

An F0 Tornado Hits Creston

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On September 11, 2003, a small tornado hit Creston and portions of the surrounding area. A National Weather Service damage survey has rated the tornado as an F0 on the Fujita Scale. An F0 tornado is classified as one with winds of 40-72 mph. The tornado initially touched down 1 mile south of Creston around 2:52 p.m just east of P27. The tornado then traveled northeast on a path that was less than 50 yards wide and on a continuous 3 ½ mile track into Creston.



A farm 1 mile south of Creston sustained the greatest damage. At the farm, a cattle shed was destroyed. Another shed was blown off its foundation to the northwest with its roof blown off and thrown 75 yards to the northeast into an open field. The house was left untouched even though only 50 feet from the damage path.



Damage to outbuildings about 2 miles southwest of Creston. Tornado track was into the picture. Material was from a storage building about 100 meter away which was carried down wind.

The tornado then moved northeast into southern and eastern Creston. Main tree damaged occurred in the city. Much of the structure damage was caused by debris from trees falling on to buildings. Much of the damage was along the tree tops with minimal damage at ground level.



A large tree blown on to a house in central Creston.



Metal building with major damage. Wind entered building from the back door and blew the front wall out. Building was located near downtown Creston.