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ALABAMA, North Central

Clay County

**8 SE Ashland 03 1900CST
2000CST 1 0 15K 0 Flash Flood**

A flash flood, about 3 inches in an hour, washed out sections of Fuller Road in Mellow Valley. A 51 year-old man drove into the washed out area and was severely injured. He died the next day in the hospital from his injuries.
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Jackson County

Hytop 04 1310CST 0 0 5K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A few trees were down in the Hytop area.

Marshall County

Arab 07 1730CST 0 0 30K 0 Lightning

Lightning was blamed for three house fires in Arab. Each of the fires were in the attics and didn't affect the rest of the house.

Marion County

Hamilton 09 1110CST 0 0 5K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Numerous trees and power lines were down in Hamilton, including a tree on a home.

Jefferson County

**Birmingham Arpt to
Birmingham 09 1215CST 0 0 3K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G51)**

A gust to 59 mph was reported at the airport by the Birmingham ASOS.

Jefferson County

4 NE Birmingham 09 1300CST 0 1 0 0 Lightning

A firefighter was injured when he was standing in some water. Lightning struck nearby and traveled through the water and he was struck. He was taken to the hospital and was in stable condition.

Bibb County

3 NE Centreville 09 1315CST 0 0 10K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G60)

A roof was damaged on a house on SR 25, northeast of Centreville.

Montgomery County

Montgomery 09 1500CST 0 0 10K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G55)

Trees and power lines were down in Montgomery. One tree fell on a home and damaged part of the roof. Also 13,000 residents were without power.

Lee County

Auburn 11 1450CST 0 0 10K 0 Lightning

A bolt of lightning struck an apartment building on campus and did minor damage to the attic.

Lee County

Auburn 11 1450CST 0 0 20K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G55)

Trees and power lines were down in Auburn. A tractor trailer was blown over in the wind and did significant damage to a building.

Lauderdale County

**7 NW Killen 14 0900CST
1400CST 0 2 30K 10K Flash Flood**

More than three inches of rain forced Shoal Creek out of its banks. Two men were injured when they drove around barricades and onto flooded CR 8. Their truck was washed off the road and two of the three men jumped into the water and were injured. Most of the flooding was contained to the Shoal Creek area near Goose Shoals. Several people were forced out of their homes due to the rising water.

Jefferson County

Birmingham 20 1130CST 0 0 5K 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

About 3000 residents lost power after power lines were knocked down.

Shelby County

Alabaster 20 1310CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Alabaster.



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ALABAMA, North Central

Madison County

Huntsville	20	1315CST			0	1	75K	0	Lightning
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Lightning struck a tree outside the Huntsville city hall. The tree split in half and collapsed, falling on four city vehicles. A man was struck by lightning while doing yard work, he was transported to the hospital in critical condition.

Madison County

Huntsville	20	1320CST			0	0	25K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Wind knocked out several windows in the Huntsville Stars baseball stadium sky box. It also knocked over several signs in the outfield and the Marlboro Man was "decapitated." Several large limbs were also down in the area.

Chilton County

6 E Thorsby	20	1330CST			0	0	30K	0	Lightning
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Six horses were killed by lightning in the Mineral Springs community.

Perry County

Marion	20	1330CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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A roof of a downtown building was damaged, blowing debris over the area. Several large trees were also uprooted as well.

Bibb County

West Blocton	20	1345CST			0	0	8K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
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Trees were blown down and a few shingles were blown off.

Calhoun County

9 NW Jacksonville	20	1350CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were down in Duke and Read Mills, in the northern part of the county.

Clay County

Ashland	20	1415CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A few trees were down, including one on a house, which did minor roof damage.

Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa	20	1438CST			0	0	20K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were down in Tuscaloosa. One fell on a home. About 1200 residents were without power.

Marshall County

7 SW Albertville	20	1450CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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There were several trees down and several chicken houses were damaged.

Elmore County

Deatsville	20	1545CST			0	0	20K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A mobile home was damaged and another was pushed off its blocks in the Deatsville community.

Chambers County

Lafayette	20	1600CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A few trees were down in the Five Points area of Lafayette.

Winston County

Arley	20	1615CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were down in the southern Arley area.

Marion County

Winfield	20	1620CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Numerous trees and power lines were down.

Lauderdale County

4 N Florence	23	1545CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were down in the Petersville area.

Marshall County

7 NE Guntersville	23	1800CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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ALABAMA, North Central

Several trees were down just west of the Guntersville State Park along SR 227.

