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ALABAMA									
Moundville, Hale County	10	8:00 am	1	100	0	0	5	3	Tornado struck in east portion of Moundville and moved east. Extensive damage to elementary school roof and nearby vocational building. Destroyed 1 house and damaged 4 others. Trailer and bus overturned. Portions of corn field swept clean.
Vinsmont & Longview Communities, Cullman County	10	8:15 am	6	narrow	0	1	5	0	Tornado destroyed concrete block store at Longview, injuring 1 person, demolished barn and moved east-northeast into Vinsmont area and airport. Two hangars at airport demolished and 16 aircraft destroyed or damaged.
Bradford Community, Jefferson County	10	8:30 am	?	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado destroyed 1 house, damaged 3 houses, and demolished several farm buildings.
Lowndes County	10	12:30 p	2	50	0	0	4	0	Tornado observed by public in northeast portion of county. Funnel was described as "like a rope dangling from a balloon". Moved from west-southwest to east-northeast. Two barns destroyed, a house and store damaged and trees twisted off.
Rabun and Perdido Communities, Baldwin County	10	12:10 p	6	?	0	0	4	0	Tornado dipped down near Rabun destroying 2 large poultry houses, moved east-southeast toward Perdido where a church was demolished. Several farm buildings in path destroyed and trees twisted and broken off.
ALASKA									
Juneau	19-20				0	0	5	0	A severe wind storm in the immediate vicinity of Juneau caused extensive property damage. Peak wind gusts reached an estimated 120 mph. Two large roofs were blown from industrial buildings and caused considerable structural damage. The small boat harbor had losses of boats and moorings. In the downtown area of Juneau glass and building damage continued to mount. Estimated losses reached \$100,000. No reports of damage amounts were received from the surrounding area, but are believed to be extensive.
ARIZONA									
None reported									
ARKANSAS									
No report received by printing deadline									
CALIFORNIA									
Newport Beach	7	09:09A	1/2	unkn	0	0	3	0	Tornado A small tornado moved through downtown Newport Beach, damaging boats, roofs, and automobiles.
Willowbrook	7	unknown	unkn	unkn	0	0	3	0	Tornado Sheriff's office reports a tornado damaged a home at 603 E. 123rd.
Costa Mesa	7	1:00P	1/4	unkn	0	0	3	0	Tornado Newspapers report damage to buildings from a tornado in northeast Costa Mesa.
Lennox	7	12:40P	8.5	80	0	10	5	0	Tornado From 12:40 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. a small tornado travelled along an 8.5 mile path with a width of 30 to 250 feet. Damage was observed in the cities of Lennox, Hawthorne, Lennox, and Ingwood. Roofs were torn from buildings, and plate glass windows were broken. A few persons were treated for cuts from flying glass.
COLORADO									
None reported									
CONNECTICUT									
None reported									
DELAWARE									
None reported									
FLORIDA									
No report received by printing deadline									
GEORGIA									
None reported									
HAWAII									
Maui	14	9:47 a- 10:02 a.							Waterspout Reported by pilot 11 miles north-northwest of Kahului Airport. Movement unknown. Cloud base 1500 feet, tops estimated 10000 feet. Funnel narrow and slightly s-shaped. Towering cumulus clouds and light scattered rain showers in vicinity.
South Kohala District, Hawaii	20	about 7 p.			2	0	0	0	Heavy Rain Mother and daughter trying to escape on foot swept away and drowned in flash-flood waters which stalled their small car about 3/4 mile north of Saddle Road - Belt Highway junction. Extremely localized heavy rain appears to have occurred from single towering cumulus cloud over Waikiki area of Mauna Kea.
IDAHO									
Southwest Idaho Valleys	16	5-8 a.m.			0	0	4		Windstorm Strong winds reaching 52 mph at Boise Municipal Airport did considerable damage. Power was interrupted, telephone lines were downed, trees uprooted, roofs on numbers of buildings damaged, and pne pickup and a trailer home overturned.
