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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Marion County

<b>Hamilton</b>	02	1515CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were reported down in Hamilton.

#### Lamar County

<b>10 N Vernon</b>	02	1520CST			0	0	6K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and a few power lines were reported down between Sulligent and Vernon. Time estimated.

#### Colbert County

<b>Muscle Shoals</b>	02	1526CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G56)
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A gust to 64 mph was recorded by the ASOS at the Muscle Shoals Airport.

#### Limestone County

<b>5.5 WSW Reid to 4.5 WSW Reid</b>	02	1545CST	1	50	0	0	45K	0	Tornado (F0)
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A small tornado touched down at Paradise Shores on the Limestone County side of the Tennessee River downing several trees and causing minor damage to several houses. One tree fell on a car while another fell into a three-car garage damaging a collection of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

#### Limestone County

<b>2 SSW Athens to 1.5 ENE Athens</b>	02	1602CST 1607CST	3.2	75	0	12	2.3M	50K	Tornado (F2)
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A tornado, rated at F2 on the Fujita scale, struck the southern and eastern sections of Athens in Limestone County. The tornado path began about 2 miles south-southwest of Athens near the intersection of Sanderfer Road and County Road 45. The tornado moved northeasterly crossing through southern and eastern sections of Athens. It crossed the intersection of State Road 127 and US 72 where several businesses were damaged. Some damage was caused at Athens Middle School. The tornado continued northeast dissipating near the intersection of Proyr Street and US 31 near Athens High School. According to EMA officials, six homes were destroyed, 14 homes sustained major damage, and an additional 14 homes had minor damage. Three apartment buildings, each with eight units, were damaged, 13 businesses had major damage, and two businesses reported minor damage. Of the 12 injuries, two were described as serious.

#### Winston County

<b>Double Spgs</b>	02	1605CST			0	0	6K	0	Tstm Wind/Hail
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Trees were down in Double Springs, and dime size hail was reported in many locations in the western part of the county.

#### Madison County

<b>1.7 NW Meridianville to 2 NNW Meridianville</b>	02	1626CST 1628CST	1.3	70	0	1	600K	0	Tornado (F2)
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A short but powerful tornado struck the area northwest of Meridianville destroying four homes along with major damage to two others and minor damage to twelve more. The tornado path began in an open area just southwest of the Colonial Golf Course. The tornado moved through a small subdivision on the north and east sides of the golf course and moved into an open area again as it dissipated.

#### Walker County

<b>Eldridge</b>	02	1630CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail(0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Eldridge, in the northwest part of the county.

#### Madison County

<b>4.5 NNW Owens Xrds to 4.5 N Owens Xrds</b>	02	1634CST 1636CST	1.3	40	0	0	85K	0	Tornado (F0)
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### ALABAMA, North Central

A short tornado hit the Big Cove area of southeast Madison County damaging several houses and the wastewater treatment plant. A business with machinery outside and several tin-roofed buildings were also damaged. One older house that appeared abandoned was destroyed.

#### Madison County Owens Xrds

02	1640CST 1642CST	1.5	50	0	0	100K	0	Tornado (F0)
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A small tornado damaged roofs to 15 homes and downed a number of trees in Owens Crossroads.

#### Cullman County 3 W West Pt

02	1652CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail(0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in the northwest part of the county.

#### Morgan County Decatur

02	1700CST			0	0	6K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were uprooted in Decatur and Hartselle. There were also some power outages due to trees falling on the lines

#### Marion County Guin

02	1705CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down near Guin in the southwest part of the county, in the southern part of the county, reported by the EMA.

#### Winston County Haleyville

02	1740CST			0	0	4K	0	Hail(0.88)
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Nickel size hail was reported in Haleyville

#### Marion County Guin

02	1755CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down in Guin, in the southwest part of the county.

#### Jackson County Scottsboro

02	1800CST			0	0	7K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees and limbs were blown onto power lines causing power outages for over 12 hours in some locations in Scottsboro

#### Lamar County Sulligent

02	1800CST			0	0	6K	0	Tstm Wind/Hail
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Three-quarter inch hail was reported, and several trees blown down in Sulligent, in the western part of the county.

#### Marion County Hamilton

02	1800CST 2200CST			0	0	15K	2K	Flash Flood
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#### Marion County Winfield

02	1800CST 2200CST			0	0	20K	2K	Flash Flood
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Up to seven inches of rain fell causing several roads to wash out including CR 95 between SR 253 and SR 44. In Winfield, the city park was under up to 6 feet of water, destroying an ice machine, a pitching machine and a concession stand. The next day, a 31 year old Mississippi woman drowned, when her raft capsized while rafting along the Buttahatchee River near Hamilton.

