



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Dallas County Countywide

02	1655CST 1725CST				0	0	4K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down across the entire county. The Selma Police Department reported most of the trees were blown down in rural areas.

#### Montgomery County Montgomery

02	1829CST 1833CST		2.2	100	0	0	125K	0	Tornado (F1)
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The tornado began in the Woodmere area where a number of houses sustained roof damage primarily in the form of lost shingles, fences were downed, and small trees were uprooted. The tornado moved northeast and tracked through the Beauvoir Lake subdivision where one house under construction was flattened and another house was partially deroofed with serious damage to the upper level.

From Beauvoir Lake subdivision the tornado downed trees and removed shingles from house roofs in the Halcyon area. The tornado crossed Interstate 85 just west of the Taylor Road exit snapping off numerous pine trees in the interstate median. The tornado apparently ended at Taylor Road on the north side of the interstate.

The tornado was rated at F1 based on structural damage in the Beauvoir Lake area. Much of the damage along the track was in the F0 category. The tornado track was 2.2 miles in length and estimated to be about 100 yards wide at it's widest point. The tornado began at 6:29 PM and ended at 6:33 PM. No injuries or deaths were reported with this storm.

#### Barbour County Louisville

02	2118CST				0	0	6K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down and one barn was destroyed in Louisville.

#### Montgomery County Montgomery

03	0557CST				0	0	85K	0	Lightning
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Lightning struck a home on Plum Street during the early morning hours. The house caught fire and was completely destroyed. Two adults and three children were killed as a result of the fire.

#### Russell County Seale

03	1400CST 1600CST				0	0	14K	0	Flash Flood
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Several roads were flooded in and around Seale. A few of the roads had portions washed away.

#### Autauga County Countywide

03	1700CST 2000CST				0	0	22K	0	Flash Flood
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A few roads were covered with water and a few homes received minor flood damage. Many area creeks and streams topped the banks causing minor flooding. Radar estimated rainfall of 7 to 9 inches over a 28 hour period.

#### Lowndes County Countywide

03	1700CST 2000CST				0	0	18K	0	Flash Flood
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Several roads were covered with high water and impassible.

#### Elmore County Countywide

03	1800CST 2000CST				0	0	14K	0	Flash Flood
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Several roads were temporarily closed due to high water.

#### Montgomery County Countywide

03	1800CST 2000CST				0	0	45K	0	Flash Flood
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Several roads were closed because of high water. Many creeks and streams were flooding over the banks. A few roads had sections



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### ALABAMA, North Central

washed away from the high water. Some residential property was flooded but no homes were reported damaged.

#### Dallas County

<b>Selma</b>	12	1115CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Penny size hail was reported in Selma.

#### Dallas County

<b>Selma</b>	12	1145CST 1230CST			0	0	25K	0	Flash Flood
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Major street flooding occurred in Selma. Several automobiles were flooded and damaged.

#### Elmore County

<b>Wetumpka</b>	12	1245CST 1345CST			0	0	5K	0	Flash Flood
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Roads were flooded and temporarily impassible on the western side of Wetumpka.

#### Autauga County

<b>Countywide</b>	12	1245CST 1400CST			0	0	15K	0	Flash Flood
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Many roads across the county were flooded and temporarily impassable.

#### Lowndes County

<b>Countywide</b>	12	1300CST 1400CST			0	0	5K	0	Flash Flood
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#### Montgomery County

<b>Countywide</b>	12	1300CST 1430CST			0	0	8K	0	Flash Flood
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Several roads were temporarily closed due to very heavy rainfall and flooding

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##### Tuscaloosa

<b>12</b>	<b>2010CST</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>High Wind (G40)</b>
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Saturated ground conditions and winds of 25 to 40 miles an hour caused a large pine tree to fall down. The tree subsequently fell onto an automobile traveling on SR 216 near Brookwood crushing the car and killing a female passenger. The driver, a man, was seriously injured.

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#### Autauga County

<b>Prattville</b>	15	0115CST			0	0	22K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A large tree limb fell onto a home causing damage. One trailer was destroyed on the north side of the city

#### Elmore County

<b>5 W Tallassee</b>	15	0142CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A few power lines were knocked over near Friendship.

#### Tallapoosa County

<b>Carrville</b>	15	0155CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down near the intersection of SR 49 and SR 14.

#### Macon County

<b>Notasulga</b>	15	0200CST			0	0	18K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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A vacant mobile was destroyed and several power lines were damaged along SR 199 near Notasulga.

#### Lee County

<b>Loachapoka</b>	15	0210CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were knocked down along SR 14 and also on Lee Road.

#### Lee County

<b>Auburn</b>	15	0215CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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The Lee County Sheriff estimated wind gusts around 60 miles an hour in Auburn.

