

**AVMA 2023 Disaster Situational Awareness Report #3 Tuesday April 4, 2023  
Tornados/Severe Weather – Southern Plains/Great Lakes**

- Friday March 31, 2023, through Sunday April 2, 2023, tornado damage was reported in at least 9 states with strong wind damage in additional states.
- More than 28 million people across the South and Midwest were under tornado watches and warnings.
- News outlets reported as many as 33 people dead from the storms but government officials have the confirmed death count at 29 with 2 unconfirmed as of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Severe Weather – Southern Plains / Great Lakes FINAL

**Current Situation:** Severe weather impacted a large area from the Southern Plains to the Great Lakes between March 31 to April 2. Strong tornadoes downed trees and power lines, blocking roads, and damaging structures. Local assessments and recovery efforts continue in FEMA Regions IV, V, VI, and VII.

**Lifeline Impacts:**

**Safety and Security:** Damage to a significant number of homes, business, and public buildings: 245 destroyed, 793 major damage, 1,055 minor

**Energy (DOE Eagle-I as of 8:00 a.m. ET):** Total customers without power FEMA Region III, IV, V, VI and VII (110k) (- 27k) restoration efforts are ongoing.

State	AL	MS	TN	IN	AR	IA
Destroyed	4 homes	N/A	N/A	91 homes	150 structures	N/A
Major Damage	20 homes	75 homes	259 homes	114 homes	300 structures; 6 apts (800 units)	22-25 structures
Minor Damage	N/A	N/A	N/A	55 homes	600-1,000 structures	N/A

FEMA Region	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Customers w/o power	42k (-6k) (0.3%)	18k (+2k) (0.06%)	20k (-8k) (0.1%)	28k (-15k) (0.2%)	2k (-2k) (.03%)
Most affected State	WV: 6k (-14k) (0.6%) PA: 34k (-4k) (0.6%)	KY: 6k (-9k) (0.3%)	OH: 13k (-3k) (0.3%)	AR: 13k (-1k) (1%)	MO: 2k (-.05%)
Peak Outage	Apr 1: 399k (3%)	Apr 1: 277k (1%)	Apr 1: 449k (2%)	Mar 31: 136k (1%)	Mar 31: 83k (1%)

**Food, Water, Shelter:** Total shelter counts across impacted regions are decreasing: 7 shelters with 16 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 6:51 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region	IV	V	VI	VII
ARC Shelters/Occupants	2 / 4	3 / 10	1 / 0	1 / 2

**Health and Medical:** Total confirmed fatalities across all impacted regions: 29 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed (Region IV: 15 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed; Region V: 9 confirmed; Region VI: 5 confirmed)

State	TN	MS	AL	IN	IL	AR
Fatalities	15	1	1	5	4	5 (+1)

**Preliminary filtered storm reports:**

Date	Tornadoes	Wind	Hail
March 31	95	342	169
April 1	4	256	19
April 2	0	4	27
<b>Total (March 31 - April 2)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>215</b>

**State / Local Response:**

- AR EOC at Full Activation (Severe Weather)
- IL, IN EOCs at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
- KY and TN EOCs at Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- OH, KS, and MO EOCs returned to Normal Operations
- KY, AR, KS, IL, and IA Governors declared a State of Emergency

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FEMA 4698-DR-AR approved Apr 2;
- IOF established in Little Rock, AR / FCO Roland Jackson
- RIV RWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift)
- RVI RRCC at Level III; RVI IMAT-1 deployed to AR
- 5 PDA teams deployed to IN, IL
- 1 MCOV enroute to AR; 3 MCOVs and 1 MEOV deployed
- NWC continues to monitor in coordination with Regions IV, V, VI, VII

FEMA

National Watch Center

**Veterinary Response**

- AVMA has confirmed that veterinary facilities and animal shelters are included in the number of damaged structures.
- The AVMA Family (AVMA, AVMF, and Insurance Trusts) are working together to identify and assist veterinarians who have been impacted as well as those that are providing care for impacted animals.

AVMA provides disaster preparedness, response, and recovery information at <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/disaster-preparedness> including information on grants available from AVMF for veterinarians who are either directly impacted by a disaster or who provide care to animals impacted by disasters.

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