IDAHO (Cont'd.)									
Blackfoot Area Bingham County	21	1-4 a.m.			0	0	4		Violent Windstorm Violent winds described as of tornado proportions (estimated 60 mph) did extensive damage. Two lumber yards were badly damaged; utility services on poles were downed; trees were uprooted; many signs were downed and numbers of homes sustained extensive roof damage.
ILLINOIS									
None reported									
INDIANA									
Northern and Eastern Indiana	2				0	0	4	3	Snow One of the earliest snow storms of record. Roads drifted closed in northeast and east. Numerous schools depending on bus travel were closed one or two days. Turkey farmers lost several thousand birds. Snow 3 to 1 1/2 feet in depth with drifts to 4 feet.
Near Lake Michigan	28				0	0	4	0	Snow, wind Snow and wind combined to close county roads and some schools. Near Michigan City, a lake-shore road and a new house fell into Lake Michigan as a result of erosion from high winds and waves.
IOWA									
None reported									
KANSAS									
None reported									
KENTUCKY									
Central	2-3				?	?	?		Snow Snow which fell on the 2-3 was heaviest in the Central and Blue Grass Divisions, and in the southwestern portion of the Eastern Division. Greatest falls were in the Central and western Blue Grass Divisions; maximum depths ranged up to at least 17 inches in the former and up to at least 10 inches in the latter. Schools in at least 20 counties were closed, and some factories were closed. Driving conditions were hazardous and air traffic was slowed. Among some of the highways closed for a time were: portions of I-65, US 31W, US 31E; a number of roads between Kentucky and Tennessee. The wet snow, coming before all the trees limbs falling on utility lines, and the weight of snow on utility lines interrupted electrical and telephone service for a time in a number of counties. There were reported to be some instances of wind whipping utility lines together between spans and in some cases breaking the wires. Over much of the area, the 24-hour snowfall was the greatest ever recorded so early in the season in this century; see the November 1966 issue of CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA KENTUCKY for additional data.
LOUISIANA									
State	3				0	0	0	?	Cold Record or near record cold temperatures for so early in the fall halted cotton and sugar cane growth, as well as snap bean and cucumber harvests. Sugar cane growers later topped cane to avoid spoilage because of frost damage to uppermost joints.
Beauregard to Pointe Coupee Parishes	10- 11	pm 10th- pm 11th			0	0	4	0	Heavy rain, wind Series of local heavy thunderstorms and high winds over area; some water and wind damage, some slight and short flooding on the Calcasieu River. BEAUREGARD PARISH: Bundick Lake spillway and most of surrounding area inundated. Thousands of dollars damage to fishing camps, businesses, and homes. RAPIDES PARISH: Road near Woodworth washed out. Forest Hills reported 8.20 in.; LeCompte Fire Department recorded 9 in. POINTE COUPEE PARISH: 3 p. Fordoche: Some power lines knocked down, service station damaged and debris pelted on two parked cars; roofs of homes in area damaged. Outside of community, some damage to oil field equipment.
Coastal area	18- 19	pm 18th- am 19th							Fog Fog occurred in coastal area. A number of automobile collisions reported; four killed in metropolitan New Orleans area; others received minor injuries. 2:45 a., collision on Lake Pontchartrain Causeway resulted in fire which closed causeway at least an hour. About 7:15 a., on Belle Chasse Highway at Behrman Highway intersection, 15 car chain collision with minor damage closed Behrman Highway about two hours.
Metropolitan New Orleans	21	a.m.							Fog New Orleans and State Police reported heaviest fog in area from intersection Highways 11 and 90 eastward for 12 to 15 miles. Highways closed for approximately six hours, also I-10 bridge over Lake Pontchartrain. Harbor Police reported heavy fog on Mississippi River most of night. New Orleans Lakefront Airport closed for several hours in early morning.
