

FLORIDA HAZARDOUS WEATHER BY DAY (to 1994)

SEPTEMBER

1 1941 - 1930 - Sarasota Co. - Tornado near Sarasota injured one person.

1 1963 - afternoon - Bay Co., Mexico Beach - Lightning killed a person and injured another while they were standing on a jetty.

1 1964 - afternoon - Lee Co., Ft. Myers - Lightning killed a person and injured another.

1 1983 - 1600 - Polk Co., Frostproof - Lightning killed a high school football player at practice.

1 1996 1430 - Dade Co., Miami Beach - Five persons taking shelter from the rain under a palm tree were injured when lightning struck the tree.

2 1935 - Keys - The Great Labor Day Hurricane - This famous Labor Day Storm was only 40 miles in diameter, but it remains the most intense U. S. landfalling hurricane on record. It killed 408 people in Florida, mostly by drowning, making it the 5th deadliest U. S. hurricane on record. Winds reached 200 mph, and the barometer dropped to 26.35 inches at Long Key. A rescue train sent to remove World War I veterans and residents from the Florida Keys was swept from the tracks. The tracks of the Flagler Railroad were washed from the Long Key viaduct at an elevation of 30 feet above mean low water. A survey by the U. S. Corp. of Engineers sometime after the storm found that the tide level never reached the rails there, but the hurricane surge and wind driven waves superimposed on the tide probably helped in carrying the tracks away.

2 1959 - afternoon - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - A sign blown down by the wind struck a man on the street and killed him.

2 1996 0800 - Coastal Palm Beach Co., Jupiter Inlet - Large swells from Hurricane Fran knocked five people out of an 18-foot fishing boat in Jupiter Inlet. The Coast Guard rescued all five people.

3-4 1933 - Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach Cos. - Hurricane - There was much property damage on the east coast from Vero Beach to West Palm Beach. A few houses were destroyed and a number blown off their blocks. More than four million boxes of citrus were blown from the trees statewide. The property loss ran into the millions. Two Deaths attributed to storm.

3 1962 - afternoon - Alachua Co., Newberry - Lightning killed one person and injured another while they were taking refuge under a tree on a lake shore.

3 1976 -1450 - Palm Beach Co., Belle Glade - Lightning killed a prisoner at Glades Correctional Institution while he was riding a horse on a fence repair detail. The horse was also killed.

3-4 1979 - Florida Peninsula - Hurricane David - David moved through the Dominican Republic with winds to 165 mph, killing 1200, but weakened drastically before hitting Florida. David made landfall about 20 miles south of Melbourne with 90 mph winds. It was the first hurricane to strike the Cape

Canaveral area since the hurricane of 1926, but there was debate among longtime residents whether David was really at hurricane strength in Brevard Co. Residents had braced for a major hurricane, but David was officially only a minimal hurricane at landfall with the strongest winds remaining offshore. Tides were three to five feet above normal near the eye track and 1 to 2 feet above normal elsewhere on the Florida east coast. Light to moderate beach erosion occurred along most of the coast. Severe erosion was reported in Brevard County and south Volusia County. Agricultural losses were substantial, and probably exceeded 25 million dollars. The principal citrus damage was near the coastline, from Jupiter in Martin County to Oak Hill in Volusia County. Nursery plants sustained considerable damage in the storm track. Storm rainfall was quite variable with totals mostly six to 9 inches near the track of the eye, with a few reports to 11 inches. Elsewhere, rainfall was less than 5 inches. No deaths reported in Florida. Nine tornados were reported along the coast doing mostly minor damage and causing no serious injuries. The strongest of David's tornadoes destroyed or damaged about 50 trailers in Melbourne Beach, severely damaged a condominium, and did \$1,500,000 damage to a shopping center on the afternoon of the 3rd.

4 1915 - morning - Panhandle/northwest Florida - A hurricane made landfall near Apalachicola. Many sponge vessels were wrecked and 21 people died.

4 1948 - afternoon - Gadsden Co., Havana - A tornado, spawned on the outer fringes of a Hurricane making landfall west of the Panhandle, killed two children in one of 8 homes that were destroyed - 12 others were injured. Nine tobacco barns were destroyed. In Santa Rosa County a tornado unroofed a house and store at Milton. Another tornado was reported on the beach in Nassau County. The hurricane later made landfall near New Orleans.

