

Hurricane Bret Summary Report

(August 21-23rd, 1999)

Life History:

After becoming a tropical depression in the Bay of Campeche on August 18, Hurricane Bret intensified to a dangerous category four storm on August 21. However, Bret weakened as it encountered cooler waters just before making landfall in Kenedy County, about 50 miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas, around 7 PM CDT on August 22. Kenedy County is a very sparsely populated county in south Texas. As Bret moved inland across south Texas, it produced locally heavy rainfall. Bret became a tropical depression the evening of August 23 as it moved across the Rio Grande, just north of Laredo, into Mexico.

WS Form F-60 Summaries:

Aransas County:	No injuries or deaths reported. One tornado damaged an RV and an out-building.
Bee County:	No injuries, deaths, or property damage reported.
Duval County:	No injuries or deaths reported. Maximum rainfall reported: 6.50 inches. Total estimated dwellings damaged: 200. Total estimated property loss: 1 million dollars. Total estimated land damage: 10,000 acres. Total estimated land damage costs: 750 thousand dollars.
Goliad County:	No injuries, deaths, or property damage reported. Total reported rainfall: 2 inches.
Kleberg County:	No injuries or deaths reported. Maximum rainfall reported: 4.00 inches. Estimated property loss: 100 thousand dollars. Estimated crop loss: 250 thousand dollars.
La Salle County:	No injuries, deaths, or property damage reported. Maximum rainfall reported: 4.20 inches.
Nueces County:	No injuries or deaths reported.
Refugio County:	No injuries, deaths, or property damage reported. Maximum rainfall reported: 7.25 inches.

Media Summary from news articles:

Wednesday August 25, 1999 Corpus Christi Caller Times

The City Manager estimated "...less than \$100,000..." damage in Corpus Christi.

Duval County Judge estimated "...\$2 million in damage to farm structures and crops and about 200 homes were damaged."