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ALABAMA, North Central

Sumter County

Gainesville **02** **2000CST** **0** **0** **0** **0** **Hail (0.75)**

Dime sized hail reported in Gainesville.

Dallas County

Orrville to Selma **03** **0012CST**
0020CST **0** **0** **60K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G70)**

Several trees were reported down between Orrville and Selma. One home in Selma was badly damaged when a tree fell on it. Damage was most concentrated in Orrville where numerous mobile homes were severely damaged or destroyed. The mobile homes were located on CR 95, CR 14, and CR 56. Numerous trees were also knocked down around Orrville.

Autauga County

12 WNW Autaugaville to **03** **0035CST**
2 SE Marbury **0110CST** **0** **2** **150K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G75)**

One of two thunderstorms that moved diagonally across Autauga County caused trees to be knocked down from the southwest corner of the county to the northeast corner of the county. The most significant damage occurred at a small community called Fig Tree on the east side of CR 1 in western Autauga County. At least four mobile homes were totally destroyed and three other mobile homes sustained minor damage. One mobilehome was rolled over a van destroying the vehicle. One building suffered major damage while two other houses sustained minor damage. Two minor injuries were reported.

Autauga County

Statesville **03** **0040CST** **0** **0** **35K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G65)**

Several tin-roofed buildings associated with what appeared to be a cotton gin or cotton collection area suffered serious damage with a lot of tin ripped from roofs. A gas station/convenience store at Statesville lost the covering over the gas pumps and there were several trees down in the area.

Autauga County

Prattville **03** **0104CST** **0** **0** **25K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G65)**

Just to the east of State Road (SR) 14 on the southside of Prattville, numerous large trees were uprooted in a residential area.

Autauga County

Prattville **03** **0105CST**
0108CST **0** **0** **85K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G60)**

A shopping center suffered serious damage when strong wind broke large display windows and seriously damaged the roof. A number of businesses were affected with some of the worst damage at a Hibbetts Sporting Store. Just east of the Premiere Place shopping center, a number of apartments suffered roof damage when the shingles were torn of a number of units. Also, just west of the shopping center, a residential area showed signs of shingle damage to several structures.

Elmore County

1.8 S Millbrook **03** **0111CST** **1** **0** **135K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G70)**

Strong thunderstorm wind downed numerous trees along CR2 just west of the intersection with SR 143. At that intersection, a number of very large trees were uprooted falling on several mobile homes. A 23-year-old man was killed when one of the trees fell on his mobile home crushing him while he slept. Additional tree damage occurred east of the mobile home park producing a path of damage about 1.7 miles long. Minor roof damage also occurred to several structures west of SR 143 along CR 2. M23MH The second of two thunderstorms that traversed Autauga County left a damage path along SR 14 from the southwest corner of Autauga County to the southeast corner of the county. The thunderstorm moved into southwest part of Elmore County causing damage south of Millbrook where one person was killed when trees fell on several mobile homes.

Montgomery County

Montgomery **03** **0107CST**
0115CST **0** **0** **12K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

Several trees were knocked down, and a tin roof was blown off one house in Montgomery.

Lowndes County

6 SW Hayneville **03** **0111CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

Trees and power lines were knocked down and a few outbuildings were destroyed in the Beechwood Community off CR 21.

Montgomery County

Montgomery **03** **0111CST** **0** **0** **0** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G64)**

Maxwell Air Force Base recorded a wind gust of 74 miles an hour.

Tallapoosa County

Jacksons Gap **03** **0135CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

Several trees were knocked down by wind gusts in Jacksons Gap.



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ALABAMA, North Central

Macon County
Notasulga

03	0150CST				0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A grocery store sustained minor damage when its front awning was torn off by wind gusts. Several trees were knocked down around the county.

Chambers County
Countywide

03	0154CST 0220CST				0	0	65K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Numerous trees and power lines were knocked down sporadically in locations across the entire county. Trees were reported down on US 431, SR 77, and CR 147. One mobile home was overturned in Lanett. In Huguley, a few homes and storage buildings were damaged by falling trees and one mobile home was overturned.