4 1977 - afternoon - Palm Beach Co., South Bay - Lightning killed a 63-year old man working in a field at the U.S. Sugar Corp.

5-6 1950 - Levy Co., Cedar Key - Hurricane Easy - looped twice off the west coast, moving little from the 4th and 6th. This slow movement allowed tremendous rainfall amounts to accumulate in some areas. The 24-hour rainfall of 38.7 inches that fell at Yankeetown on the 5th and 6th is the highest ever in Florida, and the second highest all-time 24 hour amount in North America. Easy had top winds of 125 mph and a barometric pressure of 28.30 inches. The tide in Tampa Bay rose to 6.5 feet. Severe beach erosion was reported from Sarasota to Cedar Key. Cedar Key had reported hurricane force winds from 6am to 6pm on the 5th. The fishing fleet of Cedar Key was destroyed by high wind and waves.

5 1976 - 1515 - St. Lucie Co., Ft. Pierce - Lightning killed a girl under a large oak tree in her front yard.

5 1983 - 1400 - Okaloosa and Walton Counties - Thunderstorm winds capsized a boat in Choctawatchee Bay and drowned 1 man.

5-9 1988 - West Central Florida - Heavy rains of up to 20" fell on the west-central part of Florida. Four people drowned: a 44 year old male drowned while driving across a flooded roadway, a 93 year old male fell from a bridge and drowned, a two year old infant drowned in a stream, and a 17 year old male drowned while swimming across a creek. Evacuation of 1,000 homes were required when the flood gates of a storage lake were opened. Extensive urban flooding took place. All time record flood crests were recorded on the Hillsborough River at Middleburg, the Manatee River at Myakka, and the Little Manatee River at Wimauma.

5 1989 - 1630 - Lee Co., Cape Coral - Lightning killed a high school football player while at practice.

5 1995 - 1650 - Collier Co., North Naples - Two males were killed and one male was injured by lightning while leaning against an automobile at a construction site during the height of a thunderstorm. Several individuals who were inside the vehicle were uninjured.

6-9 1933 - West Central Florida - All time record flood crests on the Peace River at Zolfo Springs, the Alafia River at Lithia, and the Hillsborough River at Tampa.

6 1968 - afternoon - St. Lucie Co., Fort Pierce - Lightning killed a 60-year old citrus grove worker while working in a nest of trees.

6-8 1974 - West Coast - Hurricane Carmen - caused rough seas, high tides, and minor beach erosion along the western coast of Florida (both Panhandle and Peninsula) as it passed far to the west beyond 90 degrees longitude. The storm began moving northward from Yucatan on September 5th, passing through the central Gulf of Mexico and moving inland on the Louisiana coast during the predawn hours of September 8th.

6 1979 - 1515 - Pinellas Co., St. Petersburg - Lightning killed an 11 year old boy standing under a large pine tree.

6 1981 - morning - Dade Co. - Lightning killed a 47 year athletic director weighing 290 pounds on a golf course.

6 1982 - 1400 - Monroe Co., Key West, - Lightning killed a 17 year old boy climbing back into the boat after snorkeling. The lightning had struck the water close by. The father was stunned, but not injured.

7 1968 - afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Seffner - Lightning killed a 10 year old boy walking to a trash can outside his home. His brother walking with him was not hurt. night - Hillsborough Co., Wiseman - Lightning killed a 51 year old man on a road near a fish hatchery.

7 1969 - St. Petersburg, Boca Ciega Bay - Lightning killed a fisherman wading in water using a steel net.

7 1970 - noon - St. Petersburg - Lightning killed two football players and injured 22 others at Gibbs Comprehensive High School. Thirty players and four coaches were knocked off their feet by the lightning.

8-9 1957 - Panhandle/northwest Florida - Tropical Storm Debbie made landfall near Fort Walton Beach on the morning of the 8th. Winds of 30 to 40 mph were reported from stations along the track. The highest winds were reported from the Tampa-Tallahassee area, with Tampa reporting a peak gust of 52 mph from the south on the 8th. Rainfall of up to 11.26 inches at Wewahitchka, accompanied by tides 1 to 4 feet above normal, caused some local flooding, particularly in the vicinity of St. Marks, where flood waters reached the downtown area. A man drowned on the St. Johns River in Duval County when rough waters washed him overboard.

