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ALABAMA, North Central

Autauga County									
6 S Marbury	05	1515CST			0	0	7K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G45)
A roof was torn off a pre-fab building in the northeast part of the county.									
Elmore County									
14 NW Wetumpka	05	1525CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down and a trailer was overturned in Titus, in the northwest part of the county.									
Lauderdale County									
8 W Lexington	21	1440CST			0	0	6K	2K	Hail (1.25)
Half dollar sized hail was covering the ground in Green Hill, in the northern part of the county.									
Lauderdale County									
Lexington	21	1445CST			0	0	7K	2K	Hail (1.50)
Walnut sized hail was covering the ground in Lexington, in the northeast part of the county.									
Colbert County									
Tuscumbia	21	1506CST			0	0	5K	2K	Hail (0.88)
Nickel sized hail was reported in Tuscumbia.									
Marion County									
Bear Creek	21	1758CST 1805CST			0	0	5K	2K	Hail (1.00)
Dime to quarter size hail was reported between Bear Creek and Hackleburg, in the northern part of the county.									
Winston County									
5 NE Haleyville	21	1840CST			0	0	4K	1K	Hail (0.88)
Nickel size hail was reported at Forkville, in the northwest part of the county.									
Dekalb County									
Ft Payne to Fort Payne	21	2000CST			0	1	85K	0	Lightning
Lightning struck a hosiery mill and destroyed 15 knitting machines. One employee was injured trying to put out the fire.									
Greene County									
Forkland	22	1316CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down along Hwy 43, south of Forkland, in the southern part of the county.									
Marengo County									
Demopolis	22	1320CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
A few trees were blown down in Demopolis.									
Tuscaloosa County									
Northport	22	1320CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were down in Northport and Tuscaloosa.									
Walker County									
Sumiton	22	1330CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported by the Sumiton PD. Sumiton is in the eastern part of the county.									
Hale County									
Greensboro	22	1340CST			0	0	8K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Numerous trees were blown down in Greensboro as well as across the county.									
Jefferson County									
Warrior	22	1341CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Dime sized hail was reported covering the ground in Warrior.									
Bibb County									
West Blocton	22	1355CST			0	0	12K	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Numerous trees were down including one that fell onto a house. There was damage to several roofs in West Blocton.									



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					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	
<u>ALABAMA, North Central</u>									
Dallas County									
Selma	22	1355CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									A few trees were blown down in Selma.
Blount County									
Oneonta	22	1402CST			0	0	4K	0	Hail (1.00)
									Hail the size of quarters was reported by the Sheriff's Office.
Shelby County									
Helena to Alabaster	22	1405CST			0	0	7K	0	Tstm Wind/Hail
									Trees were down in both towns along with large limbs. Dime size hail was reported in Alabaster.
Limestone County									
Athens	22	1408CST			0	0	10K	0	Lightning
									Lightning hit an apartment building and started a fire that damaged the roof and attic of one building.
Dallas County									
Selma	22	1430CST			0	1	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
									Thunderstorm wind blew off part of a garage roof and knocked several trees down and onto roofs. One man sustained a broken hip and leg in the storm when a tree fell onto the garage that he was standing in.
Elmore County									
Prattville	22	1430CST			0	0	18K	0	Lightning
									Lightning struck a garage and pool house and destroyed the buildings.
Dekalb County									
3 SW Rainsville to 2 NE Rainsville	22	1453CST 1501CST	5	220	0	10	2.2M	10K	Tornado (F2)
									An F2 tornado tracked from southwest to northeast across the center of Rainsville. The tornado began at 3:53 pm CDT three miles southwest of Rainsville just south of the intersection of County Roads 92 and 72. The tornado moved northeastward directly through the downtown section of Rainsville at the intersection of State Highways 75 and 35. Damage was severe to a number of buildings including the Rainsville police and fire department station and a number of commercial buildings. The tornado continued northeast crossing Dilbeck and Marshall Roads before ending about two miles northeast of Rainsville on the east side of Marshall Road. The tornado severely damaged a large poultry raising facility and debris from the chicken houses was blown over half a mile further to the northeast. The tornado had dissipated by 4:01 pm CDT. At the Rainsville police station, eleven of 12 police cars were either damaged or destroyed and several of the city's fire trucks were damaged. Five of the 10 people injured were hospitalized according to emergency management officials. Damage assessment indicated that 63 homes and/or apartments were damaged or destroyed along with 34 businesses. The tornado path was five miles in length and about 220 yards wide at the widest.
Elmore County									
Wetumpka	22	1459CST			0	0	4K	0	Hail (1.00)
									Dime to quarter sized hail was reported in Wetumpka.
Montgomery County									
Montgomery	22	1512CST			0	1	9K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									Trees were blown down and signs along I-65 were blown down. One child was injured when a tree fell on him.
Elmore County									
Tallassee	22	1524CST			0	0	8K	0	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported on Hwy 14 east, in the eastern part of the county.
Autauga County									
Prattville	22	1525CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind
									Skirts of mobile homes were blown off on Highway 31.
Chambers County									
Lafayette	22	1525CST			0	0	8K	0	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported in Lafayette, in the central part of the county.