#### Cullman County Baileyton

02	1830CST			0	0	7K	0	Hail(1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Baileyton, in the northeast part of the county.

#### Marshall County Guntersville

02	1848CST			0	0	15K	5K	Hail(1.75)
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### ALABAMA, North Central

Golf ball sized hail covered the ground in Guntersville. The high school roof and parking lot were damaged with. The wheat crop was also damaged.

#### **Dekalb County**

<b>Geraldine</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1916CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail(1.75)</b>
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Golf ball sized hail was reported in Geraldine.

#### **Cherokee County**

<b>Jamestown</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2000CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees were reported down near Jamestown, in the northern part of the county.

#### **Marshall County**

<b>Guntersville</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2000CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Over 5 inches of rain fell over parts of the county causing storm drains to fill up quickly. Several roads were washed away and water businesses and homes had up to 1 1/2 feet of water in them. The fire station in Guntersville had several inches of water in the truck bay.

#### **Lamar County**

<b>3 N Vernon</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2015CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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A few trees and power lines were down north of Vernon.

#### **Marion County**

<b>Winfield</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2045CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail(1.00)</b>
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Hail the size of quarters was reported in Winfield.

#### **Fayette County**

<b>Fayette</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2050CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail(1.75)</b>
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Golf ball size hail was reported just north of Fayette

#### **Walker County**

<b>Jasper</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2115CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G58)</b>
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A gust to 67 mph was reported by a spotter.

#### **Lamar County**

<b>6 N Millport</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2145CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail(1.00)</b>
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Quarter sized hail was reported in Mt. Olive, in the southern part of the county.

#### **Cullman County**

<b>Hanceville</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2200CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail(1.75)</b>
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Golf ball size hail was reported in Hanceville

#### **Blount County**

<b>Royal</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2225CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees were reported down in the Royal community, in the central part of the county.

#### **Walker County**

<b>Cordova</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2250CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Four trees were blown down within the city limits of Cordova, in the eastern part of the county, requiring clean up.

#### **Cherokee County**

<b>8 NW Centre</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>2340CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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A few trees were down in the Sand Rock area, in the northwest part of the county.

#### **Blount County**

<b>Blountsville</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>0100CST</b> <b>0500CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35K</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Eighteen people had to be evacuated from a mobile home park, some of them by boat, when a small creek flooded causing several feet of water in the park. Several cars were totally submerged and the water reached into a few of the homes

#### **Lamar County**

<b>Vernon</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>0105CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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### ALABAMA, North Central

Trees were down in several areas around Vernon. One fell on a house knocking a hole in the roof and damaging the ceiling and walls.

#### **Etowah County**

##### **Gadsden**

03	0230CST				0	0	85K	0	<b>Lightning</b>
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Lightning struck a house and it was totally destroyed by the ensuing fire. Three cows were also killed while standing under a tree that was struck by lightning.

#### **Tuscaloosa County**

##### **Tuscaloosa**

03	0305CST				0	0	8K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Power lines were down along Highway 11, just west of Tuscaloosa

#### **St. Clair County**

##### **Ashville**

03	0350CST				0	0	5K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees were down and power was out in Ashville.

#### **Talladega County**

##### **Lincoln**

03	0415CST				0	0	8K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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The entire city of Lincoln was without power due to trees on power lines.

#### **Talladega County**

##### **Talladega**

03	0420CST				0	0	7K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees and power lines were down throughout the city.

#### **Autauga County**

##### **Prattville**

03	0530CST				0	0	3K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Several trees were blown down on a NWS employee's property.

#### **Coosa County**

##### **Rockford**

03	0530CST				0	0	8K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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There were widespread power outages across the county due to downed power lines.

#### **Russell County**

##### **Phenix City**

03	0700CST				0	0	4K	0	<b>Hail(1.00)</b>
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Hail the size of quarters was reported in northern Phenix City.

#### **Tuscaloosa County**

##### **Samantha**

09	0834CST				0	0	5K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Several trees were blown down in Samantha.

#### **Jefferson County**

##### **Birmingham**

09	0900CST				0	0	10K	0	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G60)</b>
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Several trees were blown down and windows were blown out at the Bell South building downtown.

