





# National Weather Service

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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Marion County

<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1205CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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Penny size hail was reported near Hamilton on SR 187.

#### Sumter County

<b>Gainesville</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1220CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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Dime size hail was reported at the Gainesville Lock and Dam on the Tombigbee River. The hail lasted around 5 minutes and then crossed the river.

#### Greene County

<b>4 SW Mt Hebron</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1225CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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Dime size hail was observed at the Gainesville Lock and Dam that moved into western Greene County south of SR 39.

#### Lawrence County

<b>5.2 NE Courtland to 8.9 NE Courtland</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1225CST 1230CST</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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#### Limestone County

<b>3.9 WSW Ripley to 2.8 W Ripley</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1230CST 1231CST</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F1)</b>
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The tornado first touched down in Lawrence County northeast of Courtland in open farm land. It traveled northeast into Limestone County crossing the Tennessee river and causing damage about 2.9 miles south of Coxeys in southwest Limestone County. The tornado travelled approximately a half mile on land in Limestone County before dissipating rapidly. One house lost a portion of a roof, two other homes sustained damage from falling trees, several boat houses and out-buildings were destroyed, and numerous large trees were downed. The survey team could find no damage in Lawrence County, however, two people photographed the tornado, one on the east side of Courtland looking northeast and one at Poplar Point in Limestone County looking northwest as it came ashore on the Limestone County side of the river.

Beginning: 34 42.569/87 13.850 Ending: 34 45.874/87 10.228

#### Limestone County

<b>5.1 NW Athens to 5.1 N Athens</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1238CST 1244CST</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F2)</b>
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A second tornado began 5.1 miles west-northwest of Athens just south of O'Neal. The tornado travelled in a northeasterly direction crossing SR 99 where several houses were damaged heavily. Continuing northeast the tornado crossed CR 63 and damaged several houses and destroyed three mobile homes just south of Cross Key. The tornado then crossed CR 26 and SR 127 before dissipating about 5.0 miles north of Athens.

The tornado was rated an F2 with no known injuries reported. The total tornado path was 4.8 miles long and about 60 yards wide. The tornado began at 12:38 PM and dissipated at 12:44 PM.

Beginning: 34 50.326/87 03.032 Ending: 34 52.552/86 58.748

#### Tuscaloosa County

<b>4.9 W Hull to 2.9 ENE Cottondale</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1254CST 1312CST</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>12.5M</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F4)</b>
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The tornado began in southwestern Tuscaloosa County on the west side of the Black Warrior River. Traveling in a northeasterly direction the tornado moved from a rural, unpopulated area of the Black Warrior River into an area of homes south of Shelton State Community College. The tornado crossed SR 69 destroying a nearly complete shopping center which included a Winn Dixie store. East of SR 69 the tornado destroyed a number of houses and residential structures.



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### ALABAMA, North Central

As the tornado reached US 82 it destroyed a number of mobile homes where several deaths were reported. From US 82 the tornado continued northeasterly downing numerous trees and power lines and damaging residential structures. The tornado crossed I-20/59 just west of exit 77 where many trees were uprooted or snapped off. Minor damage occurred to the JVC manufacturing facility

At exit 77 a number of commercial structures including hotels, fast food restaurants, and truck stops sustained damage including a number of vehicles that were overturned. The tornado continued northeasterly for a couple of miles before dissipating rapidly. Ironically, the tornado dissipated as it moved into an open, unpopulated area.

The tornado was spawned by a supercell thunderstorm that originated in Mississippi. This thunderstorm was responsible for additional tornado damage in St. Clair and Etowah counties

Tuscaloosa EMA reported 11 fatalities with this tornado along with 144 injuries. Nine of the fatalities occurred in mobile homes, one in a vehicle, and one in a commercial building converted to residential use. Six of those killed were females and five were males. Ages ranged from 16 months to 83 years old. There were 251 single family dwellings affected (43 destroyed, 76 with major damage, 138 with minor damage), 179 mobile homes affected (79 destroyed, 23 with major damage, 77 with minor damage), and 13 businesses affected (1 destroyed, 7 with major damage, 5 with minor damage).

The tornado was on the ground for a total of 18 miles, all within Tuscaloosa County. The tornado path was estimated to be 750 yards wide at it's maximum intensity.

This tornado was rated an F4 on the Fujita Scale for tornado intensity. Tornado intensity varied along the path with considerable F2 and F3 damage in the area from just west of SR 69 to US 82 in the Hinton Place and Hillcrest Meadows areas as well as the Bear Creek area. It was also in these areas where pockets of F4 destruction occurred.