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Randolph County Wedowee	22	1535CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Trees were down in and around Wedowee.								
Chambers County Lanett	22	1535CST			0	0	8K	0	Hail (1.75)
	Golf ball size hail was reported near Lanett, in the southeastern part of the county.								
Sumter County 4 NW York	22	1602CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Several trees were blown down on Highway 19 near the state line.								
Marengo County Sweet Water	22	1615CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	A few large limbs were blown down on Highway 10, in the southern part of the county.								
Russell County Seale	22	1730CST			0	0	4K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Trees were down in Seale, in the central part of the county.								
Dallas County Sardis	22	1730CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Several large tree limbs were down in Sardis and blocked roadways. Sardis is in the eastern part of the county.								
Tallapoosa County Alexander City	22	1800CST			0	0	2K	0	Tstm Wind/Hail
	Dime size hail was reported as well as several large limbs down on power lines.								
Barbour County Clio	22	2000CST			0	1	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
	Poles were snapped, power lines were downed, and trees were snapped and uprooted. Widespread damage was also reported throughout the county. There was one injury due to a tree falling on a car. Clio is in the southwest part of the county.								
Lee County Auburn	27	1230CST			0	0	10K	0	Lightning
	Lightning struck an apartment building which damaged two of its quadruplexes.								
St. Clair County Cropwell	28	1236CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (0.75)
	Penny sized hail was reported in Cropwell, in the southeast part of the county.								
Talladega County Lincoln	28	1251CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (0.75)
	Dime size hail was reported in Lincoln.								
Calhoun County Bynum	28	1355CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (1.00)
	Hail the size of quarters was reported in Bynum, in the southwest part of the county.								
Etowah County Rainbow City	28	1415CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (0.75)
	Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Rainbow City, in the southern part of the county.								
Blount County Oneonta	28	1430CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (0.75)
	Hail the size of dimes was reported in Oneonta.								
Blount County Oneonta	28	1545CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (0.75)



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ALABAMA, North Central

Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Oneonta.

Marshall County
Douglas

28 1545CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (1.00)

Hail the size of quarters was reported by a ham spotter in Douglas, in the south part of the county.

Winston County
Lynn

28 1550CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Lynn, in the southwest part of the county.

Dekalb County
4 S Ft Payne

28 1554CST 0 0 10K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Several trees were uprooted, three houses had minor damage, and a barn was damaged during a thunderstorm on County Road 78, just east of Adamsburg, in the southern part of the county.

Cullman County
Baileyton

28 1555CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Baileyton, in the northeast part of the county.

