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### ALABAMA, North Central

<b>Madison County</b>									
Owens Xrds	03	1432CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in Owens Crossroads.									
<b>Jackson County</b>									
Woodville	03	1443CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (1.75)
Golf ball size hail was reported in Woodville.									
<b>Russell County</b>									
12 SE Seale	03	1455CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in Cottonton.									
<b>Jackson County</b>									
Higdon	03	1527CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
Hail the size of nickels was reported in Higdon.									
<b>Lawrence County</b>									
2 NE Moulton	03	1557CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported northeast of Moulton.									
<b>Madison County</b>									
Harvest	03	1627CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in the Harvest community.									
<b>Morgan County</b>									
Hartselle	03	1637CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
A few trees were reported down near Hartselle.									
<b>Madison County</b>									
Hazel Green	03	1640CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (1.00)
Hail the size of quarters was reported in Hazel Green.									
<b>Marshall County</b>									
Union Grove	03	1718CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in Union Grove.									
<b>Jackson County</b>									
Bridgeport	03	1722CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Marble to dime size hail was reported in Bridgeport.									
<b>Marshall County</b>									
Albertville	03	1755CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported near Albertville by the EMA.									
<b>Dekalb County</b>									
5 NW Ft Payne	03	1815CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were downed along CR 35 between Rainsville and Fort Payne.									
<b>Etowah County</b>									
Gadsden	03	1834CST			0	0	5K	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G57)
Trees and power lines were down in Gadsden. The EOC reported a gust to 66 mph.									
<b>Montgomery County</b>									
Pine Level	08	0950CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
Nickel-sized hail was reported in the Pine Level area.									
<b>Lee County</b>									
Opelika	08	1110CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in Opelika.									



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<b>Chambers County</b>									
Lafayette	08	1145CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Lafayette.						
<b>Lee County</b>									
Auburn	08	1430CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
<b>Lee County</b>									
2 SE Auburn	08	1433CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
<b>Lee County</b>									
Opelika	08	1437CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
			Hail the size of quarters was reported on the University of Auburn campus and southeast of Auburn. Nickel size hail was reported at Opelika.						
<b>Cherokee County</b>									
Spring Garden	08	1530CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Spring Garden in the southern part of the county.						
<b>Elmore County</b>									
Deatsville	08	1610CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
			Hail the size of nickels was reported by a storm spotter in Deatsville.						
<b>Tallapoosa County</b>									
6 S Alexander City	08	1650CST			0	0	4K	2K	Hail (1.00)
<b>Tallapoosa County</b>									
8 N Dadeville	08	1700CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			One inch hail was reported near SR 128 and SR 63. Dime size hail was also reported in Eagle Creek.						
<b>Walker County</b>									
Eldridge	08	1715CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Eldridge. The hail report came from the Carbon Hill PD.						
<b>Tuscaloosa County</b>									
Samantha	08	1720CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Samantha.						
<b>Chambers County</b>									
3 N Lafayette	08	1725CST			0	0	10K	6K	Hail (1.75)
<b>Chambers County</b>									
8 NNE Lafayette	08	1730CST			0	0	5K	2K	Hail (1.00)
<b>Chambers County</b>									
9 NE Lafayette	08	1735CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
			Golf ball size hail was reported in Buffalo, in the central part of the county. Hail the size of quarters was reported in Five Points. Dime size hail was reported in Fredonia in the eastern part of the county.						
<b>Colbert County</b>									
2 E Muscle Shoals	08	1745CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
			Quarter size hail was reported just east of Muscle Shoals.						
<b>Elmore County</b>									
Kent	08	1750CST			0	0	9K	4K	Hail (1.75)
			Golf ball size hail was reported in the western part of the county.						
<b>Lauderdale County</b>									
Florence	08	1750CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (1.00)
			Quarter size hail was reported in Florence.						
<b>Colbert County</b>									
2 N Muscle Shoals	08	1750CST			0	0	2K	1K	Hail (1.00)



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### ALABAMA, North Central

Quarter size hail was reported just inside Colbert County near the county line.

**Walker County**  
**Good Spgs**

08	1750CST				0	0	10K	6K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Goodsprings, in the southern part of the county.

**Chilton County**  
**14 NW Clanton**

08	1750CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Pleasant Grove.

**Winston County**  
**5.2 SE Arley**

08	1750CST				0	0	30K	10K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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There were several trees reported down and porches were blown off a few lake homes in the area along Smith Lake southeast of Arley.