#### Russell County

<b>Phenix City</b>	15	0320CST			0	0	3K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down on Old US 431 near Phenix City.







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### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Clarke County

Countywide	03	0230CST 1830CST			0	0	365K		Flash Flood
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#### Washington County

Countywide	03	0230CST 1830CST			0	0	30K		Flash Flood
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Heavy rainfall caused extensive washouts to secondary roads and bridges across the counties. Most of the water had drained by sunset and most of the roads were reopened. However, some of the roads and bridges, especially in Clarke county, had to be rebuilt and were closed for several days before they were reopened. Radar estimated four to six inches of rainfall fell across the area

#### Mobile County

(Mob)Mobile Bates Fl	03	1130CST 1132CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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High winds from a thunderstorm blew several trees down just south of the airport.

#### Butler County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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#### Conecuh County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	15K		Flash Flood
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#### Covington County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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#### Crenshaw County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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#### Escambia County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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#### Mobile County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	15K		Flash Flood
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#### Monroe County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	15K		Flash Flood
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#### Wilcox County

Countywide	03	1200CST 1830CST			0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Heavy rains across the area caused secondary roads to washout in many areas. The water slowly drained from the roads after the rain ended, and most were able to be reopened after sunset. Radar estimated that four to six inches of rainfall fell across the area

#### Baldwin County

Countywide to North Portion	03	1200CST 1800CST			0	0	15K		Flash Flood
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Heavy rains caused many secondary roads throughout the county to wash out. The rains ended during the afternoon in the south part of the county and most of those roads were passable during the late afternoon. Rains continued into the evening across the north parts of the county and roads remained closed until after sunset. Radar estimated three to five inches of rain fell across the area

#### Washington County

Sunflower to Wagarville	03	1350CST 1400CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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#### Conecuh County

Castleberry	03	1805CST 1830CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Sheriff reported a large tree and other debris over County Road 19 to the west of the community.

#### Covington County

Floral	03	1825CST 1830CST			0	0	20K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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High thunderstorm winds blew down trees throughout the community. One of the trees fell onto a house, causing damage to the structure.

#### Baldwin County

Daphne	12	0245CST 0247CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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#### Washington County

Vinegar Bend	12	0550CST 0555CST			0	0			Hail (2.00)
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#### Clarke County

Opine	12	0620CST 0625CST			0	0			Hail (0.88)
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#### Monroe County

Beatrice	12	0640CST			0	0	500K		Lightning
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Lightning struck a tree near Beatrice Elementary School just before school opened. The lightning ran through the roots of the tree and caught the gymnasium on fire. The gym was completely destroyed. The remainder of the school suffered only minor damage from the fire.

#### Conecuh County

Owassa	12	0645CST 0650CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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#### Choctaw County

Gilbertown	12	0920CST 0925CST			0	0	5K		Hail (0.88)
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Lightning also struck a house in the community as the thunderstorm moved through.

#### Choctaw County

Toxey	12	1045CST 1047CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and power lines were blown down by high thunderstorm winds near Toxey.

#### Wilcox County

Alberta	12	1055CST 1057CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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High thunderstorm winds blew trees down just south of Alberta.

#### Choctaw County

Bladon Spgs	12	1100CST 1102CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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High thunderstorm winds blew several trees down near Bladon Springs State Park.

#### Washington County

Mc Intosh	12	1110CST 1120CST			0	6	1M		Thunderstorm Wind (G75)
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A line of severe thunderstorms produced a microburst, with winds estimated in excess of 80 mph, in the vicinity of McIntosh. The severe winds completely destroyed several trailer homes in the area, injuring 6 individuals. Significant tree and structural damage to buildings occurred over a widespread area around McIntosh. Many automobiles were heavily damaged or destroyed as well.

#### Mobile County

Mt Vernon	12	1125CST 1127CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and power lines were blown down by high thunderstorm winds along U. S. 43 near Mt Vernon.



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### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Wilcox County

<b>Annemanie</b>	12	1145CST 1147CST			0	0	10K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees and power lines were blown down by high thunderstorm winds

#### Baldwin County

<b>Stockton</b>	12	1155CST 1200CST			0	0	10K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G65)</b>
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A line of severe thunderstorms downed trees in the community. Dime sized hail was also reported.

#### Escambia County

<b>Huxford</b>	12	1155CST 1205CST			0	1	1M		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G90)</b>
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A line of severe thunderstorms produced an intense and well defined bow echo, or downburst, over the northwestern part of the county. The extremely high downburst winds, estimated to be around 100 mph, produced extensive damage in the Little River State Forest Park. Media reports indicated several hundred acres of pine forest was destroyed. It was noted that the downed pine timber in the Little River State Park possessed some of the largest known diameters of any of the downed trees in the 3/12/01 severe weather outbreak that occurred over Southwest Alabama. A Park Ranger was severely injured when the vehicle he was in was crushed by one of the falling trees. The same line of storms produced wind damage to structures, and 1 inch hail in Huxford, which is just north of the State Park.

