and Jamie.</p>								
Vernon-Natchitoches-Rapides-Grant Parishes	30	2:45 pm	43	75	0	3	5	4	Tornado
	<p>In the same squall line, another tornado skipped along a lengthy path beginning between Hornbeck and Anacoco where Mrs. Donald Moore was injured when her mobile home was overturned. Six-year old Bryan Allen received cuts on his forehead and right leg about the same time.</p> <p>Extensive roof and tree damage was reported in Kurthwood-Hutton areas as the tornado continued to skip along its east-northeast track.</p> <p>At Mora, in extreme southeast Natchitoches Parish, "A big black funnel with white tails dipping down behind it, in just about a minute" lifted the roof and collapsed the walls of the grocery store, said C. F. Sweat who watched from a big truck where he and his wife took refuge. Mrs. J. W. Sweat was inside the store, but was not seriously hurt.</p> <p>The next reported damage was at Lena in Rapides Parish and near Colfax in Grant Parish. Hail drifted several inches deep.</p>								
Concordia Parish	30	4 p.m.			0	0	4	4	Hailstorm
	<p>Golf-ball size hail broke car windows. High winds knocked several trailers over in Clayton-Vidalia-Ferriday area.</p>								
MAINE									
Statewide	17								Winter Storm
	<p>Severe coastal storm wreaked havoc along the coast with heavy damage reported at Ferry Beach Baco, Popham Beach Kennebunk, Ogunquit, Cranberry Island and Southwest Harbor. One storm-related traffic death.</p>								
MARYLAND & D.C.									
West portion	?	All Day			0	0	0	0	Wind
	<p>Winds gusting to 35 to 45 mph made fighting of brush and woodland fires difficult through Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties.</p>								
Nr Perryman, Harford County	7	7:30 p			2	1	0	0	Wind
	<p>Two youths drowned and third treated for exposure when 14-foot boat was capsized by gusty winds and waves.</p>								
Statewide & District of Columbia	9	All Day			0			0	Snow
	<p>Low pressure system moved northeastward from the Carolinas and resulted in what was termed the greatest snowfall in three years over many portions of Maryland. Snowfall began shortly after midnight and continued into the following evening. Accumulations of 2 to 4 inches over eastern and southern sections, around 6 inches over the central portion and in the Washington, D.C. area, with around 12 inches measured over western Maryland. Numerous traffic accidents reported with mostly minor injuries and damage associated with them.</p>								
Baltimore area	13	Morning & Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Wind
	<p>Winds associated with cold frontal zone gusted up to 53 mph, causing roof damage and downed light poles and power lines. Electrical service interrupted for thousands of persons in northeast portion of city and also through northern Anne Arundel County. Derrick had considerable damage inflicted when the barge it was on was blown against the Outer Harbor Bridge.</p>								

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MARYLAND & D.C. (continued)									
Washington, D.C. area	16-17				0	0	2	0	Wind
									Winds associated with cold frontal passage gusted to 50 mph, and caused tree damage and blocked roads.
Most of State	21	Afternoon			3	1	7	0	Wind
									Winds accompanying strong cold front with gusts 45 to 55 mph prevalent, and some reports of gusts to near 100 mph. Heaviest damage in the Baltimore area where the Dundalk Marine Terminal received an estimated \$15 million in loss. Two 800-ton cranes were carried down tracks and dumped into the water. Two men killed and a third injured while attempting to escape. Other damage in the Baltimore vicinity: Second story of house disintegrated and man repairing shingles on roof fell to his death; Main mast of ship "Constellation" snapped and rigging damaged; ships were torn loose from moorings; 1/2 block section of forge shop collapsed; several roofs taken off and an entire block of unoccupied houses condemned due to damage; several fires started by sparks from downed power lines; steeples of two churches damaged. Other reports... Frederick area reported plate glass damage and a barn destroyed; Two tobacco barns blown down in Lothian, Anne Arundel County; Grain elevator collapsed with estimated loss \$25,000 in Carroll County; Chesapeake Bay area reported numerous sailboats in distress due to 6-foot high seas and winds gusting over 50 knots; Several small sailboats blown off rocks and badly damaged; Supermarket received "several thousand dollars" damage in Elkton, Cecil County; Winds gusting to 85 knots caused damage to marina at Stevensville; in Washington, D.C. area a campaign trailer was lifted into the air and shattered upon impact with damage between five and six thousand dollars.
Rising Sun, 2NE, Cecil County	21	1:35 p	1/2	35	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado, moving from SW to NE, crossed three farms. An attached garage separated from home by several inches; two older block farm buildings demolished; a barn unroofed; and a farmhouse received minor damage. Witnesses reported seeing funnel, and path could be easily followed. Damage estimated at \$30,000.
Talbot County	21	2:30 p			0	0	2	0	Waterspout
									Apparent waterspout sighted as it moved from the vicinity of the Fred Avon River, then removed chimney and attached antenna from home. No noise associated with the occurrence.
Crumpton, 1S, Queen Annes County	21	2:45 p	1/4	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
									Touched down for a short distance and moved SW to NE through chicken farm. One 368-foot chicken house destroyed; three nearby sheds were damaged; and the chimney and part of the roof of the farm-house were carried away. The owner saw the funnel, a worm-like cloud, sweep across her property. She actually froze when she saw it coming; fortunately, she was not injured. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.
MASSACHUSETTS									
Southern Mass.	9	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy Snow
									10" of snow fell.
Arlington, Newton, Waltham	73	Aftn.			0	0	0	0	Hail
									1/4" hail fell for a brief period.
Northern Mass.	7	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy Snow
									7-10" of snow fell across coastal sections and 8-12" inland.
Marblehead, Provincetown	16	Late Ngt.			0	0	3	0	Flooding
									Several basements flooded during time of high tides.
Cambridge	21	4:45 PM			0	0	3	0	Wind
									Strong SW and NW winds gusting to 60 knots blew several large windows out.
Danvers	21	5 PM			0	7	4	0	Wind
									Chimney blown off restaurant fell onto diners.
Framingham	21	4:30			0	0	6	0	Wind
									Strong squall line ahead of cold front blew roofs off 4 apartment buildings. Roof sections blown off shopping center. Walls of dept. store under construction were blown down. Many shingles, small structures and trees destroyed.
Medford	21	4:30 PM			0	4	3	0	Wind
									Tree blown down onto moving auto caused injury.
MASSACHUSETTS (continued)									
Nantasket	21	5 PM			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Apartment house roof blown off.
Natick	21	4 PM			0	1	5	0	Wind
									Signs, roofs and shingles blown off. 80' steel sign blew over onto 10 cars.
Somerville	21	5 PM			0	0	3	0	Wind
									Many large glass windows blown out.
Uxbridge	21	5 PM			0	0	3	0	Wind
									Trees, chimneys and small buildings were wrecked.
MICHIGAN									
									NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE
MINNESOTA									
Southern Minnesota	4-5				0	0	5*	0	Snow Storm
									A "normal winter storm" brought up to 8 1/2 inches of new snow to south central Minnesota. With low pressure center over West Central Colorado and Texas panhandle at daybreak Thursday, snow entered extreme southern portions of state. By noon main center had formed over southeast Kansas moving to southern Wisconsin by Midnight. Snow was statewide but most accumulations over south half, including Willmar with 8 1/2 inches, Minneapolis-St. Paul 8 inches, Melrose 8 inches, Red Wing 6 inches, Rochester 5 inches. Residence east of St. Paul destroyed by fire because of difficulty in fighting fire, due to winds gusting to 50 mph and drifting snow. Numerous cars and trucks including snowplow stalled or stuck in snow Minneapolis area. Approximately 100 school systems closed Friday. Storm was accurately forecast. *Estimated
Statewide	11-12				1	30	5*	0	Blizzard
									Large winter storm brought blizzard conditions to much of state. Storm center moved northeastward out of western Kansas late Thursday reaching Des Moines area by daybreak Friday, and Lake Michigan by sundown. Blizzard winds in excess of 50 mph most of state whipped 6-12 inches of newly fallen snow in north and northwest Minnesota forcing dozens of schools to close. Man killed in collision with bus on Minnesota Highway 55 two miles east of Brooken in Stearns County. Thirty bus passengers injured. Shreffler's office in International Falls area rescued dozen motorists stranded on county roads during night. Many additional cars stalled throughout state. Winds to 80 mph cloaked near Iowa border. Flooding caused by heavy rains over southeastern Minnesota Thursday night. Root River exceeded flood stage closing portions of highways 16 and 43. Flooding also reported from Whitewater and Zumbro Rivers. *Estimated
MISSISSIPPI									
Cleveland, Bolivar County	5	3:00 AM			0	0	2	7	Heavy Rain
									2.58" left many streets and yards flooded.
Kosciusko, Attala County	8	9:00 AM			0	0	4	7	Wind
									Strong easterly winds lifted a mobile home from its foundation, moved it 3' west of its original location and set it down again in an upright position. The air-conditioner and utility connections were severed and dishes destroyed. A nearby barn was also pushed over.
McNeill, Pearl River County	8	2:45 PM	3/4	11	0	0	3	7	Tornado
									A narrow, swirling black cloud accompanied by a "freight train sound" uprooted trees, raked shingles off several houses, cracked or broke 15 window panes, tore away parts of an iron fence, blew a mobile home and a storage shed off their blocks, destroyed a barn, broke 3 power line poles and left two others leaning badly. Heavy rain accompanied the storm. Witnesses said it did not have the characteristic funnel shape, but was a "black cloud going in circles".
Jackson, Hinds County	8	4:30 PM			0	0	2	2	Heavy Rain
									Urban flooding of low lying areas and underpasses resulted from the 2 1/4" of rain in the area.
Carthage, Leake County	12	3:00 PM			0	0	2	2	Heavy Rain
									Cooperative observer reported 1.52" in 30 minutes... by 5:30 PM 1.96" with small streams out of their banks. 24 hour rainfall as of 7 AM on the 13th was 2.47". Rainfall 12 - 16th was 6.17".

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)											
15 WSW Raymond to S Jackson, Hinds County	12	3:54 PM									Funnel Cloud
Central Mississippi	14-15	Noon-Noon			0	0	?	?			Heavy Rain
											Rains up to around 3" fell over most of central MS adding to already saturated grounds from rains on the 12th. Lowland flooding occurred along the Pearl and Big Black Rivers which were above flood stage at many points. The rain in Jackson flooded nearly a dozen streets for several hours.
Philadelphia, Neshoba County	15	Night			0	0	?	?			Heavy Rain
											2.31" measured for the 24 hour period ending at 7 AM. Rainfall 13 - AM 16th was 6.40".
Piney Woods, Hinds County	16	1:00 AM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Golfball size hail (lots of it) reported by the MS Hwy patrol. Accompanied by heavy rain and gusty winds. Conditions were so severe to drive and the patrolman was forced to park.
Statewide	20-21										
											Severe thunderstorms, hail, and tornadoes developed over central MS during the mid afternoon on the 20th and moved east and NE over the State. Severe weather shifted to the NW and W - central portions of the State in the late afternoon and continued after sunset as thunderstorms, etc., accompanied a cool front moving into MS. The last of the rain activity moved out of the SE corner of MS by sunrise the 21st.
N Jackson, Hinds/Madison County	20	2:23 PM									Funnel Cloud
NW Jackson, Hinds County	20	2:45 PM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Marble to 1" hail reported.
Brandon & 3 WNW, Rankin County	20	2:45 PM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Marble to 1" hail reported in Brandon and Crossgates.
Crystal Springs, Copiah County	20	2:45 PM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Marble to 1" hail reported.
4SW Cameron, Madison County	20	3:45 PM			0	0	?	?			Wind
											Tree damage from 4 SW - 3 S and across Hwy 17.
1 N Fannin, Rankin County	20	3:50 PM									Funnel Cloud
5 N Forest, Scott County	20	4:20 PM			0	0	4	?			Wind
											Damage includes some home roof damage, broken windows, trees uprooted, and TV antennae blown over.
8 E Oxford, Lafayette County	20	4:24 PM	**267	133	0	0	4	?			Tornado
											Mostly a funnel cloud, the storm struck the Denmark Community 1 mile south of Hwy 6 damaging a mobile home and a barn.
12 NW Carthage, Leake County	20	4:29 PM			0	0	3	?			Wind
											Trees down north of Thomastown, and trees and power lines down along Hwy 35 between Carthage and Kosciusko.
E Oxford, Lafayette County	20	4:35 PM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Golf ball size hail reported.
New Albany, Union County	20	4:36 PM			0	0	?	?			Hail
											Golf ball size hail reported.
MISSISSIPPI (continued)											
4 W Union, Newton County, into SW Neshoba County to the Kemper County line	20	4:40 PM	20	250	0	0	5	?			Tornado
											A funnel was first reported 7 W Union City and then a tornado 4 West. In Newton County 1 occupied home was half destroyed and 2 to 3 unoccupied homes damaged. Trees and power lines also down. Damage \$15,000.
											The tornado passed into Neshoba County moving from SW to NE passing SW of Philadelphia to the Kemper County line near Hwy 16. Several mobile homes were destroyed, 6 houses and 10 barns damaged or destroyed. 250 acres of crops damaged with 200 acres of timber 85% destroyed. Trees and power lines down. Damage at least \$35,000.
Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin/Madison County	20	5:30 PM			3	0	?	?			Wind
											Weather was a probable cause of a boating accident which resulted in 3 drowning deaths.
5 SW - 7 NNE Shuqualak, Noxubee County	20	5:45 PM	12	100	0	0	4	?			Tornado
											Considerable tree damage along Hwy 39 with a 1 mile long strip of trees reported down in one spot. One barn damaged south of Hwy 14 just SE of Madon. Exact damage unknown.
Pleasant Grove, Panola County	20	6:30 PM			0	0	?	?			Heavy Rain
											1.2" in a short time washed out a large culvert and undermined and resulted in the closing of River Road that connects with Hwy 313 and Belmont. Hail (size and damage unknown) fell on 3 separate occasions in parts of the County.
Greenville, Washington County	20	6:30 PM			0	0	?	?			Wind
											Winds of 50 knots recorded at the airport.
Cleveland, Bolivar County	20	6:35 PM	4	440	0	1	5	?			Tornado
											The tornado mostly aloft first touched down at the Federal Congress & Warehouse then hit a 300' TV Cable Tower in SW Cleveland, continued NE damaging several homes, stores, carpools, a church, autos, supermarket, service station, 8 - 10 mobile homes (1 injury here), a storage shed was destroyed, part of a clinic roof removed, trees uprooted and power lines down. This made the third time the Congress and Cable Tower has been hit. Damage \$300,000.
Grace, Issaquena County to 2 S Belzoni, Humphreys County	20	7:00 PM	28	440	0	0	4	?			Tornado
											At Grace a light plane at the Eagle Flying Service was demolished and chemical tanks were blown off the airstrip. 2 other county airplanes were damaged. Several bottom trailers were overturned and damaged along with several grain bins. Local power lines down. Damage over \$10,000.
											The tornado moved NE into Sharkey County where 1 mobile home was destroyed along with several out-buildings and sheds, and roofs and porches damaged. MP&L line break occurred 2.5 miles SE of Delta City. In Nitta Yuma, 4 SW Delta City, a huge oak tree fell and sheared off the front side of a 2-story home built in 1892. Damage over \$10,000.
											Tornado reported by private citizen 2 S Belzoni in Humphreys County at 7:35 PM. Wires down in the area. Damage in \$ unknown.
10 NW Greenwood, Leflore County	20	7:15 PM			0	0	4	?			Wind
											Several feed bins destroyed and a barn and several house roofs destroyed.
Grenada Lake, Grenada County	20	7:30 PM			2	0	?	?			Wind
											Two men drowned when their small fishing craft capsized during a thunderstorm.
3 N Coffeeville, Talobusha County	20	7:55 PM			0	0	?	?			Wind
											Trees were blown down across Hwys 330 & 7.