#### **Lee County**

##### **6 S Auburn**

09	1500CST				0	0	4K	0	<b>Hail(0.75)</b>
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Dime size hail was reported near Beauregard, in the central part of the county.

#### **Lee County**

##### **Smiths Station**

09	1512CST				0	0	6K	0	<b>Hail(1.25)</b>
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Hail the size of half dollars was reported in Smiths Station, in the eastern part of the county.

#### **Russell County**

##### **Phenix City**

09	1515CST				0	0	4K	0	<b>Hail(0.75)</b>
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Dime size hail was reported in Phenix City.

#### **Madison County**

##### **Huntsville**

25	1823CST 1824CST		0.2	30	0	0	10K	0	<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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A weak tornado touched down briefly south of Huntsville at the corner of Airport Road and Memorial Parkway. The awning of a Winn Dixie was ripped off. It was seen and video taped by several citizens and by a Channel 31 meteorologist.



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Lauderdale County

**Oakland**                      26      2125CST                      0              0              4K              1K              Hail(0.75)  
Three-quarter inch hail covered the ground.

#### Colbert County

**8 N Cherokee**              26      2133CST                      0              0              4K              1K              Hail(0.75)

#### Colbert County

**8 SW Tuscumbia**              26      2203CST                      0              0              5K              1K              Hail(1.00)

#### Colbert County

**10 SE Tuscumbia**              26      2205CST                      0              0              4K              1K              Hail(0.75)

#### Colbert County

**Littleville**                      26      2206CST                      0              0              6K              1K              Tstm Wind/Hail  
Three-quarter to one inch hail was reported throughout the county. Trees were also reported down in Littleville

#### Franklin County

**Russellville**                      26      2207CST                      0              0              4K              0              Hail(0.75)

#### Franklin County

**7 NE Russellville**              26      2212CST                      0              0              7K              2K              Hail(1.75)

#### Franklin County

**Phil Campbell**                      26      2215CST                      0              0              4K              0              Hail(0.75)  
Penny to golf ball sized hail was reported in the eastern sections of the county.

#### Lawrence County

**Mt Hope**                      26      2217CST                      0              0              10K              6K              Hail(3.50)

#### Lawrence County

**Moulton**                      26      2223CST                      0              0              3K              0              Hail(0.75)  
Larger than tea cup sized hail was reported in Mt. Hope in the southeast part of the county along with three-quarter inch hail at Moulton..

#### Winston County

**Moreland**                      26      2248CST                      0              0              6K              1K              Hail(0.75)  
Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Moreland, in northern Winston county.

#### Marshall County

**Albertville**                      28      0715CST                      0              0              9K              0              Thunderstorm Wind (G50)  
Wind knocked down several trees onto power lines, causing power outages for up to three hours in many locations across the city.

#### Blount County

**Snead**                      31      1230CST                      0              0              7K              0              Thunderstorm Wind (G50)  
Several trees were reported down in Snead, in the northern part of the county.

#### St. Clair County

**Steele**                      31      1245CST                      0              0              8K              0              Thunderstorm Wind (G50)  
Numerous trees and power lines were down in Steele near CR 42 and US 11.

### ALABAMA, Southeast

NONE REPORTED.



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<b>Choctaw County</b>									
Rock Spgs	03	0405CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported around Rock Springs.									
<b>Mobile County</b>									
Saraland to Mobile	15	1420CST 1440CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Golfball to dime size hail was reported along I65 from Saraland to Mobile.									
<b>Mobile County</b>									
Creola	19	1410CST 1411CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G45)
Gusty winds, around 50 mph, caused minor roof damage to two homes. Also, a couple of carports suffered damage and a trampoline was turned over.									
<b>Mobile County</b>									
Mobile	19	1815CST			0	0	15K		Lightning
Lightning hit an old live oak tree and ripped a 20 ft. strip of wood from the 4 foot wide and 70 foot tall tree. The exploding strip of wood, from the tree, damaged two nearby historical homes built in 1850.									
<b>Escambia County</b>									
Wallace	23	1450CST 1451CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported along I65 just west of Wallace.									
<b>Washington County</b>									
Mc Intosh	23	1720CST 1721CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Quarter size hail was reported in McIntosh.									
<b>Washington County</b>									
Millry	23	1730CST 1734CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees and power lines were blown down near Millry.									
<b>Washington County</b>									
Wagarville	23	1800CST 1801CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported near Wagarville.									
<b>Covington County</b>									
River Falls	24	2305CST 2306CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees were blown down along US HWY 84 near River Falls.									
<b>Washington County</b>									
Chatom	27	2000CST			0	0	5K		Lightning
Lightning struck a house in Chatom and caused it to catch on fire.									
<b>Escambia County</b>									
Flomaton to Brewton	27	2023CST 2028CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported along US HWY 29 between Flomaton and Brewton.									
<b>Clarke County</b>									
3 W Alma	27	2125CST 2126CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported along CR 27 about three miles west of Alma.									
<b>Baldwin County</b>									
5 S Chrysler	27	2200CST 2201CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Dime size hail was reported along SH 59 about five miles south of Chrysler.									