**Pickens County**  
**2 S Gordo to  
4.1 SE Gordo**

08	1801CST 1805CST	3.6	300		0	0	15K	0	Tornado (F3)
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**Tuscaloosa County**  
**1.4 NW Holman to  
7.6 N Northport**

08	1805CST 1829CST	15.9	300		0	1	800K	0	Tornado (F3)
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This was the first of three tornadoes produced by one supercell thunderstorm moving across central Alabama. The tornado began at 7:01 pm CDT just south of Gordo in extreme eastern Pickens County and traveled east-northeast moving into Tuscaloosa County around 7:05 pm CDT. The tornado stayed mostly in rural areas crossing the swampy area of the Sipsey River and a number of small roads before crossing SR 21. It remained in rural areas crossing SR 171 and US 43. The tornado dissipated at Lake Tuscaloosa just south of where SR 69 crosses the lake.

Emergency management reported that five single-family dwellings were destroyed along with major damage reported to one house and minor damage to 23 others. Eleven mobile homes were destroyed and three mobile homes were damaged. A couple from North Carolina camping at Lake Lurleen lost everything.

**Lauderdale County**  
**2 S Lexington**

08	1804CST				0	0	9K	4K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported just south of Lexington.

**Cullman County**  
**4 WNW Cullman**

08	1805CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Baldwin.

**Tuscaloosa County**  
**15 NW Northport**

08	1810CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Echola, in the western part of the county.

**Cullman County**  
**4 N Cullman**

08	1810CST				0	0	50K	20K	Hail (2.75)
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**Cullman County**  
**Joppa**

08	1830CST				0	0	20K	10K	Hail (2.00)
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Baseball size hail was reported north of Cullman. Some siding was damaged on homes. Hen egg size hail was reported in Joppa, taking some shingles off roofs.

**Cullman County**  
**Cullman**

08	1814CST				0	0	3K	3K	Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported in Cullman.

**Tuscaloosa County**  
**5 NE Northport**

08	1818CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported at Lake Tuscaloosa.

**Franklin County**  
**19 W Russellville**

08	1818CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Nickel size hail was reported.



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Marion County

<b>Winfield</b>	08	1822CST			0	0	9K	5K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Winfield.

#### Tallapoosa County

6 SSE Alexander City	08	1828CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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#### Tallapoosa County

12 W Dadeville	08	1837CST			0	0	10K	8K	Hail (1.75)
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Dime size hail was reported near Wind Creek State Park. Golf ball size hail was reported in Our Town, in the western part of the county.

#### Marion County

<b>Brilliant</b>	08	1830CST			0	0	10K	5K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Brilliant.

#### Tallapoosa County

5 SE Alexander City	08	1833CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported at US 280 river bridge.

#### Morgan County

<b>Hulaco</b>	08	1835CST			0	0	2K	3K	Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported in the southeast corner of the county.

#### Marshall County

<b>Arab</b>	08	1837CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Arab.

#### Colbert County

5 S Tuscumbia	08	1840CST			0	0	10K	8K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Colbert Heights.

#### Tuscaloosa County

10 NNW Brookwood to 11.8 NNE Brookwood	08	1842CST 1852CST	6.3	1320	0	1	30K	600K	Tornado (F5)
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#### Jefferson County

6.9 SW Oak Grove to Pratt City	08	1852CST 1928CST	24.3	1320	32	258	200M	2.2M	Tornado (F5)
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A tornado, the second spawned from the same supercell, began in rural sections of eastern Tuscaloosa County 1.5 miles east of the Warrior River. The tornado moved through primarily rural and unpopulated areas of eastern Tuscaloosa County before crossing into extreme southwestern Jefferson County. The tornado remained in primarily unpopulated area until just before reaching Oak Grove community where three deaths occurred in a mobile home. The tornado destroyed the Oak Grove School and a number of other buildings including a fire department as it cross CR 23/54.

The tornado moved into unpopulated area for a short while before crossing CR 54 (Lock 17 Road/Warrior River Road) where numerous houses and other structures were damaged and destroyed including another volunteer fire department building. Eleven deaths were reported in this area.

The tornado crossed Rock Creek just west of Rock Creek Road, a steep, hilly unpopulated area. The tornado path then moved into a fairly densely populated area all the way until it dissipated in Pratt City. Areas affected included Pinedale Estates, McGregor Estates, Rockwood, Sylvan Springs, Wylam Heights, Edgewater, McDonald Chapel, Minor, West Ensley, and Pratt City. Pratt City is also within the city limits of Birmingham. Four deaths occurred in Sylvan Springs, two in Wylam Heights, nine in Edgewater, two in McDonald Chapel, and one in West Ensley.