Caddo to Claiborne Parishes	26	8:45 p.- 9:20 p.			0	0	4	0	Wind, lightning Isolated reports of generally light damage from high winds, some power failures attributed to lightning strikes. BOSSIER PARISH: 8:45 p., Plantation Park (subdivision Bossier City), awning and plate glass damage. WEBSTER PARISH: 9:15 p., Cotton Valley, several houses deroofed. CLAIBORNE PARISH: 9:20 p., Haynesville, ice house deroofed, damage minor.

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MAINE State	2-3				0	1	6	0			Rain, Wind
					Heavy rain with axis of greatest totals oriented nearly southwest-northeast through near the center of the state. Storm totals exceeded 6 inches locally, as at Bingham. Totals ranged downward to near 3 inches in extreme southeast and to generally 1 to 2 inches in extreme northwest, where little or no damage occurred. Resulting flash floods washed out miles of roads, destroyed or damaged bridges, and tore up sections of city streets and sidewalks. Thousands of cellars were filled. Many buildings and warehouses were flooded with varying damage. Heaviest damage was generally in southern Piscataquis Co. The storm produced a new record flood on the Piscataquis River at gaging stations at Dover-Foxcroft and Medford. The U S Geological Survey reported the flood at Dover-Foxcroft to be such as might be expected once in 165 years. A new record was set for Austria Stream as measured at Bingham. Records were topped also at a number of smaller streams. Wind damage was widespread, affecting the entire state, though mostly minor. However, a woman was injured by flying glass from a wind-broken door in Augusta. Trees and limbs fell, producing scattered utility failures and several damaged buildings. Winds also caused much higher than normal tides and many boats were swamped by the heavy seas and many lobster traps were lost. Rain caused a landslide at Gilead, blocking a road. Schools were closed in much of the area affected by the heavier rains.						
State	18	A.M.			0	0	0	0			Glaze
					Many reports of freezing rain during early morning, with a few reports of glaze beginning on the previous day.						
MARYLAND					None reported						
MASSACHUSETTS											
Cape Cod, Eastern Mass	2-3				1	0	4	0			Wind, Rain
					Scattered utility outages from trees and limbs blown down on lines. Wind also caused minor damage to boats and lobster traps along the coast. One fisherman was lost when swept from boat returning to New Bedford. Some local flooding from heavy rain. At Nantucket the storm dropped 5.24 inches of rain, with 4.95 inches in 24 hours, the most in one day's time there since 1889.						
MICHIGAN Southeastern	2-3	AM - PM			0	0	4	0			Heavy Snow Freezing Rain
					For most of Southeast Michigan strong winds wiped the heaviest early season snowfall on record into deep drifts. Thunder and lightning also accompanied the heavy snowfall in the Jackson area. Four deaths due to heart attacks after shoveling snow and a sharp increase in auto accidents accompanied the first snowfall of the season. Heaviest damage to power lines felled by the weight of ice and heavy snow occurred in the Saginaw and Thumb region of Michigan.						
12 Miles Northeast of Thunder Bay Alpena County	19				0	0	?	0			Wind
					High winds drove the German freighter 'Nordmeer' aground in shallow water, with rocks tearing large holes in her hull. Winds on 28th pounded her until she broke up and sunk.						
Upper Peninsula	27-28	PM - PM			2	0	5	0			Heavy Snow, Wind
					High winds estimated up to 75 mph reduced visibility to near zero, stranded around 300 motorists in the Marquette to Manistique area and closed all highways to traffic in the Central sections of the Upper Peninsula. The only known deaths were an elderly couple who died from exposure to the cold. Their car was stalled north of Newberry, they had walked about 4 miles but were found under a pine tree only 200 feet from shelter. The town of Curtis was isolated from Sunday until Wednesday when plows broke through the drifts. Power failures were wide spread in the area with over five miles of poles broken near Rudyard. Marquette record 12.7 inches of snow, Newberry 19.5 inches of snow for the storm.						
