

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



September 2001 Time Local Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage **ALABAMA, North Central Barbour County** 2015CST 0 0 0 Enfanla 02 5K Tstm Wind/Hail One large pine tree fell on a carport in Eufaula. The tree destroyed the carport and much of its contents **Blount County** Countywide 03 0900CST 0 10K Flash Flood 1200CST Heavy rain falling on saturated ground caused widespread flooding across the county. Local residents estimated rainfall of four inches in a short period of time. Many roads were damaged, culverts were washed out, and several trees fell over due to the high water and saturated conditions. Several roads were impassable and closed. The most concentrated flooding occurred in the Remlap and Pine Mountain areas. **Jefferson County** 03 Palmerdale 18K 1 Heavy Rain Heavy rain weakened the root system of a large oak tree that toppled onto a passing truck killing a 15-year old male passenger and injuring the driver. Three to five inches of rain fell in the area, and the Sheriffs Department investigator believed that standing water surrouding the tree weakened the root system allowing the tree to fall M15VE **Lamar County** Vernon 1515CST 06 6 Lightning A Lamar County High School student, a ninth grader, was killed when he was hit by lightning during football practice according to newspaper reports. A Sheriff's dispatcher said the sky was overcast when the bolt hit the student. He was taken to the hospital immediately and later transferred to Children's Hospital in Birmingham where he died three days later. Several other students including football players and band members were also injured, none seriously. M14BF **Bibb County** Brierfield 1730CST 0 3K 0 10 Flash Flood Heavy rainfall in a short period of time caused flooding in and around Brierfield. A local fire station reported five inches of rain in a few hours. Several roads were temporarily closed due to high water. **Colbert County** 1700CST 1704CST Cherokee 18 Hail (1.00) **Colbert County** 18 1700CST 0 25K Cherokee 0 Lightning **Colbert County** Cherokee 18 8K Thunderstorm Wind (G55) A thunderstorm became severe moving across the city of Cherokee in western Colbert County. The thunderstorm produced 1 inch hail and downed a number of trees across the town. Lightning also struck at least two houses causing fires that did damage to two houses. ALZ006 Madison Extreme Cold The morning low temperature measured at the Huntsville International Airport was 38 degrees. This temperature established a new record low. ALZ024 **Jefferson** 26 Extreme Cold The morning low temperature measured at the Birmingham International Airport was 41 degrees. This temperature established a

new record low.



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made a full recovery.