



National Weather Service

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February 1996

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ALABAMA, Central

ALZ001>027-030>032-034 Lauderdale - Colbert - Franklin - Lawrence - Limestone - Madison - Morgan - Marshall - Jackson - Dekalb - Marion - Lamar - Fayette - Winston - Walker - Cullman - Blount - Etowah - Calhoun - Cherokee - Cleburne - Pickens - Tuscaloosa - Jefferson - Shelby - St. Clair - Talladega - Sumter - Greene - Hale - Bibb

01	1500CST								
03	0800CST				0	0	595K		Winter Storm

A winter storm brought a mixture of freezing and frozen precipitation to approximately the northern half of Alabama. A period of freezing rain followed by light snow brought traffic to a complete standstill across North Alabama. Ice accumulations were large enough in many locations to down trees or break off tree limbs. Power outages were common but widespread with pockets of outages. Power outages were probably not as severe as they might have been. The wintery precipitation began late Thursday, the first, but had ended across the state by Saturday morning.

A number of chicken houses in the northern part of the state collapsed under the weight of ice and snow. Ice and snow accumulations varied widely with some of the highest amounts reported in the 1 to 3 inch range.

Effects of the storm lingered into Monday and Tuesday when a number of school systems remained closed primarily because of problems associated with travel.

Bibb County Countywide

02	1010CST								
	1300CST				0	0	12K		Flash Flood

Several county roads were closed in Bibb County due to high water caused by heavy rain and flash flooding.

Chilton County Unknown

02	1600CST								
					1	0			Flash Flood

Heavy rain was responsible for flooding a number of small streams and creeks across Chilton County. A woman was killed on County Highway 46 when her car was swept into a creek. Time of the event is approximate. Rainfall reported from several observing sites in Chilton County was in the 1.5 to 2 inch range. F57VE

ALZ001>050

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03	1800CST								
05	1400CST				0	0			Extreme Cold

A strong Arctic cold front brought extremely cold air to Alabama and west-central Georgia in on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. New record lows were established at numerous locations across the area. New records set included:

Feb. 3rd	Huntsville	7
Feb. 4th	Huntsville	1
	Birmingham	4
	Anniston	8
Feb. 5th	Montgomery	12
	Huntsville	4
	Birmingham	6
	Anniston	8
	Montgomery	10
	Auburn	9

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Tuscaloosa

05	1200CST								
					1	0			Extreme Cold

A man believed to be in his 70s was found dead in his residence around noon on Monday. M74PH



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ALZ003>015	Franklin - Lawrence - Limestone - Madison - Morgan - Marshall - Jackson - Dekalb - Marion - Lamar - Fayette - Winston - Walker								
	16	0200CST 1200CST			0	0	195K		Winter Storm

A winter storm brought 2 to 4 inches of snow to North Alabama once again causing travel problems and some power outages. Schools were forced to close in many counties due primarily to the travel problems created by wintery conditions. In general, higher elevations received the most snow.

Marengo County Linden

	19	1510CST 1515CST			0	0			Hail
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Dime size hail was reported in Linden.

Chilton County 4 W Clanton

	19	1745CST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind (50)
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High wind with a thunderstorm tore some shingles from the roofs of a couple of house, destroyed two storage sheds, damaged the underpinning on eight to 10 mobile homes, and blew two mobile homes off their blocks.

Montgomery County Montgomery

	19	1855CST 1858CST			0	15	500K	0	Thunderstorm Wind
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What was believed to be a strong microburst damaged five industrial buildings in the Gunter Industrial Park on the northeast side of the city of Montgomery. Fifteen people in one of the buildings damaged received minor injuries

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	23	0800CST			0	0			Excessive Heat
	27	2300CST							

The last five days of February were very warm with above normal temperatures and numerous high temperature records set. New records set included:

Feb. 23: Birmingham 83
 Huntsville 83
 Montgomery 83
 Feb. 24: Anniston 84
 Feb. 26: Huntsville 77 (tied)
 Feb. 27: Anniston 82

The warm weather set the stage for damage to agriculture especially the Alabama peach crop in March

Limestone County Elkmont

	27	2300CST			0	0	20K		Lightning
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Lightning was believed responsible for a fire that destroyed a barn and all of its contents.

ALABAMA, Southwest

ALZ062

Upper Baldwin									
	03	0100CST 0200CST			0	0	10K		Freezing Rain

WPMT'S (CHANNEL 15) TRANSMITTER WAS KNOCKED OFF THE AIR BY ICE ACCUMULATING ON THE TRANSMITTER AND CAUSING THE TRANSMITTER TO OVERHEAT AND MALFUNCTION. THE STATION WAS OFF THE AIR FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. IRONICALLY, THE INCIDENT HAPPENED SHORTLY AFTER THE STATION SWITCHED FROM THE LOCAL FOX AFFILIATE TO THE NBC AFFILIATE. THERE WERE LOW CLOUDS ACROSS THE AREA WHEN THE ICE ACCUMULATED AND WPMT'S TOWER WAS THE HIGHEST AROUND (1700 FEET).