Lower Peninsula	27-28	PM - PM			0	0	5	0			Wind, Ice, Snow
					Winds of 70-75 mph in peak gusts caused wide-spread damage in all sections of lower peninsula. The hardest hit area was the Lake Michigan shore line from Benton Harbor to Charlevoix. Trees and many plate glass windows were broken by the force of the wind. Additional damage by areas as follows: St. Joseph, Benton Harbor - One house trailer demolished, street lamps blown from their fixtures and the cups on the wind equipment at Ross Field blown off; Muskegon - one 40 foot tug sunk in the harbor when it shipped too much water, the block long S S Aqu-						
MICHIGAN (Cont'd)											
Near Harbor Beach Lake Huron	29	Early AM			28	0	?	0			Wind
					High winds and heavy seas apparently snapped the 600 foot ore carrier, 'Daniel J. Morrell' in two without warning. The only survivor spent 36 hours on a life raft before being rescued from the icy waters. A sistership in this area was damaged and a third ship in the area was reported to have been spun 180° three times before seeking shelter.						
MINNESOTA											
Central & East-central	16	all day			0	?	5	0			Fog
					Heavy fog caused traffic tie-ups and accidents. Fog so thick in Hawick, Kandiyohi county, that nearby residents couldn't see that a large turkey barn was burning.						
MISSISSIPPI											
Warren County	10	0330C			0	5	4				Tornado
					Small Tornado destroyed trailers and injured five people near Vicksburg.						
Washington County	10	Early morning			0	0	4				Tornado
					Small Tornado destroyed one house and damaged 12 others near Wayside.						
Madison County	10	Early morning			0	0	4				Tornado
					Small Tornado destroyed one home near Camden.						
Alcorn County	10	0500C			0	4	5				Tornado
					Small Tornado near Corinth destroyed two homes and a house trailer and damaged power lines, trees, and several other homes. Four people received minor injuries.						
Pontotoc County	10	0515C			0	0	4				Tornado
					Small Tornado near Pontotoc destroyed 3 airplanes and damaged several homes and farm buildings.						
Tishomingo County	10	0605C			0	0	5				Tornado
					Small Tornado damaged school auditorium and several homes.						
MISSOURI					None reported						
MONTANA					None reported						
NEBRASKA					None reported						
NEVADA					None reported						
NEW HAMPSHIRE					None reported						
NEW JERSEY					None reported						
NEW MEXICO					None reported						
NEW YORK											
Lake Erie Counties	3-5	a.m. of 3rd to early a.m. of 5th						4			Snow, wind, electrical
					Early season heavy snowstorm, mainly due to lake-effect, affected counties along and near Lake Erie. Snowfall, occurring principally on 4th totaled 6-12 inches in Erie, Niagara and Genesee Counties with heaviest local amounts 18 inches or more in southern Erie County. Storm accompanied by winds gusting to 55 miles per hour at Weather Bureau Airport Station, Buffalo, caused widespread power failures in three-county area with damage reported to large windows, billboards, limbs and trees. Power failures caused loss of water supply in Niagara Falls area as pumps knocked out with numerous industries adversely affected. Heavy snow and drifting resulted in closure of N. Y. Thruway and express highways in metropolitan Buffalo area. Schools closed for two days. Usual number of auto accidents. Periods of thunder activity occurred on 3rd and 4th. Wind damage to trees and power lines in Chautauque County on 3rd. Snowfall light eastern lee of Lake Ontario and decreasing to trace amounts in west central counties.						

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NEW YORK (Cont'd.) Ontario, Otsego and Orange Counties	10	p.m.							li		Wind
											High winds caused localized damage in such diverse areas of the State as Victor, Ontario County, in the Finger Lakes, Milford, Otsego County, in east central New York and at Fine Island and Oxford Depot, Orange County in the southeast. Large dairy barns were unroofed at Milford and Fine Island and demolished by the winds at Victor and Oxford Depot.