8-9 1965 - Southern Peninsula, Keys and Gulf Coast - Hurricane Betsy passed extreme south Florida early on the 8th, moved across the upper Keys, through Florida Bay and into the Gulf of Mexico north of Key West, and across the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans. The strongest winds were from the northwest estimated at 140 mph in the Keys. The passage of the storm center across the upper Keys produced strong onshore winds and high tides along the southeast coast with gusts to 60 mph reported as far north as Melbourne. Flooding on the upper Keys was extensive and water reached depths of several feet in many areas, covering highways and first floors of buildings. Storm tides reached 6.1 feet along the Miami Beach oceanfront and rising waters flooded extensive sections of Key Biscayne. Most of the total damage occurred in the east coastal areas south of Palm Beach Co. and on the Keys. There were five known fatalities. Three additional persons were missing in the Gulf and presumed lost, making the death toll total eight in Florida. A tornado spawned by Betsy destroyed a dozen trailers near Marathon in Monroe Co. at noon on the 8th.

8 1992 - 1430 - Hernando Co. - Lightning killed a man while fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

9-10 1882 - 09/2100 - Alachua Co. - A tornado on the outer fringes of a hurricane, injured four people at Archer and destroyed some small homes. Five more tornadoes were spawned by the same hurricane as it went ashore in the western panhandle. 10/2100 - Gadsden Co. - Five people died when tornadoes spawned by the same hurricane struck tenant homes near Quincy, others may have died later. Other tornadoes occurred at Tallahassee, Freeport, Darbyville, and Madison.

9-10 1919 - Key West - Hurricane - 300 lives were lost mostly in ships near Key West, where winds were reported at 110 mph as this violent storm caused considerable damage. Brick structures had walls blown out and large vessels were torn from their moorings and blown on banks. A tornado destroyed six buildings and damaged 19, injuring six people at Goulds in Dade Co. This hurricane killed hundreds more on its track to south Texas. The final death toll of over 600, mostly in ships at seas, makes this the 3rd deadliest U.S. hurricane on record.

9 1959 - afternoon - Hillsborough Co., Tampa - Lightning killed two people and injured five others. They were seeking shelter on a golf course.

9-12 1964 - north and northeast Florida - Hurricane Dora, the first storm of hurricane intensity to cross into northeast Florida from the Atlantic since records have been kept, moved inland over St. Augustine about 1215 on the 10th. St. Augustine was in the eye of the storm from 1215 to 0130 AM and recorded a sea level pressure of 28.52 inches. Dora produced sustained winds of around 100 mph, and abnormally high tides to almost all coastal points north of Daytona Beach during the night of 9-10. Highest sustained winds, from the southwest, and estimated at 125 mph were reported at St. Augustine. Sustained winds of 82 mph were recorded in Jacksonville, and this was the first time in Weather Bureau history that winds of full hurricane force have been observed in Jacksonville. Storm tides reached 12 feet at St. Augustine and ranged between five and 10 feet above normal north of Daytona Beach. Wind and tide damage was extensive along the Atlantic coast north of St. Augustine. High winds in the Jacksonville area caused a massive utilities failure. Agriculture sustained considerable damage because of the flooding throughout north Florida. One death and eight injuries were reported from Dora.

9 1995 - 1545 - Putnam Co., San Mateo - A man boating on the St. Johns River near San Mateo was struck and killed by lightning. 1600 - Putnam Co. - A man was killed by a direct lightning hit aboard a pontoon boat on Dunns Creek.

