



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
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TEXAS, South

Starr County

5 NNW Rio Grande City	08	0625CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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Severe wind gusts associated with a thunderstorm downed power lines near Rio Grande City.

Hidalgo County

La Joya	08	0727CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Hidalgo County

7 ESE Hidalgo	08	0732CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
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Large hail was reported by the Santa Anna National Wildlife Refuge.

Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0825CST 0850CST			0	5	50M		Hail(2.75)
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Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0828CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0830CST			0	0			Hail(3.00)
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Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0840CST			0	0			Hail(2.75)
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Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0841CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Cameron County

Brownsville	08	0850CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Cameron County

Laguna Vista	08	0910CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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One of the most destructive hail events in recorded history for the City of Brownsville occurred this day. A severe thunderstorm emerged into Cameron County from northern Mexico and dropped large amounts of wind-driven hail upon the city. The hail destroyed roofs of homes and businesses, broke countless windows of automobiles and homes, and damaged vegetation. Approximately 10,000 insurance claims have been filed in association with this storm. Most of the large hail reports occurred between 925 and 950 CDT.

The Brownsville Police Department reported that 12 cruisers had windshields shattered by hail, and Hanna High School in central Brownsville reported 285 automobiles with windows broken by hail. Much of the northern and central portions of the city suffered damage from this intense and historic storm. The storm was heavily documented and covered in the media with widespread accounts of its damage. The storm proceeded eastward and downed power lines in the community of Laguna Vista

Kenedy County

16 SW Sarita	25	1609CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Willacy County

Raymondville	25	1742CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Willacy County

Lyford	25	1758CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Cameron County

Rio Hondo	25	1833CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
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Zapata County

Zapata	29	2153CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Hidalgo County

Mission	30	0009CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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TEXAS, South

**Hidalgo County
Mission**

30 0009CST 0 0 Hail(1.75)

**Hidalgo County
Penitas**

30 0009CST
0014CST 0.3 100 0 11 1.5M Tornado (F1)

Damage report and survey determined that an F1 tornado touched down in Penitas at the intersection of Seven Mile Road and Tom Gill Road. Thirty-seven mobile homes and other structures sustained damage or were destroyed. Several larger trailers were pushed from their foundations and overturned.

**Hidalgo County
Alamo**

30 0029CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)