



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 1996

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

ALABAMA, North Central

Morgan County

Decatur **02** **1300CST** **0** **0** **30K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G65)**

An apparent microburst struck Decatur in northwest Morgan County causing major damage to several stores. The roof was blown off an auto parts store and the north wall of a clothing store was collapsed. Several other businesses sustained minor damage to roofs and walls. Power lines and a few trees were also blown down. Wind was estimated to be in excess of 70 mph.

Lee County

5 SW Auburn **05** **1820CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Trees were downed along County Road 191 and County Road 10 in southwest Lee County.

Jackson County

Section **07** **1411CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind**

A power pole was blown down in Section in the southeast part of the county.

Dekalb County

Henagar **07** **1418CST** **0** **0** **4K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

A wind gust to 56 mph was reported by the public in Henagar in the northern part of the county.

Dekalb County

Henagar **07** **1441CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind**

Trees and power lines were reportedly blown down by the wind.

Limestone County

Athens **07** **1500CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Lightning**

Lightning struck a fire hydrant in Athens and caused the water line to break.

Shelby County

Alabaster **07** **1612CST** **0** **0** **8K** **0** **Hail (1.00)**

Hail the size of quarters was reported at Thompson High School by amateur radio storm spotters.

Shelby County

Alabaster **07** **1612CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind**

A telephone pole was blown down by the wind.

Limestone County

Athens **07** **1630CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Lightning**

Lightning struck a power pole and severed it knocking out power to 3500 residents in the central part of the county.

Marshall County

5 SW Boaz **07** **1645CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Trees were blown down in the Whitesville area in the southern part of the county.

Etowah County

Gadsden **07** **1700CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Lightning**

Lightning struck a sub-station and caused power outages for several hours. The cities of Gadsden, Attalla, and Ball Park were affected. Time is estimated.

Lamar County

Vernon **07** **1903CST** **0** **0** **5K** **2K** **Hail (0.75)**

Hail from one-half to three-quarters of an inch fell just west and southwest of Vernon in the central part of the county.

Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa **07** **1930CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Lightning**

Nearly 4,000 residents were without power after lightning struck a transformer.

Montgomery County

11 S Montgomery **07** **2110CST** **0** **0** **0** **0** **Funnel Cloud**

A funnel cloud was reported along Interstate 65 at the Pintala exit.



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Blount County

3 S Locust Fork **22** **1612CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 Power lines were down along Highway 79 south of Locust Fork in the southern part of the county.

Jefferson County

Birmingham **22** **1645CST** **0** **0** **20K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 A very large tree was blown over and damaged 8 cars near Legion Field.

Jefferson County

Homewood **22** **1656CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 A few large tree limbs were reported blown down in Homewood and Vestavia Hills in the Birmingham area.

Limestone County

Athens **22** **2110CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 Trees and power lines were downed. About 1700 residents were without power in Athens in the central part of the county.

Madison County

Huntsville **22** **2145CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 Trees and power lines were down across the county. About 4,000 residents were without electricity.

Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa **24** **1600CST**
1800CST **0** **0** **65K** **0** **Flash Flood**
 About two inches of rain fell in Tuscaloosa in less than an hour causing serious flash flooding in the city. The water was reported to be four feet deep in some areas. About 50 cars were damaged in a used car dealership due to rising water. The water was high enough to cause cars to float. Several small bridges over small creeks were washed away.

Jefferson County

Birmingham **24** **1615CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 A few trees were down on an apartment complex in the Five Points West area.

Shelby County

Indian Springs **24** **1630CST** **0** **0** **12K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 A large limb broke off and fell onto a fence destroying the fence section. A few other trees were uprooted in the same neighborhood in northern Shelby County.

Jefferson County

Pinson **24** **1641CST** **0** **0** **0** **0** **Funnel Cloud**
 A funnel cloud was reported in Pinson in the northeast part of Jefferson County.

Jefferson County

Bessemer **24** **1645CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind**
 Trees were downed across Highway 150 near Bessemer in the southern portion of Jefferson County.

Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa **24** **1700CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Lightning**
 Lightning struck a sub-station leaving about 8,300 residents without power.

Chambers County

Lanett **24** **2100CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
 Trees and power lines were downed in the eastern part of the county.

Chambers County

Lanett **24** **2115CST**
2300CST **0** **0** **15K** **2K** **Flash Flood**
 Heavy rain caused flash flooding that closed all roads in the city of Lanett. One person was trapped in their car due to rapidly rising



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Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa	27	1600CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several power lines and a few trees were downed in the southern part of the city. Time is estimated.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Choctaw County

Toxey	08	1800CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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A funnel cloud was reported just northwest of Toxey. The funnel never touched the ground.

Mobile County

Semmes	09	1545CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Semmes.

Mobile County

Georgetown	09	1615CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Several limbs and power lines were blown down along US Hwy 45 near the city of Georgetown.

Mobile County

Mobile	13	1106CST			0	0	15K		Lightning
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Lightning struck a home in Mobile and caused it to catch on fire.

Clarke County

Grove Hill	13	1330CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and power lines were blown down near Grove Hill.

Choctaw County

Butler	13	1510CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and power lines were blown down near Butler.

Mobile County

Mobile	20	1530CST			0	0	300K		Lightning
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Lightning struck an office building in Mobile. The building caught fire and sustained heavy damage.

Escambia County

Wallace	28	1400CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and power lines were blown down along County Road 40 near Wallace.

Baldwin County

Orange Beach	30	1600CST			1	1			Rip Currents
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A couple was swimming in the gulf just offshore of Orange Beach when strong rip currents took them both under the water. The husband tried to save his wife but was unable to do so. She drowned and he was taken to a local hospital and was later released. They were from out of town and were in the area to attend a funeral. F67IW