10-11 1960 - Florida Peninsula - Hurricane Donna - This hurricane (6th most intense U. S. hurricane at landfall), crossed over the middle Florida Keys between two and 3 a.m. on the 10th. After keeping a short distance offshore it reached the coastline again south of Naples and then turned north over Ft. Myers, then more northeastward, going out to sea a short distance north of Daytona Beach. At Sombrero light on the Keys, the highest wind speed was 106 mph with gusts to 150 mph. At Tavernier, the highest winds were 120 mph, which was the highest point on the dial. Maximum sustained winds on the Keys have been estimated around 140 mph, with gusts possibly as high as 175 mph to 180 mph. The lowest barometric pressure reported was at Craig Key where three barometers ranged from 27.4 to 27.5 inches. The pipeline supplying the Keys with fresh water was broken in at least three places. The Overseas Highway was overflowed by storm tides at several places. Wind damage was enormous on the Keys and on the southwest coast from Everglades City to Punta Gorda. Rainfall ranged from five to 10 inches in an 80 to 100 mile wide belt extending roughly 50 to 75 miles to the right of the storm track and 40 to 50 miles to the left of the track. Lake and stream overflow forced evacuation of some homes on the central peninsula. High waters also closed many roads and inundated considerable agricultural land throughout the southern and central peninsula. At least a dozen killed in Florida and 1794 injuries reported.

10-11 1988 - Western Florida Panhandle - Hurricane Florence - passed well west of Florida, making landfall near New Orleans, but heavy rains of five to 10 inches on the eastern fringes caused flooding that damaged 39 homes and three businesses. At one time on the 11th, 50 people were stranded in their homes. Seventeen roads were washed out. More than four weak tornadoes and several waterspouts were reported over the panhandle on the 10th, causing no serious injuries.

10 1996 - Bay Co., Panama City - A 16-year-old female student was killed by a lightning strike while walking through a grassy courtyard area near one of two tall pine trees on the campus of Bay High School in Panama City.

11-13 1903 - statewide - A hurricane made landfall near West Palm Beach on the 11th, crossed over Tampa Bay into the Gulf on the 12th and made a second landfall near Apalachicola on the 13th. Highest winds were 78 mph. Fourteen deaths were attributed to the storm. A ship was wrecked near Jupiter.

11 1971 - 1645 - Miami - Lightning killed two boys playing football on a school playground.

11 1995 - Duval Co., Jacksonville Beach - Out-of-state victim drowned in a rip current.

12-13 1979 - Hurricane Frederic - Northwest Florida - Frederic followed less than 10 days after Hurricane David. Hurricane warnings were posted for the Panhandle, but Frederic made landfall west of Florida. Thousands of people were evacuated from Gulf front areas before Frederic arrived. Frederic caused gusty winds and heavy surf and outer rainbands brought locally heavy rain and severe storms. A woman drowned when her sail boat was swamped. At least five tornadoes on the outer fringes of Frederic hit the panhandle on the evening of the 12th and morning of the 13th. No serious injuries.

12-30 1979 - Statewide - Heavy Rain/Floods - With Hurricanes David and Frederic affecting the state, and generally disturbed weather patterns prevailing, September 1979 was one of the wettest Septembers in history. West central Florida, where river and drainage flooding was widespread was hardest hit. September 14 - rainfall exceeded 8" in Lee Co., flooding occurred. September 16 - rainfall exceeded 5" in Pensacola area. September 20 - Manatee Co. received 20" of rain. During the latter 10 days of the month serious flooding occurred. Hillsborough Co. suffered eight million dollars in damages. A Tampa woman drowned when her car was swept off the road by flood waters. September 21 - 600 people in Manatee Co. evacuated from their homes. Twelve homes were flooded in Highlands Co. In Jacksonville, two Sailors were electrocuted when they stepped into knee-deep water that had shorted an underground transformer.

13 1975 - afternoon - Highlands Co., Sebring - Lightning killed a woman lying on a rubber raft when she was struck and fell into 4 feet of water and drowned.

14-15 1960 - West Florida - Hurricane Ethel developed rapidly in the central Gulf of Mexico early on the 14th, intensified and moved northward with winds estimated at 125-130 mph near the center late on the 14th. Ethel decreased in intensity before reaching the coast near the Alabama- Mississippi border on the 15th and no point on the Florida coast experienced hurricane force winds. Highest winds were near 50 mph in gusts at Pensacola and Apalachicola. Tides ranged from three to 4 feet. The right forward quadrant of this storm spawned several tornadoes, funnel clouds and waterspouts. Damages caused by this storm, other than those associated with the tornadoes, were mostly agricultural. Rainfall totals ranged from eight to 10 inches in the Pensacola area to 2 inches in the Tallahassee area. 15 1960 - 0540 - Bay Co., Springfield - A Tornado, spawned by Hurricane Ethel, unroofed or damaged 25 homes. Several other tornadoes and waterspouts were reported in the panhandle.

