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...TORNADO CONFIRMED NORTHEAST OF LANCASTER IN LANCASTER COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA AND CONTINUED NORTHEAST INTO UNION COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

Location...Northeast of Lancaster in Lancaster County South Carolina and continued northeast into Union County North Carolina Date...05 24 2017
Estimated Time...4:19 PM
Maximum EF-Scale Rating...EF1
Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...100 mph
Maximum Path Width...50 yards
Path Length...8 miles
* Fatalities...0
* Injuries...0

 * The information in this statement is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event(s) and publication in NWS Storm Data.

...Summary...

The National Weather Service in Columbia has confirmed a tornado northeast of Lancaster in Lancaster County South Carolina on 05/24/2017.

A tornado touched down northeast of Lancaster close to the North Carolina State Line near Shiloh Unity Road. The tornado continued northward causing EF-0 damage to crops and trees near Locker Road. The tornado was in Lancaster County for 0.5 miles having a path width of no more than 50 yards. The maximum wind speed during this time was 75 mph.

The tornado moved across the state line and tracked northeast for over 7 miles. Most of the damage was to trees but a few structures were damaged. The most significant damage was to a barn that had the sides and much of the roof torn off. This area received a rating of EF-1 with maximum winds speeds of 100 mph.

This information can also be found on our website at weather.gov/CAE.

For reference: the Enhanced Fujita Scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

EF0...Wind speeds 65 to 85 mph
EF1...Wind speeds 86 to 110 mph
EF2...Wind speeds 111 to 135 mph
EF3...Wind speeds 136 to 165 mph
EF4...Wind speeds 166 to 200 mph
EF5...Wind speeds greater than 200 mph

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