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National Weather Service Wilmington [NC](#)  
414 PM EST Thu Feb 16 2017

...[Tornado](#) Confirmed Near Adrian in Horry County South Carolina...

Location...Adrian in Horry County South Carolina  
Date...February 15 2017  
Estimated Time...1130 AM EST until 1140 AM EST  
Maximum EF-Scale Rating...EF-1  
Estimated Maximum [Wind Speed](#)...110 MPH  
Maximum Path Width...60 YARDS  
Path Length...4.95 MILES  
Initial Touchdown...33.9429N / -79.0012W  
[Tornado](#) Lifted...33.9543N / -78.9165W  
\* Fatalities...0  
\* Injuries...0

\* The information in this statement is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event(s) and publication in [NWS Storm Data](#).

...Summary...

The National Weather Service in Wilmington [NC](#) has confirmed a [tornado](#) near Adrian Highway in Horry County South Carolina on February 15 2017.

The [tornado](#) touched down near Adrian Highway just east of Sabrina Lane causing minor tree damage. The [tornado](#) moved eastward and nearly parallel to Adrian Highway causing extensive tree damage and damage to [numerous](#) farm buildings and sheds. As the [tornado](#) continued to move east, just east of Hucks Rd, there were dozens of snapped trees and two homes. One home suffered minor damage and the other had windows blown out. The [tornado](#) crossed Johnson Shelly Rd and stayed just north of New [Dawn](#) Lane causing dozens of snapped trees. Near the intersection of New [Dawn](#) Lane and Highway 19, a small barn was destroyed and a large shed was completely damaged. The [tornado](#) continued eastward and crossed New Home Circle where it nearly toppled a single wide home and caused minor damage to a couple of other trailers. The [tornado](#) lifted in a field just west of Gause Rd.

This information can also be found on our website at [weather.gov/ILM](http://weather.gov/ILM).

For reference...the Enhanced [Fujita Scale](#) classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

EF0...wind speeds 65 to 85 mph.  
EF1...wind speeds 86 to 110 mph.  
EF2...wind speeds 111 to 135 mph.  
EF3...wind speeds 136 to 165 mph.  
EF4...wind speeds 166 to 200 mph.  
EF5...wind speeds greater than 200 mph.

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