15 1924 - morning - Panhandle/northwest Florida - A hurricane made landfall near Port St. Joe.

15 1945 - Homestead - A hurricane entered the coast at Homestead, curving northward right up through the center of Florida, remaining over land, and exited near Jacksonville Beach. Three Navy blimp hangars that were used as evacuation shelters for 25 Navy blimps, 183 military planes, 153 civilian planes and 150 automobiles were destroyed Richmond, Florida. The three great hangars were torn to pieces at the height of the storm, then caught fire and burned with all their contents. Hurricane force winds were felt as far inland as the Orlando and Ocala areas. Four deaths were attributed to this storm.

15-30 1994 - Peninsular Florida - Flooding - Two synoptic-scale systems, one tropical and one non-tropical brought heavy rain to most of peninsular Florida the last half of September. Rivers and streams, particularly in the west central counties of Citrus, Polk, Hillsborough, Sarasota, Hardee, Desoto and Manatee Counties, overflowed, flooding roadways and inundating or isolating residential areas. The northeast and east central areas experienced urban flooding that closed roads and flooded schools and homes in Duval County and flooded subdivisions in Flagler, Volusia, St. Johns and Brevard Counties. In southern interior Florida, flooding of swampy areas around Lake Okeechobee damaged some roadways in Hendry County and isolated houses in Glades and western Palm Beach Counties. Flooding was also reported in Wakulla County in northwest Florida.

16-17 1928 - south Florida & Lake Okeechobee - The 5th most intense landfalling hurricane in U.S. history moved in from the Atlantic and across Lake Okeechobee's northern shore, sending a storm surge

southward that flooded the low area south of the lake. At least 1836 migrant workers died in the flood, making this the second deadliest U.S. hurricane on record. In response to this storm, dikes were built around the lake to prevent future tragedies.

16 1988 - 1220 - Walton Co., Point Washington - Lightning killed a 37-year old male standing near a tree.

16 1990 - 1530 - Brevard Co., Satellite Beach - Lightning killed 1 man and injured 1 while they were fishing off the beach.

17 1947 - south Florida - A Hurricane moved in from the Atlantic over Palm Beach and Broward Cos. Hurricane force winds were experienced along the Florida East Coast from Cape Canaveral to Carysfort Reef Light (south of Miami), while winds of 100 mph or over, were felt from the northern portion of Miami to north of Palm Beach, or about 70 miles. A 1-minute maximum windspeed of 155 mph was recorded at the Pompano Beach light station (Hillsboro Light). Dozens of people were killed in this storm. It went on to hit the New Orleans area.

17 1987 - 1530 - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - Lightning killed a 12 year old boy when it struck a nearby tree.

17 1989 - 1500 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a golfer at the Doral Country Club.

17 1995 - 1800 - St. Johns Co., Crescent Beach - A teenager swimming with friends about 30 - 40 yards from shore was struck and killed by lightning.

18 1926 - Miami - Hurricane - The storm waters of the Atlantic united with the waters of Biscayne Bay and the storm surge swept westward into the city of Miami early on the 18th. Maximum winds were 138 mph. About 18,000 homes either completely demolished or had roofs torn off. Over 100 people killed in Miami area, about 5,000 injured. This hurricane then moved out into the Gulf of Mexico, passing just south of the Panhandle and affecting the Pensacola area on the 20th, before making final landfall between New Orleans and Mobile. Total death toll over 240 people.

18-19 1941 - north Florida - A remarkable aurora borealis or "northern lights" was observed as far south as north Florida on the nights of 18th and 19th.

18 1954 - 0200 - St. Lucie Co., Ft Pierce - Tornado carried a small home 200 ft and smashed it. Only the bathtub and plumbing fixtures were left on site. A couple was killed, and their son and a guest were injured.

18 1975 - evening - Dade Co., N. Bay Village - Thunderstorm winds and heavy seas caused the death of a fisherman when his boat capsized. His son made it safely to shore. Winds gusts to 45 mph were recorded.

18 1994 - 1435 - Volusia Co., New Smyrna Beach - Lightning - A 22-year-old woman was killed and a 41-year-old woman was injured while standing next to a car on the beach. A fast moving thunderstorm, which had produced rain for only a few minutes, produced the flash that struck the victims directly.