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
Vicksburg, Warren County	20	7:55 PM			0	0	4	?	Wind
									One mobile home was destroyed and a few roofs damaged along with trees down.
Oxford, Lafayette County	20	8:00 PM			0	0	4	?	Wind
									Industrial plant roof damaged.
Chesterville, Lee County	20	8:05 PM			0	0	4	?	Wind
									Two 3-bedroom mobile homes were destroyed... Hwy 6 near the Lee/Pontotoc County line.
Drew, Sunflower County	20	8:15 PM			0	0	6	?	Wind
									\$1,000 damage at Sunflower Academy and \$750,000 damage at the Congress (tin metal building) on Hwy 49. Some damage at the school football field and Ruleville-Drew Airport. 2.5" of rain recorded by 8 PM with some water damage and trees down. 1 mobile home destroyed. Several roofs damaged. Damage \$760,000.
4 S Benton, Yazoo County	20	8:15 PM	3	150	0	0	4	?	Tornado
									One house and three barns destroyed plus roof damage to other buildings in the area along with downed trees. Path from Myrtleville Road to Hwy 433. Not one board was left in place in any of the walls of the destroyed house, but a chest of drawers in a bedroom was unremoved and a glass lamp on top was untouched.
7 SW Dancy, Webster County to 3SE Amory, Monroe County	20	8:20 PM	50	1404	1	9	6	5	Tornado
									The tornado first touched down 3 SW Clarkson and traveled NE through Dancy to the Webster/Clay County line. The 10 mile 100-200 yard path in Webster County left one dead (in a mobile home in Dancy) and 5 injuries. 15 farm homes, 10 frame, 5 mobile homes, 20 farm buildings, and 250 acres of timber destroyed (\$25,000). Lightning also struck one home burning it to the ground. Damage \$200,000.
									Continuing NE through Clay County the tornado left a path 20 miles long and up to 2 miles wide (possibly 2 tornadoes) passing near Montpelier and Una. 3,300 acres of timber 10% destroyed for \$50,000. 25 cattle killed \$7,500. 5 homes, 3 mobile homes, 20 service buildings, and 10 pieces of farm machinery and equipment destroyed including 2 grain bins and 2 concrete silos. 97 homes, 5 mobile homes, and 48 service buildings damaged. No deaths, but at least 1 injury in a mobile home. Damage \$850,000.
									In Monroe County the tornado went for 20 miles leaving a 100 yard path from NE Clay County passing near Gibson and Becker to near Hwy 278 SE of Amory. 3,000 acres of timber 1/3 destroyed valued at \$150,000. 25 homes, 20 mobile homes, 50 service buildings, and 10 pieces of machinery and equipment damaged; 7 mobile homes and 20 service buildings destroyed. Damage \$400,000. No deaths, but 1 injury in the Gibson area and 2 along Hwy 45 in mobile homes.
1 S Way, Madison County	20	8:30 PM	2	100	0	0	4	?	Tornado
									One home and one mobile home destroyed. Trees down. Damage \$25,000.
1 W West, Holmes County	20	8:30 PM							Funnel Cloud
4 E - 10 NE Cornith, Alcorn County	20	8:45 PM			0	0	3	?	Wind
									Houses and timber damaged along with downed power lines. Trees across Hwy 72 East. \$2,500.
Vicksburg, Warren County	20	9:15 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind/Rain
									FAA at the airport reported trees and power lines down. Street and lowland flooding at usual flood prone areas.
Columbus, Lowndes County	20	9:14 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									Columbus APB recorded winds of 52 knots. In Columbus trees and power lines were down, a bus depot roof was blown off and landed on top of the City Auditorium, and the roof of a marble works plant was also lifted. 8 NE cars were blown off the road and damage reported along Tabernacle Road. One barber shop was destroyed by a fallen tree and a church annex destroyed.
MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
Crawford, Lowndes County	20	9:15 PM	1/2	100	0	0	4	?	Tornado
									Several small out buildings were destroyed and a brick home damaged as the insulation was sucked out of the house. A chain-link fence was rolled up like barbed wire and a tractor destroyed. Damage over \$50,000.
6 E Aberdeen, Monroe County	20	9:15 PM			0	0	3	?	Wind
									Several barns damaged. (Reference 8:20 PM tornado).
5 N Macon, Noxubee County	20	9:15 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									Twelve power line poles down along Hwy 45.
Utica, Hinds County	20	9:58 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail
									Golf ball size hail reported.
1 W Ellisville, Jones County	21	00:02 AM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									Four large trees across Hwy 508.
Oakvale, NW Marion County	21	00:05 AM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									One home shifted from its foundation.
Statewide									Noon 26 - Sunrise 27
									Numerous intense thunderstorms struck many parts of the State yielding pea to golf ball size hail, locally heavy rain, gusty winds, and a few tornadoes.
Philadelphia, Neshoba County	26	9:15 AM							Funnel Cloud
9 NW Eupora, Webster County	26	11:43 AM			0	0	?	?	Hail
									Golf ball size hail reported.
Jackson, Hinds County	26	3:10 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail
									3/4 - 1" hail reported.
5 NE Sharon, Madison County	26	4:59 PM	7	200	0	0	3	?	Tornado
									The tornado moved NE to about 1 mile S of Camden on Hwy 17. Some trees snapped off in the middle, others blown down. Hopscotch path. Mostly rural area. Damage estimated less than \$5,000.
10 NW Carthage, Leake County	26	5:45 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail
									3/4" hail reported on Hwy 16. Heavy rain and hail (size unknown) in Carthage at 6:03 PM.
Greenville, Washington	26	8:20 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									Winds of 50 knots recorded at the airport.
3 SW Indianola, Sunflower County	26	8:50 PM			0	0	4	?	Hail/Wind
									3/4" hail reported and several mobile homes damaged.
2 NW - 5 N Drew, Sunflower County	26	8:53 PM	3	250	0	0	4	?	Tornado
									One mobile home destroyed, several homes and cotton trailers damaged, and power lines down. Storm mostly aloft. Damage \$10,000.
5 N Greenville, Washington County	26	8:58 PM			0	0	4	?	Wind
									A storage shed was destroyed and part of a Research Barn roof blown off at Winterville. Parts of the sheet metal roof were found a mile away.
Meridian, Lauderdale County	26	9:00 PM			0	0	?	?	Heavy Rain
									2.82" in past 15 hours.
12 N Meridian, Lauderdale County	26	9:33 PM							Funnel Cloud

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
5 E Oxford, Lafayette County	26	10:30 PM	1	100	0	0	4	?	Tornado
									At Camp Lake Stephens pine trees were twisted and downed. Spetic tank pipes were unearthed. Loud roar heard. Damage around \$5,000.
15 SW Holly Bluff, Sharkey County	26	10:48 PM							Funnel Cloud
15 N Eupora, Webster County	26	11:05 PM							Funnel Cloud
20 NW Jackson, Hinds County	26	11:32 PM			0	0	4	?	Wind
									Wind damage in the Brownsville area. Clinton reported winds 50 mph or higher. Lots of marble size hail reported on Hwy 18 SW of Jackson. Heavy rain, gusty winds, and pea size hail in Jackson around 11:50 PM.
2 NW Shivers - 2 N Magee, Simpson Co.	26	11:55 PM	20	880	0	11	6	6	Tornado
									The tornado moved NE crossing Hwy 43 S of Shivers to 1/2 mile W and 2 N of the intersection of Hwys 13 & 28 across Hwy 49 N of Magee to 2 1/2 E of Sanatorium. Hardest hit areas include a dairy farm in the Oak Grove Community (+\$1 million) and near Sanatorium. 1 home, 5 mobile homes, 15 service buildings, and 3 pieces of equipment were destroyed; 6 homes, 10 service buildings, and 3 pieces of equipment were damaged (\$95,000). A dairy barn and inside equipment, a silo, and storage bin were included in the destruction. 20 dairy cattle killed (\$10,000) and 4,400 acres of timber (\$660,000) damaged. At Oak Grove a cemetery (near Hwy 28) fence was damaged and tombstones overturned. Of the injured, 2 children ages 16 months and 3 months, they were thrown from their mobile home - one landing near a fallen tree, the other nearly rolled up in barbed wire fence. Another woman found herself about 100' from her mobile home entangled in a tree. According to the Sheriff the tornado "took the least populated area in the County where it went through." Damage \$500,000 possibly more, excludes timber damage.
Pearl, Rankin County	27	00:15 PM			0	0	3	?	Wind
									One home was damaged by a fallen tree and one mobile home overturned.
6 NW Poplarville - 3 ESE Lumberton, Pearl River County	27	1:20 AM	15	440	0	1	4	?	Tornado
									The tornado first touched down in the Spring Hill Community where 1 mobile home was damaged and the occupant injured. Moving NE it crossed Hwy 11 at Hillsdale's crossroads and I-59 causing one truck to overturn on the interstate when a pine tree was hurled onto the pavement. In the Red Top Community 3 S Lumberton 2 barns and a shed were destroyed, 1 house roof was blown off, a cemetery and 3 dairy barns damaged, and trees uprooted. The last evidence was in the Pistol Ridge Community E of Lumberton. Damage \$45,000.
6 NW Lucedale, George County	27	2:50 AM	14	300	0	0	5	?	Tornado
									The tornado leveled one acre of trees near Bexley 6 NW of Lucedale. Moving E the gym and teachers home at the Rocky Creek School was damaged to the tune of \$100,000 - roof and window damage. A nearby Baptist church had \$75,000 damage to the roof, steeple, and heating/cooling system. Near Hwy 63 a barn was damaged. In the Brushy Creek Community a frame house was lifted off its foundation, the porch and part of the roof was blown off, 1 chicken house damaged and one mobile home overturned. "Lightning was a steady quiver". Damage \$200,000.
2 N Clarksdale, Coahoma County	29	8:15 AM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									High wind and marble size hail reported.
Natchez, Adams County	29	1:05 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind
									Trees blown down E of Natchez between Natchez and Fenwick.

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MISSISSIPPI (continued)									
10 SW - 16 NE Canton, Madison County	29	2:03 PM	26	880	3	177	7	?	Tornado
									The tornado first touched down about 10 miles SW of Canton where it destroyed 3 towers on a main MP&L transmission line. It continued NE across I-55 into W Canton where it passed through a mobile home park, crossed the city causing major destruction, then clipped tree tops NE of Canton for another 15 miles passing just S of Sharnon and lifting before reaching Camden. The storm path averaged 2 mile wide, but in Canton where it was most intense, the path was 200-250 yards. The storm accompanied by heavy rain but no hail hit high spots and skipped over hollows. Witnesses stated there was no distinct funnel, just a large black cloud.
									72 homes (mostly of frame construction), 12 mobile homes, 4 service buildings, and 121 pieces of machinery and equipment, and 1 grain storage bin was destroyed; 4 homes, 46 mobile homes, 10 service buildings, 11 pieces of machinery, and 1 grain bin was damaged; 10 cattle killed.
									2 fatalities occurred in a mobile home, the third in a factory. 15 of the injuries were serious. Total damage including farm supplies, household goods, personal possessions, utilities, businesses and contents totaled \$11,369,350.
15 SW Hazlehurst, Copiah County, to 1 NE Meridian, Lauderdale County	29	2:05 PM	107	1056	0	8	7	6	Tornado
									The tornado first touched down in the Barlow Community and moved NE through Copiah County to NE of Meridian, Lauderdale County. The storm track covered 107 miles and averaged 0.6 miles in width. However, about 9 WSW of Hazlehurst the storm width approached 2 miles as 10 towers of a major MP&L transmission line were toppled. The path of this intense tornado avoided dense urban areas for the most part - otherwise the loss of life and personal injury in all probability would have reached major proportions.
									In Copiah County the tornado path (20 miles) extended from Barlow to 3N Hopewell, passing just south of Gallman. One witness reported 2 tornadoes: 1 big one followed by a smaller one. 30 homes, 15 mobile homes, 15 service buildings, 2 poultry houses, and 5 pieces of machinery and equipment were destroyed; 70 homes, 15 mobile homes, and 10 service buildings damaged. Damage \$974,200. Crop damage included 30% loss of 8,000 acres of timber damaged, 60 cattle, 15 hogs, and 5,000 poultry killed for a total of \$606,000. No deaths or injuries.
									The tornado entered Simpson County SW of Hopewell and continued NE before passing into Rankin County just SE of Piney Woods School where Hwy 49 intersects the Simpson/Rankin County line. Path length 14 miles. 24 homes, 5 mobile homes, 15 service buildings, and 1 truck destroyed; 11 homes, 39 mobile homes, and 20 service buildings damaged. Total damage \$925,600. Crop damage included 5,000 acres of timber 50% destroyed and 36,000 poultry. Total \$596,277. No deaths or injuries.
									The tornado path in Rankin County (18 miles long and 1/2 mile wide) extended from just south of Piney Woods School NE to Daniel in W Smith County or 6 NNE of Pockett. 1 home, 2 mobile homes, and 10 service buildings were destroyed; 40 homes, 21 mobile homes, and 20 service buildings damaged. Witnesses said the tornado "looked like a big cloud of smoke" and "that the tornado struck twice." Damage \$783,400. Crop and cropland damage includes 3,000 acres of timber 50% destroyed, 230,000 poultry killed, for a total of \$914,000. No deaths or injuries.
									In Smith County the tornado path (15 miles long and 300 yards wide) extended from Daniel NE to the NE corner of the County. 5 mobile homes and 30 service buildings were destroyed; 30 homes, 12 mobile homes and 48 service buildings damaged. Damage \$243,000. Crop and cropland damage includes 1,500 acres of timber 50% destroyed and 330,000 poultry killed all valued at \$205,000. No deaths or injuries.
									Moving NE into Newton County the tornado path runs from 6 SW of Newton to 6 NE of Hickory. (25 miles long and 1/4 mile wide). Most of the damage occurred in and immediately south of the city of Newton. 51 homes, 10 mobile homes and 25 service buildings destroyed; 239 homes, 115 mobile homes, and 58 service buildings damaged. Total \$4,650,000. Crop damage of \$37,500 results from 500 acres of timber 50% destroyed. No deaths, 8 injuries - - 1 serious.
									Moving into Lauderdale County the tornado passed S of Suqualena to 1 mile NW - NE of Meridian through the north Meridian suburbs where most of the damage was done. Path 15 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. 5 mobile homes, a Country Club, and a rest-home damaged. 1 light aircraft was overturned and extensively damaged at Key Field. Damage \$300,000. Agriculture damage \$36,000. No deaths or injuries.

