

## SEVERE LOCAL STORMS FOR MARCH 1946

[The table herewith contains such data as has been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A revised list of tornadoes will appear in the United States Meteorological Yearbook]

Place	Date	Time	Width of path, yards	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks
	<i>Mar. 1946</i>						
Billings, Mont.	1	2-5:25 p. m.				Wind and dust	Visibility reduced to 2 miles.
Nebraska, northern portion of State.	5-7					Snow and wind	8 to 10 inches of snow in some localities drifted considerably and caused some interruption to highway traffic.
Neenah, Wis., 3 miles southwest.	6	P. m.			\$7,000	Straight-line wind	11 cattle killed; several others injured. Storm lasted about 2 minutes.
Wisconsin, southern portion.	8					Heavy snow and high wind.	Storm began with rain and sleet in the extreme southeast. Snow depths were 6 to 17 inches on the level; drifts much deeper. Inter-city and city motor traffic stalled for several hours; trains late. Many persons, including school children, stranded overnight. City residents marooned downtown. In Milwaukee the traffic tie-up was the worst of record.
Las Vegas and Raton, N. Mex.	14-15					Snow and wind	24 inches of snow blocked all traffic in this vicinity. Over the southeastern portion of the State, wind velocities of 50 and 60 miles an hour reduced horizontal visibility to less than a city block because of blowing sand and dust.
Wyoming, southeastern portion of State.	14-15					Snow	Snowfall up to 15 inches occurred at several places.
Forest to Wayne to Lauderdale Counties, Miss.	15	9:25-10 p. m.	400-900		275,000	Tornado and electrical.	Series of tornadoes reported. Damage to buildings and timber; loss in livestock, fertilizer, tools, and stored corn after lightning struck.
Alabama, west-central portion.	16	12 midnight-4 a. m.	160	10	100,000	Thundersqualls	Storm from Mississippi into Alabama at midnight on the 15-16. There were 51 houses and 27 buildings destroyed, and 77 houses and 17 buildings damaged. Houses were rural negro dwellings. Roofs were blown off and trees uprooted.
Abbeville, S. C.	16	11 a. m.				Heavy hail	Windowpanes broken; blooming flowers damaged.
Newberry, Abbeville, and Kershaw Counties, S. C., and vicinities.	16				4,500	Thundersquall	Property damaged; loss in livestock.
Federal Point, Hastings, and Elton, Fla.	17	4-4:30 p. m.	14		1,000	Hail	Loss in potato and cabbage crops; path 10 miles long.
Marion and Dillon Counties, S. C.	18	P. m.			30,000	Heavy hail	Property damage, \$25,000; crop loss, \$5,000.
Wyoming	20-21					Snow	Many stations reported snowfall of from 12 to 17 inches. Secondary roads in the northern portion of the State closed.
Wichita, Kans., and vicinity.	22	7-9 p. m.			15,000	Wind and hail	Wind damage chiefly to parked airplanes; loss from hail small; path 5 miles long.
Wynona, Okla.	22	8 p. m.	440	0	150,000	Tornado	Storm from the southwest, preceded by rain and hail. Extensive damage to buildings, power plant, and farm equipment. No injuries reported.
Concordia, Kans.	25	5 p. m.	13		1,000	Heavy hail	Ground covered with hailstones, some 6 inches in circumference. Numerous windows broken; some chickens killed; crop loss small; path 8 miles long.
Pottawatomie County, Kans.	25	7-9 p. m.	110		2,000	do	Property damaged; path 30 miles long.
Grand Cane, La.	26	4:30-5 p. m.	11			do	Damage to roofs and miscellaneous property; loss in truck. Considerable damage, not estimated, principally within town limits of Grand Cane; path 6 miles long.
Houston, Fla.	27	1 p. m.	200	0	10,000	Tornado	Top of a schoolhouse blown off; several barns demolished; crop loss light; property damage estimated at \$10,000.
Los Angeles, Calif.	30					Wind and rain	High seas caused most vessels in Los Angeles Harbor to remain safely at anchor. Fishing operations were halted. While some damage was reported to citrus fruit crops, avocados, and winter vegetables throughout southern California, agricultural agents said the rain generally improved prospects for many crops. The day before this storm, slippery streets and decreased visibility caused scores of minor auto accidents; receiving hospitals were jammed with injured persons.

<sup>1</sup> Miles instead of yards.