

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 2003 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage ALABAMA, Central **Bibb County** 9 N Randolph 22 0445CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail(1.75) Golf ball size hail was reported in extreme northeast Bibb County in the Brierfield and Ashby communities. Lee County 0545CST 0615CST Opelika 22 0 35K Thunderstorm Wind (G65) Numerous trees and power lines were blown down near Opelika and Auburn. A few automobiles were damaged by falling trees Lee County Auburn 22 0615CST Hail(0.75) Dime size hail was observed along Interstate 85 near Auburn. ALZ011>015-017>050 Marion - Lamar - Fayette - Winston - Walker - Blount - Etowah - Calhoun - Cherokee - Cleburne - Pickens - Tuscaloosa -Jefferson - Shelby - St. Clair - Talladega - Clay - Randolph - Sumter - Greene - Hale - Perry - Bibb - Chilton - Coosa -Tallapoosa - Chambers - Marengo - Dallas - Autauga - Lowndes - Elmore - Montgomery - Macon - Bullock - Lee - Russell -Pike - Barbour 0000CST 2359CST **Extreme Cold** 24 25 The coldest temperatures in 7 years occurred across much of North and Central Alabama and lasted for about two days. Early morning temperatures ranged from 2 to 10 degrees. The coldest temperatures were measured in outlying areas. Although no new records were established, these temperatures were very cold for the Deep South. Many area residents reported frozen and broken water pipes as a result of the extended cold. Several lawn sprinkler systems also froze and broke making many areas very icy. One woman in Talladega was found outside dead, apparently succumbing to the harsh, cold conditions. Many area farmers lost a large part of their strawberry crops. F37OU ALABAMA, North NONE REPORTED. ALABAMA, Southeast NONE REPORTED. **ALABAMA**, Southwest **Upper Mobile** ALZ061 **Extreme Cold/Wind Chill** The average temperature for the month of January in Mobile was 46.2 degrees. This makes January 2003 the sixteenth coldest January on record. The coldest was 39.6 degrees in 1940. January of 2003 was the second driest January on record in the Mobile

area. In January of 2003 we received 0.55 inch of precipitation. The driest January on record was 0.45 inch in 1855.