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Crystal Springs, Copiah County	29	2:25 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail	8 SW Fayette, Jefferson County, to 2 S Barlow, Copiah County	30	4:35 PM	36	1584	0	0	5	5	Tornado	
Amory, Monroe County	29	2:30 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind											
									Small storage shed destroyed and TV antennae blown over.										The tornado first touched down in the SW corner of Jefferson County after earlier passing over N Adams County as a funnel cloud. It moved NE through Jefferson County passing over Fayette...continued into the SW part of Copiah County NE of McBride and lifted just S of Barlow about 1.5 miles S of where the tornado in the 29th started.	
Ofahoma, Leake County	29	2:55 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind										In Jefferson County primary damage occurred in the Fayette area. 2 homes, 1 mobile home, 1 school, and 2 service buildings destroyed; 30 homes, 5 mobile homes, 30 service buildings, public facilities, and 110 miles of fence damaged. Damage \$438,000. Crops and cropland: 5,000 acres of timber 10% destroyed, 1 nursery destroyed, 1 registered bull killed. Total \$100,000.	
Star, Rankin County	29	2:58 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail/Rain											
									Ping pong size hail reported along with rain so heavy that visibility was reduced to near zero.											
4 W Terry & Richland, Hinds County	29	9:50 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail/Wind										Damage in Copiah County consisted mainly of trees down. Damage amount unknown.	
									Golf ball size and smaller hail along with high winds reported at Terry. Minor damage to trees and a house. Marble size hail reported covering the ground in SW Jackson and Richland - 6 S Jackson around 10 PM.	Vicksburg, Warren County	30	5:20 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind	
1 W Crystal Springs, Copiah County	29	9:54 PM							Funnel Cloud	W/C Hinds County	30	5:40 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind	
									Reported by M&L crew to be moving across I-55.										Small hail and high winds reported in the Bolton area; 55 - 60 mph winds reported near Clinton.	
14 SE Brookhaven, Lincoln County	29	11:28 PM	1/4	50	0	0	3	?	Tornado	Hinds County	30	5:48 - 6:04 PM							Funnel Clouds	
									The brief touchdown took the roof off a garage and one tree fell on a building in the Sweetwater Community. Damage \$5,000 or less.	Barnett Reservoir, Madison County	30	6:00 - 6:45 PM								Funnel Clouds
Columbia, Marion County	30	00:05 AM			0	0	?	?	Hail										Over the Reservoir 6 PM. Retcliff's Ferry at 6:45 PM.	
									Golf ball size hail reported covering the ground.	Crystal Springs, Copiah County	30	8:40 PM								Funnel Cloud
Laurel, Jones County	30	3:30 AM			0	0	?	?	Heavy Rain	Clara, Wayne County	31	1:15 AM			0	0	?	?	Hail	
									Flash flooding reported in several areas by C. D.										Golf ball size hail reported.	
Vicksburg, Warren County	30	10:30 AM							Funnel Cloud	15 N Laurel, Jones County	31	1:25 AM			0	0	?	?	Hail	
5 W Jackson, Hinds County	30	10:40 AM							Funnel Cloud										Golf ball size hail reported by C. D.	
1 S Magee, Simpson County	30	11:12 AM							Funnel Cloud	South Half Mississippi	30 - 31	7A - 7A			0	0	?	?	Heavy Rains	
12 S Brookhaven, Lincoln County	30	11:29 AM							Funnel Cloud										Heavy 24 hour rainfall amounts as of 7 AM 31st: Bay Springs 3.05", Crystal Springs 4.32", Topton 4.48", Hickory 4.50", and Collinsville 4.67".	
Tupelo, Lee County	30	12:22 - 1:55 PM							Funnel Clouds	Jackson Municipal Airport, Rankin County	1 - 31								Wettest March ever	
									2 E 12:22; 4 NE 12:55; 10 NE 1:15; 1 SE 1:40 PM; 1 E 1:55 PM										The 15.13" of rain recorded at the Weather Service Forecast Office made this the wettest March and 2nd wettest month ever in Jackson. February 1976 was the 2nd driest February on record.	
1 E Tupelo, Lee County	30	1:45 PM			0	0	?	?	Hail	<u>MISSOURI</u>										
									Golf ball size hail reported.	Northern Missouri	4	Mid-6a			0	0	5	0	Ice storm	
1 N Flora, Madison County	30	1:50 PM	3	100	0	0	?	?	Tornado										Freezing rain caused considerable damage as a coating of ice up to an inch thick covered much of northwestern half of the state. Most damage was due to tree limbs falling on cars and homes.	
									The tornado lasted only a brief time and occurred in a rural area. Witnesses included a helicopter pilot, MS Hwy Patrol officer, and a telephone company employee. A funnel was also seen near the tornado. Damage minimal.	Clarence and Shelbina, Shelby Co.	4	330p			0	0	5	0	Hail	
1 W Columbia, Marion County	30	2:15 PM							Funnel Cloud										A heavy thunderstorm with golf ball size hail broke out many windows, and severely damaged many roofs. Three inches of rainfall was also recorded. Practically every tree suffered some damage in Clarence.	
8 N Natchez, Adams County	30	4:15 PM							Funnel Cloud	Central Missouri	4	3-7p	?	?	0	0	5	0	Sev. Thunderstorm	
2 SW - 3 E Canton, Madison County	30	4:20 PM							Funnel Cloud										Numerous gusts to 50 to 60 mph were recorded as a line of thunderstorms moved eastward across the state. Examples: 5p...Jefferson City...55-60 mph, 54p...Fort Wood...gusts to 58 mph, 74p...Lambert Field, St. Louis...50 mph. Minor structural damage.	
4 E Natchez, Adams County	30	4:30 PM			0	0	?	?	Wind	Southern Missouri	4	9-11p	?	?	0	0	4	0	Sev. Thunderstorms	
									Wind: gust to 75 knots recorded at the airport.										A line of thunderstorms moving eastward across the state caused scattered wind gusts to 60 mph. Significant damage occurred at a school in Grandin in Carter County. Minor wind damage was also experienced in Sikeston.	

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MISSOURI (continued)									
Northwest Missouri	4	Mid-noon	?	?	0	0	?	?	Flash Flooding
									Heavy rains ranging between 2 and 3.5 inches in northwest Missouri caused flash-flooding of streams and had the Grand River at Chillicothe out of its bank by midday. The river rose twenty feet to four feet over flood stage in 12 to 18 hours.
Perry County	12	2p			0	1	4	0	Wind
									A sudden gust of wind overturned two large mobile homes just north of the Cape Girardeau County line on the interstate. These trailers were over a mile apart. However, this occurred almost simultaneously. The tractor pulling one of the trailers overturned on the interstate pinning the driver inside. Minor injuries were sustained.
Southeast Missouri	20	Noon-3p			0	0	6	0	Hail
									A number of thunderstorms developed during midday with golfball to baseball sized hail common in South St. Louis, Shannon, Dent, Carter, Jefferson, Washington, Howell, and Northern Iron counties. In one case a 40 pound hog was killed by a hailstone.
Poplar Bluff, Butler Co.	20	3p	1/8	15	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									A very small tornado dipped down near the intersection of Highways 33 and 67. However, minor damage was incurred. This tornado was spotted by five spotters. It destroyed one house and a barn. Signs and wires were down.
Sikeston, Scott Co.	20	410p	1	15	0	1	4	0	Tornado
									A small "tree-top" tornado touched down briefly in south sections of Sikeston. It lifted a police car off the highway and landed in a field. There were no tire marks on the embankment of the highway indicating the car was in the air until it landed in the field. About a mile northeast of that point two mobile homes were heavily damaged. One of them was not moved from the foundation but had its roof torn from the trailer.
Newton, Jasper, and Lawrence Counties	26	4-5p	28	40	1	3	5	?	Tornado
									A small tornado touched down around 4 pm six miles southwest of Sarcoxie skipping northeastward, striking several barns and outbuildings. About one mile south of Sarcoxie the tornado... at this point about twenty feet in diameter... struck a mobile home, destroying it completely. One killed and another injured seriously in the home. A neighbor saw the tornado strike the trailer. The tornado moved northeastward and lifted just north of the Interstate 44 highway... five miles northeast of Sarcoxie. It redeveloped or dropped to the ground again 1 1/2 miles northeast and skipped northeastward for another 15 miles toward Miller. Aerial survey by the Fujita group indicated that at one point two miles southwest of Miller it lay a disorganized pattern of damage 250 yards wide. In northeast portions of Miller a mobile home court was struck. Two injured were sustained. The tornado was not visible in the Miller area for it was obscured by heavy rain. It dissipated two miles northeast of Miller. Damage estimated at \$200,000.
Purdy, Barry Co.	26	415p	1/2	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									The Melton Johnson home and barn, about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Purdy received major damage. A deputy sheriff reported watching a funnel aloft in that general area.
Huntsville, Randolph Co.	26	408p	1/2	20	0	1	4	0	Tornado
									A small tornado occurred at Huntsville. Four homes were damaged and one person was taken to a hospital for minor injuries. Two 144 KV power lines were knocked down near the town.
MONTANA									
Helena	22	About 11:00 PM			0	1	4	0	Wind
									High winds associated with a Pacific Cold Front destroyed two mobile homes. Peak wind at Helena WSO was 60 M.P.H.
NEBRASKA									
All of the State	2-4	Morning to Evening			0	0	?	0	Snow
									A storm entered western Nebraska on the 2nd and moved across the state, reaching the eastern areas on the 4th. One to 9 inches of snow and sleet fell.
Nuckolls County	11	1:05 AM			0	0	3	0	Lightning
									Lightning ignited a shed and 100 bales of hay 7 miles southwest of Superior.
Nemaha County	11	Noon			0	0	3	0	Damaging Winds and Thunderstorm
									A roof was damaged in Nemaha by thunderstorm winds.
Red Willow County	11	4:30 PM			0	0	2	0	Hail
									Hail damaged several buildings 10 miles west of McCook.
Dawson County	11	Evening	Short	Narrow	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									A tornado briefly touched down 5 miles northeast of Gothenburg destroying 3 hog sheds. Damage was also done to other buildings by flying debris.
NEBRASKA (continued)									
Statewide	11-12	Evening to Morning			0	0	6	0	Damaging Winds and Snow
									Winds of 50 to 60 m.p.h. with gusts to 80 moved across the state from west to east damaging roofs, buildings and barns, and trees were also uprooted. Power poles damaged. Thirty to 35 percent of calves born outside perished.
Southeast Nebraska	29-30	Afternoon to Morning			0	0	7	0	Damaging Winds and Snow
									A late spring storm produced thunderstorms, rain, hail, sleet, snow and high winds over southeast Nebraska. Wet snow and sleet accumulated on utility lines 4 to 5 inches in diameter and weighing 6 to 8 pounds per linear foot. With winds 30 to 35 m.p.h. and gusts to more than 40 caused the power lines to gallop, snapping off poles and breaking lines. Seventy-two communities in a sixteen county area bounded on the west from Webster County north through Hastings and Grand Island northeast along the Platte River to the vicinity of Columbus, then south along the eastern border of Butler, Seward, Saline and Jefferson Counties to the Kansas-Nebraska border. Some areas will be without power until midsummer.
NEVADA									
NONE REPORTED									
NEW HAMPSHIRE									
Statewide	2-3						3		Snow Storm-Glaze
									Late winter storm left a 10-14" blanket of snow across the state. Rash of accidents with several persons injured. Snow ended with a period of glaze on the 3rd.
Southern Counties	17						4		Winter Storm
									Severe coastal gale struck southern parts of state. Left 8-11" of snow over southern parts of the state. Caused damage along the coast with minor coastal flooding especially near Hampton Beach. Many related traffic accidents with personal injuries.
NEW JERSEY									
NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE									
NEW MEXICO									
NONE REPORTED									
NEW YORK									
COASTAL	NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS AREA								
NEW YORK									
CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST	2-3				0	0	6	?	ICE STORM
									A severe ice storm caused numerous downed trees and powerlines. Serious road conditions restricted travel. Utility Company damage figures were estimated at two million in Central New York.
AREAWIDE									
	16				0	0	5	0	HEAVY SNOW
									A late season storm brought 6 to 14 inches of snow to most of the area. Amounts were somewhat lower in the extreme Southeast where sleet mixed with the snow. Unseasonable cold and strong winds added to the storm's effect.
SOUTHEAST									
	21	PM			0	1	7	0	SEVERE THUNDERSTORM
									Severe thunderstorms developing ahead of an eastward moving cold front resulted in downed trees and powerlines and considerable structural damage.
									Tornadoes were confirmed in Ulster County as indicated.
ACCORD-KERHONKSON									
	21	3 PM	1	NARROW	0	0	5	0	TORNADES
									Two tornadoes were confirmed between Accord and Kerhonkson. At least five trailers were destroyed and twelve others damaged. Incomplete reports indicate that the number may be much higher. Sustained winds of 75 MPH damaged five aircraft at Dutchess County Airport. Winds tore the roof off a Newburgh theater. One man was seriously injured when a tree fell on his truck. Several minor injuries were reported but details and numbers are unavailable.