According to American Red Cross surveys, 608 homes were destroyed, 556 sustained major damage, and another 810 had minor damage. There were 1,164 families with homes that were unlivable.

Forest service officials estimated 4,000 acres of timber was destroyed in Jefferson County and 1,000 acres in Tuscaloosa County.

#### Cullman County

<b>Baileyton</b>	08	1842CST			0	0	9K	4K	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Baileyton.



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<b>Winston County</b> 3 S Haleyville	08	1844CST 1853CST			0	0	12K	6K	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported in and south of Haleyville.
<b>Marshall County</b> Arab	08	1845CST			0	0	50K	20K	Hail (2.75)
									Baseball size hail was reported in Arab.
<b>Cullman County</b> Joppa	08	1849CST			0	0	5K	3K	Hail (1.25)
									Half dollar size hail was reported in Joppa.
<b>Marshall County</b> Arab	08	1852CST			0	0	55K	18K	Hail (2.75)
<b>Marshall County</b> Guntersville	08	1859CST			0	0	10K	5K	Hail (1.75)
									Baseball size hail was reported in downtown Arab and golf ball size hail was reported in downtown Guntersville.
<b>Blount County</b> Oneonta	08	1858CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Oneonta.
<b>Lawrence County</b> 9 NW Moulton	08	1900CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Hatton.
<b>Jefferson County</b> Concord	08	1903CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Concord.
<b>Marshall County</b> 4 SE Albertville	08	1911CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
									Nickel size hail was reported southeast of Albertville.
<b>Randolph County</b> Roanoke	08	1912CST			0	0	4K	4K	Hail (1.25)
									Larger than quarter size hail was reported in Roanoke.
<b>Lawrence County</b> Moulton	08	1912CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
									Nickel size hail was reported in Moulton.
<b>Marion County</b> 6 E Hackleburg	08	1913CST			0	0	55K	20K	Hail (2.75)
									Baseball size hail was reported west of Bear Creek. Numerous cars were damaged.
<b>Marshall County</b> 2 NE Albertville	08	1914CST			0	0	20K	10K	Hail (1.75)
									Up to golf ball size hail was reported northeast of Albertville by amateur radio storm spotters.
<b>Dekalb County</b> Geraldine	08	1917CST			0	0	50K	25K	Hail (2.75)
									Baseball size hail was reported in Geraldine.
<b>Dekalb County</b> 5 WSW Crossville	08	1918CST			0	0	30K	10K	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
									Trees, signs, and power lines were down along SR 168 and SR 68, west of Crossville.
<b>Jefferson County</b> Fultondale	08	1921CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Jefferson County

Forest Dale	08	1922CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
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Dime size hail was reported in Fultondale along Interstate 65. Quarter size hail was reported in Forestdale.

#### Lauderdale County

Waterloo	08	1923CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Waterloo by amateur radio storm spotters.

#### Dekalb County

2 NNE Geraldine to 3.8 NNE Geraldine	08	1923CST 1928CST	1.8	100	0	0	95K	20K	Tornado (F1)
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A small tornado destroyed a few barns near Geraldine. Numerous trees were also snapped or uprooted.

#### Limestone County

Athens	08	1925CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Athens.

#### Marion County

15 NE Hamilton	08	1930CST			0	0	30K	10K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Wind damage was reported along SR 241, in the eastern part of the county.

#### Dekalb County

Ft Payne	08	1948CST			0	0	3K	2K	Hail (1.00)
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#### Dekalb County

2 N Ft Payne	08	1950CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported in Fort Payne. One inch hail was reported just north of Fort Payne.

#### Jefferson County

Pinson	08	1955CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Pinson by storm spotters.

#### St. Clair County

2.3 NNE Moody to 3.2 SE Wattsville	08	1956CST 2015CST	14.4	200	2	12	2M	5K	Tornado (F2)
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The tornado began 2.3 miles north-northeast of Moody and just west of US 411. The tornado crossed US 411 where a large church and associated buildings, some recently constructed were destroyed. The tornado traveled on an east-northeast track moving through relatively rural areas. It affected a portion of CR 174 and then crossed US 231 just south of Wattsville. The tornado damaged a number of buildings in the Coal City area including a mobile home where two people were killed and three children were injured. The tornado ended in an open area just east of Coal City. Emergency Management for St. Clair County reported that 26 homes were destroyed, 30 homes suffered major damage, and 59 sustained minor damage. This included 42 mobile homes. M29MH, F33MH

#### Tuscaloosa County

11 SSW Vance	08	2005CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Nickel size hail was reported in Hagler, in the southeast part of the county.

