National Weather Service
Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

August 2001

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

TEXAS, South

TXZ248>255 **Zapata - Jim Hogg - Brooks - Kenedy - Starr - Hidalgo - Willacy - Cameron**

	01	**0000CST**		**0**	**0**		**Drought**
	31	**0000CST**					

A moderate to severe drought persisted for the first part of August 2001 across all of Deep South Texas. However, most of the region, with the exception of the far western valley, received beneficial rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches near the end of the month. However, subsoil moistures remain very dry. This rainfall did help storage in the Falcon reservoir to rise to 250 feet. Following are some rainfall departures through the end of August: Brownsville reported 5.37 inches below normal; Harlingen reported 3.84 inches below normal; McAllen reported 2.86 inches below normal; Mercedes reported 3.10 inches below normal; Raymondville reported 3.89 inches below normal; Sarita reported 4.11 inches below normal; and Zapata reported 7.77 inches below norma.

Jim Hogg County

2 N Hebbronville	**31**	**0850CST**		**0**	**0**		**Flash Flood**
		1130CST					

Law enforcement officials from Jim Hogg county reported flash flooding on Highway 16. The high water was primarily a result of runoff from heavy rain that occurred overnight in neighboring Duval county. Both Highway 16 and Highway 359 were closed for a good portion of the day, as a result of the high water.

Jim Hogg County

2 N Hebbronville	**31**	**1530CST**		**0**	**0**		**Flash Flood**
		2030CST					

Law enforcement officials from Jim Hogg county reported that Highway 16 remained closed due to the high water over the road.

Brooks County

10 W Falfurrias	**31**	**1535CST**		**0**	**0**		**Flash Flood**
		2030CST					

Law enforcement officials from Brooks county reported that Highway 285 was closed as a result of high water over the road. A motorist who was forced into a ditch by the flood waters had to be rescued.

Hidalgo County

4 N La Joya	**31**	**2025CST**		**0**	**0**	**50K**	**Thunderstorm Wind (G74)**

A National Weather Service storm survey confirmed that straight line winds were responsible for rolling and crushing three recreational vehicles and one mobile home. A small wood frame home was removed from it's foundation, also as a result of the straight line winds. The winds were estimated to be around 85 MPH (74 knots).

Starr County

20 NE Rio Grande City	**31**	**2025CST**		**0**	**0**		**Flash Flood**

McAllen DPS reported that FM 490 was impassable due to high water over the road which continued through the night. In fact, secondary gravel roads remained flooded into the next day

Hidalgo County

Countywide	**31**	**2030CST**		**0**	**0**		**Flash Flood**

Law enforcement officials from Hidalgo county reported that many homes and roads were flooded near the town of Sullivan City, and county-wide. Deputies from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department rescued flood victims in Sullivan City. Seven Mile Line Road north of Sullivan City was reported to be impassable as a result of high water. Meanwhile, a woman in Mission had to be rescued from rising water in her home. This flooding also continued through the night before receding.