The tornado first touched down at 12:54 PM and dissipated at 1:12 PM with a forward speed of approximately 60 MPH.

Beginning: 33 03.225/87 39.239 Ending: 33 12.065/87 24.292

M40VE, M20MH, F39MH, F53MH, F83MH, M26MH, M1MH, M9MH, F39MH, F56MH, F64P H

#### **Perry County**

##### **Uniontown**

**16 1310CST 0 0 15K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

A few trees were knocked down in Uniontown. One of the trees fell onto a carport and smashed a car.

#### **Perry County**

##### **1.7 NW Suttle to 1.4 N Suttle**

**16 1329CST 0.7 30 0 0 4K 0 Tornado (F0)**  
**1331CST**

A weak tornado briefly touched down just north of the city of Suttle. The tornado was briefly on the ground as it crossed SR 14 between Suttle and Radford, in rural southeast Perry County. Several trees were snapped off or blown over along the short path. This tornado occurred at the apex of a bowing line of thunderstorms. Beginning: 32 33.208/87 11.931 Ending: 32 33.452/87 10.977

#### **Jefferson County**

##### **Mulga**

**16 1332CST 0 0 25K 0 Hail (2.75)**  
**1345CST**

Dime to baseball size hail was reported throughout central Jefferson County west of Birmingham.

#### **Madison County**

##### **Meridianville**

**16 1339CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in Meridianville.

#### **Chilton County**

##### **Maplesville**

**16 1408CST 0 0 3K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Several trees were blown down in Maplesville.

#### **Blount County**

##### **Remlap**

**16 1410CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.88)**

Dime to nickel size hail fell in Remlap.



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Lawrence County

<b>Courtland</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1416CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Several trees were blown down near Courtland and nickel size hail was also reported

#### St. Clair County

<b>5.5 SW Ashville to 3.2 E Ashville</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1420CST 1431CST</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>175K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F2)</b>
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In St. Clair County, an F2 tornado track extended from near Cool Springs to south of Ashville to near Gum Springs Church. The total track was 8.5 miles long and about 200 yards wide at its widest point. The tornado began at 220 PM on County Road 31, just west of Cool Springs. The tornado lifted around 231 PM about 3 miles east of Ashville. Four houses sustained significant damage and two mobile homes were annihilated. A baseball park was damaged at the Ashville High School. Two injuries occurred near the beginning of the tornado track near Cool Springs.  
Beginning: 33 47.292/86 19.737 Ending: 33 50.819/86 12.055

#### Jefferson County

<b>Pinson</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1433CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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Penny size hail was observed in Pinson and Fultondale.

#### Limestone County

<b>Elkmont</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1433CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (1.75)</b>
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Golf ball size hail was reported near Elkmont and in the Woodson area

#### Colbert County

<b>Countywide</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1435CST 1442CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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A few trees and signs were blown down generally across the eastern two thirds of the county

#### Marion County

<b>Countywide</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1445CST 1515CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G55)</b>
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Several trees and power lines were knocked down across much of the eastern two thirds of the county. A few outbuildings were destroyed. The most concentrated area of damage was located just north of the city of Guin. Several billboards were also blown down throughout the county.

#### Etowah County

<b>5.3 ENE Gadsden to 6.5 E Wilsonia</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1446CST 1459CST</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10M</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F3)</b>
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#### Cherokee County

<b>7.8 SW Centre to 3.4 SW Centre</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1459CST 1505CST</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F3)</b>
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Damage in Etowah and Cherokee counties was the result of an F3 tornado. The tornado track was 12.8 miles long and just over one quarter of a mile or about 500 yards wide at its widest point. The tornado touched down near Tidmore Bend, 5.3 miles east north east of the city of Gadsden, at 246 PM and lifted at 305 PM near Pollard Bend in Cherokee County. The tornado track was 8.1 miles in Etowah County and 4.7 miles in Cherokee County for a total of 12.8 miles. The most significant damage with the tornado was in the Coats Bend Community of Etowah County where 14 injuries occurred and approximately 250 homes were either totally destroyed or had major damage. Damage in Cherokee County was limited to downed trees and damage to a couple of structures.  
Beginning: 34 02.864/85 55.347 Ending: 34 06.877/85 42.900



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Lauderdale County Countywide

16	1500CST				0	0	8K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A few trees and power lines were blown down across the eastern part of Lauderdale County. A few of the trees fell onto homes. One outbuilding was damaged and one roof was partially torn off a restaurant.