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NEW YORK (continued)											
WESTERN											
Western Finger Lakes Counties and extreme Western New York	2-3				1	1	0	0	8	C	Ice Storm
<p>The worst ice storm in memory paralyzed much of Western New York. Freezing rain began early morning of the 2nd and ended about noon of the 3rd. One report said ice was 4 inches thick. The following counties were declared major disaster areas by Pres. Ford: Erie, Chautauque, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, and Wyoming. One person was killed and one seriously injured in the Town of Evans when their car skidded on ice. One-third of trees in Buffalo alone were badly damaged by weight of ice. Massive damage to electrical power lines caused major blackouts. Some blackouts lasted 10 days or so. Many roads were blocked by fallen trees and wires...in Buffalo 200 streets were blocked, some for several days. A major problem was flooding of basements when electrical sump pumps became inoperative.</p> <p>This storm was probably the most costly ever and affected the most people. Damages were estimated as follows: Erie County \$75 million, Chautauque \$8 million, Livingston \$1 million, Genesee \$1 million, Wyoming \$750,000, and Monroe \$450,000. From 110,000 to 150,000 homes were without power for heat and light. Water utilities lost power and at least 10,000 homes were without water.</p>											
Tonawanda Creek, Elliot Creek, Chatakokin River (all in extreme Western N.Y.)	3-5				0	0	6	0			Floods
<p>From 2-4 inches of rain fell between the 1st and 4th. The ice from the storm discussed above melted and with additional rainfall, widespread flooding occurred. Damages: Tonawanda Creek \$900,000; Elliot Creek \$223,000; Chatakokin \$1 million.</p>											
Sinclairville in Chautauque County	5	8:35am			0	0	?	?			Windstorm
<p>Brief period of strong winds damaged trees, power lines and TV antennas.</p>											
Niagara County	27	Afternoon			0	0	?	?			Windstorm
<p>Winds about 75mph associated with a squall line caused damages in Town of Pendleton. A few barns and buildings were damaged.</p>											
NORTH CAROLINA											
Piedmont & Sandhills	14	Early Morning							7		Freeze
<p>About 80% of the peach crop wiped out or damaged by cold temperatures. Cost estimated at 5 to 6 million dollars. Also many flowers damaged.</p>											
Brunswick County near Caswell Beach off Oak Island	16	1246PM									Waterspout
<p>Waterspout sighted 1/2 mile off shore from Oak Island Coast Guard Station; movement northeast.</p>											
Brunswick County 13 miles south of Oak Island	16	1253PM									Waterspout
<p>Ship sighted waterspout 13 miles south of Oak Island Coast Guard Station.</p>											
Pitt County	16	0630PM			1		4				Wind Storm
<p>Mobile home damaged and one woman injured. Additional damage to trees and a few cars. Most damage about 10 miles southwest of Greenville near Bullards Crossroads.</p>											
Pitt County	16	0640PM			1		4				Wind Storm
<p>Mobile home damaged and one woman injured on Route 1 near Greenville.</p>											
Caldwell County	31	Evening					4				Rock and Mud Slides
<p>Rock and mud slides closed several roads. At Lenoir, the water filtration plant was forced to shut down at 11PM when mud clogged the pumps.</p>											
NORTH DAKOTA											
Williams and McKenzie Counties	1-2	10 am March 1 to 5 am March 2			0	0	2	?			Blizzard
<p>Snowfall up to 8 inches accompanied by winds up to 28 mph caused blizzard conditions which blocked primary and secondary roads. Most schools closed and 15 weather related minor accidents were reported. Temperature fell to 2 below zero during the storm.</p>											
Northern Half	11	7 am to 8 pm			0	0	0	?			Blizzard
<p>New snowfall ranged from 4 inches at Williston to 6 inches at Devils Lake to 3 inches at Grand Forks. Winds up to 48 mph caused blizzard conditions blocking most roads and reducing visibilities to less than 3/4 mile. Wind chill factors were near 30 below zero. Temperatures fell to near 10 below zero in northern and eastern North Dakota following the storm.</p>											
Burke and Divide Counties	17-18	8 pm March 17 to 6 pm March 18			0	0	0	?			Snowstorm
<p>Five to eight inches of snow fell, clogging roads and highways and melting and re-freezing on highways, making travel treacherous. A number of businesses were forced to close.</p>											
NORTH DAKOTA (continued)											
Trail, Grand Forks, Walsh, and Pembina Counties	20	9 am to 8 pm			0	0	3	?			Blizzard
<p>Although no new snow accumulated, blowing snow reduced visibilities to zero occasionally as winds gusted to 55 mph. Temperatures dropped to near 10 above zero, with chill factors near 35 below. At Grand Forks, all air traffic was halted but one flight. Numerous multiple car pileups were reported in Grand Forks. Travel in rural areas was virtually impossible.</p>											
OHIO											
Statewide	3	3:10 pm			0	0	5	0			Rain, Hail, Wind, Electrical
<p>Heavy rains caused flooding into the morning of the 4th. Hail to 1 3/4 inch was reported at Millersburg (Holmes County) Ohio. Much building damage and fires from lightning strikes.</p>											
Statewide	5	3:30 am			0	6	5	0			Wind
<p>Strong winds reported to 60 mph associated with squall line and thunderstorms damaging buildings. Two injured in mobile homes which were flipped or moved by winds. Four others injured in Cleveland by flying debris or being blown down.</p>											
Northern Third of State	12	7:15 pm			0	0	4	0			Wind, Hail
<p>Hail to 3/4 inch diameter reported in the Toledo area. Buildings damaged by winds from Clyde (Sandusky County), to Cleveland (Cuyahoga County).</p>											
Medina County, Medina	20	10:15 pm	3/4	70	0	0	4	0			Tornado
<p>A small tornado moved from the southwest corner to the center of the city of Medina. The funnel was apparently mostly aloft. It caused some extensive roof damage to three light industry in the southwest quadrant of the city and damaged trees near the center of town.</p>											
Mercer County, near Celina	20	Late Afternoon	5	50	0	0	4	0			Tornado
<p>This small tornado started west and passed just north of Celina in Mercer County. Several barns were destroyed and some tree damage occurred.</p>											
Statewide	20	8:22 pm			0	4	4	0			Wind, Hail
<p>Hail reported to quarter inch. Wind gusts to 60 mph damaged buildings, uprooted trees and overturned trailers. Fenner Lake, Shelby County, had 11 campers overturned with 4 persons injured.</p>											
Miami, Clark and Champagne Counties	26	Late Afternoon			0	0	5	0			Wind, Funnel Clouds
<p>Heavy thunderstorms moved through the area late afternoon into the night. Funnel clouds reported aloft in these counties. Mobile homes and buildings damaged. Trees and power lines down from winds gusting to 61 mph in some portions of the area.</p>											
Mahoning and Trumbull Counties	27	12:30 pm			0	0	5	0			Wind
<p>The thunderstorms of the 26th moved into eastern portions of the State. Greatest damage caused by winds gusting to 79 mph at Youngstown Airport. Three aircraft had major structural damage, four others minor damage, four to main hanger destroyed. Other reports of building and tree limb damage from wind.</p>											
OKLAHOMA											
Choctaw, Oklahoma County	4	11:25 a.	1/2	20	0	0	4	0			Tornado
<p>A small tornado first touched down along Louise Drive in the western portion of Choctaw where a barn was destroyed and shingles were torn loose from the roof of a house. The tornado then lifted and remained aloft for about 1/2 mile as it traveled eastward at an estimated 40 m.p.h. The tornado was aloft as it crossed the downtown area. It then touched ground over the Choctaw Fire Station where a portion of the corrugated tin roof was ripped off. Large trees adjacent to the fire station were heavily damaged. The grade and junior high school building located one block away from the fire station was undamaged. The school building contained 1400 students. A wind speed indicator located 50 feet away from the fire station clocked winds of 77 m.p.h.</p>											
Near Lexington, Cleveland County	4	11:30 a.			0	0	4	0			Wind
<p>Strong straight winds destroyed one mobile home and heavily damaged four others in an area 4 miles north and 3 1/2 miles east of Lexington. A resident of the destroyed mobile home left to use a neighbor's telephone two minutes before the trailer was demolished. Power lines were also downed.</p>											
Pauls Valley, Garvin County	4	11:50 a.			0	0	4	0			Wind
<p>Strong winds damaged six airplanes at the Pauls Valley airport. One aircraft was severely damaged and another received slight damage. The remaining four were moderately damaged.</p>											

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OKLAHOMA (continued) Near Skiatook, Tulsa County, and Near Oologah, Rogers County	4	12:10 p.	14	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado
			An apparent small tornado first touched down about 1 mile north of Skiatook where one mobile home was flipped over and six more were moved from their foundation. Nearby homes received shingle and roof damage. A few small outbuildings were destroyed. The tornado was apparently not continuously on the ground. The next known damage occurred northeast of Collinsville in the extreme northeast corner of Tulsa County where a roof was torn off 4 houses and an outbuilding was demolished. The last known damage occurred about 5 miles southwest of Oologah in Rogers County where a house trailer was blown on its side and a small storage building was destroyed. Movement was toward the east-northeast.						
Sayre, Beckham County	11	2:00 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			A gymnasium roof was blown off in strong thunderstorm winds. Several houses were also unroofed.						
Weatherford, Custer County	11	3:30 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind
			A mobile home flipped over and a building was unroofed in strong thunderstorm winds accompanied by heavy rain. A freight train was delayed until debris from the demolished roof could be removed from the tracks. Other minor damage was reported.						
near Woodward, Woodward County	11	3:45 p.			0	1	3	0	Wind
			A semi-trailer truck was overturned due to high winds 1 1/2 miles southeast of Woodward on US highway 183. The driver was treated for lacerations and other minor injuries.						
near Helena, Alfalfa County	11	5:00 p.	16	200	0	0	0	1	Tornado
			A tornado touched down at a point 3 miles west and 2 1/2 miles south of Helena. Movement was toward the northeast at an estimated speed of 40 to 50 mph. The tornado was estimated to have been on the ground approximately 20 minutes. The tornado was viewed by many witnesses who described it as having the shape of a thick column. The path of the tornado was across open country and no significant damage was reported. The tornado crossed highway 64 approximately 3 miles west of Jet and dissipated near the southern tip of the Great Salt Plains Reservoir.						
Bengal, Latimer County	26	2:45 p.			0	0	?	?	Hail
			Hail up to 2 1/2 inches in diameter covered the ground. Bengal is located about 8 miles NW of Talihina.						
Talihina area, Letimer and LeFlore Counties	26	2:50 p.	9	*1/4	1	4	5	0	Tornado
			The tornado first touched down at a point about 2 miles west of Talihina at the rural community of Palfa. General movement was from southwest to northeast, but the tornado followed a somewhat zig-zag path-sometimes traveling eastward and at one point moving toward the southeast. One man was killed and 4 people were injured, 12 homes and a church were destroyed, 18 homes and 3 businesses sustained moderate to severe damage. 8 head of cattle were killed. 1/2 inch diameter hail fell in advance of the tornado.						
Spiro, LeFlore County	26	3:28-3:45 p.	12	*1/4	2	64	0	0	Tornado
			The tornado first touched down at a point 4 miles east of Bokoshe and 3/4 mile north of highway 31 and began moving toward the northeast. It then crossed highway 39-27 at a point 2 miles south of the intersection of highway 59-771 and highway 9. A business and a mobile home were destroyed. The tornado then continued its north-east path and entered the southeast city limits of Spiro. Much of the destruction occurred in this area including railroad cars, trailer homes, houses and business buildings. The tornado then crossed highway 9 where additional homes were damaged or demolished. Damage and debris indicates the tornado reached F5 intensity after crossing highway 9 and entering the rural Murry Spur area. One man was killed, seven homes and one mobile home demolished in the Murry Spur area. The tornado then turned toward the east after crossing the Lock and Ben - Fort Coffey Road where 3 mobile homes were destroyed. Eastward movement continued for about 1 mile at which point the storm crossed highway 9 a second time. The tornado lifted about 3/10 of a mile east of the point where it crossed highway 9. Along the total path of the tornado two people were killed and 64 injured. 28 homes and 2 business buildings were destroyed. 63 houses and a building used as a vocational training center sustained major damage. Approximately 20 head of cattle and 20 horses were destroyed. Many cars and farm vehicles were destroyed. Eye witnesses claim that at times along the path there were 2 separate tornadoes traveling close together.						
near Checotah, McIntosh County	29	6:10 a.	1/4	30	0	0	3	0	Tornado
			Two barns were destroyed and a house was damaged in a tornado which occurred 4 and 1/4 miles north of Checotah. Movement was from west to east. A reliable eye witness stated that the tornado took a skipping path and was not continuously on the ground. Marble size hail accompanied the storm.						
McAlester, Pittsburg County	29	7:00 a.			0	0	4	0	Heavy Rain
			Heavy rain accumulation caused the collapse of a factory roof. The collapsing roof broke the factory's sprinkler system which further contributed to water damage of the contents.						

