

# 2003 KANSAS TORNADO FACTS

**Tornadoes...**91...39 above normal

**Deaths...** 8, most since 1991    **Injuries...** 84, most since 1991

**Longest Track...** 27 miles, Crawford county, May 4

**Strongest...** F4; 2 Reports, Crawford and Wyandotte county; 5/4

**Most in a county...** 7; Labette county

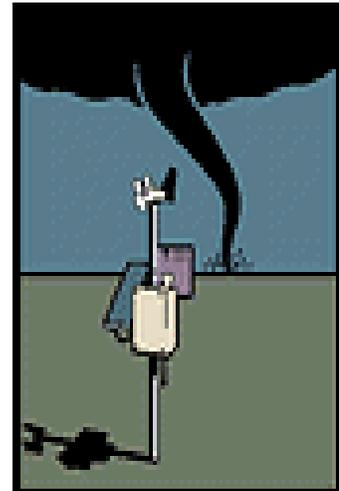
**Days of occurrence....** 23    **Most in one day...** 21, May 8

**Most in a month...** 44; May

**First tornado of the year...** March 12; Labette county

**Last touchdown of the year...** August 5 - Crawford county

**Property Damage Estimate...** \$59 million



## ----- Monthly Tornado Totals -----

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
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**Yearly Summary...**The most significant tornado outbreak across extreme eastern and far southeast Kansas in over 25 years ripped through the area on May 4. Twelve tornadoes in the Kansas City Metro area and near Pittsburg combined to produce the state's 8 deaths, the most since 1991, and the majority of the year's injuries. Some of the May 4 tornadoes were at least a half mile wide and on the ground for over 20 miles. Just 4 days later, another outbreak of 21 tornadoes across parts of central and eastern Kansas caused 12 injuries, but fortunately no fatalities. And on May 15, an outbreak of 8 tornadoes in southwest Kansas produced \$15 million damage in and near Liberal in Seward county. Nearly half of the tornadoes in 2003, and all the tornadoes in May occurred between May 4 and May 15. In June, tornadoes favored northwest and north central Kansas. The two F4 tornadoes for the year were the first two F4's in one year since 1993. Fewer tornadoes than normal were reported across western Kansas in 2003, while well above normal numbers occurred over eastern and southeast Kansas.

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