#### Calhoun County 1 SE Bynum to 1.3 SE Bynum

16	1517CST 1518CST	0.3	20	0	0	0	0	0	Tornado (F0)
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A weak tornado briefly touched down near Bynum. The emergency management reported that the tornado caused little or no damage. Dime size hail was also reported with this storm. Beginning: 33 36.499/85 56.621 Ending: 33 36.576/85 56.340

#### Cleburne County Edwardsville

16	1530CST 1536CST				0	0	4K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Several trees were blown down in the National Forest just north and northwest of Edwardsville.

#### Limestone County Athens

16	1535CST 1545CST				0	0	4K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Several trees were knocked down across the eastern half of Limestone County

#### Winston County Houston

16	1542CST				0	0	3K	0	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was observed in the Houston and Addison areas.

#### Lawrence County Moulton

16	1545CST				0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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Trees were blown down in the city of Moulton.

#### Cullman County 5 NW West Pt

16	1550CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in the Battleground area on SR 157.

#### Madison County Countywide

16	1610CST 1635CST				0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A few trees were blown down across Madison County. Most of the trees fell between New Market and south Huntsville and some of them temporarily blocked roads. A few thousand customers were without power due to falling trees and lightning.

#### Tuscaloosa County 7 E Samantha

16	1615CST				0	0	2K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were blown down east of Samantha along Yellow Creek.

#### Morgan County Somerville

16	1615CST				0	0	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported in Somerville.

#### Talladega County Lincoln

16	1635CST				0	0	1K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A few trees were blown down and temporarily blocked a roadway in Lincoln.

#### Autauga County Booth

16	1645CST				0	0	4K	0	Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was observed in Booth.

#### Autauga County 3.2 SE Pine Level

16	1655CST 1656CST	0.2	20	0	0	0	0	0	Tornado (F0)
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A weak tornado touched down briefly near CR 87 southeast of Pine Level. The emergency management agency reported a brief touched with little or no damage in a rural area in eastern Autauga County. Beginning: 32 32.798/86 25.936 Ending: 32 32.888/86 25.734



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### ALABAMA, North Central

#### Jackson County

<b>Princeton</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1655CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees and power lines were knocked over along SR 65 in western Jackson County.

#### Jackson County

<b>Scottsboro</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1715CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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A few trees were blown down in the Paint Rock Valley and near the city of Scottsboro.

#### Shelby County

<b>Pelham</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1716CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hail (0.88)</b>
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Nickel size hail was reported near SR 119.

#### Dekalb County

<b>5 S Ft Payne</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1735CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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A few trees were knocked down south of Fort Payne on CR 52.

#### Macon County

<b>2.9 NE Shorter to 3.6 NE Shorter</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1746CST</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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An F0 tornado touched down near the intersection of CR 30 and CR 9, just off Hooks Road. Three homes sustained damage mainly in the form of blown out windows and roof damage. Several trees were also snapped off or blown over along the path. Two outbuildings were destroyed at the homes and two satellite dishes were also destroyed. Beginning: 32 24.642/85 52.256 Ending: 32 24.966/85 51.693

#### Randolph County

<b>8.3 SE Wedowee to 8.9 SE Wedowee</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1819CST</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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Numerous trees were blown down along the short path of this tornado. No injuries were reported as the tornado remained in mostly rural areas.  
Beginning: 33 15.540/85 21.287 Ending: 33 16.020/85 20.414

#### ALZ024

#### Jefferson

<b>31</b>	<b>0930CST</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Extreme Cold</b>
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A Birmingham man died Sunday morning from hypothermia after being found outside of the Norwood boarding house where he lived. The coroner reported that the man's body temperature was 77 degrees when he was found. The morning low reported at the Birmingham airport was 16 degrees.

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### ALABAMA, Southeast

#### Geneva County

<b>1.5 SW Geneva to 3 NE Geneva</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1134EST 1140EST</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.5M</b>		<b>Tornado (F2)</b>
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An F2 tornado touched down on West Hendrix Avenue, just north of Highway 27 South, then tore through the Devco Community, Geneva, AL and continued on through the Bellwood Community just east of Highway 85 before lifting. In its wake, the tornado damaged up to 100 homes and destroyed five mobile homes, damaged or destroyed 15 vehicles, and downed numerous trees and power lines. About 6,000 county businesses and homes were without power until the following day. One woman was killed when her mobile home was hurled about 200 feet and destroyed. Nine others were injured, one of them seriously. Geneva County was declared a federal disaster area. Reported by the Geneva County EMA.

