



EF3 damage to an apartment building in Pensacola, Florida, in February.

Severe storms developed into parts of Alabama, northern Florida, and southern Georgia by the evening hours of February 23. An EF3 tornado impacted the Pensacola, Florida, metro area, causing around \$22 million in property damage, making it 2016's costliest single tornado in terms of property damage. Multiple vehicles were overturned, two apartment buildings sustained major damage, and a warehouse at a General Electric plant was destroyed.

The severe-weather outbreak continued into the mid-Atlantic states on February 24, with more than 30 tornadoes across North Carolina and Virginia during the afternoon and evening hours. Around 2:30 p.m., three people were killed when an EF1 tornado struck a mobile home near Waverly in southeast Virginia. A short time later, an EF3 tornado caused a 17-mile path of damage across Appomattox County, Virginia. The tornado passed just southeast of the town of Appomattox, impacting the community of Evergreen before lifting near Holiday Lake State Park. A fatality occurred in Evergreen, and 30 structures were completely destroyed with 160 others damaged. During the evening, an 11-mile-track EF3 tornado impacted Essex County in eastern Virginia. Three modular homes, two double wide mobile homes and one single wide mobile home, were completely destroyed. The two EF3 tornadoes in Virginia on February 24 are the only two F3 (or greater) tornadoes in the state in February since official records began in 1950.

## March

There were 86 tornadoes, which was slightly above the 25-year average of 75 tornadoes. The month began with three tornadoes in central Alabama on March 1, including an EF2 tornado in Jefferson County, Alabama, that significantly damaged 12 homes. A multiday severe weather and significant flooding event across the southern United States initially impacted parts of Texas on March 7–8, resulting in a dozen mostly weak tornadoes across central and northern Texas. Following this period of significant flooding, 11 tornadoes occurred across central and southern Arkansas and nearby northwest Mississippi on March 13 as another system approached the region. All of these tornadoes were rated EF0 or EF1, but one of the EF1 tornadoes produced \$2.5 million damage, as it directly hit the South Delta Regional Correctional Facility near Dermott, Arkansas.

On March 14, five mostly weak and short-lived tornadoes occurred across the Miami Valley region of western Ohio. The next day, a deepening area of low pressure and a warm front were factors in 11 tornadoes across far eastern Iowa into northern and central Illinois during the afternoon and evening of March 15. An EF2 tornado touched down in Good Hope, Illinois, and traveled for 16 miles into Fulton County. Several homes were severely damaged. Near the Quad Cities, an EF2 tornado completely destroyed 10 homes in rural East Moline, Illinois. Another