



National Weather Service

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MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

Steele County									
Blooming Prairie	27	0235CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Sibley County									
5 NE Arlington	29	1445CST			0	0			Hail(1.50)
Freeborn County									
1 W Albert Lea	29	1452CST			0	0			Hail(1.25)
Hennepin County									
Eden Prairie	29	1505CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Freeborn County									
1 N Hartland	29	1510CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Hennepin County									
Edina	29	1515CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Dakota County									
20 S Burnsville	29	1518CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Hennepin County									
St Anthony	29	1520CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Wright County									
Monticello	29	1525CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Faribault County									
2 N Bricelyn	29	1530CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Steele County									
10 S Owatonna	29	1530CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Freeborn County									
3 NW Albert Lea	29	1535CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Washington County									
7 N Stillwater	29	1535CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Anoka County									
Fridley	29	1623CST			0	0			Hail(1.25)
Watonwan County									
3 NNW Darfur to 3.5 NNW Darfur	29	1628CST	0.5	100	0	0			Tornado (F4)

Tornado moving through southern Brown county brushed extreme northwest Watonwan county. See Brown county narrative

Brown County									
Comfrey to 3 E Searles	29	1630CST 1705CST	25	2200	1	16	45M		Tornado (F4)

Tornado began 7 miles east of Avoca in Murray county, continued through Cottonwood, Brown, extreme Northwest Watonwan, Northwest Blue Earth, and finally lifted off 4 miles east of Courtland in Nicollet county. Total storm track was 67 miles. The tornado ripped through the village of Comfrey destroying a grain elevator and damaging 75% of the town. Much of downtown Comfrey destroyed including the town hall. School heavily damaged. 100 people made homeless. 50 homes destroyed. 130 farmsteads damaged or destroyed in Brown county. 500 dairy cows killed. One man critically injured in collapse of farmstead northwest of the town of Hanska. He died the next day. 35 buildings destroyed or damaged in far Northwest Blue Earth county. Damage estimate estimated. Property damage to extreme northwest Blue Earth county across Cambria township estimated at 2 million. Property damage to extreme northwest Watonwan county estimated at 245 thousand. M85PH

Brown County									
7 SW Leavenworth	29	1630CST			0	0			Hail(1.25)



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Brown County

3 E Springfield	29	1630CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
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Blue Earth County

2 W Cambria to 1 NW Cambria	29	1705CST 1707CST	2	2200	0	0			Tornado (F4)
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See Brown county discussion.

Nicollet County

Courtland	29	1705CST			0	0			Hail(4.50)
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Nicollet County

1 SE Courtland to 4 E Courtland	29	1707CST 1715CST	4	2200	0	0			Tornado (F4)
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See narrative for Brown county.

Nicollet County

2 E Nicollet to St Peter	29	1718CST 1735CST	12	2200	1	0	120M		Tornado (F3)
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Tornado made a direct hit on the city of St. Peter and Gustavus Adolphus College. All major buildings on campus suffered varying degrees of damage. The spire on Christ Chapel snapped in half. 70% of the windows on campus were broken. 500 homes were destroyed in St. Peter, 1,700 were damaged. Over 1,000 trees uprooted. One person killed just outside St. Peter when the tornado struck a vehicle. St. Peter Catholic Church destroyed. Hospital severely damaged. Roof ripped off library. 25% of books lost. Debris from St. Peter found 50 miles away in southern suburbs of the Twin Cities. 60 rural homes and farms damaged or destroyed from Courtland to St. Peter. Rural damage estimated at 6.5 million. M6VE

Nicollet County

7 SW St Peter	29	1731CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Le Sueur County

4 S Ottawa to 5 W Le Center	29	1735CST 1745CST	6	2200	0	0			Tornado (F3)
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See narrative for Nicollet county.

Le Sueur County

2 N Cleveland to 1 E Montgomery	29	1748CST 1804CST	17	1760	0	2	20M		Tornado (F2)
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Tornado tracked through Le Center and adjoining rural areas. Most of the businesses in the southern part of town were damaged. Buildings destroyed at county fairgrounds. 15 mobile homes at a trailer park destroyed, another 26 suffering major damage. Over 100 farm buildings destroyed.

Rice County

3 SW Lonsdale	29	1809CST 1813CST	0.1	200	0	0			Tornado (F1)
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Rice County

Lonsdale to 5 E Lonsdale	29	1816CST 1824CST	5	440	0	0	20M		Tornado (F2)
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Four homes and 6 businesses severely damaged. Street department building damaged. 20 farms damaged or destroyed

Dakota County

5 W Castle Rock to 2 W Castle Rock	29	1825CST 1833CST	3	440	0	0			Tornado (F2)
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Le Sueur County

Elysian	29	1830CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
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Dakota County

Farmington	29	1838CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Dakota County

5.5 SW Hastings to 4.5 SW Hastings 29 1843CST
1848CST 1 100 0 0 Tornado (F0)

Dakota County

Inver Grove Heights 29 1843CST 0 0 Hail(2.00)

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Douglas - Stevens - Pope - Lac Qui Parle - Swift - Chippewa - Yellow Medicine

31 1100CST
2200CST 0 0 Heavy Snow

Heavy snow of 6 to 11 inches. Schools closed in the Dawson and Boyd areas. 9 inches reported at Canby and Glenwood.

WISCONSIN, West

Pierce County

Ellsworth 29 1540CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)
Hail covered the ground.

St. Croix County

Woodville 29 1604CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Dunn County

Boyceville 29 1630CST 0 0 Hail(1.00)

Pepin County

Durand 29 1723CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Eau Claire County

10 SW Eau Claire 29 1734CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Pepin County

12 E Durand 29 1735CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (50)
Barn blown down. Estimated windspeed.

Eau Claire County

Eau Claire 29 1753CST 0 0 Hail(1.75)

Pierce County

13 E Ellsworth 29 1755CST 0 0 Hail(1.00)

Chippewa County

Chippewa Falls 29 1800CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Chippewa County

Chippewa Falls 29 1805CST 0 0 Hail(1.75)
Automobiles damaged.

Chippewa County

2 SE Chippewa Falls 29 1805CST 0 0 Lightning
Motel fire caused by lightning.

Chippewa County

Stanley 29 1805CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Chippewa County

Jim Falls 29 1810CST 0 0 Hail(1.25)