19 1947 - 0030 - Franklin Co., Apalachicola - A Tornado, spawned on the edge of a hurricane making landfall near New Orleans, destroyed 27 homes and damaged 31, killing two people and injuring 100.

19 1959 - afternoon - Alachua Co., High Springs - Lightning killed 53 hogs that took shelter under a tree in a pasture.

20 1937 - 2100 - St. Johns Co. - A Tornado, spawned by a tropical storm, destroyed a barn near St. Johns River.

20 1969 - 2245 - Franklin Co., Carrabelle - A tornado destroyed a house trailer, ballpark bleachers, fences, lights, and downed trees and power lines. Minor injuries.

20-23 1969 - northwest Florida - Flooding - Heavy rain over several days brought extensive flooding to the Apalachicola river at Quincy, Havana, and Blountstown; and much of Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Calhoun and Quincy Counties. Quincy reported 18.41" of rain, Havana 23.42", and Blountstown 10.41". Several funnel clouds and waterspouts were reported from northwest Florida to the Keys on the 22nd and 23rd.

20 1994 - 1450 - Palm Beach Co., Pahokee - Eleven players and an assistant coach of the Pahokee Middle/Senior High School football team were hospitalized after lightning struck as they left a practice field.

21 1948 - south Florida - Hurricane - Struck near Everglades City in the 10,000 island area, then moved northeast through Florida to emerge into the Atlantic near Jupiter. Lowest barometric pressure was 28.44 inches, and top winds were 122 mph. Three people were killed. A Tornado, spawned by this hurricane, unroofed a small farmhouse and destroyed another near Homestead in Dade Co. A truck was tumbled like a ball.

21 1983 - 1400 - Broward Co., Tamarac - Lightning killed 1 construction worker on a scaffold and injured two.

22-23 1947 - west central/northeast Florida - A Tropical Storm spawned three tornadoes in Hillsborough County on the afternoon and evening of the 22nd. One person was injured in Seffner. Eight more tornadoes hit Marion and Duval Counties on the morning of the 23rd. One person was injured at Jacksonville Beach.

22 1954 - 1620 - Broward Co., Hollywood - Tornado carried a parked car 100 ft and damaged five small homes, injuring five. A tornado/waterspout was reported at Merritt Island in Brevard County.

22-23 1975 - Panhandle & Northwest Florida - Hurricane Eloise - made landfall in the Panhandle with wind gusts to 155 mph at Panama City. Tides of six to 12 ft extended eastward to Port St. Joe, and tides two to 3 ft above normal were observed as far south as Tampa and Naples. The highest reported rainfall was 13 inches at Eglin AFB. Rainfall elsewhere to the west of the Apalachicola River ranged from four to 8 inches. Damage in northwest Florida was estimated at \$150 million. One person died of a heart attack in a public shelter at Ft. Walton Beach. About 20,000 people were evacuated in advance. Two weak tornadoes and several waterspouts were reported in the Panhandle causing no serious injuries.

23 1995 - 1435 - Volusia Co., Daytona Beach - Two men were struck by a lone lightning bolt prior to the onset of heavy rain. Both men were hospitalized in critical condition. One of the two, a 28-year-old tourist from Canada, died three days later.

24 1956 - Panhandle-northwest Florida - Hurricane Flossy - Struck the Ft. Walton Beach Area with peak winds of 98 mph and storm surge of 6 ft, killing 15. Several tornadoes were spawned by Flossy: 0200 - Gulf Co. - Tornado unroofed a house and destroyed a church. Many other buildings were damaged. 1900 -Taylor/Madison Cos. - Tornado destroyed 1 home and damaged several more. It destroyed a tobacco barn and threw two cars from the road. Three other weak tornadoes were reported in Suwanee Co.

24 1989 - 1200-2000 - Duval Co., Jacksonville - Flash Flood - Localized heavy rain of up to 11" caused flooding in downtown Jacksonville. Two two motorists died when their vehicles were swept into storm ditches.

