

SEVERE LOCAL STORMS, FEBRUARY 1935

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[The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A revised list of tornadoes will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau]

Place	Date	Time	Width of path, yards	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks
Marshall, Tex., 4 miles east	8	6:15 p. m.	50	0	\$3,000	Tornado	Hangar destroyed; 2 planes damaged.
Madisonville, Tex.	8	7-8 p. m.	1 3-4			Wind	Old, flimsy structures damaged.
Orange, Tex.	8	8-11 p. m.	33	0	4,500	Tornado	12 dwellings and outbuildings destroyed.
Groveton, Tex.	8	9 p. m.	11		30,000	Wind	Property damaged.
De Quincy, La.	8	11:10 p. m.		0	7,000	Tornado	Damage to buildings and merchandise; path short.
Grapeland, Tex.	8	P. m.	11	11		Wind	Residence, farm buildings and 31 tenant houses on Murray cotton plantation demolished; 11 Negroes killed and 40 injured.
Robertson, Brazos, Madison, Leon, Houston, San Jacinto, Polk and Trinity Counties, Mo.	8		1 1/4-1 1/2	13	200,000	Tornado	The storm was not continuous in its destruction, but seemed to lift from the ground and descend hitting various points throughout the counties; the longest continuous path was approximately 25 miles.
Augusta, Ga. (near)	12	P. m.		0		do.	Roofs torn off and other property damaged; no injuries reported.
Macon, Ga., vicinity of	12		400	0		do.	Several farm buildings and trees blown down; roof carried away; path 1 mile long.
Wrightsville, Ga. (near)	12			0	10,000	do.	1 person injured; 14 tenant houses and a church razed; tornado, accompanied by torrential rains, made a path 10 miles long in timberlands, inflicting heavy damage.
Valdosta, Ga (near)	12					Severe wind	A number of houses and barns as well as several buildings of the convict camp damaged; a residence lifted from its foundation.
Colorado, eastern counties	21			1		Dust	Considerable damage in agricultural sections of eastern Colorado due to drifting of topsoil; man killed near Arriba when 2 section cars collided due to limited visibility because of dust; amount of damage not estimated.
Wichita, Kans., vicinity of	24	2 p. m.	10-100	0	10,000	Tornado	6 persons injured; property damaged; cow picked up from a barn lot by twister, carried 100 yards, and was unharmed; woman blown from the wreck of her home uninjured; path 9 miles long.
Elk and Wilson Counties, Kans.	24	4-4:30 p. m.	100-200	0	17,000	do.	A few residences and many smaller buildings damaged; 5 persons injured, 1 seriously; path 20 miles long.
Montgomery County, Kans.	24	4:45 p. m.	30	0	150,000	do.	14 residences wrecked and 20 others damaged; numerous garages and small buildings demolished; 1 person injured; path 3 miles long.
Ramona, Okla.	24	5-6 p. m.	12		10,000	Hail	Fruit trees damaged to some extent; \$10,000 damage principally to roofs and windows.
Commerce to Century, Picher and Hockerville, Okla.	24	6:35 p. m.	100	1	27,500	Tornado	19 injured, 5 seriously; property damaged; path 10 miles long.
Cherokee County, Kans.	24	6:45 p. m.	33-66	0	15,000	do.	Many small buildings demolished; poles, wires, and many trees blown down.
Joplin, Mo., vicinity of	24	7 p. m.	200-300	0	37,500	do.	30 persons injured; property loss in Missouri estimated to be \$37,500. Entered from Kansas.
Greenwood, Ark., 2 1/2 miles southeast of	24	9 p. m.	133	0	3,500	do.	3 persons injured; property damaged.
Branch, Ark., vicinity of	24	9:30 p. m.		0	4,000	do.	6 persons injured; property damaged; width of path narrow to 667 yards.
Lutherville, Ark., and vicinity	24	10:30 p. m.	100	0	8,000	do.	Property damaged.
Des Moines, Iowa	24-25					Snow	7 inches of snow recorded; traffic badly tied up; the driving snow on the afternoon of the 24th caused several accidents by greatly reducing the visibility.
Dubuque, Iowa	24-25					Wind and snow	Much drifting caused an ill effect on traffic, especially on country side-roads; 7.3 inches of snow on ground at 8:12 a. m. of the 25th.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	24-25					Snow and sleet	Snow to the depth of 8 inches fell from 6:55 p. m., of the 24th, to 12:55 a. m. of the 25th and was followed by sleet which formed a hard crust over the snow; highways blocked; transportation hampered; street cars stalled; ice on windshields made driving hazardous.
Omaha, Nebr.	24-25					Wind and snow	Traffic at standstill and country roads blocked for several days; depth of snow 6.8 inches.
Madison, Wis.	24-25					do.	Roads blocked and traffic delayed.
Milwaukee, Wis.	24-25					Heavy snow and wind.	12.3 inches of snow fell and drifted; mist occurring on the morning of the 25th formed a crust over the snow; traffic seriously interfered with; outside work at standstill.
Gerber, Calif.	27		12			Hail	No crop damage; automobile tops and roofs of several houses damaged.

1 Miles instead of yards.



