



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



October 1997

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					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

ALABAMA, North Central

ALZ006		Madison							
	08	1000CST 2000CST			0	0	0	0	Excessive Heat
The record high of 85 degrees was tied.									
Tuscaloosa County									
Fosters	21	1600CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Three-quarter inch hail was reported in Fosters, in the southwest part of the county.									
Marion County									
Hamilton	25	0955CST			0	0	12K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
Marion County									
Hamilton	25	1007CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Winston County									
Haleyville	25	1032CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Winston County									
Haleyville	25	1032CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Winston County									
Ashridge	25	1043CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.00)
Winston County									
Ashridge	25	1043CST			0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Winston County									
Double Spgs	25	1058CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Winston County									
Grayson	25	1105CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.00)
Winston County									
Addison	25	1117CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Winston County									
Arley	25	1118CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.00)
Cullman County									
Jones Chapel	25	1133CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Cullman County									
Cullman	25	1142CST 1150CST			0	0	65K	0	Hail (2.75)
Cullman County									
Cullman	25	1147CST			0	0	15K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
A super-cell thunderstorm moved over Marion, Winston and Cullman counties with damaging wind and large hail. In Hamilton the wind knocked a tree on a house and knocked down several power lines. In Winston county, large hail was reported across the entire county and trees and power lines were downed in Haleyville and Ash Ridge. In Double Springs the hail was one inch deep. In and around the city of Cullman hail up to the size of baseballs was reported which did significant damage to cars in the area. Several large trees were downed onto homes and cars.									
Pike County									
Troy	25	1310CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Three-quarter inch hail was reported on the Troy State University campus.									
Randolph County									
Wadley	25	1335CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
Three-quarter inch hail was reported just south of Wadley.									
Randolph County									
Roanoke	25	1350CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.00)
Hail the size of quarters was reported in the northern and southern part of Roanoke.									
Pike County									
Brundidge	25	1350CST			0	0	4K	0	Hail (1.75)



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ALABAMA, North Central

Golf ball size hail was reported on Alabama Highway 10.

Lawrence County Moulton	25	1610CST			0	0	9K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were knocked onto a house in Moulton.

Franklin County Red Bay	25	1612CST			0	0	20K	0	Hail (2.75)
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Baseball sized hail was reported in Red Bay, in the western part of the county.

Franklin County 3 W Red Bay	25	1620CST			0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.00)
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Hail the size of quarters was reported west of Red Bay.

Lawrence County Moulton	25	1828CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (1.00)
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Lawrence County Hatton	25	1840CST			0	0	7K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Lawrence County Moulton	25	1849CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (1.00)
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Quarter sized hail was reported northwest of the city of Moulton and at Kitchens Mill in Moulton. A large tree fell on a car in Hatton.

Morgan County Decatur	25	1857CST			0	0	2K	0	Hail (0.75)
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Morgan County Decatur	25	1857CST			0	0	1K	0	Thunderstorm Wind
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A large tree limb fell onto a power line knocking out power and dime sized hail was also reported.

Morgan County 5 S Hartselle	25	2130CST			0	0	90K	0	Lightning
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Lightning struck a switch box and traveled into a house starting a fire in Falkville. The house was completely destroyed. A man inside the house died of smoke inhalation.

Limestone County Athens	26	0000CST			0	1	0	0	Lightning
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Lightning struck a utility worker repairing a damaged utility pole. He was knocked unconscious for several minutes.

Limestone County 8 N Athens	26	0015CST			0	1	0	0	Lightning
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A man was struck by lightning in Elkmont. He was treated and released from the hospital.

Morgan County Falkville	26	0220CST			0	0	250K	0	Lightning
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Lightning struck an electric meter box at the Roundtop Community Church in Falkville, in the southern part of the county. This started a fire and as a result the entire church was destroyed.

ALABAMA, Southeast

Dale County Clayhatchee	24	1000CST 1005CST	0.3	75	0	0	150K		Tornado (F1)
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A small F1 tornado destroyed a barn on Alabama Highway 92. A neighboring house sustained minor damage. Several trees were uprooted.

Dale County Echo	24	1030CST 1035CST	0.5	100	0	0	1M		Tornado (F1)
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F1 tornado struck a chicken farm at Alabama Highway 27 and Dale County Road 67. Six of eight chicken houses were destroyed. Approximately 25,000 chickens were killed.



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ALABAMA, Southeast

Dale County

Midland City	24	1030CST			0	0	150K		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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Severe thunderstorm winds caused minor roof damage to several homes.

Dale County

Daleville	25	1738CST	0.2	50	0	0			Tornado (F0)
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A brief F0 tornado touchdown south of Alabama Highway 84 near Daleville.

Houston County

Wicksburg	25	1750CST	1.5	150	0	2	250K		Tornado (F1)
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F1 tornado damaged approximately 12 homes. Numerous trees and power lines down. A van was overturned by high winds. Both occupants suffered minor injuries.

Houston County

Gordon	26	1000CST 1010CST	2	150	0	0	150K		Tornado (F1)
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F1 tornado moved across Houston County Road 85. Two homes sustained extensive roof damage. A semitractor trailer was overturned. Numerous trees and power lines down in Ashford and Gordon.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Clarke County

2 SW Grove Hill	24	0550CST 0552CST			0	0	2.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down just southwest of Grove Hill. A tin roof was also blown from an outbuilding.

Butler County

5 NW Greenville	25	1230CST 1231CST	1	150	0	0	4K		Tornado (F0)
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An F0 tornado touched down about five miles northwest of Greenville along State Road 185. The tornado began about a mile west of State Road 185 and moved toward 185 then went back into the cloud near State road 185. The weak tornado skipped along the ground for about one mile and damage was about 150 yards wide along the track. Most of the damage was to trees. A metal garage along Highway 185 was the only structure to suffer major damage. No one was injured.

Crenshaw County

Luverne	25	1240CST 1241CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail fell just north of Luverne.

Choctaw County

Ararat	25	1515CST 1517CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down near Ararat.

Mobile County

2 W Wilmer to Wilmer	25	1710CST 1715CST	1	150	0	0	15K		Tornado (F0)
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The tornado that moved through the Howell community in Mississippi then moved into Mobile county where the storm blew down several trees and damaged some outbuildings before lifting back into the cloud near U S Highway 98 just west of Wilmer. As in George county, the tornado was only on the ground for a short period of time. No injuries were reported in Mobile county.

Mobile County

Georgetown	25	1720CST 1722CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Several trees were blown down along County Road 63 and State Road 217 near Georgetown. This damage was along the track of the mesocyclone that triggered a tornado near Wilmer.

Mobile County

Axis	25	1750CST 1752CST			0	0	2.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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The same storm that spawned a tornado near Wilmer blew down several trees and power lines as it moved across U S Highway 43 near Axis.