#### Lawrence County

10 E Moulton	08	2012CST			0	0	3K	2K	Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported east of Moulton.

#### Morgan County

9 SE Decatur	08	2020CST			0	0	2K	2K	Hail (1.00)
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#### Morgan County

9 SE Decatur	08	2020CST			0	0	20K	10K	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Quarter size hail was reported and numerous trees and billboards were downed in Priceville, in the central part of the county.

#### Morgan County

3 S Decatur	08	2022CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported south of Decatur.

#### Morgan County

8 SW Decatur	08	2045CST			0	0	10K	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were reported down southwest of Decatur.

<b>Madison County</b>									
5 SE Huntsville	08	2100CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported southeast of Huntsville.

<b>Tuscaloosa County</b>									
Holt Jct	08	2134CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Holt Junction.

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Pleasant Grove	08	2148CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Pleasant Grove by the amateur radio storm spotters.

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
5 NE Bessemer	08	2157CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Penny size hail was reported in Midfield.

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Hoover	08	2203CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Hoover by the amateur radio storm spotters.

<b>Shelby County</b>									
6 NNE Pelham	08	2211CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Indian Springs by amateur radio storm spotters.

<b>Bibb County</b>									
Centreville	08	2215CST			0	0	5K	3K	Hail (1.00)

Hail the size of quarters was reported in Centreville.

<b>Cleburne County</b>									
Heflin	08	2215CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Heflin.

<b>Tallapoosa County</b>									
6 NW Dadeville	09	0005CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported between Dadeville and Alexander City along US 280.

<b>Etowah County</b>									
Gadsden	14	1449CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported just south of Gadsden.

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Fairfield	14	1503CST			0	0	3K	3K	Hail (1.25)

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Ensley	14	1504CST			0	0	4K	4K	Hail (1.75)

Half dollar size hail was reported at Fairfield along with golf ball size hail in Ensley in western Jefferson County.

<b>Etowah County</b>									
Glencoe	14	1505CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Glencoe.

<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Birmingham	14	1510CST			0	0	4K	2K	Hail (1.75)

Golf ball size hail was reported along Beacon Parkway on Red Mountain.

<b>Macon County</b>									
Tuskegee	14	1515CST			0	0	3K	3K	Hail (1.75)

Golf ball size hail was reported just west of Tuskegee.



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<b><u>ALABAMA, North Central</u></b>									
<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Homewood	14	1520CST			0	0	5K	3K	Hail (1.00)
	Hail the size of quarters was reported in Homewood.								
<b>Macon County</b>									
Tuskegee	14	1530CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported in Tuskegee.								
<b>Jefferson County</b>									
Vestavia Hills	14	1530CST			0	0	25K	5K	Hail (2.50)
	Tennis ball size hail was reported by an off duty weather service employee.								
<b>Shelby County</b>									
6 NW Chelsea	14	1534CST			0	0	2K	4K	Hail (1.00)
	Hail the size of quarters was reported along US 280 near Greystone.								
<b>Shelby County</b>									
6 NW Chelsea	14	1615CST			0	0	5K	5K	Hail (1.75)
	Golf ball size hail was reported by an off duty weather service employee.								
<b>Blount County</b>									
Blountsville	14	1718CST			0	0	2K	3K	Hail (1.00)
	Hail the size of quarters was reported near Blountsville.								
<b>Etowah County</b>									
Southside	14	1750CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported covering the ground in Southside.								
<b>Colbert County</b>									
Tuscumbia	16	1748CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported south of Tuscumbia.								
<b>Colbert County</b>									
Muscle Shoals	16	1753CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported in Muscle Shoals.								
<b>Colbert County</b>									
10 W Tuscumbia	16	1805CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported near CR 24 and CR 48.								
<b>Lamar County</b>									
4.9 WSW Hightogy to Hightogy	16	1825CST 1835CST	4.9	75	0	0	30K	45K	Tornado (F1)
	A small tornado began just west of CR 9 and the Star community along Yellow Creek and moved east-northeast ending at SR 17 at Hightogy. Numerous trees were snapped and uprooted. Several outbuildings, mostly barns, were damaged along with three houses in the Hightogy area. Two houses lost shingles while a third lost a porch.								
<b>Lamar County</b>									
Millport	16	1830CST			0	0	5K	3K	Hail (1.75)
	Golf ball size hail was reported in the southern part of the county.								
<b>Fayette County</b>									
5.5 N Fayette	16	1845CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Several trees were down west of Lawrence Mill.								
<b>Limestone County</b>									
7 W Athens	16	1913CST			0	0	50K	8K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	A carport was blown down on top of a car. Numerous trees and power lines were down west of Athens along US 72.								
<b>Madison County</b>									
Huntsville	16	1925CST			0	0	20K	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)





