

2003 - An Active and Costly Year

Warnings Issued for Alabama
by the National Weather Service
During 2003:

Tornado Warnings 317
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings 959
Flash Flood Warnings 265
Total 1541

The Annual Average Number of Warnings
(1994-2003):

Tornado Warnings 188
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings 829
Flash Flood Warnings 112
Total 1129

During the time period of April 7th, 2003,
through May 18th, 2003, the National Weather
Service offices across the state issued:

Tornado Warnings 210
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings 407
Flash Flood Warnings 131
Total 748

Percentage of warnings issued April 7th, 2003,
through May 18th, 2003, compared to the total
number of warnings issued in 2003:

Tornado Warnings 66%
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings 42%
Flash Flood Warnings 49%
Total 49%

Percentage of warnings issued April 7th, 2003,
through May 18th, 2003, compared to the
annual average number of warnings issued
1994-2003:

Tornado Warnings 112%
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings 49%
Flash Flood Warnings 117%
Total 66%

The following information was provided by the Alabama
Emergency Management Agency.

The grand total of applications for Individual Federal
Assistance in the state of Alabama last year due to
catastrophic weather-related events was...

36,930

The grand total of funding awarded for Individual
Federal Assistance in the state of Alabama last year due
to catastrophic weather-related events was...

\$49,963,019.97

The following information was gathered from two of the
major insurance companies in Alabama. The dollar amounts
below are estimated based on insured percentages given by
these companies. The amounts are solely based on what
these insurance companies classify as the five major
weather-related events across Alabama in 2003.

The estimated dollar amount claimed under auto
policies in the state of Alabama last year due to the five
major weather-related events was...

\$45,200,000

The estimated dollar amount claimed under
homeowner policies in the state of Alabama last year
due to the five major weather related events was...

\$211,000,000

Estimated Grand Total:

\$306,163,020