F35MH

#### Houston County

<b>4 N Wicksburg to 6 NNE Wicksburg</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1200EST 1205EST</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50K</b>		<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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The supercell which spawned the F2 tornado in Geneva tracked northeast across extreme western Houston County and produced an



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### ALABAMA, Southeast

F0 tornado which caused minor roof damage to five homes, blew out windows and overturned lawn furniture. Reported by the Houston County EMA.

#### Dale County

5 SW Pinckard to  
12 NE Pinckard

16	1215EST 1230EST		17	300	0	0	2M		<b>Tornado (F2)</b>
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The F0 tornado moved northeast from extreme western Houston County into southeast Dale County. It rapidly intensified to an F2 tornado as it continued its intermittent track into the eastern portion of the county. A Midland City church annex lost parts of its roof and walls. Several homes in the Doe Run Subdivision south of Pinckard were destroyed and numerous others were damaged. In Pinckard, numerous trees and power lines were down. Many homes and businesses were damaged, some seriously. Reported by the Dale County EMA.

#### Henry County

13 SW Abbeville to  
3 SW Abbeville

16	1230EST 1245EST		10	150	0	0	2.9M		<b>Tornado (F1)</b>
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The F2 tornado continued its intermittent track northeast from eastern Dale County into western Henry County, but had weakened to an F1 tornado. Just north of Murphy Station along Highway 27 and a quarter mile west of U.S. Highway 431, the tornado completely destroyed the Murphy Feed & Seed warehouse, numerous peanut trailers and two sheds. The nearby West Point Stevens Textile plant was severely damaged. Numerous vehicles were damaged. Henry County was declared a federal disaster area. Reported by the Henry County EMA.

#### Houston County

Countywide

16	2030EST 2045EST				0	0	10K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind</b>
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Numerous trees and power lines down. Reported by the Houston County EMA.

### ALABAMA, Southwest

#### ALZ061

#### Upper Mobile

16	0800CST 0815CST				0	0	50K		<b>Fog</b>
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Patchy, but locally dense, fog formed over Mobile Bay during the early morning hours. The fog sharply reduced visibilities along sections of the Interstate 10 Bayway, just east of the George Wallace Tunnel. Between 800 am and 815 am, a couple of multi-car pileups occurred in the eastbound lanes of the interstate. The chain reaction accidents involved about 20 vehicles, and occurred just east of the tunnel. Fog reduced visibilities, reportedly less than 30 feet in some locations along the Bayway, played a part in the accidents. No serious injuries were reported.

#### Marengo County

Thomaston

16	1315CST 1317CST				0	0	8K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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High winds from a thunderstorm blew down several trees and power lines near Thomaston.

#### Washington County

Millry

16	1440CST 1442CST				0	0	10K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G55)</b>
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High winds from a thunderstorm blew down several trees near Millry. A couple of homes also had some shingles blown from their roofs.

#### Clarke County

Grove Hill

16	1450CST				0	0	20K		<b>Lightning</b>
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Lightning struck an abandoned house near Grove Hill. The house caught on fire and most of it was destroyed before the fire department could put the fire out.

#### Clarke County

Grove Hill

16	1455CST 1457CST				0	0	8K		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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High winds from a thunderstorm blew several trees and power lines down near Grove Hill



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<b><u>ALABAMA, Southwest</u></b>									
<b>Choctaw County</b>									
Butler	16	1455CST 1457CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down just south of Butler by high thunderstorm winds.									
<b>Wilcox County</b>									
Camden	16	1515CST 1517CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down near Camden by high thunderstorm winds.									
<b>Conecuh County</b>									
Repton	16	1645CST 1647CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Trees were blown down near Repton from high winds during a thunderstorm.									
<b>Covington County</b>									
Gantt	16	1742CST 1743CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Dime size hail was reported near Gantt.									
<b>Covington County</b>									
5 E Wing	16	1810CST 1812CST			0	0	20K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
High winds from a thunderstorm blew down several trees along County Road 4 near Givens Bridge. One of the trees fell near a home and damaged a porch and two vehicles parked near in the driveway.									
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<b>Marengo - Choctaw - Washington - Clarke - Wilcox - Monroe - Conecuh</b>									
	21	0500CST 0900CST			0	0	30K		Winter Storm
Light Freezing Rain occurred during the early morning hours, resulting in a thin layer of ice on the elevated surfaces of bridges and overpasses. Reports of traffic accidents were received from several locations across Southwest Alabama due to the slippery road conditions.									