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OKLAHOMA (continued) Bengal, Latimer County	29	7:30 a.			0	0	?	?	Hail
			Hail covered the ground at Bengal located about 8 miles NW of Talihina. The largest stones were 2-2 1/2 inches in diameter.						
near Spiro, LeFlore County	29	8:00 a.							Funnel Cloud
OREGON Morrow and Umatilla Counties	24	11 A.M. to 4 P.M.			1	At least 20	Unk	Unk	Heavy wind storm whipped up freshly plowed fields reducing visibility to near zero on I-80 Hwy. 18 vehicles were involved in collisions with numerous injuries and property damage. Also loss of soil caused considerable early crop planting losses in wheat and potatoes.
PACIFIC			NONE REPORTED						
PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN Bristol Township Bucks County	5	3:30-4 PM EST			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Strong wind gusts accompanying heavy showers tore a large portion of the roofing off a large building.						
Eastern Penna.	9-10	5 AM EST to 3 AM EST			0	0	3	0	Heavy Snow
			Snow fell over Eastern Pennsylvania on the 9th and ended early morning hours of the 10th with 2 to 7 inches accumulating northern sections and 6 to 10 inches south. The snowfall caused numerous traffic tie-ups and accidents accounting for at least 8 injuries and 1 death.						
Eastern Penna.	13-14	11AM to 2 AM EST			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Strong winds downed trees and tree limbs across Eastern Pennsylvania, but the strongest winds were from the Lower Susquehanna River Valley eastward into Berks County. In these areas roofs and buildings were damaged. The highest wind gusts reported were 85 mph at Lancaster Airport, 55 mph at Capital City Airport Harrisburg and 52 mph at Williamsport Airport.						
Southern Half Eastern Penna.	17	7 AM-6 PM EST			0	0	3	0	Wind
			Strong winds caused widespread minor damage with trees and tree limbs down and minor damage to buildings. The highest gust reported was 61 mph at Lancaster Airport.						
Eastern Penna.	21	7 AM to 4 PM EST			2	20+	6	0	Wind
			Unusually widespread wind damage over Eastern Pennsylvania occurred. Strong winds with gusts in excess of 40 mph prevailed in the morning with only minor damage. From mid-day through early afternoon a line of heavy showers moved across Eastern Pennsylvania accompanied by damaging wind gusts and tornadoes causing about one million dollars in damage. A large number of funnel cloud and tornado sightings were reported by the public but only a few could be verified. Due to this large number of public reports and most of the major damage being confined to narrow paths, it is likely that a number of tornadoes did occur. However, some of the narrow path damage was verified as straight line wind damage. Thousands of trees were uprooted or broken off, some of which damaged buildings or utility lines. Many utility poles were broken off by the wind gusts. About 60,000 customers had power interruptions. An unaccountable number of windows were blown out by the wind. Entire roofs or portions of roofs were blown off on all types of buildings. At least 10 barns, 25 other buildings and 20 house trailers were extensively damaged or destroyed. Flying debris was responsible for the 20 or more injuries and the 2 deaths. A man was killed near Unionville, Chester County, when a portion of the roof blown off his barn landed on top of him. A boy died in the hospital in Philadelphia after being hit in the neck by a drainpipe blown off a building. Some of the higher wind gusts reported were 90 MPH Spuderton, 81 MPH Lancaster, 70 MPH Chambersburg and York and 67 MPH Philadelphia. Due to the extent of the damage at some locations, it is likely that even higher wind gusts occurred.						

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PENNSYLVANIA (continued)									
EASTERN									
Scotland, Franklin County	21	11:50 AM EST	1	50	0	0	3	0	Tornado FPP 001
The back door was sucked out of the house and a porch column pulled off the house and traveled in opposite directions around the funnel as it was viewed by the house occupants.									
Biglerville, Adams County	21	12:30 PM EST	1	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado FPP 211
A barn roof was loosened and the windows were blown out, then the concrete block attic and roof of a factory was ripped off and finally part of a house roof was blown off. At least two people saw the funnel cloud.									
Seven Valleys and Loganville, York County	21	1:30 PM	2	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado FPP 111
A large grain shed was demolished and some of the debris was carried a mile and a half away. Five large trees were uprooted, a chicken coop overturned and portions of a house roof torn away. A number of people saw the funnel cloud. The damage areas at Scotland, Biglerville and the Seven Valleys-Loganville area are in a straight line and may have been caused by the same tornado touching down only at these locations.									
Freemansburg, Northampton County	21	2 PM EST	8	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado FPP 121
The funnel cloud was first sighted near Fullerton, Lehigh County as it crossed 178 and destroyed a sign. It next touched down in Freemansburg damaging two houses. Witnesses watched the funnel cross the Lehigh River sucking plumes of river water an estimated 150 feet in the air. Across the river it took the roof off a house, uprooted trees in a wooded area and carried portions of a barn roof 400 feet.									
Stroudsburg	21	2 PM EST	0.5	100	0	0	6	0	Tornado FPP 302
The tornado tore the roof and part of the second floor off a brick factory building causing 500,000 dollars damage. A large cast-iron weaving loom was thrown about 100 feet across the adjoining street. Seven houses were also damaged with the roof taken off one of them.									
Monroe Township, Cumberland County	21	1 PM EST	5	90	0	0	4	0	Tornado FPP 122
Trees twisted off above the ground and a circular pattern was evident in a corn field. The roof was blown off a house and a garage and another garage was twisted from its foundation.									
Monroe Township, Cumberland County	21	1 PM EST	3	70	0	0	2	0	Tornado FPP 011
A number of trees twisted off above the ground. An eye-witness reported seeing a whirlwind.									
PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN									
Erie County	2-3	Overnight			0	0	6	0	Ice storm
Ice coated everything...trees and power lines down, causing power outages in more than 11,000 homes. Houses and cars hit by falling trees. The number and scattered locations of power outages in Erie area probably has not been equalled since the late 1950's, according to local authorities. Bridge over West Fork branch of French Creek washed out, plunging a car into the creek. Driver not seriously injured.									
Green, Washington, Butler, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Erie and McKean Counties	5	A.M.			0	1	4	0	Wind
Generally over at least a portion of all of the counties listed, trees and wires were down, power outages occurred and some windows were broken. Specifically, wind gusted to 63 mph at Erie International Airport and to 57 mph at Bradford. Armstrong County...gusts up to 70 mph reported. Two roofs blown off - one travelled 50 feet over Rte. 30, then crashed into two cars; the other landed among some parked cars, damaging several. An antenna, 100 feet high, was blown over. Beaver County...one trailer toppled and another demolished, causing minor injuries to one man. On a farm, a camper, a chicken-house and one out-house were destroyed, and the roof was blown off the dining-hall at the Hookstown Grange Fairgrounds.									
PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN									
Allegheny, Beaver, Crawford, Lawrence, Mercer, Westmoreland and Washington Counties	27	Afternoon and evening.			0	3	6	0	Wind and rain Thunderstorms
Line of strong thunderstorms moved through Western Pennsylvania, causing considerable damage as reported in following lines.... Allegheny County...Metal facade ripped off warehouse in Pittsburgh Beaver County...Trees and power lines down, causing power outages. Parts of roofs of two large commercial buildings blown away, one cement block and panel wall knocked down. Cars in parking lot damaged by flying debris. Crawford County...Roof taken off industrial building on Rte. 19. Unconfirmed tornado-no time or path given.									
Lawrence County									Trees and power lines down. Tree branch fell through roof of a mobile home. No injuries.
Mercer County									At Greenville, one mobile home flattened with roof and sides caved in, although home was not moved from its pad. Unconfirmed tornado report. One person injured. In Shenango Township one mobile home overturned and destroyed, one injured person, and one mobile home at Shenango Dam jarred from its pad and blown about 100 feet away. Poles and trees down. In Jefferson Township, two barns were badly damaged by winds that caved in one side, blew out the other side, tore holes in the roof, and partially buckled one wall of one barn and tore two holes in the roof of the other.
Westmoreland County									A trailer was overturned at New Alexandria, trapping two children inside, one of whom was injured. Windows shattered in one showroom. Trees and power lines down.
Washington County									Roof blown off at Eldersville.
Western Greene County	27	2:00pm	?	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado
At Grayville, a tornado moving from the west, destroyed a shed, pulled two large pine trees straight up out of the ground, and blew the roof from a garage; moving east, it picked one small building from its foundation and carried it one foot away; passed over one house with minor damage to the roof and several trees; then hit another house, shattering the porch and throwing a beam through the front storm door, lifting the roof from the house and dropping it on the garage which was also shattered.									
PUERTO RICO									
NONE REPORTED									
RHODE ISLAND									
All	9	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy Snow
10" of snow covered area including Cape Cod.									
Northern & Central	16	All Day			0	0	0	0	Heavy Snow
6" of snow fell across all but the south.									
Providence	17	Early morn.			0	0	4	0	Wind
Walls of new school construction blown down.									
West Warwick	17				0	0	3	0	Wind
Much glass window damage.									
SOUTH CAROLINA									
Mt. Pleasant (Charleston County)	9	12:30 A.M. 1/2	10	0	1	4	0	0	Tornado
Small tornado moved across marsh into housing area.									
Cordova (Orangeburg County) (31 Mi. SSE Columbia)	16	10:00 A.M. 100 Yds.	30	0	0	4	4	0	Tornado
Small tornado observed near Cordova. Damaged home, cut tops of trees over a 100 yd. path.									
Conway (Horry County)	16	11:40 A.M. 2 Mi. 40	0	3	6	3	0	0	Tornado
Small tornado hit Conway Airport, skipped along over 2 mi. path damaging several businesses.									
S&E S.C. (4 Mi. W of Springfield, Salters, N. Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head)	16	Late A.M. - Early P.M. -			0	2	5	4	High Winds Thunderstorm
A line of heavy thunderstorms, including two tornadoes listed above, moved through S.C. 4 Miles West of Springfield, 2 homes damaged. Trees downed over 300 by 100 Yd. area at 9:50 A.M. Near Salters at 11:20 A.M., mobile home and trees damaged.									
North Myrtle Beach at 12:00 P.M. a mobile home, pier and two businesses damaged. Hilton Head at 12:10 P.M., 3 mobile homes destroyed, 3 cars damaged and two people injured.									

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SOUTH DAKOTA										
Northern & Western Portions of State	1 82	Both Days								Winter Storm
			Snow began in the northwestern portion of the state late Sunday night, February 29th. It spread slowly across the state on Monday and Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd. The heaviest amounts fell in the northern and western sections. This area received more than five inches. There were some reports of 8 to 10 inches in northeast Meade and western Haakon counties. The area from the east central through south central received three inches or less. No fatalities or injuries were reported.							
Southeast South Dakota	384	Both Days								Heavy Snow
			The snow which fell on Thursday and Friday, March 4th & 5th, in the southeastern portion produced amounts varying from three to seven inches.							
TENNESSEE										
Gleason, Weakley County	20	5:55 p.			0	4	4	0		Severe thunderstorm
			A trailer home was demolished by strong wind injuring the occupants.							
Paris, Henry County	20	6:45 p.			0	0	4	0		Severe wind storm
			Strong winds demolished one mobile home and heavily damaged one house and one business.							
Clarksville, Montgomery County	20	6:45 p.			0	9	6	0		Severe thunderstorm
			Violent winds clocked at 100 mph at Outlaw Field damaged 4 airplanes. Twenty mobile homes in the New Providence area were destroyed. Most of the injuries occurred in mobile homes. In addition, the City and County Courthouse was damaged along with two houses and 9 downtown businesses.							
Henrietta, Cheatham County	20	7:00 p.						4		High wind
			One mobile home destroyed by strong winds during a thunderstorm. Power lines and trees were also downed.							
Lebanon, Wilson County	20	10:25 p.	7	440						Tornado
			The tornado was sighted between Mt. Juliet and Gladeville and heading on a southeasterly track. It touched down hitting Bairds Mill destroying 2 barns and damaging 1 house. The next touchdown was in the vicinity of Cainville Road demolishing 1 house. The final one at Murphy Road where another house and barn were destroyed, numerous trees were twisted and broken.							
Shelbyville, Bedford County	20	10:30 p.			0	7	5	0		Severe wind storm
			Very strong, straight line winds caused wide-spread damage. The injuries were in 6 mobile homes that were destroyed and another 7 damaged. In addition, numerous buildings had roof damage.							
Lynchburg, Moore County	20	10:50 p.						5		Wind storm
			Numerous buildings were damaged in the Turkey Creek community along the Cumberland Springs Road.							
Tulahoma, Coffee County	20	11:00 p.			0	8	5	0		Severe thunderstorm
			The storm damaged the State Highway garage near Tulahoma, uprooted trees, core down signs and canopies. House trailers and barns were destroyed along with heavy damage at the Waggoner Park Recreation area.							
Parthenia, Smith County	20	11:10 p.			0	2	4	0		Severe thunderstorm
			Two mobile homes were demolished and the roof of the Parthenia Methodist Church was swept away.							
Chattanooga, Hamilton County	21	12:45 a.						4		High wind
			58 mph winds were recorded at the airport, downing trees and power lines.							
Loudon, Loudon County	21	1:40 a.						5		High wind, rain and small hail
			Extensive damage sustained by the Fees Restaurant and Gift Shop. Several agricultural buildings were destroyed.							
Knoxville, Knox County	21	2:00 a.						4		High wind
			The wind gusted to 56 mph at the McGhee Tyson Airport. Damage occurred in the UT-Fort Sanders area. WJER transmitting tower was toppled during the storm.							
Halls, Lauderdale County	26	p.m.						5		High wind
			Grain handling equipment was damaged at the Continental Grain Company at Halls Point.							
Covington, Tipton County	29	6:40 p.	1/4	200				4		Tornado
			The tornado touched down 8 miles south of Covington. One home was unroofed on Mt. Carmel Road near Tenn. 14.							
TENNESSEE (continued)										
Arlington, Shelby County	29	6:45 p.							4	High wind
			Scattered home damage due to straight-line winds and a few trees uprooted. Signs were felled by high winds, damaging several cars.							
Johnson's Grove, Crockett County	29	7:53 p.	3/4	200						Tornado
			Tornado touched down at Johnson's Grove in open country and ripped up trees in wooded area.							
Winchester, Franklin County	29	8:00 p.						4		High wind
			Two house trailers in the Huntland area were destroyed and farm property damaged.							
TEXAS										
NORTHERN										
Fort Worth, Tarrant County	4	4:00 p.			0	0	1	0		Windstorm
			Thunderstorm winds damaged the roof of a small outbuilding in eastern Fort Worth.							
Rowlett, Dallas County	4	4:45 p.			0	0	0	0		Funnel aloft
			Public observed the funnel over Rowlett, moving eastward.							
Temple, Bell County	4	8:00 p - 8:30 p	3	*2	0	0	4	?		Hailstorm
			Hailstones as large as 2.5 inches in diameter fell in a swath across Temple. Over \$20,000 damage resulted, most of it on the southwest side of town. Buildings and cars received extensive damage at Temple Junior College.							
Titus and Camp Counties	7	Afternoon			0	0	5	0		Lightning and Rain
			Lightning burned some 5000 feet of telephone cable, buried 4 to 5 feet beneath the ground between Pittsburg and Mount Pleasant. Rain water saturated the damaged lines, compounding the problem. The damage left Texarkana without long distance service for over 45 hours. Cost of the replacement was estimated at \$275,000.							
	20	Afternoon								
			A line of thunderstorms developed across East Texas and produced the following severe weather and damage before moving into Louisiana.							
Athens, Henderson County	20	Afternoon			0	0	2	0		Lightning
			Lightning struck a storage shed. Damage to a refrigerator and lawn mower resulted from the ensuing fire.							
Tyler and area, Smith County	20	2:45 p - 3:05 p	15	*10	0	0	?	?		Hailstorm
			Hail began falling on west side of Tyler near the intersection of Highways 64 and 31, then spread eastward in a swath 15 miles long and 10 miles wide. Average diameter of the hailstones was 1/2 inch with a maximum diameter of 1 inch.							
Kilgore, Gregg County	20	Afternoon			0	0	?	?		Hailstorm
			Scattered reports of hail from 1/2 to 1 inch in diameter were received from Gregg County. Hail covered the ground in sections of Kilgore.							
Marion, Harrison, and Rusk Counties	20	Afternoon			0	0	0	0		Hailstorm
			Scattered locales received 1/2 to 1 inch diameter hail. No damage was reported.							
	25	Afternoon and Evening								
			Thunderstorms developed over East Texas with the following severe weather reports received.							
Tyler, Smith County	25	3:40 p - 4:05 p	5	5	0	0	?	?		Hailstorm
			Hailstones up to 3/4 of an inch in diameter fell at Tyler. No damage was reported.							
Cherokee County	25	4:00 p - 6:00 p			0	0	5	4		Heavy rain and hail
			Heavy thunderstorms were responsible for what was described by Sheriff John Bill Glover as "the worst flash flooding in 25 years." Automobile traffic on Highway 69 between Jacksonville and Rusk was halted for more than one hour as 12 to 18 inches of water covered the road. The rainfall, officially 2.30 inches at Reklaw, also washed out a railroad track between Dailville and Oakland. Hailstones up to 1 inch in diameter covered the ground, including Highway 69 and several county roads.							
Rusk County	25	6:25 p - 7:45 p	8-10	*2-3	0	0	5	?		Heavy rain and hail
			The heaviest portion of the storm occurred along a west-southwest to east-northeast path from western into northern Rusk County, including northern portions of Henderson. Hailstones, up to 1/2 inch in diameter, completely covered the ground in depths up to 7 inches. The hail was reportedly bumper deep to automobiles on Highway 323. Rainfall at Henderson totalled 3.47 inches during the storm with flash flooding forcing cars off of roads. Damage estimates resulted from a combination of hail and flash flooding.							