#### Monroe County

<b>Uriah</b>	12	1157CST 1205CST			0	0	100K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G85)</b>
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Widespread tree and structural damage occurred as a line of thunderstorms with an intense bow echo, or downburst, moved across the area.

#### Mobile County

<b>Mobile</b>	12	1209CST			0	0	100K		<b>Lightning</b>
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Lightning either directly hit the roof or ran in on the roof of a home. The strike started a fire and the home was almost completely destroyed.

#### Conecuh County

<b>Evergreen</b>	12	1210CST 1220CST			0	1	1.3M		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G90)</b>
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A very intense downburst along a line of severe thunderstorms produced extensive and widespread wind damage to trees, structures and some vehicles throughout the Evergreen area. A large wall of the building housing a local clothing store collapsed, temporarily trapping several people in the building, two of whom received minor injuries. A vehicle outside the building was crushed by the collapsed wall. In addition, the extremely strong winds damaged or destroyed at least 28 other buildings and homes. Several eyewitnesses said no "freight train" sound was heard. It just sounded like a "puff" of wind!

#### Mobile County

<b>Irvington</b>	12	1210CST 1212CST			0	0	5K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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High winds from a thunderstorm blew several trees down.

#### Mobile County

<b>Mobile</b>	12	1220CST 1330CST			0	0	3K		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Heavy rains caused temporary flooding of streets in downtown Mobile. Several of the streets in the downtown area were impassable for about an hour.

#### Mobile County

<b>Mobile</b>	12	1225CST 1230CST			0	0	3K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G60)</b>
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Numerous tree limbs were reported blown down throughout the county.



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### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Butler County

Forest Home	12	1235CST 1237CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down by high thunderstorm winds just south of Forest Home.

#### Escambia County

Dixie	12	1255CST 1257CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down by high thunderstorm winds near Dixie.

#### Covington County

Red Level	12	1300CST 1305CST	3.2	75	2	1	1M		Tornado (F1)
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A tornado touched down along the leading edge of a bow echo in the Pigeon Creek area just north of Red Level. The tornado destroyed a manufactured home with three people inside. Two of the occupants were killed and one was injured. The tornado appeared to have first touched down where the home was located. The youngest victim was home sick from school and her grandmother was watching her. The girls father was working in a room that was attached to the home. When the winds hit, the home was pulled out of the ground and rolled across a road and was completely demolished. The room where the girls father was working was left standing. Another "Double Wide" manufactured home, just west of the one that was destroyed, was picked up in the air, blown across or through a clump of trees, and set down about 50 yards south of where it was tied down, in another clump of trees. When viewing the home from a distance it appeared to have been purposely placed in the trees, with little outside damage visible. However, when viewed from the inside, it looked as if an earthquake had hit it, with almost everything inside damaged. Both of these manufactured homes were fairly new. Both of the homes had the front tie downs pulled out of the ground and the anchors on the back of the homes snapped. The winds were estimated to be greater than 100 mph with the combination of the tornado and the intense downdraft from the "Bow Echo". The tornado appeared to remain along the leading edge of the "Bow Echo" for a little over three miles. Other homes suffered roof damage and numerous trees were blown down along the path of the tornado. The tornado dissipated just before entering Butler county just west of Boykin. All totaled throughout the county, twelve homes were destroyed, nineteen had major damage and five had minor damage. Eleven vehicles were also destroyed.

F12MH, F70MH

#### Butler County

Oakly Streak	12	1305CST 1307CST			0	0	50K		Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
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High winds from a line of thunderstorms that had moved out of Covington county, blew down several hundred mature pine trees. The damage was along County Road 59 south of Oakly Streak. The "Bow Echo" that caused the high winds then weakened as it moved east and northeast.

#### Crenshaw County

Dozier	12	1310CST 1317CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G75)
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Structural damage, due to high thunderstorm winds, was reported in the community.

#### Covington County

Gantt	12	1320CST 1325CST			0	0	200K		Thunderstorm Wind (G70)
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The line of intense thunderstorms that had moved through the Red Level and Pigeon Creek areas of Covington county caused more damage along U. S. 29, just northeast of Gantt. The damage was mostly confined to the west side of the lake. The high winds caused damage to several homes and buildings along with blowing down numerous trees. Most of the damage was to light weight structures, such as out buildings and tin roofs on barns. No one was injured. The "Bow Echo" that caused the damage kept weakening as it moved east.





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**ALABAMA, Southwest**

**Covington County**

<b>Opp</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1340CST 1342CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20K</b>		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G60)</b>
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Several trees were blown down just east of Opp as a line of thunderstorms moved through the area. The storms were moving east and weakened as they moved out of Covington county.