Randolph County
4 S Graham

03	0204CST 0207CST				0	0	25K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
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A house under construction was damaged on CR 455 just north of Sewell. The home had all its windows broken out, the front porch torn off, damage to the siding, and roof damage. A barn on the property was totally destroyed. Just north of the Bethel East Baptist Church on CR 87, a mobile home was pushed off its foundation, several trees were blown down, and one barn destroyed and one heavily damaged.

Randolph County
Omaha

03	0205CST				0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Wind blew the roof off a barn and also off a chicken house in the Omaha Community.

Russell County
Crawford

03	0230CST				0	0	15K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Several trees were blown down, one roof was torn off a home, and a front porch was destroyed in Crawford.

Barbour County
10 W Eufaula

03	0323CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime sized hail reported between Clayton and Eufaula.

Franklin County
Russellville

06	0055CST				0	0	5K	0	Hail (1.00)
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Dime to quarter sized hail was reported in Russellville.

Barbour County
Blue Spgs

13	2150CST				0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Numerous trees were knocked down around Blue Springs.

ALABAMA, Southeast

NONE REPORTED.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Mobile County
Spring Hill

03	0010CST 0015CST				0	0	60K		Thunderstorm Wind (G70)
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High winds destroyed two portable classrooms at John Will Elementary School just off Ziegler Blvd and just west of the Springhill community. A brick wall was also destroyed either by the wind or by one of the destroyed portables slamming into it. There were also trees and large limbs blown down in the same general area. Wind speeds were estimated at 70 to 80 MPH.

Baldwin County
Fairhope

03	0040CST 0050CST				0	0	30K		Thunderstorm Wind (G58)
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Strong thunderstorm winds did damage to portable toilets and seating areas in the City Park on the west side of Highway 98. A light pole was blown down onto a car wash business at the intersection of County Road 44 and Highway 98, causing structural damage. Also a home at County Road 44, east of Engle Side Drive, had a porch collapse.



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ALABAMA, Southwest

Wilcox County

Pine Hill	03	0045CST 0047CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported near Pine Hill.

Butler County

Mc Kenzie	03	0145CST 0147CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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High winds caused minor damage to some homes and businesses near McKenzie. There were also a few trees blown down in the area. No one was injured.

Covington County

4 SW Opp	03	0215CST 0225CST	2	20	0	0	60K		Tornado (F0)
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An F0 tornado briefly touched down near the Horn Hill community. The first touch down was near the intersection of County Roads 85 and 97 and damaged the roof and some siding of a house. The weak tornado then moved east and blew down some trees on County Road 99. A couple of the trees fell onto a trailer and damaged it. The tornado then briefly touched down one last time near County Road 77 and blew more trees down before dissipating. No one was injured.

Mobile County

Mobile	08 09	1900CST 0600CST			0	0	10K		Coastal Flooding
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Persistent southeast winds of 15 to 25 mph caused higher than normal tides along Dauphin Island. The high tides eroded some of the dunes being refurbished on the west end of the island that was devastated by Hurricane Georges in September of 1998. The above normal tides caused several streets along the west end of the Island to be closed for several hours. The tides got to 2.33 feet at the Alabama State Docks, 2.0 feet at Bayou La Batre and 1.8 feet at Dauphin Island.

Washington County

Fruitdale	09	0113CST 0118CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Golfball size hail was reported in the community.

Baldwin County

Perdido	09	0240CST 0241CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported near Perdido.

Escambia County

Flomaton	09	0255CST 0258CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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High winds blew trees and power lines down near Flomaton. A shed was also damaged.

Baldwin County

Loxley	09	0300CST 0305CST			0	0			Lightning
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Lightning struck a radio transmission tower in Loxley. The tower housed three different stations and knocked them all off for two days. Someone at the tower reported that they had sixteen lightning hits in just a few minutes.

Baldwin County

Robertsdale	09	0415CST 0416CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Robertsdale.

Baldwin County

Elsanor to Seminole	09	0510CST 0520CST			0	1	70K		Thunderstorm Wind (G70)
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High winds destroyed an older mobile home along County Road 87. Five people were in the home. One person suffered minor injuries when the home was ripped apart. The roof and three sides of the trailer were ripped off. Other minor damage with trees down and sheds blown over covered a broad area along County Road 87. A few trees were also blown over and mobile homes damaged in Seminole as the storm moved east. No one was injured in Seminole but two mobile homes had major damage. Wind speeds were estimated to be around 80 mph.

