



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 1997

| Location | Date | Time Local/ Standard | Path Length (Miles) | Path Width (Yards) | Number of Persons Killed | Number of Persons Injured | Estimated Damage Property | Estimated Damage Crops | Character of Storm |
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NORTH DAKOTA, Central and West

NDZ023

Wells

05 0900CST **1** **1** **15K** **Blowing Snow**
2000CST

An 84 yr old Harvey man died from injuries sustained in a car accident. Winds were gusting to 35 to 40 mph and visibility in open areas was near zero in blowing snow. Snow was sticking to the roadway and creating very slick conditions. The driver of the vehicle he was traveling in attempted to pass another, lost control of the vehicle, and struck an oncoming pickup. His 75 yr old wife was also injured in the accident. M84VE

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**Divide - Burke - Williams - Mountrail - Ward - Mckenzie - Dunn - Mercer - Oliver - Mclean - Sheridan - Wells - Morton -
Burleigh - Kidder - Stutsman - Grant - Sioux - Emmons - Logan - La Moure - Mcintosh - Dickey**

12 2100CST **0** **4** **15K** **Winter Storm**
13 1800CST

A winter storm that moved out of Montana brought yet more snow to a winter weary state. The snow was mainly confined in a band from the northwest part of the state to the southcentral. I-94 was again closed from Bismarck to Fargo, and many of the smaller school districts again cancelled school. Snowfall amounts include 4 inches at Minot and Washburn, 5 inches at Williston, 7 inches at Bismarck, and 10-11 inches at Powers Lake and Jamestown. At Jamestown, Thompson Auditorium was closed due to structural damage done to the roof from all the snow. A car accident near Berthold in Ward county sent 4 to the hospital. Roads were icy and visibility near zero. The driver of the car lost control and spun into oncoming traffic.

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**Mercer - Oliver - Mclean - Morton - Burleigh - Kidder - Stutsman - Hettinger - Grant - Sioux - Emmons - Logan - La
Moire - Mcintosh - Dickey**

21 0800CST **2** **1** **3.0M** **Flood**
31 1600CST

Warm weather toward the end of March lead to rapid snow melt across southcentral North Dakota. This in turn lead to flooding across much of the area. Near the confluence of Spring Creek and the Knife River, the town of Beulah(Mercer Co) had 150 families evacuated. Sewer lines backed up when the lift stations failed. Up to 4 feet of water flooded streets and lawns. Also in Mercer Co. 1 person was injured when he drove over a section of road that the Knife River washed out. Along the Cannonball River in Hettinger Co., 50 families in the town of Mott were evacuated. In Grant Co., 20 residents along the Cannonball River had to be evacuated. 1 farmer reported losing 50 hogs due to the flooding. In LaMoure Co, the Bonehill and Cottonwood creeks flooded, washing out at least 7 bridges. A 41 yr. old female and her 17 yr. old daughter were killed when they drove their pickup off a section of road washed out by the Bonehill Creek. There was a 50-75 foot section of road missing with the pickup falling approximately 15 feet into the water. 2 horses that were in the horse trailer they were pulling also perished. In the town of Edgely, water lines were forced up by the flood waters and broke, leaving much of the town without water for awhile. Also in LaMoure Co, its estimated that there were 600 washout sites to either dirt or paved roads. The Maple River in Dickey Co isolated 2 farm families. 12 familes were without power for a day when ice sheared off a power pole. Minor flooding in Sioux, Morton and Burleigh counties resulted in overland flooding and a few wet basements. The James River in Stutsman, LaMoure and Dickey counties also did some minor overland flooding with some residents reporting wet basements or washed out county roads. F41VE, F17VE