Dekalb County
Collinsville

28 1600CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (1.00)

One inch hail was reported in and just north of Collinsville, in the southern part of the county.

Etowah County
Gadsden

28 1611CST
1625CST 0 0 8K 0 Tstm Wind/Hail

Three-quarter inch hail was reported on the south side of the city. A large oak tree fell on a back porch and tore it off.

Limestone County
Capshaw

28 1615CST 0 0 2K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported south of Capshaw, in the extreme eastern part of the county by spotters.

Madison County
2 W Nebo

28 1619CST 0 0 2K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail covered the ground west of Nebo, in the extreme western part of the county.

Blount County
4 N Blountsville

28 1650CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported north of Blountsville.

St. Clair County
Ashville

28 1656CST
1702CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was covering the ground in Ashville and was reported between Steele and Ashville.

Dekalb County
Ft Payne

28 1705CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported in downtown Fort Payne.

Marshall County
4 NE Albertville

28 1728CST 0 0 3K 0 Hail (0.75)

Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Hustleville, in the eastern part of the county, by a ham spotter.

ALABAMA, Southeast

Dale County
5 NW Daleville

22 2000EST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Hail was reported by a SKYWARN spotter.

Coffee County
Enterprise

22 2010CST 0 0 Hail (1.25)



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ALABAMA, Southeast

Quarter sized hail was reported.

Henry County Abbeville	22	2020CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Trees and power lines were downed.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Mobile County Citronelle	05	1300CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down in Citronelle.

Mobile County Bayou La Batre	05	1330CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down near Bayou La Batre. High winds also rolled a dog across the yard in the same area. The dog was not injured.

Clarke County Grove Hill	05	1315CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A couple of trees were blown down in Grove Hill.

Wilcox County 2 NW Camden	05	1430CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A SKYWARN spotter reported wind gusts of 60 mph just northwest of Camden. No damage was observed.

Baldwin County Ft Morgan	11	1450CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A wind gust of 60 mph was reported at Fort Morgan as a thunderstorm moved across them from the Gulf.

Washington County Fruitdale	21	1530CST 1531CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported along U. S. Highway 45 near Fruitdale.

Washington County Mc Intosh	21	1600CST 1601CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in McIntosh.

Monroe County Uriah	21	1629CST 1630CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail was reported in the southwest part of the county, near Uriah.

Conecuh County Belleville	21	1700CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down along U. S. Highway 84 near Belleville.

Mobile County Mt Vernon	21	1703CST 1714CST			0	0	1K		Hail (1.75)
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Golfball size hail fell in and around Mt Vernon. The hail fell for more than ten minutes and took longer than an hour to melt. A couple of windshields were broken from the hail.

Mobile County Mt Vernon	21	1717CST 1719CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Quarter to golfball size hail again fell in and east of Mt Vernon. This was from the same slow moving thunderstorm that had dumped hail on much of the city only minutes earlier.

Baldwin County Stockton	21	1720CST 1722CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Quarter size hail fell around the Stockton area.