Baldwin County

Gulf Shrs	09	0555CST 0557CST			0	0	50K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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High winds flipped seven trailers and damaged nine others at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores. Most of the trailers were owned by people "wintering" over at the state park. No one was injured

Baldwin County

Ft Morgan to Orange Beach	13 14	1200CST 0200CST			0	0	5K		Coastal Flooding
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ALABAMA, Southwest

Mobile County

Dauphin Is	13	1200CST			0	0	5K		Coastal Flooding
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14 0200CST
Southeast winds of 20 to 30 mph ahead of a cold front again caused above normal tides across the coastal areas. The west end of Dauphin Island had to close several streets due to high water from above normal tides. The eastbound lanes on the Causeway across mobile Bay were closed for several hours because of high water. The highway (193) leading to the Dauphin Island Bridge had water blowing across it and debris was in the road. Water was also reported over some streets that run along the Gulf of Mexico in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores. Some of the tide readings were Dauphin Island 2.5 feet, Alabama State Docks 3.56 feet, Bayou La Batre 3.6 feet and Point Cadet 4.2 feet.

Mobile County

Central Portion	13	1900CST			0	0	5K		Flash Flood
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2100CST
Slow moving thunderstorms dumped three to five inches of rain across the central parts of Mobile county. Many streets from I-65 at Airport east to downtown Mobile were flooded. Several streets had to be closed for a couple of hours due to the high water.

Washington County

Millry to Frankville	13	1900CST			0	0	3K		Flash Flood
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2100CST
Slow moving thunderstorms dumped three to five inches of rain across the north parts of Washington county. The heavy rains caused several roads to flood between Millry and Frankville. Several of the streets were closed for a couple of hours because of the high water. Some of the dirt roads that run off of County Road 34 east of Millry were washed out by the rain and had to be repaired.

Mobile County

Mobile	13	1905CST			0	0	60K		Thunderstorm Wind (G70)
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1930CST
A severe thunderstorm moved across the central part of Mobile county from the west to the east. High winds blew down several trees and a trailer was moved off of its foundation in the vicinity of Virginia and Owens Streets. The roof was blown off a cleaners on Florida Street. The city dog pound near Orange Street also suffered some wind damage. A wind gust of 60 mph was reported just west of the Mobile airport.

Baldwin County

Stockton	13	1920CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G58)
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1921CST
Trees and power lines were blown down, blocking Highway 21, in the front of the Stockton Post Office.

Covington County

Andalusia	13	2030CST	9	50	0	0	100K		Tornado (F1)
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2045CST
A F1 tornado (winds 74 to 112 mph on the Fujita Scale) skipped along and just south of County Road 70 Northeast of Andalusia. The tornado touched down several times along its 9 mile path. The most significant structural damage occurred off Highway 331 where four chicken facilities suffered major damage. 400 chickens were killed, a porch was torn off a house, tin was ripped off several out buildings and numerous trees were blown down. An eyewitness said he saw a funnel about 100 feet off the ground after one of his chicken houses was destroyed. A gas station in the same area had its roof blown off. Along County Road 77, just south of County Road 70, several houses suffered roof damage with shingles blown off. A couple of out buildings were blown away and numerous trees were blown down. A church building nearby also suffered damage.

Escambia County

Central Portion	13	2030CST			0	0	3K		Flash Flood
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2130CST
Several slow moving thunderstorms tracked across the central portions of the county for a couple of hours. Two to four inches of rainfall were reported across the area. Several roads around the Brewton area had standing water in them. Some of the roads were impassable for about an hour. The water drained after the thunderstorms moved east of the area.

Covington County

Babbie	13	2057CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G58)
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2059CST
Trees were blown down near the intersection of the railroad tracks and County Road 77.

Baldwin County

Loxley	13	2100CST			0	0			Lightning
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Lightning hit the broadcast tower of WPML-TV (Channel 15) in Loxley and knocked their broadcast off the air for several hours.

Baldwin County

7 NE Seminole	13	2110CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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2112CST
Several trees were blown down along State Highway 112 just west of the Perdido River.



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ALABAMA, Southwest

Conecuh County

Paul	13	2145CST 2150CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Several trees were blown down in the community by straight line winds.

Washington County

Fruitdale	20	1835CST 1840CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Dime to quarter size hail was reported in the community.