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TEXAS (continued)										TEXAS (continued)									
NORTHERN										NORTHERN									
Western and Southern Panola County	20	8:00 p			0	0	0	3	Hailstorm	Southeastern Angelina, Southern Nacogdoches, and Southwestern San Augustine Counties	30	Early Afternoon			0	0	?	?	Hail and wind
		Marble to golf ball size hail fell in western and southern Panola County. Some light damage was reported to gardens in the area.																	The same thunderstorm that brought wind damage to Angelina County stacked hail 3 to 6 inches deep across 50,000 to 60,000 acres of the Angelina National Forest and the surrounding area. Most of the hail was marble size or smaller. A few trees in the National Forest were blown over by accompanying winds.
Garland, Dallas County	26	2:08 p			0	0	1	0	Hailstorm	Central Sabine County	30	2:00 p-2:30 p			0	0	?	?	Hail and wind
		An eastward moving squall line developed during the afternoon from near Sherman southward to Dallas and Waco.																	Marble size hail and strong winds were reported in the Hemphill area. The only damage consisted of tin roofs blown off of small sheds and outbuildings. This was the same thunderstorm complex that moved through Angelina County and the Angelina National Forest.
Extreme Southern Dallas County	26	2:30 p			0	0	2	0	Tornado	TEXAS SOUTHERN									
		Witnesses at Ovilla, on the Dallas-Ellis County line, observed a small tornado touch down briefly and destroy a 40 by 75 foot out-building 1/2 mile east of Ovilla. No other damage was reported. The tornado was associated with rapidly developing thunderstorms on the south end of the squall line.								GARFIELD Travis County	5	0115	?	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Near Streetman, Freestone County	26	4:40 p			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm										Reported by public 10 miles southeast of Austin. Two (2) barns destroyed and several roofs blown off of other barns and homes. One mobile home demolished. Storm system moved to the southeast.
Tyler, Smith County	26	4:50 p-5:10 p			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm	ALVIN Brazoria County and Galveston County	8	1301-1400	25	200	0	18	6	0	Tornado
		A sheriff's unit reported a heavy fall of marble size hailstones with a few as large as golf balls.																	First sighted by DPS 10 miles southwest of Alvin near Rosharon. Receded into clouds and touched down 6 miles southwest of Alvin and again near League City. Line of thunderstorms moved SE with tornado moving from SW to NE. No destruction reported at Rosharon with one (1) mobile home destroyed and minor roof damage done near League City. Two (2) houses destroyed, three (3) heavily damaged, nine (9) slightly damaged; fourteen (14) mobile homes destroyed, and eight (8) heavily damaged near Alvin. All injuries occurred SW of Alvin.
Overton, Rusk County	26	5:50 p			0	0	?	?	Hail and rain	ALVIN Brazoria County	8	1335	short narrow	0	0	5	0	Tornado	
		The fast moving line of thunderstorms dropped golf ball size hail on the south side of Tyler. No damage reports were received.																	Touched down briefly in downtown Alvin, damaging a lumber yard and three (3) other commercial buildings. Associated with above system.
15 South of Carthage, Panola County	26	6:40 p			0	0	0	3	Hailstorm	PFLUGERVILLE Travis County and Williamson County	12	0500-0640	40	*10	0	3	6	5	Hailstorm
		Hail to 1 inch in diameter fell for a brief time. Slight damage was reported to gardens and trees. Storm moved from the northwest to southeast.																	Storm moved west to east from near Lake Travis Dam to southeast corner of Williamson County. Golfball size hailstones with some baseball size stones were reported covering ground 2-3 inches in places. Heaviest damage occurred near Pflugerville with widespread roof, window and automobile damage. Two (2) mobile homes destroyed, ten (10) damaged.
10 West of Center, Shelby County	26	7:15 p			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm	SILSBEZ Hardin County	25	1220			0	0	0	0	Hail
Carthage, Panola County	29	4:00 p-4:30 p	1.5	*3.5	0	0	0	3	Hailstorm	PORT ARTHUR Jefferson County	29	0915			0	0	0	0	Hail
		Average diameter of hailstones was 1/2 inch with stones ranging up to 1.5 inches. Although the ground was covered after the hailstorm, the only reported damage was to residential gardens.																	DPS reported golfball size stones in a storm that moved to the east northeast at 20 mph. No damage.
Wichita Falls, Wichita County	29	Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Post-frontal winds	BLANCO Blanco, TX	30	0143			0	0	0	0	Hail
		Westerly winds behind a Pacific cool front were officially clocked as high as 54 mph at the airport. Wind gusts toppled a wall at Texas Distributors Inc. in Wichita Falls. No injuries occurred as the building was evacuated minutes before the wall collapsed. Broken tree limbs knocked out electrical wires, bringing a rash of electrical service interruptions to the city.																	Four (4) miles west of Blanco. Public reported 1" to 1-1/2" hail. No damage reported.
	30									CENTER POINT Kerr County	30	0232	1	100	0	8	5	0	Tornado with hail
		Thunderstorms developed along a cold front in South Texas and southern portions of North Central Texas during the early morning. The following storm reports were received from North Central and Northeast Texas.																	DPS reported a funnel touching down 1 mile south of Center Point. Four (4) mobile homes destroyed, 3 others damaged. Numerous trees snapped, windows broken, and some roofs damaged. Most damage due to strong winds. No damage reported with 1-1/2 inch hail. Storm moved ENE and wind damage was evident along a line from Center Point-Comfort-Sisterdale.
Southern Bell County	30	7:32 a			0	0	0	0	Funnel cloud	COMFORT-SISTERDALE Kendall County	30	0240-0255	10	200	0	0	6	7	Tornado with hail
		A deputy sheriff reported a funnel aloft.																	Storm moved from WSW to ENE. Funnel skipped across area. Four (4) mobile homes destroyed. Automobiles damaged due to debris. Damage to several commercial buildings in Comfort. Air conditioning unit blown off roof of supermarket in Comfort. Numerous trees broken, uprooted and twisted. Five (5) barns destroyed near Comfort Powerlines down. Roof damage was widespread. Peasize to golfball size hail preceded the winds and most damage was due to strong winds. Path of damage extended from Center Point, TX, to four (4) miles east of Sisterdale, TX.
Center, Shelby County	30	11:05 a			0	0	?	?	Hailstorm										
		Hail fell from just west of Center eastward into town. Most stones were marble size with a few reports of hail as large as golf balls. Damage was negligible.																	
Near Zavalla, Southern Angelina County	30	1:45 p	15	?	0	0	4	?	Tornado and Windstorm										
		The same thunderstorm cell that produced tornadic activity at Onalaska and Corrigan moved into Angelina County resulting in scattered damage from the Polk-Angelina County line northeastward to Zavalla and Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Most of the damage was minor, except for a barn that was destroyed west of Zavalla on Highway 69. Several large trees were uprooted and thrown into roadways in and around Zavalla. Minor damage resulted when large branches were snapped off and thrown against houses in Zavalla. Much of the damage appeared to be from straight line winds, but Mr. Bill Cutter of Zavalla observed a tornado for a brief period, northeast of Zavalla on Highway 147.																	

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TEXAS (continued)									
SOUTHERN									
WIMBERLY Hays County	30	0320	1	100	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Storm moved from WSW to ENE destroying outbuildings and trees. 1/2" to 1" hail accompanied the storm causing an estimated \$10,000.00 in damage. Tornado damage near \$40,000. Evidence of damage from Wimberly to Lake Somerville.									
BUDA-KYLE Hays County	30	0330-0345	2-1/2	200	0	1	5	4	Tornado
Storm moved from WSW to ENE. Damage to automobiles outbuildings, and homes. 1/2" to golfball size hail accompanied the system.									
GARFIELD Travis County	30	0345	5	*1	0	8	5	2	Tornado
Sighted by public. Estimated wind speeds of 60 to 70 mph damaged mobile home park near Garfield. 12 mobile homes destroyed, 20 damaged. 1/2" to golfball size hail accompanied the system and caused an estimated \$150,000 damage									
Gillespie, Blanco, Travis, Williamson, Burnet, Milan Counties	30	0445-0730			0	0	5	4	Windstorm with hail
Storm moved from WSW to ENE 8 miles either side of a line from 5 NE Fredericksburg - 5N Johnson City - Georgetown - Cameron. Marble size to 1" hail in places caused damage near \$40,000. Wind estimated 60 to 70 mph caused damage near \$50,000.									
LAKE SOMERVILLE Burlison/Washington Counties	30	0500-0520	4	200	0	6	5	0	Tornado
Storm moved from WSW to ENE damaging 50 mobile homes and one boat and dock.									
UVALDE Uvalde County	30	0555			0	0	0	0	Hailstorm
1 to 1-1/2" hail reported by sheriff. No damage.									
DODGE Walker County	30	1200			0	0	3	3	Wind and hailstorm
Storm moved from west to east. Several garages and barns were destroyed, trees were uprooted and a boat and trailer, and a camper were overturned.									
ONALASKA Polk County	30	1300-1315	30	*3/4	0	1	6	0	Tornado with hail
Pea size to 1" hail covered ground to 2" and preceded tornado activity. 14 mobile homes destroyed; 40 mobile homes damaged; 3 boat storage sheds and boats destroyed; downed power lines; 4 homes heavily damaged. Storm moved NE. Reported by DPS.									
CORRIGAN Polk County	30	1320	30	*3/4	0	0	5	0	Tornado
Storm tracked northeastward from Corrigan. Numerous houses and buildings destroyed. Reported by DPS. Funnel 20-25 feet off the ground.									
TEXAS WESTERN									
5 miles west of Midland, Midland County	28	5:10P-	?	?	0	0	3	0	Tornado
Tornado touched down briefly, destroying a two-car garage at the Triple M Leasing Co. and then promptly returned to the cloud.									
UTAH									
Box Elder, Davis, Utah, Salt Lake, Iron, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Washington, and San Juan Counties	1	11:00 a 9:00 p	0	0	0	0	5	0	Heavy snow and high wind
A major winter storm with heavy snowfall and high winds struck the northwest portion of Utah just before noon, and spread south across the western and southeastern portions of the state during the late afternoon and evening. The area from Brigham City to the Point of the Mountain in Salt Lake County received 4 to 8 inches of snow, with many bench areas receiving 8 to 10 inches by nightfall. The storm also hit heavy from Springville to Cedar City, with 3 to 6 inches of snowfall, and from Richfield to Circleville with 6 to 8 inches of snowfall. Very strong winds that preceded this storm caused many power outages and damage to many small buildings and roof tops. Winds at Hill Field around noon gusted to 50 mph, and at Salt Lake Airport to 47 mph. Throughout most western valleys and near Moab, winds were frequently estimated between 60 and 70 mph. Wind damage was estimated at \$50,000. Damages associated with numerous auto and truck accidents were estimated at \$200,000, with most of this concentrated in Box Elder, Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake Counties. Boat harbor damage in the south end of Great Salt Lake, due to the high winds, was put at \$100,000.									

