National Weather Service
Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

December 1997

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

ALABAMA, North Central

ALZ022>025-031>035-039 Pickens - Tuscaloosa - Jefferson - Shelby - Greene - Hale - Perry - Bibb - Chilton - Marengo

	14	**0900CST 1430CST**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**Heavy Snow**

A strong low pressure system brought heavy snow to west-central Alabama, with accumulations up to five inches. It began in the western counties around 900 a.m. and moved through the central counties around noon. It finally began to tapper off around 230 p. m. Many roads across the area became icy and there were numerous accidents due to the icy roads. Here are some snowfall totals: 5" in Pickens and Sumter; 4" in Greene and Marengo; 3" in Hale; 2" in Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Perry, and Shelby; and 1" in Jefferson and Chilton.

ALZ001>010-016-018>021-028>029-037>038-047 Lauderdale - Colbert - Franklin - Lawrence - Limestone - Madison - Morgan - Marshall - Jackson - Dekalb - Cullman - Etowah - Calhoun - Cherokee - Cleburne - Clay - Randolph - Tallapoosa - Chambers - Lee

	29	**0100CST 1100CST**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**Winter Storm**

A low pressure system developed in the Gulf of Mexico and moved ashore, bringing snow to the area. The snowfall began in the early morning hours in the western part of the state and moved to the east, ending by late morning. Snowfall amounts were in the one to two inch range in the Tennessee valley and eastern Alabama, with a few isolated amounts of three to four inches. Jackson, DeKalb, Clay and Cleburne counties reported three to four inches. There were a few reports of accidents, due to ice and snow on the roads.

ALABAMA, Southeast

Geneva County

Eunola	**24**	**0739EST**	**1**	**100**	**0**	**1**	**250K**	**Tornado (F1)**

Tornado touchdown one mile east of Geneva at the intersection of County Roads 4 and 6 damaging 6 to 10 residences. 10 to 15 homes and trailers damaged on J.P. Jones Road near Oak Grove. Numerous trees and power lines down. Considerable damage to Christmas decorations at Fowler Park in Geneva.

Houston County

Wicksburg	**24**	**0817EST**	**3**	**300**	**0**	**5**	**500K**	**Tornado (F2)**

Tornado skipped through a mobile home park along County Road 9 and Market Street. Two mobile homes destroyed with more than a dozen damaged. Large power poles and trees toppled. Winds overturned small airplane off County Road 81 near Harmon School. A large tree blown onto a house on County Road 75. Residence destroyed on Alabama Highway 84 West in Wicksburg.

Dale County

Newton	**24**	**0826EST**	**1.5**	**150**	**0**	**4**	**250K**	**Tornado (F1)**

Tornado touchdown in Currytown community trailer park along Dale County Road 49, Dean Road, and Alabama 134 between Pinckard and Midland City. Three mobile homes were destroyed and four were heavily damaged. 16-18 residences sustained structural damage. Six barns were leveled and four were damaged. Numerous large trees and power poles down.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Mobile County

Semmes	**24**	**0445CST 0446CST**			**0**	**0**	**1.5K**	**Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Several large limbs were blown down near the intersection of Howells Ferry and Snow roads just south of Semmes.

Mobile County

Tillmans Corner	**26**	**1730CST 1732CST**			**0**	**0**		**Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail fell around the Tillmans Corner area.