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Upper Mobile

05 0920CST 1 0 Extreme Cold

A 71 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM COLD WEATHER IN THE PRICHARD AREA. THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 11 DEGREES DURING THE NIGHT. EVIDENTLY, THE MAN FELL AND INJURED HIMSELF. WHEN HE FELL HE KNOCKED OVER A COUCH AND A SPACE HEATER HE USED TO KEEP WARM. WHEN THE HEATER TIPPED OVER, IT AUTOMATICALLY SHUT OFF. THE HOME WAS NOT WELL INSULATED AND WITH NO HEAT IN THE HOME THE MAN FROZE TO DEATH. M71PH

Monroe County

**Frisco City to
Excel**

19 1500CST 0 0 15K Thunderstorm Wind (60)
1505CST

SEVERAL TREES AND POWER POLES WERE BLOWN DOWN BETWEEN FRISCO CITY AND EXCEL ALONG COUNTY ROAD 23. FOUR HOMES ALSO HAD SOME ROOF DAMAGE.

Monroe County

**Monroeville to
3 E Tunnel Spgs**

19 1510CST 13 100 0 0 2K Tornado (F0)
1535CST

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES FOLLOWED A FUNNEL CLOUD THAT TOUCHED DOWN A COUPLE OF TIMES AS IT MOVED NORTHEAST. THEY FIRST SAW THE FUNNEL NEAR DREWRY ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY 21. THEY FOLLOWED IT FOR ABOUT 25 MINUTES AND THE FUNNEL MOVED ABOUT 13 MILES DURING THAT TIME. THE FUNNEL WENT BACK INTO THE CLOUD AS THE STORM CROSSED COUNTY ROAD 42 JUST WEST OF PINE ORCHARD. THE FUNNEL DID MINOR DAMAGE TO A CARPORT AND A BARN AND TO SEVERAL TREES.

Monroe County

Monroeville

19 1520CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

DIME SIZE HAIL WAS REPORTED IN MONROEVILLE.

Washington County

Hawthorn

19 1530CST 0 0 2.5K Thunderstorm Wind (55)

SEVERAL TREES WERE BLOWN DOWN ALONG COUNTY ROAD 20 NEAR HAWTHORN.

Washington County

6 NW Millry

19 1530CST 0 0 15K Thunderstorm Wind (60)

HIGH WINDS DAMAGED THREE BARN, TWO HOUSES, A TRAILER AND SEVERAL CHICKEN HOUSES IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE COUNTY NEAR RED CREEK. THE STRUCTURES ALL SUFFERED ROOF DAMAGE. SEVERAL TREES WERE ALSO BLOWN DOWN.

Washington County

4 E Chatom

19 1600CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind (55)

HIGH WINDS TURNED OVER A VACANT MOBILE HOME FOUR MILES EAST OF CHATOM. TREES WERE ALSO BLOWN DOWN.

Clarke County

Jackson

19 1615CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

DIME SIZE HAIL WAS REPORTED ALONG U. S. HIGHWAY 43 NEAR THE CITY OF JACKSON

Monroe County

6 E Tunnel Spgs

19 1630CST 0 0 5K Thunderstorm Wind (55)

SEVERAL TREES AND POWER LINES WERE BLOWN DOWN NEAR PINE ORCHARD. THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT STORMS THAT MOVED NEAR PINE ORCHARD DURING THE AFTERNOON. BOTH STORMS CAUSED SOME DAMAGE IN THE AREA.



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Baldwin County

Bay Minette	19	1715CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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GOLFBALL SIZE HAIL WAS REPORTED IN THE BAY MINETTE AREA.

Mobile County

Mobile	19	1810CST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind (60)
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HIGH WINDS BLEW DOWN SEVERAL TREES AT A GOLF COURSE IN MOBILE. THE WIND ALSO DAMAGED AN AWNING AND PART OF THE ROOF ON THE CLUBHOUSE.

Covington County

Red Level	19	1820CST 1825CST			0	0	60K		Thunderstorm Wind (70)
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HIGH WINDS BLEW DOWN SEVERAL TREES IN RED LEVEL. THE HIGH WINDS ALSO DAMAGED THE ROOFS ON FIVE HOUSES AND DID MINOR DAMAGE TO A TRAILER AND TURNED ANOTHER TRAILER OVER. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Covington County

5 S Opp to Opp	28	0845CST 0847CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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A FUNNEL CLOUD WAS OBSERVED SOUTH OF OPP ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 331. THE FUNNEL MOVED TOWARD OPP BUT NEVER TOUCHED DOWN. THE FUNNEL APPEARED TO TOUCH THE TOP OF THE TREES BUT NO DAMAGE WAS FOUND.