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ALABAMA, Southwest									
Baldwin County									
Bay Minette	21	1757CST 1759CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golfball size hail fell in and around Bay Minette.									
Clarke County									
Thomasville	22	1405CST 1418CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail fell around the city of Thomasville. The hail fell for thirteen minutes.									
Wilcox County									
Camden	22	1415CST 1416CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golfball size hail fell just south of Camden.									
Washington County									
Chatom	22	1415CST 1416CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail fell in Chatom.									
Washington County									
Chatom	22	1415CST			0	0	1K		Lightning
Lightning struck near the courthouse in Chatom. Several radios and computers in the courthouse suffered damage as a result of the strike.									
Choctaw County									
Butler	22	1540CST 1541CST			0	0	0.75K		Hail (1.75)
Golfball to dime size hail fell around the Butler area. Several people reported damage to their windshields as a result of the hail.									
Choctaw County									
Barrytown	22	1600CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
A funnel cloud was reported near Barrytown. The funnel never touched down and no damage was found in the area.									
Choctaw County									
Barrytown	22	1600CST 1601CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Quarter size hail fell in and around Barrytown.									
Choctaw County									
5 S Butler	22	1619CST 1620CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported five miles south of Butler.									
Clarke County									
Thomasville	22	1645CST 1646CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Hail again fell around the city of Thomasville. This time the hail was as big as quarters.									
Wilcox County									
Pine Hill to Yellow Bluff	22	1715CST 1718CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Golfball size hail was reported along State Highway 10 between Pine Hill and Yellow Bluff. This same area also experienced high winds.									
Wilcox County									
Pine Hill to Yellow Bluff	22	1715CST 1718CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down along State Highway 10 between Pine Hill and Yellow Bluff.									
Washington County									
Tibbie	22	1730CST 1731CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down near Tibbie. A couple of outside antennas were also blown down. Wind gusts were estimated at around 60 mph.									
Clarke County									
Grove Hill	22	1755CST 1756CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in the Grove Hill area.									



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Washington County									
Chatom	22	1800CST 1801CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported near Chatom.									
Washington County									
Fruitdale to Deer Park	22	1800CST 1805CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down along U. S. Highway 45 from Fruitdale to near Deer Park.									
Monroe County									
Monroeville	22	1830CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down in Monroeville.									
Monroe County									
Claiborne	22	1835CST 1837CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Quarter to dime size hail was reported near Claiborne.									
Butler County									
Georgiana	22	1910CST 1911CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported near Georgiana.									
Butler County									
Georgiana to Mc Kenzie	22	1910CST 1912CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down along U. S. Highway 31 between McKenzie and Georgiana. Wind gusts were estimated at 60 mph.									
Covington County									
Huckaville	22	1945CST 1947CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees and power lines were blown down along State Highway 55 near Huckaville (which is northwest of Florida).									
Monroe County									
Frisco City	22	1840CST			0	0	30K		Lightning
Lightning struck a home in Frisco City. The strike started a fire and the house suffered major damage.									
Crenshaw County									
Luverne	22	1930CST 1931CST			0	0	60K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees and power lines were blown down just north of Luverne. One of the trees happened to fall onto a house and caused major damage to the home. A trailer was also turned over.									
Washington County									
9 NW Millry	22	2015CST 2016CST			0	0			Hail (0.88)
Nickel size hail was reported along County Road 34 near Chapel Hill in the northwest part of Washington county.									
Baldwin County									
Stapleton	22	2030CST 2031CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Quarter to dime size hail was reported in Stapleton.									
Escambia County									
Atmore	22	2045CST 2046CST			0	0	0.50K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several large limbs were blown down around the Atmore area.									
Monroe County									
Peterman	22	2045CST 2046CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down in and around Peterman.									
Baldwin County									
Bay Minette	22	2050CST 2051CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported in Bay Minette.									
Mobile County									
4 W Citronelle	22	2115CST 2116CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)



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ALABAMA, Southwest

Dime size hail was reported in the northwest part of Mobile county on Lott road.

Baldwin County

Stockton

22	2140CST 2141CST				0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in the Stockton area.

Covington County

Rose Hill

22	2150CST 2151CST				0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down in and around Rose Hill.

Crenshaw County

Dozier

22	2150CST 2151CST				0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down in Dozier.

Crenshaw County

Luverne

22	2150CST 2151CST				0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down in and south of Luverne.

Baldwin County

Robertsdale

22	2255CST 2256CST				0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Robertsdale.

Baldwin County

Orange Beach

22	2305CST				0	0			Waterspout
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A waterspout dissipated as it moved ashore at Orange Beach. No damage was found.

Covington County

Lockhart

28	0100CST 0102CST				0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down in the Lockhart area. A couple of awnings were picked up by the winds and blown from carports.