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### ALABAMA, North Central

Trees were down on the northwest side of the city.

#### Walker County

.9 WNW Townley to 1.3 NE Townley	16	1929CST 1931CST	1.8	50	0	0	10K	10K	Tornado (F0)
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Several trees were snapped and uprooted just north of Townley.

#### Walker County

2.6 NNW Jasper to 4.6 NE Jasper	16	1936CST 1941CST	4.6	100	0	0	30K	20K	Tornado (F0)
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Several trees were snapped off and uprooted; a few mobile homes were damaged. Power lines were down across the area.

#### Walker County

4 W Jasper	16	1945CST			0	0	5K	3K	Thunderstorm Wind (G69)
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A wind gust to 79 mph was reported just west of Jasper by a TV weatherman. A number of trees were reported downed.

#### Walker County

6.5 NW Sipsey to 5.2 N Sipsey	16	1946CST 1950CST	3.9	110	0	0	130K	50K	Tornado (F1)
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#### Cullman County

5.3 SW Wilburn to 4.1 SSW Wilburn	16	1950CST 1953CST	1.6	110	0	0	20K	15K	Tornado (F1)
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In the Piney Woods area there was significant damage. Three mobile homes were completely destroyed and at least four had damage. One house sustained major damage and several had minor damage. Numerous trees and power lines were down along the entire path. The tornado crossed the Walker-Cullman line south of the Smith Lake dam uprooting and downing trees.

#### Cullman County

5.2 NW Arkadelphia to Arkadelphia	16	1954CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Nickel size hail was reported in Bug Tussle in southwest Cullman County.

#### Madison County

Nebo	16	1954CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Dime size hail was reported in Nebo.

#### Cullman County

Bremen	16	1956CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Nickel size hail was reported near Bremen.

#### Cullman County

2.7 S Wilburn to 4 SE Wilburn	16	1957CST 2001CST	4	75	0	0	25K	5K	Tornado (F0)
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A small tornado touched down in extreme southwestern Cullman County. A few structures were damaged along with numerous trees downed or uprooted.

#### Cullman County

2.9 NNE Arkadelphia to 8.3 NE Arkadelphia	16	2004CST 2011CST	5.8	90	0	0	55K	5K	Tornado (F1)
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A tornado touched down just north of Arkadelphia and SR 91 and traveled northeastward moving across the northern side of The Colony community. It crossed Interstate 65 at the 294-mile marker before ending. The tornado damaged a number of houses and outbuildings and downed numerous trees.

#### Cullman County

1.9 SW Garden City to .4 SE Garden City	16	2015CST 2018CST	1.9	100	0	0	45K	15K	Tornado (F1)
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#### Blount County

2.5 NNE Bangor to 3.7 NE Bangor	16	2018CST 2020CST	1.8	100	0	0	25K	25K	Tornado (F1)
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An F1 tornado touched down about 2 miles southwest of Garden City and moved on a northeast course that took it across the Cullman-Blount county line. The tornado ended in Blount County along CR 26. One house suffered major structural damage with several other structures sustaining light damage. Numerous trees were uprooted or snapped off.

#### Blount County

Blountsville	16	2030CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.88)
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Hail the size of nickels was reported in Blountsville.



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Blount County

**6 NE Oneonta to  
8.1 NE Oneonta**      **16**      **2035CST  
2039CST**      **2.1**      **75**      **0**      **0**      **15K**      **20K**      **Tornado (F0)**

An F0 tornado touched down just east of Taits Gap and the Oneonta airport and moved northeast along CR 28. Damage was limited to snapped off and uprooted trees. Some trees fell on houses and several barns were damaged. Farmers reported several cows were killed or injured.