24 1994 - 1504 - Brevard Co., Palm Bay - Lightning - A large vendor's tent was struck by lightning injuring seven of the 150 persons inside, including two children. The injured were treated and released at a hospital. A few minutes later a wind gust of 40 mph blew the tent down causing minor injuries to several people and damaging most of the merchandise in the tent.

25 1960 - afternoon - Palm Beach Co., W. Palm Beach - Lightning killed 1 person.

26 1953 - northwest Florida - The center of Hurricane Florence hit the northwest Florida coast between Valparaiso and Panama City near midday with wind gusts of 90 mph and heavy rainfall. The Pensacola Weather Bureau Office reported winds of up to 75 mph at 0841 on the 26th. The storm passed inland over a sparsely settled area of Florida and this probably accounts for the rather small amount of damage. In Franklin and Okaloosa Counties the Red Cross estimated that 273 homes were destroyed, 145 other buildings damaged, and three destroyed. A fishing trawler, the "Miss Tampa" was reported missing in the storm's wake.

26 1966 - 1800 - St. Johns Co., Inlet - Lightning killed one person.

26 1982 - 0400 - Okeechobee Co., Basinger, A tornado, spawned by a low pressure system, touched down and destroyed several mobile homes. Some parts were twisted around tree tops as high as 20 feet. A 30-ft tank full of molasses was torn from its stand and thrown 100 feet. A 53 year old woman was killed and seven were injured in a mobile park. Two other tornadoes were reported in the area.

27 1906 - Mobile-Pensacola - Hurricane - This storm made landfall in Alabama, but caused tremendous damage in the Pensacola area. The entire waterfront was inundated; train service in and out of the city was completely paralyzed. Muskogee Wharf, belonging to the L&N Railroad Co., was broken in two in the middle, and the tracks on either side of the Main Creek were washed away (including 38 coal cars). The greatest damage was along east Main Street, the south side of which was completely washed away. Thirty-four killed at Pensacola.

27 1982 - 1400 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning hit the infield rail of Calder Race Track, knocking a race track worker unconscious.

27-28 1984 - central and north Florida - Tropical Storm Isidore - Made landfall near West Palm Beach on the morning of the 27th. From there it moved slowly to near Orlando in the evening, then recurved to the northeast and crossed over Jacksonville and out to sea on the 28th. Highest wind gust was 73 mph near St. Augustine. Rainfall of five to 7 inches in north Florida caused local flooding.

27 1987 - 1630 - Lee Co., Sanibel - Lightning killed a 35 year old woman riding a bicycle on the causeway. It was not raining.

28 1896 - A major hurricane made landfall near Cedar Key in the evening. 100 people died.

28-29 - 1917 - Pensacola-Valparaiso - Hurricane - This storm did much damage on the coast and to crops. The lowest barometer reading, 28.51 inches, was a record for the Pensacola Station. The highest wind velocity during the storm was 103 miles an hour with a gust of 125 mph from the southeast.

28 1929 - Keys, southwest Florida, and Panhandle - Hurricane - The center passed over Key Largo on the 28th with winds estimated at 150 mph. There was ten-minute lull as the center passed. At the Everglades, the wind was estimated at 100 mph. The storm reached Panama City on the 30th. Although there was enormous damage at Nassau in the Bahamas and many lives were lost there, its course in Florida was such that damage was not excessive. Three lives were lost. This hurricane spawned five tornadoes over Dade and Broward Counties, injuring more than 16 people. - 1640 - Broward Co., Palm Beach Co., Martin. Co., - A hurricane spawned tornado unroofed or damaged buildings. Most of the injuries were from flying glass.

28 1960 - afternoon - Clay Co., Orange Park - Lightning killed a person.

28 1974 - 1545 - Orange Co., Orlando - Lightning killed a 20-year old Naval student while jogging.

29 1959 - afternoon - Dade Co., Miami - Two people drowned when a huge wave knocked them into the water at the 163rd Street Beach.

29 1974 - noon - Lake Co., Umatilla - Lightning killed 1 man and injured another while they were working on a car.

30 1957 - 1345 - Taylor Co., Keaton Beach - Waterspout moved onshore and unroofed three homes and one of them lost two walls.

30 1975 - 1444 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a 15 year old high school football player during practice. Fifteen players and three coaches were injured. Thirty to 50 players were on the field at the time. A light rain had just ended and there were no signs of lightning.