



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 2000

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### TEXAS, South

<b>TXZ248&gt;249-252&gt;253</b>			<b>Zapata - Jim Hogg - Starr - Hidalgo</b>						
	<b>01</b>	<b>0000CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Drought</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>0000CST</b>							
Moderate drought conditions continued into May across the western part of deep south Texas since heavy rainfall remained spotty. Meanwhile, the drought eased up across the eastern half of deep south Texas because of the very heavy rainfall received during the first part of the month. The drought continued its grip across the west as below normal rainfall amounts continued. The following were the rainfall deficits for May: McAllen 4.73 inches, McCook 3.62 inches, Rio Grande City 2.68 inches, and Mercedes at 1.35 inches. Generally, most sites averaged between 1 and 5 inches below normal rainfall.									
<b>Starr County</b>									
<b>La Gloria</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>1959CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
The United States Post Office in La Gloria received several reports of nickel size hail from people living in Starr and Jim Hogg counties.									
<b>Jim Hogg County</b>									
<b>19 E Guerra</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2009CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
<b>Jim Hogg County</b>									
<b>19 E Guerra</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2019CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
<b>Brooks County</b>									
<b>15 W Rachal</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2024CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
<b>Brooks County</b>									
<b>Encino</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>0144CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
Lots of nickel size hail or the size of bigger marbles was reported from this storm at Encino. During the early morning hours several hail storms moved across Encino.									
<b>Brooks County</b>									
<b>Encino</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>0206CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
<b>Jim Hogg County</b>									
<b>1 S Hebronville</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>0625CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
<b>Jim Hogg County</b>									
<b>9 SE Hebronville</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>0915CST</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
Border Patrol saw the twister from highway 1017. The tornado briefly touched down and tore up some fence, trees and it destroyed a barn. The tornado damage was located about 5 miles south of Highway 285.									
<b>Brooks County</b>									
<b>Encino</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1047CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
<b>Kenedy County</b>									
<b>Sarita</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1127CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G75)</b>
Border patrol checkpoint located at Sarita estimated 75 mph winds associated with a squall line or a line echo wave pattern thunderstorm complex.									
<b>Cameron County</b>									
<b>4 E Rio Hondo</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1849CST</b> <b>1852CST</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
A National Weather Service storm survey team confirmed that a F0 tornado touched down briefly on a farmer's home at the intersection of FM2925 and Jaurez Road. Moderate damage to the property's roof and back fence occurred. A cyclonic pattern was observed in the debris field. Shingles from the roof were strewn into the canopy of the trees in the front yard.									
<b>Cameron County</b>									
<b>Laguna Vista</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1920CST</b> <b>1935CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5M</b>		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G100)</b>
A very strong heavy precipitation type supercell did extensive straight line wind damage to Laguna Vista, Laguna heights, Port Isabel									



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**TEXAS, South**

and South Padre Island on the evening of May the 2nd. A National Weather Service ground survey team reported that all debris was oriented from northwest to southeast. The storm first struck the Laguna Heights and Laguna Vista communities between 820 and 835 PM CDT. Then it struck Port Isabel and South Padre Island between 840 PM and 900 PM CDT. These damaging winds knocked down 50 power poles. In addition, the damaging thunderstorm winds knocked down power lines and trees. Approximately 8800 customers were left without power and schools were closed in Port Isabel on May 3rd and 4th. Many residents reported damage to roofs, awnings, signs, canopies, marinas, and garage doors. Windows were shattered by the strong winds. The United States Coast Guard Office reported 106 knots or 122 mph winds before power failed at the Coast Guard station. Several recreational vehicles parked at Isla Blanca Park on South Padre Island were tossed on their sides. Hail the size of golfballs was reported at South Padre Island. Total damage to the utility lines and poles was estimated to be around 3 million dollars. Total damage done to the rest of the area was around 2 million. In all, it was estimated that approximately 5 million dollars of damage was done to the bayfront communities and South Padre Island.

**Cameron County**

**Port Isabel**

<b>02</b>	<b>1935CST 2000CST</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Tstm Wind/Hail</b>
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(Refer to narrative written for Laguna Vista.)

**Cameron County**

**Laguna Vista**

<b>02</b>	<b>1945CST 2145CST</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Flash Flood</b>
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The large supercell produced flash flooding rainfall that forced closure of Highway 100 at Laguna Vista and South Padre Island because of high water and storm debris.