#### Etowah County

**1 W Gallant to  
2 W Attalla**      **16**      **2046CST  
2059CST**      **8.4**      **150**      **0**      **0**      **70K**      **40K**      **Tornado (F1)**

An F1 tornado began just west of Gallant in western Etowah county. Hundreds of trees were snapped and uprooted from 1 mile west of Gallant to 2 miles west of Attalla. One trailer was flipped over on its top, and it lost more than half of its metal roof. One old barn lost its entire roof. Another trailer, about 6 miles east-northeast of Gallant, lost its roof. Several trees fell onto homes along the path.

#### Jackson County

**Bridgeport**      **16**      **2055CST**                     **0**      **0**      **10K**      **4K**      **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Large trees were down along US 72 and CR 94.

#### Etowah County

**2.2 SW Reece City to  
.6 N Reece City**      **16**      **2101CST  
2106CST**      **3.1**      **100**      **0**      **0**      **30K**      **30K**      **Tornado (F1)**

An F1 tornado began just northwest of Gadsden along US 11. The tornado traveled along US 11 into Reece City. Hundreds of trees were snapped and uprooted along the path, and a few of the trees fell onto homes.

#### Cherokee County

**.3 S Centre to  
1.3 E Centre**      **16**      **2135CST  
2137CST**      **1.3**      **75**      **0**      **0**      **25K**      **0**      **Tornado (F0)**

A small tornado touched down on the east side of Centre downing a number of trees and damaging several house roofs.

#### Marshall County

**Horton**      **16**      **2140CST**                     **0**      **0**      **0**      **0**      **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in the Horton community.

#### Barbour County

**Louisville**      **17**      **2058CST**                     **0**      **0**      **4K**      **2K**      **Hail (1.75)**

Golf ball size hail was reported in the Louisville area, reported by the state trooper post.

#### Sumter County

**Ewelle**      **18**      **0828CST**                     **0**      **0**      **0**      **0**      **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in Emelle.

#### Sumter County

**Sumterville**      **18**      **0830CST**                     **0**      **0**      **4K**      **2K**      **Hail (1.75)**

Golf ball size hail was reported in Sumterville.

#### Greene County

**Boligee**      **18**      **0850CST**                     **0**      **0**      **2K**      **2K**      **Hail (1.00)**

Hail the size of quarters was reported near Boligee.

#### Tuscaloosa County

**Northport**      **18**      **0938CST**                     **0**      **0**      **0**      **0**      **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in Northport.

#### Jefferson County

**2.5 SW Bessemer to  
Birmingham**      **18**      **1017CST  
1042CST**                     **0**      **0**      **95K**      **15K**      **Hail (1.75)**

A large hail storm moved over Jefferson County, dropping hail ranging from dime size to golf ball size. Leaves were knocked off some trees. In the Birmingham area, hail was reported at McAdory, Lipscomb, Bessemer, Midfield, Pratt City, and throughout the city of Birmingham including the civic center, university hospital, the Birmingham airport, and Roebuck Plaza.

#### Calhoun County

**5.3 W Oxford to  
3.7 NW Oxford**      **18**      **1558CST  
1607CST**      **4.2**      **75**      **0**      **0**      **75K**      **20K**      **Tornado (F1)**



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### ALABAMA, North Central

A small tornado developed over the Wellborn community. The Wellborn High School and Elementary School suffered extensive damage and the House of Prayer church in Wellborn had its roof blown partly off. The high school had damage done to its roof, air conditioning system and the softball field.

**Tuscaloosa County**  
**Northport**

18 1640CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported near the Tuscaloosa airport.

**Chilton County**  
**4 SE Maplesville to  
4.4 SE Maplesville**

18 1724CST 1 20 0 0 0 0 Tornado (F0)

A small tornado touched down briefly near CR 16 and CR 17 according to ham radio spotters. Very little damage was reported with this tornado.

**Dallas County**  
**Marion Jct**

18 1745CST 0.2 20 0 0 0 0 Tornado (F0)

A brief tornado touchdown was reported near Marion Junction by a deputy sheriff. Very little damage was done.

**Dallas County**  
**Countywide**

18 1800CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in many locations across the county.

**Dekalb County**  
**Rainsville**

18 1823CST 0 0 2K 2K Hail (1.00)

Hail the size of quarters was reported in Rainsville.

**Shelby County**  
**6.6 NW Chelsea**

18 1840CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Inverness.