New York City and Vicinity	23-26										Smog
											Thermal inversion persisting for more than three days caused dangerous accumulation of air pollutants in atmosphere near surface. Pollution index in New York City increased to near 50.0 by 24-25th as compared with seasonal normal index of about 12.0. Cold front, new air mass, and increasing winds relieved situation on 26th.
NORTH CAROLINA											
Franklin, Harnett, Wake, Warren Counties	2	10:30a-11:15a	80	75	0	9	5	0			Tornado
											Moved northeastward in a skipping path from Angler across eastern Raleigh, near Louisburg and into Warren County. In the area east and south of Raleigh two homes and five house trailers were destroyed, three trailers and six homes severely damaged; minor damage to about twenty other homes and business buildings. Trees twisted off, power poles broken. In Louisburg a manufacturing plant was damaged. Most of the injured were in the house trailers. One person reported seeing a funnel cloud, several others observed quantities of debris moving spirally through the air; many heard a roaring sound. Heavy rain accompanied the storm.
Alamance, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Yadkin Counties	2	10a-3p						5	0		Wind
											In addition to above tornado, general windy weather affected North Carolina during the day in connection with a vigorous low pressure storm crossing the State. Trees were blown down, roofs damaged, sheds and outbuildings destroyed over a wide area, with damage reported in all the counties listed. Wind gusts to 52 miles per hour were reported at Winston-Salem.
NORTH DAKOTA											None reported
OHIO Western Half of State	2-3	About 1:00a of 2nd - late afternoon of 3rd							Unknown	7	Snow and Wind
											An unseasonably heavy and wet snowstorm blanketed the western half of the state on November 2 and 3. Never before has such a heavy snowstorm occurred so early in November. Snowfall amounts were heaviest in Allen, Auglaize, Darke, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Putnam, Shelby, and Van Wert Counties. Celina and Lima received 15.4 and 14.0 inches. Other areas in the above counties received 10 to 13 inches of snow from this storm. Elsewhere over northwest, west central, and southwest areas snowfall amounts ranged from 5.9 to 13.0 inches. Most north central, central, and south central areas received 3 to 6 inches. The heavy snowfall was accompanied with winds as high as 50 miles per hour. By late afternoon on the 2nd, many highways were closed or blocked. Thousands of motorists and pupils were left stranded. Clearing of roads was delayed because of drifts and abandoned vehicles. Normal traffic over many highways was not resumed until late on the 5th. The out of season blizzard resulted in the deaths of approximately 200,000 turkeys. Food shortages, in areas harboring large numbers of stranded motorists, were alleviated by truckers who gave away their perishable foodstuff cargoes.
Entire State	28-29	Late evening of 28th - early evening of 29th			17	?					Snow and Wind
											Most areas received 2 to 6 inches of snow from this storm; however, snowfall amounts exceeding 8 inches were reported in portions of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Ashtabula Counties. Wind gusts to 70 miles per hour were reported over some northern areas. This storm resulted in 17 deaths. At least 11 of these deaths were a result of heart attacks which were sustained while shoveling snow.
OKLAHOMA											None reported
OREGON											No report received by printing deadline
PACIFIC AREA											None reported
PENNSYLVANIA Eastern Half of State	10	Night			2	4					Thunderstorm
											Strong winds and lightning from thunderstorms accompanying a cold frontal passage were responsible for damaging roofs and downing trees, utility lines, outdoor signs and several garages. Near Berwick 2 house trailers were overturned and rolled along the ground, damaging both beyond repair for a loss of \$16,000. Two persons in one trailer were injured slightly. Near Reading the roof of a large market was torn off by the 50 mph winds. Near Dushore, a barn and hunting cabin were fired by lightning and a cow killed when struck by lightning.
PUERTO RICO											None reported
RHODE ISLAND											None reported
SOUTH CAROLINA											None reported
SOUTH DAKOTA											None reported
TENNESSEE											
Mid-State	2				0	7	60	0			Snow.