Marshall County
Boaz

24 1430CST 0 0 5K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

A few trees were down in the Boaz community.

Tuscaloosa County
Tuscaloosa

24 1726CST 0 0 10K 0 **Lightning**

A downtown framing store was struck by lightning, causing a fire in the attic. The building had some water damage as well.

Marion County
3 W Hamilton

26 1750CST 0 0 5K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Power lines were reported down just west of Hamilton.

Jefferson County
**Homewood to
Vestavia Hills**

26 1950CST
2000CST 0 0 650K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G65)**

A downburst with a late evening thunderstorm damaged trees, downed powerlines, and damaged several structures in a path about 3 miles long. The wind damage began near Oxmoor Road and I-65 where about 20 feet of decorative fascia on a Comfort Inn motel was ripped off the roof and thrown onto about 10 cars. In the residential section of Southwood and Oak Grove Estates a number of trees were downed along with large limbs. The damaging wind crossed I-65 and damaged a number of apartments in the Woodmere Creek area where chimneys were ripped from the roofs. A number of trees and powerlines were also downed in this area. A double billboard which also served as a cellular telephone site was destroyed when three of the five telephone poles comprising the billboard were broken off. Additional trees were reported downed along Tyler Road which runs from Vestavia Hills into Hoover.

Hale County
2.6 W Havana

26 2053CST
2058CST 0 3 120K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G75)**

A strong downburst apparently occurred when a thunderstorm developed and collapsed rapidly upon the interaction with an outflow boundary from other nearby convection in the area about 2.6 miles west of Havana in northern Hale County. One business (a small grocery) was partially deroofed (essentially destroyed), four mobile homes were damaged including one that was completely flipped over, one that lost shingles, one that was pushed off its blocks, and one that was sliced by a falling tree. The three injuries, all minor, occurred in the mobile home that flipped. Numerous trees were downed including some that were estimated to be over 200 years old. Trees were downed in an area that extended for about 2.5 miles west and southwest of the heaviest damage.

Dallas County
5 SE Selma

29 1445CST 0 0 20K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G65)**

A downburst hit Craig Field and knocked down numerous trees, a few doors were blown out, there was roof damage to a few buildings and tractor trailer was over turned.

Barbour County
Clayton

29 1505CST 0 0 5K 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Numerous power outages were reported in Clayton due to downed trees.

Randolph County
5 E Roanoke

31 1653CST 0 0 0 0 **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported at Rock Mills.

Chambers County
Lanett

31 1735CST 0 0 0 0 **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in Lanett.

Tallapoosa County
Dadeville

31 1820CST 0 0 2K 0 **Hail (1.00)**

Quarter size hail was reported in Dadeville.

ALABAMA, Southeast

Coffee County
Southwest Portion

09 2000EST 0 0 5K **Thunderstorm Wind**

Three trees down and one roof damaged on CR 14.



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ALABAMA, Southeast

Houston County

Cowarts	27	1800EST 1815EST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Straight-line winds damaged at least 10 mobile homes at the Avon Trailer Court, several by downed trees. A portion of a mobile home roof in Cowarts was torn off after the structure was moved more than three feet.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Escambia County

Huxford	05	1445CST 1446CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A couple of trees were blown down near Huxford. Emergency management officials estimated that winds were 50 to 55 mph.

Baldwin County

Seminole	05	1600CST 1602CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees were blown down near Seminole.

Choctaw County

Butler	20	1630CST 1631CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down near Butler.

Baldwin County

Bay Minette	24	1305CST 1315CST			0	0	60K		Lightning
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Lightning struck three homes and a business in the Bay Minette area. The business caught fire and was completely destroyed.

Mobile County

Mobile	25	1430CST			0	0	10K		Lightning
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Lightning struck an apartment complex on Airport Blvd. just west of I-65. Minor damage was done to the apartments.

Escambia County

Nokomis	26	1910CST 1912CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Baldwin County

Perdido	26	1912CST 1915CST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down along U. S. Highway 31 near the Escambia and Baldwin county line from Nokomis to just south of Perdido.

Escambia County

Atmore	29	1850CST 2015CST			0	0	20K		Flash Flood
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Heavy rainfall caused several streets in the Atmore area to flood. The streets had to be closed for a couple of hours because of motorists driving through them and creating wakes. The wakes caused water to enter some homes in low lying areas. Radar and surface reports estimated that around five inches of rain fell in a three hour period across the area.

Crenshaw County

Petrey	31	2050CST 2051CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Dime size hail was reported near Petrey.