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UTAH (continued)									
Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake Counties	11	4:00 a 11:00 a	0	0	0	1	5	0	Heavy snow and wind storm
A strong windy cold frontal system moved through Northern Utah during the early morning hours. Snowfall with this storm ranged from 3 to 5 inches in the valleys and 5 to 8 inches along the higher bench areas and upwards of 8 inches on most canyon roads east of Ogden and Salt Lake City. Strong gusty winds preceded the storm front, with gusts in the higher bench area east of Bountiful estimated at 80 mph. Peak gusts at Salt Lake City airport were 47 mph. Numerous power outages in Ogden, Salt Lake City, and Provo were reported. Auto traffic was stalled during the peak early morning-rush-hour with many accidents reported. Total damages, which were mainly automobiles, were estimated at \$80,000. One woman was seriously injured in an auto accident on a Davis County highway.									
Davis, and Salt Lake Counties	28	10:00 p 11:00 p	0	0	0	10	5	0	Ice storm.
An ice and snow storm moved through the Ogden-Salt Lake City area late in the evening hours. Many multiple car accidents occurred on very slick freeways (I-15 and I-80) with traffic from the Ogden-Salt Lake City area. An estimated damage of \$140,000 covering 300 cars and trucks that were involved. About 10 persons sustained greater than minor injuries.									
VERMONT									
NONE REPORTED									
VIRGINIA									
Northern two-thirds of State	9	All Day			0			0	Snow
Late winter storm brought first measurable snowfall of season to some sections. Slick road conditions resulted in many, mostly minor, accidents. Snow depths ranged from 1 to 2 inches in the Lynchburg-Charlottesville-Richmond areas; 4 to 10 inches in Bath, Rockingham, and Augusta Counties; and up to one foot over some mountain sections.									
Heathsville area, Northumberland Co.	16	Evening			0	0	3	0	Wind
Two side walls of building under construction flattened.									
Emporia, 5SE	16	6:30 p			1	0	4	0	Wind
Woman killed when mobile home overturned and was demolished.									
Statewide	21	Late A.M. & Afternoon			0	0	4	0	Wind
Strong winds associated with cold frontal system gusted to 53 mph at Norfolk and 63 mph at Patrick Henry Airports. In Lynchburg 500 customers of power company without service due to trees knocking power lines down. Part of apartment house complex under construction in Richmond, was flattened. At Heathsville, for the second time in less than a week, a building under construction again had cinder block walls blown over. A barn in King George County was destroyed, damage estimated at \$1,000. Near Warsaw, Richmond Co., a corn crib was blown about 1/2 mile from its foundation. A trailer in the vicinity of Partlow, Spotsylvania County, was destroyed.									
vicinity of Langley Field, Hampton	21				0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud
Funnel cloud sighted over a housing development 5 miles north of Langley Field, but it did not touch down.									
White Post, 3 1/2NW, Clarke County	21	11:30 a	1/2	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado
Tornado, moving SW to NE, touched down briefly and destroyed a large barn and toppled trees in its path. Witnesses saw a "white funnel cloud". One man dropped to the ground with his children, to protect them from the approaching storm. Monetary damage estimated at \$40,000.									
Nr Wolftown, Madison County	21	12:40	6 1/2	35	0	0	5	0	Tornado
Small tornado apparently lifted several times along its path, causing heavy damage to a farm. It also collapsed the walls of a machine shop under construction, then destroyed a heating shop and warehouse. Total damage estimated at \$75,000.									
Off Tangier Island	21	3:30 p		200	0	0	2	0	Waterspout
Large waterspout, one of several that were observed, struck passenger ship. The boat was turned 30 degrees off course and an awning was torn loose. Wind configuration indicated the circulation about the funnel was clockwise.									
VIRGIN ISLANDS									
NONE REPORTED									

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WASHINGTON Yakima, Grant, Benton, Franklin, Adams, Lincoln, Spokane, and Walla Walla Counties including the Columbia Basin	21	Afternoon and Evening			3	12	6	7	Wind and Dust Storm
	A vigorous Pacific storm with winds of 25 to 35 mph swept across the Columbia Basin during the afternoon and evening. Wind gusts as high as 65 mph were measured at Hanford during the early afternoon, and Yakima reported gusts to 59 mph. These winds picked up dust over a wide area and several highways were closed by the Department of Highways as visibilities were reduced to near zero. A triple fatality occurred on highway number 220 during the dust storm, and one hundred car accidents were reported in the lower Yakima Valley. Snowplows were used to remove sand from parts of highway number 240 near Pasco. A new home, valued at \$50,000 was severely damaged in Kennewick. A tugboat and barge was damaged on the Columbia River near Finley. A roof of an eight car garage at Meadow Spring Townhouse was blown off. A mobile home was overturned in Kennewick. Four trees were blown onto a mobile home five miles north of Spokane. A light aircraft at Mead was torn from its mooring and had extensive damage. Power lines and poles were broken in many areas in the Columbia Basin, as well as many farms. Substantial damage was reported at newly planted sugar beets in the Burek area in Walla Walla County.								
Seattle; King and Kitsap Counties	21	Morning					4		Wind
	Strong southerly winds hit Seattle and Puget Sound area. A large sign fell on two parked cars in Seattle causing \$3500 damage. Two large ships dragged anchor in Elliott Bay. Several power lines were downed in Kitsap, and some in King County.								
WEST VIRGINIA	NO STORM DATA REPORT RECEIVED FOR THIS STATE								
WISCONSIN Southeast and east portion of state	162				0	?	6		Ice Storm
	Freezing rain, sleet, and thunderstorms developed over portions of southeast and east Wisconsin early on March 1 and continued through most of the day on March 2. Rainfall amounts ranged from approximately 0.4 inch to 1.23 inches reported at Milwaukee Mitchell Field. Much of this rainfall froze on exposed objects. Up to 15,000 customers were without electrical power due to the ice storm. Hardest hit areas were in Washington, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan and Ozaukee counties. West Bend and it's surrounding areas and areas north and northeast, including Eden and Ashford were hard hit by the storm. The main damage in these areas were caused by power lines snapped as tree branches collapsed under the weight of the ice. 20 percent of West Bend was without power during the peak of the storm. Power was interrupted due to downed power lines as far west as Madison where only small outages occurred. In Milwaukee, only spotty power problems prevailed as much of the precipitation fell as rain.								
State Wide	465				1	?	8	0	Winter Storm, Ice Storm, Heavy Snow and Flooding
	A major winter storm, highlighted by a devastating ice storm, moved across Wisconsin on March 4, 1976, causing a variety of adverse weather statewide. A severe ice storm plagued most of southern and portions of eastern Wisconsin while heavy snow and sleet pelted central regions and blizzard conditions hit the northeast. Heavy thunderstorms and some flooding occurred over extreme southeast Wisconsin. The Governor of Wisconsin declared the ice storm as one of the worst natural disasters to hit Wisconsin in history. Some of the areas previously hard hit by freezing rain on March 1 & 2 were dealt a second blow by the severe ice storm of March 4. The ice storm caused very heavy damage which included hundreds of completely snapped utility poles, thousands of downed power and telephone lines and many trees totally destroyed by massive ice accumulations. Narrow swaths of extremely heavy destructive icing conditions occurred across many of the southern counties as scattered thunderstorms produced excessive freezing rain accumulations. Some ice accumulations ranged up to a phenomenal five inches in diameter on wires and limbs of trees. By late Thursday night and early Friday morning on March 5, the already critical ice storm situation was complicated by strong winds, gusting to above 50 mph, that developed across most of southern Wisconsin early Friday morning. Milwaukee's Mitchell Field clocked wind gusts to 59 mph by 6:30 a.m. on March 5. Up to 400,000 residences were directly affected by the ice storm and up to 100,000 people were without power during the height of the storm. Some residents in hard hit counties had power completely off for nearly a week while outlying regions were without power for over 10 days. According to Sheriff Departments, Local Emergency Government Units, state surveys, and newspaper clippings, damage estimates from the ice storm were more than 50.4 million dollars. This figure includes: 17.2 million in agricultural losses, 13.7 million in private utility damage, 8.4 million in damage to local government property and related expenses, and 10.9 million in private losses.								
WISCONSIN (continued)									
	The severest icing conditions occurred along a band from Grant County in extreme southwest Wisconsin eastward into Washington and Ozaukee counties in southeastern Wisconsin. The following counties were especially hard hit and are highlighted: Washington County - Over 17.2 million dollars in damage. 1500 utility poles were completely snapped by massive ice buildups. In some cases, poles fell in two mile stretches. One steel high-tension power tower was bent down to the ground and the steel arms of many other towers were bent. Countless trees were snapped and completely destroyed. During the storm, a state of emergency was declared over the entire county. Most roads were completely blocked by fallen trees, poles and wires. Up to 95% of the county was without power at one time. Some of the hardest hit towns in the county were: West Bend, Slinger, Hartford, Kewaunee, Jackson, and Richfield. 200 National Guardsmen were called up to aid in the emergency for the county. Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Jefferson, Fond du Lac, and Waukesha counties in southeast Wisconsin were hard hit. Many utility poles were snapped to the ground, along with thousands of lines and trees damaged or destroyed. One high-tension tower collapsed under the weight of the ice. 85% of Sheboygan was without power. Oostburg and Plymouth had 70% of their power cut off by the storm. Saukville, Grafton's Belgium in Ozaukee County were hard hit. In Fond du Lac, Waupun, and St. Cloud, the storm was described as being one of the worst in history. Heavy damage occurred in Watertown, which is located in Jefferson County. A swath of very heavy icing damage occurred from Aztalan to Ixonia. Cambridge and Port Atkinson also saw severe icing as over two inches of freezing rain hit the county. In Waukesha County, a mile stretch of utility poles were down along Highway 83 near Mukwonago. Hartland was very hard hit. Pewaukee and Waukesha had many power lines and some trees down. Emergency food and shelter stations were set up throughout these counties in southeast Wisconsin. Dane, Columbia, Walworth, Rock, Green & Dodge Counties, located in southern Wisconsin, sustained a mighty blow by the storm. In Dane County, the heaviest damage occurred in the western sections. Mt. Horeb had heavy damage with many utility poles and trees destroyed. In Middleton, a state of emergency was declared. Stoughton had over \$650,000 in damages. The western sections of Madison seemed to be the hardest hit with \$400,000 in damages. One lineman died in Dane County when a transformer blew up near where he was working. In Dodge and northern Walworth Counties, towns hard hit included Elkhorn, Richmond and Whitewater. 90% of Columbia County was without power at one time. Between Caladonia and Columbus, power was out for many days. Portage was severely affected by the storm. Evansville, in Rock County, was especially hard hit. In Green County, extremely heavy damage occurred from Juda to Albany. 50% of the power was cut county wide. Half of the trees and power lines were damaged or brought down. In Monroe, a state of emergency was declared. In Grant, Crawford, LaFayette and Iowa Counties, the ice storm dealt a knockout punch. Up to 80% power outages occurred in these counties. National Guardsmen were called into the area. Two inches of ice covered most exposed surfaces. In Blanchardville, five miles of 69 kilovolt transmission lines were down. In Pennington, located in Grant County, five miles of utility poles were snapped like toothpicks by the heavy ice. In Highland in Iowa County, 200 poles snapped and entire towns were without power. In Crawford County, 50 utility poles in a row were flattened. Over extreme southeast Wisconsin, most of the precipitation fell as rain on March 4 sparing the major metropolitan areas of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha of icing problems. However, heavy rain and thunderstorms occurred over the area and caused some flooding. Up to three inches of rain fell over the area and this rainfall was coupled with one to two inches of rainfall that occurred around March 1, resulting in flooding to creeks, rivers, and basements of homes. The Root River in Milwaukee and Racine Counties overflowed it's banks in many low-lying areas. In Kenosha County, the Des Plaines River reached flood stage and completely flooded some farm fields. Flooding of the Root River in Walworth County caused \$25,000 in damages. Some roads were cut off by high water over extreme southeast Wisconsin. The Oak Creek Sewer Treatment Plant was washed out by the flood storm drainage. 1 1/2 million dollars damage occurred to mechanical equipment in the plant. To the north from La Crosse to Green Bay line and northward, heavy snow fell. A mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain fell in central Wisconsin. Heaviest snowfall amounts were approximately 8 to 12 inches in extreme northeast Wisconsin. A 400 foot radio tower near Tomah in Monroe County collapsed as strong winds and accumulating ice and snow fell. The following counties were declared federal disaster areas due to severe icing and flooding: Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, LaFayette, Manitowish, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Richmond, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha County.								
Northern third of state	12				0	?	?	0	Heavy snow
	Heavy snow developed over the northern third of Wisconsin early Friday March 12. By Friday afternoon many roads were closed as near blizzard conditions prevailed with considerable blowing and drifting of snow. Snowfall amounts were generally in the 6 to 12 inch range over extreme northern and northeast portions of the state with some locally heavier amounts of up to 15 inches reported.								