											Record early-season snowfall most localities in Mid-State. Heavy, wet snow totaled from 3 to 6 inches in southern counties to as much as 12 inches in northern sections of Middle Tennessee and Cumberland Plateau area. Many schools closed or dismissed early; hazardous driving on bridges, overpasses and roads. Minor traffic accidents and some damage to roofs and late crops. Extensive damage was inflicted on trees and shrubbery still carrying their autumn foliage.
Southwest Tennessee	10	3:00a.-7:00a.			0	0	5	0			High wind.
											Brief but severe thunderstorms caused scattered wind damage in Shelby, Haywood and Madison Counties northeastward to Henry County. Wind gusts to 60 mph downed trees, power and telephone lines. Some roofs and buildings were damaged by the strong winds. A freight-train on the L & N Line was partially derailed at the Warford crossing, north of Jackson by debris blown onto the tracks.
Maury County	10	6:30a.m.			0	0	7	0			High wind.
											Strong gusty winds damaged trees and powerlines during brief thunderstorm.
Roane County	16	8:30a.-9:00a.									Fog
											Twenty-one vehicles collided in a chain-reaction wreck in heavy fog on U. S. Highway 61, near Rockwood City. State Highway Patrolman investigating the accident reported it was the worst that he had seen in 30 years on the Patrol. Miraculously only three persons were hospitalized. While the wreckage was being cleared, another chain-action collision involving ten cars occurred on U. S. Highway 27, one mile north of White Creek Bridge in the Glen Alice community; three persons were injured. The two-lane highway through the community was closed for several hours while the wreckage was being removed. Several of the vehicles in the two accidents were heavily damaged. The fog, one of the worst in years, extended from south of Rockwood City, along the valley to Harriman. It began to dissipate shortly after the accidents but was still apparent in some places until after 11:00 a.m.
Smoky Mountains, Tennessee	28-29				0	0	?	0			Snow.
											Season's first major snowfall covered the higher elevations of the Smoky Mountains with about 10 inches of snow.
TEXAS											None reported
UTAH											None reported
VERMONT											None reported
U. S. VIRGIN IS.											None reported
VIRGINIA											
South Hill Mecklenburg County	2	1:55p.	1/2	25	0	0	3	0			Wind
											Strong winds, accompanied by a thunderstorm and heavy rain, blew a truck against a gas pump which caught fire, destroyed a small building and damaged roofs of several others.
Broadnax Brunswick County	2	2:00p.	1/2	100	0	0	4	0			Tornado
											A large cotton warehouse was demolished and a few other buildings damaged. No rain at the time but funnel cloud was observed moving northeast.
Blackstone Nottaway County	2	3:00p.	3	100	0	0	5	0			Tornado
											Tornado moved northeastward across the city and funnel cloud filled with debris was observed. Numerous homes and other buildings were unroofed or otherwise damaged. Parked automobiles were tossed into the air and several were total losses. Trees and utilities were damaged.
Near Warsaw Richmond, County	2	4:00p.	short narrow		0	2	4	0			Tornado
											Tornado apparently touched down briefly to destroy a house and contents located on a hilltop. The owner and his wife were hospitalized with lacerations. He was carried 200 feet away and the roof and a home freezer landed 1/2 mile away.
WASHINGTON											None reported
WEST VIRGINIA											None reported

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WISCONSIN									
Door County	27-29				0	0	5	0	Wind, snow, sleet
		Strong northerly wind gusting at 50 mph whipped snow and sleet into high drifts across northern Door Peninsula and outlying islands. Traffic at a stand-still. Power lines and many trees downed. Severe erosion along beaches.							
WYOMING					None reported				

* Includes crop damage.

† Crop damage.

† Storm damages are placed in categories varying from 1 to 9 as follows:

- 1 Less than \$50
- 2 \$50 to \$500
- 3 \$500 to \$5,000
- 4 \$5,000 to \$50,000
- 5 \$50,000 to \$500,000
- 6 \$500,000 to \$5,000,000
- 7 \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000
- 8 \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000
- 9 \$500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

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