**Lowndes County**  
**Hayneville**

30 1500CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Penny size hail was reported in Hayneville.

**Autauga County**  
**Prattville**

30 1503CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in downtown Prattville.

**Bullock County**  
**Union Spgs**

30 1700CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Penny size hail was reported in Union Springs.

### ALABAMA, Southeast

**Houston County**  
**Cottonwood**

08 0910EST 0 0 Hail (1.75)

Golfball sized hail reported by Houston County Fire Department.

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**Houston**

08 0930EST 0 0 5K High Wind

Trees and power lines down in Taylor.

**Houston County**  
**Ashford**

08 0930EST 0 0 Hail (1.75)

Golfball sized hail reported by Houston County EMA.

**Houston County**  
**Madrid**

08 0930EST 0 0 Funnel Cloud

Funnel cloud observed by road and bridge crew just north of Madrid.



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### ALABAMA, Southeast

#### Houston County

Columbia	08	0940EST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Quarter sized hail reported by Houston County EMA.

#### Coffee County

Elba	08	1038EST 1040EST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Public reports of funnel cloud across northern Coffee County including Elba.

#### Dale County

Ozark	08	1110EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime sized hail reported by Dale County EMA.

#### Coffee County

Elba	08	1158EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime sized hail reported by Coffee County EMA.

#### Coffee County

Elba	17	2100EST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Golfball sized hail reported two miles south of Elba.

#### Dale County

Ozark	17	2146EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime sized hail reported three miles north of Ozark.

### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Mobile County

Chastang	08	0830CST 0831CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported just northeast of Chastang.

#### Baldwin County

Latham	08	0835CST 0836CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported near the Tensaw river just northwest of Latham.

#### Baldwin County

Little River	08	0900CST 0901CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported near Little River.

#### Covington County

Gantt	08	0910CST 0911CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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#### Covington County

Gantt	08	0910CST 0912CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Dime size hail and several trees were blown down near Gantt Lake.

#### Covington County

Heath	08	0920CST 0921CST	0.1	25	0	0	30K		Tornado (F1)
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A tornado briefly touched down along U S Highway 29 near Heath. A roof was torn off of four rooms at a motel along the highway. The tornado, only on the ground for a short period of time, knocked a couple of trees down and caused minor damage to a mobile home across the highway from the motel. No injuries were reported.

#### Conecuh County

Castleberry	08	1012CST 1013CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Golfball size hail was reported just east of Castleberry.

#### Covington County

Red Level	08	1020CST 1021CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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### ALABAMA, Southwest

Quarter size hail was reported near Red Level.

**Covington County  
Opp**

08 1050CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)  
1051CST

Dime size hail was reported near Opp.

**Washington County  
Frankville**

08 1145CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)  
1146CST

Dime size hail was reported near Frankville.

**Clarke County  
Gosport**

09 1210CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)  
1211CST

Dime size hail was reported near Gosport.

**Baldwin County  
Gulf Shrs**

09 1500CST 1 0 Rip Currents

A 51 year old male on vacation to the gulf coast from Michigan, drowned after his wave board drifted out of his reach in rough surf. There was a strong eastward flowing current where the male drowned. Rescuers tried to reach him but were unable to do so before he drowned.  
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**Covington County  
Opp**

17 1615CST 1 300 0 0 1M Tornado (F1)  
1620CST

A tornado touched down just east of the Opp country club, then moved southeast crossing U S Highway 84 just south of downtown before lifting back into the cloud just west of U S Highway 331. The tornado damaged the Opp mill and tore off part of the roof from the South Highlands Elementary school. The tornado damaged more than ninety homes and several businesses. No injuries were reported.

**Washington County  
Deer Park to  
Fruitdale**

17 1645CST 0 0 50K 20K Hail (2.75)  
1700CST

**Washington County  
Deer Park to  
Fruitdale**

17 1645CST 0 0 200K Thunderstorm Wind (G80)  
1700CST

Thunderstorms moved from Mississippi into Washington county late Friday afternoon. Trees and power lines were blown down across much of the southwest part of the county. Electricity was knocked out until the next day in many locations. Some of the trees fell onto homes and caused damage. The public reported winds of 80 to 90 mph that lasted for about ten minutes. During this time, baseball size hail also fell across the area. Homes that had windows facing west had them broken. West facing sides of many homes also sustained hail damage; many roofs were also damaged. Large hail, jagged in appearance, lasted for about two minutes. No one was injured.