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WYOMING									
			NONE	REPORTED					
ALABAMA									
Eutaw, Greene County	12	4:40p			0	0	?	?	Hail
									Golf ball size hail reported at 4:40p.
Gainesville, Sumpter County	12	4:50p	1	150	0	2	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado reported by the public. Sky appeared greenish-yellow before the tornado struck. Injuries confined to couple in mobile home in open field. Remainder of damage restricted to mainly trees with three additional roofs receiving minor damage.
Faunsdale, Jefferson, Marengo Counties	12	8:27p	15	200	0	1	5	3	Tornado
									Residents of these communities said the tornado sounded like a train or a bomb going off. Alabama Power reported a line break in one of their transmission lines at this time. Six homes and three mobile homes were destroyed. Several buildings received major damage.
Jones, Poses Cross Roads, Alpine areas, Autauga County	12	8:30p	15	100	0	4	6	3	Tornado
									The tornado first touched down in Jones area at 8:30p. Damage included total destruction of six homes with major damage to 17 others. Three mobile homes were demolished with seven more receiving major damage. Additional damage occurred to one business, 10 farm buildings and one tractor. Tornado was skippy along its path.
Eclectic area, Elmore County	12	9:20p	5	400	0	15	6	4	Tornado
									Many persons said they heard the tornado and took cover. The Eclectic City Hall clock stopped at 9:23p. Eight homes were completely destroyed with major damage to 10 and minor damage to 12. Seven mobile homes were demolished with major damage to one and minor damage to two. Three businesses received major damage with damage to six barns and six boats. Eight cattle were lost.
Selma, Hardy Circle, Dallas County	12	10:30p	1/4	50	0	1	5	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down five miles east of Selma. Windows blown outward in one home. Roofs damaged on six homes with six autos receiving damage. One mobile home was completely destroyed.
Oak Grove, Chilton County	12	10:50p	1/8	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Brief tornado touchdown with major damage to three homes. Ten large trees toppled and one barn destroyed by a falling tree.
Central Alabama	15-16				0	0	6	4	Flash Flooding
									A band of heavy rain extending from Aliceville to Anniston had amounts averaging from four to seven inches. The greatest 24 hour total ending at 7:00a on the 16th was 10.1 inches at Talladega. Flash flooding forced about 500 persons to be temporarily evacuated from their homes as small creeks and streams left their banks. A Delta 727 skidded on the rain swept runway at Birmingham but no injuries occurred. Damage was extensive to buildings in the area due to high water, some reaching three feet above the ground floor of many homes. Other persons were forced to leave their autos as they stalled in the high water.
Anniston, Calhoun County	16	4:00a							Funnel Cloud
									Funnel cloud reported by the public moving toward the northeast at 30 mph. Funnel had long tail with loud roaring noise.
Alexander City, Tallapoosa County	16	4:45a							Funnel Cloud
									Funnel cloud reported by the public. Persons heard a loud roaring noise as the storm moved eastward at 100 mph.
New Brockton, Coffee County	16	7:25a	1/2	50	0	0	3	0	Tornado
									Funnel cloud observed with tail 1000 feet in air. Storm moved east 40 mph causing tree and power line damage. A few windows were blown out. The city was without power for about 1.5 hours.
Fruidal, Washington County	16	8:55a	1/16	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Small tornado touched down briefly destroying a vacant house, a small barn and top shed.
Lamar and Pickens Counties	20	5:55p			0	0	2	0	Wind
									Short line of thunderstorms moved northeast across area with isolated, mostly light wind damage.
Sulligent, Lamar County	20	7:43p							Funnel Cloud
									Funnel cloud reported by the public just southeast of Sulligent moving northeast.
Anderson, Lauderdale County	20	9:00p	1	30	0	2	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down about one mile southwest of the Anderson area and damaged houses along highway 72. It then lifted and touched down again about one mile northeast where two small farm homes were destroyed and two people were injured.
ALABAMA (continued)									
Lamar County	20	9:41p	1/4	20	0	1	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down in Hinson Springs Community after passing over downtown Sulligent 1500 feet in the air. Storm passed over city in 41 seconds moving northeast. Two tractor sheds, a small gun shop and an empty house were destroyed. Trees were uprooted and twisted and shingles were blown off one home. Vernon and other parts of Lamar County also had wind damage to houses, trees and power lines as a line of thunderstorms produced 50 to 60 mph winds while moving east across the county. A power line break between Sulligent and Vernon at 9:45p left much of the area without power for three hours and ten minutes.
Limestone, Marion, Fayette and Walker Counties	20	9:45-10:10p			0	0	6	0	Wind
									Scattered wind damage occurred as a line of thunderstorms moved southeast. Most damage was in Fayette and Limestone Counties. A small factory was almost completely destroyed near Fayette. Three mobile homes in the area were destroyed and a church roof heavily damaged. Six farm homes and several outbuildings were also damaged in Fayette County. In Limestone County, wind damage was most concentrated in the Beechwood area in the southeast part of the county where several homes were severely damaged. Winds were estimated at up to 80 mph.
Four Miles North of Gordo, Pickens County	20	10:05p	1/2	30	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado accompanied by continuous lightning with green tint. Three cars destroyed. One house severely damaged as storm moved WSW to ENE.
Dan, Madison County	20	10:08p	4.8	100	0	0	5	0	TORNADO
									Tornado appeared to be on ground 80 percent of time while moving northeast. Damage included five mobile homes destroyed, six barns or outbuildings destroyed and damage to four houses.
Summiton, Walker County	20	10:15p							Funnel Cloud
									Funnel cloud reported by public moving northeast.
4 miles southeast of Arley, Winston County	20	10:20p	1/2	75	0	6	5	0	Tornado
									Tornado struck mobile homes destroying two and damaging a third. Six persons were injured. The most serious injury was to a man whose spinal cord was severed when he was thrown from his disintegrating mobile home.
Chase, Madison County	20	10:22p	1/2	20	0	0	5	0	Tornado
									Tornado did major damage to PFD Industries, Huntsville Plant.
U.S. Highway 72 near Chase, Madison County	20	10:22p	1/4	20	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado damage consisted of concrete building and one mobile home destroyed.
Deposit, Madison County	20	10:25p	5 1/2	40	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Tornado remained on ground 50 percent of the time as it moved northeast through a rural area. Damage included one mobile home and one tool shed destroyed.
Simcoe-Baileytown Communities, Cullman County	20	10:45p	10	100	0	17	6	0	Tornado
									The tornado skipped along the path causing damage to 47 homes and destroying 38 mobile homes. Damage also occurred to 20 poultry houses, 34 barns, 15 businesses, 1 school and 1 church.
Locust Fork, Blount County	20	10:49p	?	?	0	0	2	0	Tornado
									Tornado dipped down briefly damaging roof of one barn.
Cleveland-Snead, Blount County	20	10:50p	20	40	0	11	5	0	Tornado
									The tornado struck with savage fury damaging 15 houses and 3 mobile homes. Two other mobile homes were destroyed along with 6 barns and 2 sheds.
Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, DeKalb, Cherokee, St. Clair and Shelby Counties	20-21	10:50p-12:45a			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Scattered wind damage accompanied a line of thunderstorms. Trees and power lines were down with a majority of the damage occurring at the Northside Nursery in Birmingham.
Attalla, Etowah County	20	11:20p	?	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado
									Brief tornado touchdown with wind damage to a 1 1/2 to 15 block area. One house was unroofed with trees and power lines down.
Enterprise, Coffee County	21	5:30a	?	?	0	0	5	0	Tornado
									Tornado touched down south of Enterprise in rural community destroying 4 broiler houses and killing 51,600 baby chicks.
Mobile, Baldwin Counties	26	9:00a-11:00a			0	0	4	0	Heavy Rain
									Seven and a half inches of rain caused local flooding problems inundating streets in the area. Several persons were stranded by the rapidly rising waters from backed up storm drains with one trailer washed off its foundation. Most of the damage was done to condominium homes. Hail the size of marbles accompanied the storm. Lightning set off several fire alarms.

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ALABAMA (continued)										GEORGIA									
Forkland, Greene County	26	11:58a		0	0	4	0		Wind	Fayette County	15	11:30 p			0	0	4		Wind
									Heavy thunderstorms produced wind damage to 2 mobile homes.										High winds blew roof off a truck repair shop south of Fayetteville. Damage estimated at \$10,000.
Jefferson County	26	10:40p		0	0	3	0		Wind	Columbus	16	7:30 a			0	0	5		Wind
									Winds estimated to 60 mph associated with severe thunderstorms moving northeast. Scattered damage to trees and power lines.										Six businesses, several homes, and 2 cars damaged, estimates at \$200,000.
Jefferson County	26	10:46p							Funnel Cloud	Danville, Twiggs County	16	9:15 a	1	150	0	0	4		Tornado
									Funnel cloud reported by police just southwest of Bessemer.										Tornado completely destroyed mobile home near Mt. Zion Church off Hwy. 358. No one home. Movement unknown.
Jefferson County	26	11:06p							Funnel Cloud	Ila, Madison County	16	Morning			1	1	3		Wind
									Funnel cloud reported by Homewood Fire Department along Oxmoor Road headed east.										Three year old girl died when tree was blown onto a car travelling south of Ila on Georgia Hwy. 106.
Marion County	26	11:48p		0	0	0	0		Hail	Houston County	16	9:30 a			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Golf ball size hail reported by public just south of Guin.										High winds totally destroyed mobile home in the Blue Meadows area near Warner Robins AFB.
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County	27	1:29a		0	0	3	0		Wind/Hail	Wrightsville, Johnson County	16	9:45 a			0	0	4	0	Wind
									Minor wind damage and golf ball size hail in southeast part of City of Tuscaloosa.										High winds a mile northeast of Wrightsville destroyed home and an auto repair shop.
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County	27	1:40a							Funnel Cloud	Dublin, Laurens County	16	10:00 a			0	0	5	0	Wind
									Funnel cloud reported 7 miles south of Tuscaloosa moving northeast.										Estimated \$100,000 damage at Dublin Airport to seven airplanes, one hangar and two other structures.
Pinson, Jefferson County	27	2:15a							Funnel Cloud	Ware County	16	11:10 a			0	0	4	3	Wind
									Funnel cloud moved east producing marble size hail but no damage.										Heaviest damage at Wareboro and near Millen. Two tobacco barns destroyed, mobile home heavily damaged, hay barn destroyed, roof of home damaged. Hwy. 82, near Wareboro, blocked for short time by fallen trees.
Holly Springs, Blount County	29	4:30p							Funnel Cloud	Mitchell County Harmony Community 12 SE of Camilla	16	11:00 a	1	50	0	0	2		Tornado
									Funnel cloud report by Civil Defense moving northeast.										Minor damage to one home, barn and car shelter as tornado cut a 50 yard wide swath through a stand of pine trees. Movement unknown.
Jefferson and St. Clair Counties	29	4:30p-5:00p		0	0	*3	C		Hail	Jenkins County Thrift Community 10 SW of Millen	16	11:30 a	3/4	400	0	0	5	4	Tornado
									Numerous report of golfball size hail from Birmingham into Leeds. Minor window and roof damage reported.										\$100-200 thousand damage to dairy farm, timber, 2 homes, half a dozen service buildings and numerous pieces of machinery and equipment.
Springville, St. Clair County	29	5:00p	?	?	0	0	3	0	Tornado	Jenkins County Red Hill Community 10 NE of Millen	16	11:30 a	1/4	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
									Trees damaged near Springville.										About \$100,000 damage to dairy farm, 1 house, half a dozen service buildings and several pieces of machinery and equipment.
Bynum Area, Calhoun County	29	8:10p	1	40	0	0	4	0	Tornado	Mershon, Pierce County	16	11:30 a	1/4	100	0	0	5		Tornado
									Tornado touched down briefly destroying one mobile home and damaging two others. About three hundred yards northeast of the trailer, an oak tree was uprooted and dropped on one end of a wood frame house causing extensive damage. The last touchdown was about one mile northeast of the trailer where trees were uprooted and snapped off above the ground.										\$20,000 damage to home with roof completely blown off. Other reports of scattered wind damage in county. Movement unknown. Also damage to 6 tobacco barns, 2 pack houses, 1 bulk curing barn, 6 shelters, etc., totaling \$45,000.
Catherine, Dallas County	30	1:25p	1/4	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado	Savannah	16	11:48 a			0	0	3		Wind
									Tornado struck chipper mill installation 26 miles west southwest of Selma damaging the burner and the conveyor ramp.										100 foot section of roof peeled back at one hangar at Travis Field. Winds measured at 52 mph. High winds with trees and power lines downed at Pooler about 3 miles west of the Savannah Airport.
Midway Community, Lawrence County	30	2:04p							Funnel Cloud	Brunswick	16	2:00 p			1	2	3	0	Wind
									Funnel cloud reported by Huntsville Civil Defense moving east.										High wind collapsed a concrete block wall, on which construction men were working, killing 1 and injuring 2.
Reform, Marion County	30	6:30p							Funnel Cloud	St. Marys, Camden County	16	3:00 p	3	100	0	0	5	0	Tornado
									Civil Defense reported funnel cloud moving east rapidly.										Damage estimated at 1/4 million dollars to about 30 homes and buildings, utilities, and timber. Moved ENE at 40 mph. First tornado in more than 25 years.
Moundville, Hale County	31	12:45a							Funnel Cloud	Walker County	21	1:00 a			0	0	3	0	Wind
									Tuscaloosa Civil Defense sighted funnel cloud near Moundville moving east.										High winds uprooted trees, but caused no major damage in county.
Straughn-Antioch Area, Covington County	31	9:30a	4	40	0	0	5	0	Tornado	Troup County	27	6:15 a			0	0	2	0	Lightning
									Tornado touched down within two hundred yards of Straughn School and destroyed two house trailers which were unoccupied at the time. A wood frame house was severely damaged, a small helicopter signal station destroyed and other scattered wind damage in the area accompanied the storm.										Lightning caused minor fire damage to home.
ARKANSAS										Dallas, Paulding County									
Alicia - Lawrence County to Northwest Craighead and Southwest Greene Counties	29	5:00 p. to 5:30 p.	22	200	0	0	4	0	Tornado										Minor facial laceration to owner of home, as lightning bolt severely damaged one wall of house, and interior walls and ceiling of bedroom. Structural damage but no fire.
									This tornado was associated with a line of thunderstorms which moved through the area. The tornado first touched down in the vicinity of Alicia and moved toward the east-northeast dissipating near the Greene County town of Lorado. Damage was mainly to farm outbuildings and barns. In addition, one mobile home was destroyed southwest of Lorado.	Cedartown									
																			High winds, along with marble sized hail, blew out 2 store windows in town with many trees downed in the town squares.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME - LOCAL STANDARD	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED ¹ DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM
					KILLED	INJURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
GEORGIA (continued)									
Carroll County	29	10:00 p			0	0	5		Lightning
			Millers Academy Christian Church destroyed by fire after being hit by lightning.	\$75,000 to replace the structure.					
Pulaski County	31	3:00 p			0	0	4	0	Wind
			Winds rolled over one mobile home, toppled several homes.						many trees and damaged

° 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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