



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 1998

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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TEXAS, South Panhandle

TXZ028>030-034>036-040>042 Lamb - Hale - Floyd - Hockley - Lubbock - Crosby - Terry - Lynn - Garza

02	1454CST				0	0	0		High Wind (G58)
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High winds affected much of the Texas South Plains during the afternoon of the 2nd. A gust to 58 knots (67 mph) was recorded by the National Weather Service at Lubbock International Airport at 1454 CST

Parmer County

3 E Friona	26	1245CST			0	0			Hail (1.50)
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Castro County

5 E Hart	26	1320CST	0.1	10	0	0	5K	0	Tornado (F0)
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Hale County

5 S Hale Center	26	1320CST			1	0	0		Lightning
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Lightning struck and killed a 37 year-old male farmer who was out in an open area next to his irrigation/sprinkler system. M37EQ

Parmer County

5 W Friona	26	1323CST			0	0	0	50K	Hail (2.00)
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Hale County

2 N Hale Center	26	1325CST 1327CST	0.3	30	0	0	100K	25K	Tornado (F2)
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A short-lived but strong (F2) tornado occurred just north of Hale Center. Two people narrowly escaped injury when their home was destroyed (they had sought shelter in a small, interior closet in this ranch-style house). The tornado also heavily damaged a vacant house, barn, hangar, and center-pivot irrigation system. Several large trees were destroyed/uprooted. Damage was investigated by NWS officials just a few hours after it occurred.

Parmer County

1 W Friona	26	1332CST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Wind damage to roofs and trees reported by Friona Police Dept.

Swisher County

8 W Tulia	26	1409CST			0	0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Lubbock County

4 E Heckville	26	1415CST			0	0	0	0	Hail (1.00)
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Swisher County

6 W Tulia	26	1420CST			0	0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Crosby County

3 W Cone	26	1428CST			0	0		0	Hail (1.75)
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Kent County

1 W Jayton	26	1434CST			0	0		0	Hail (1.75)
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Crosby County

5 N Ralls	26	1440CST	0.1	10	0	0	0	0	Tornado (F0)
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A brief weak tornado was reported by the Crosby County Sheriff's Office

Stonewall County

14 N Aspermont	26	1521CST			0	0		0	Hail (1.75)
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Stonewall County

7 N Aspermont	26	1522CST			0	0		0	Hail (2.75)
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Bailey County

1 N Muleshoe	26	1625CST			0	0	0	50K	Hail (0.75)
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Bailey County

Muleshoe	26	1640CST			0	0	0		Hail (1.00)
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TEXAS, South Panhandle

Lubbock County

13 SW Lubbock

26 1858CST 0 0 0 0 Hail (0.75)

A round of severe thunderstorms affected the South Plains on the 26th. The most significant storm was the one that hit Hale Center (see above) and caused a lightning fatality and tornado damage. Elsewhere, large hail was reported near Friona, Cone, Aspermont, and Jayton.