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### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### Monroe County

Eliska	27	2210CST 2211CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported along CR 8 near Eliska.

#### Choctaw County

Gilbertown	28	0040CST 0045CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down near Gilbertown. A couple of awnings were damaged near SH 17 in the same area.

#### Choctaw County

Butler	28	0120CST 0121CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported around Butler.

#### Washington County

Millry	28	0130CST 0132CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down along CR 34 just northeast of Millry.

#### Wilcox County

Alberta	28	0300CST 0301CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down near Alberta.

#### Wilcox County

Millers Ferry	28	1435CST 1436CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Millers Ferry.

#### Washington County

Mc Intosh	28	1630CST 1632CST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several large limbs were blown down in the McIntosh community.

#### Clarke County

Jackson	28	1640CST 1642CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down in the Jackson community.

#### Clarke County

Jackson	28 29	1830CST 0330CST			0	0	2K		Flash Flood
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Sections of SH 177 were washed out and other roads in the south part of the county were impassable from the early evening hours into the early morning hours because of high water. WSR-88D estimated that 8 to 10 inches of rain fell in this area from late afternoon through the early morning hours. Most of the rain fell during the evening hours.

#### Butler County

Mc Kenzie	28	1835CST 1836CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down in southern sections of the county near the McKenzie community.

#### Choctaw County

Butler to Bolinger	28 29	1845CST 0330CST			0	0	1K		Flash Flood
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Several roads in the Butler community were closed overnight due to high water. Also, several secondary roads in the southern sections of the county had to be closed overnight due to high water. WSR-88D estimated that 6 to 8 inches of rain fell in central and southern sections of the county during the afternoon into the early morning hours. Most of the rain fell during the evening hours.



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 1997

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

#### Washington County

<b>St Stephens to Seaboard</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1845CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2K</b>		<b>Flash Flood</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>0300CST</b>							

Several secondary roads were closed in central and southeastern sections of the county overnight due to high water. WSR-88D estimated that 5 to 7 inches of rain fell in this area during the afternoon into the early morning hours. Most of the rain fell during the evening.

#### Mobile County

<b>Mobile</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2015CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10K</b>		<b>Flash Flood</b>
		<b>2215CST</b>							

Heavy rains fell around the Mobile area during the evening. The heaviest rain fell in the twelvemile and threemile creek basins, from Moffett Road, across Municipal Park across Airport Blvd to Cottage Hill Road at University. Up to 9 inches of rain fell in this area in 3 to 4 hours with 4.52 inches falling in one hour near the USA Campus. Several Streets in this area had standing water 3 to 4 feet deep in intersections. One such intersection was at University and Old Shell, near where the 4.52 inches of rainfall occurred. A mother and her young son tried to avoid this flooded intersection and became disoriented, driving into a flooded drainage ditch. The car they were in was then swept away into swollen twelvemile creek. Someone tried to save them but was unable to do so. The automobile was found one mile down the ditch and the two bodies were recovered two days later in Municipal Park Lake.

#### Mobile County

<b>Mobile Bates Fld</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2040CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5K</b>		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
		<b>2042CST</b>							

Several trees and power lines were blown down near Dawes Road, just south of the airport.

#### Butler County

<b>Garland</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2100CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5K</b>		<b>Flash Flood</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>0100CST</b>							

Heavy rains caused Persimmon Creek, southeast of Garland, to overflow its banks at CR 8. The road was closed for several hours until the water receded. WSR-88D estimated that 2 to 4 inches of rain fell in this area, during a three hour period.

#### Mobile County

<b>Dauphin Is</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2230CST</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Lightning</b>
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Two males were fishing in a wooden boat, when lightning struck and killed one occupant. The other occupant was not injured. They were fishing along the northern section of the island when the lightning struck. There were numerous storms in the area at the time.

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