**Clarke County  
Coffeenville**

17 1730CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)  
1731CST

Dime size hail was reported near Coffeenville.

**Washington County  
Deer Park to  
Fruitdale**

17 1745CST 0 0 10K 5K Hail (1.75)  
1755CST

**Washington County  
Deer Park to  
Fruitdale**

17 1745CST 0 0 20K Thunderstorm Wind (G60)  
1755CST

Another severe thunderstorm moved across the same area that had high winds and hail less than an hour earlier. This storm moved faster and the winds and hail were not as high. Still, trees and power lines were blown down from Deer Park to Vinegar Bend to northwest of Fruitdale. Golfball size hail also fell, causing damage to vehicles and field crops that had been spared from the earlier storms.

**Baldwin County  
Little River**

17 1745CST 0 0 Hail (1.00)  
1746CST

Quarter size hail was reported near Little River.

**Monroe County  
Frisco City to  
Monroeville**

17 1750CST 0 0 40K 20K Hail (2.75)  
1815CST



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### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Monroe County

<b>Frisco City to Monroeville</b>	17	1750CST 1815CST			0	0	10K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G60)</b>
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Severe thunderstorms that had dropped large hail in Washington county in Alabama moved into the south parts of Monroe county and dropped large hail again. Trees and power lines were blown down from Frisco City and Excel to near Monroeville. Most of the damage to the area came from baseball size hail. Large hail fell from Frisco City to Excel to the south parts of Monroeville. Trees were stripped of their leaves and many homes sustained window and roof damage. Many vehicles had pings in them and some had windshields broken out. Field crops were beaten down. This was one of the largest hail events ever in this area.

#### Mobile County

<b>Citronelle</b>	17	1755CST 1756CST			0	0			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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Dime size hail was reported just north of Citronelle.

#### Conecuh County

<b>Repton</b>	17	1800CST 1801CST			0	0	10K	2K	<b>Hail (2.75)</b>
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Baseball size hail fell along U S Highway 84 from the Monroe and Conecuh county line to just east of Repton. Vehicles in this area had damage to windshields and pings in their exterior. Many homes suffered roof damage and windows that were facing west were broken out. The storm that produced this large hail event had earlier produced large hail in parts of Monroe county.

#### Clarke County

<b>Carlton</b>	17	1825CST 1826CST			0	0	3K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees and power lines were blown down near Carlton.

#### Baldwin County

<b>Little River</b>	17	1825CST 1826CST			0	0			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
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Quarter size hail was again reported near the community of Little River.

#### Conecuh County

<b>Evergreen</b>	17	1845CST 1846CST			0	0	5K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Several trees and power lines were blown down in Evergreen.

#### Monroe County

<b>Uriah</b>	17	1845CST 1846CST			0	0			<b>Hail (1.75)</b>
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Golfball size hail was again reported in the south part of Monroe county, near Uriah.

#### Washington County

<b>Fruitdale</b>	17	1915CST 1917CST			0	0	5K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G60)</b>
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The third severe thunderstorm of the night again moved across the Fruitdale area. Several trees and power lines were blown down across the area. There was not as much damage with this storm as occurred with the first storm that had the large hail.

#### Covington County

<b>Andalusia</b>	17	1930CST 1931CST			0	0			<b>Hail (1.75)</b>
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Golfball size hail was reported in Andalusia.

#### Conecuh County

<b>Brooklyn</b>	17	1945CST 1946CST			0	0			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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#### Conecuh County

<b>Brooklyn</b>	17	1945CST 1946CST			0	0	4K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees and power lines were blown down near Brooklyn. Dime size hail was also reported in the area.

#### Escambia County

<b>Appleton</b>	22	1510CST 1511CST			0	0			<b>Hail (1.75)</b>
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Golfball size hail was reported just east of Appleton.

#### Choctaw County

<b>Central Portion to South Portion</b>	28	0800CST 1000CST			0	0	25K		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Heavy rains caused flooding across the central and south parts of the county. Many secondary dirt roads were closed for several hours until the water had drained. Most of the flooding was to roads that run off of Alabama Highway 17 south of Butler. Doppler radar estimated that five to six inches of rain fell across the area.



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 1998

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
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**ALABAMA, Southwest**

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**Upper Mobile**

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**High Wind (G53)**

A wind gust of 63 mph was recorded by the meteorology department at the University of South Alabama. The wind gust occurred after thunderstorms had moved well east of the area. No damage was reported.