

November 24 2001 Tornado

A tornado struck Calloway County, Kentucky just before 7 A.M. The F-2 tornado produced a path of damage 11 miles long and nearly 300 yards wide. A total of 45 to 50 structures were damaged or destroyed. The community of Harris Grove was directly hit. Numerous farms in rural areas west of Murray were struck. Several persons were injured, and initial damage estimates were over one-half million dollars.

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PADUCAH KY
610 PM CST SAT NOV 24 2001

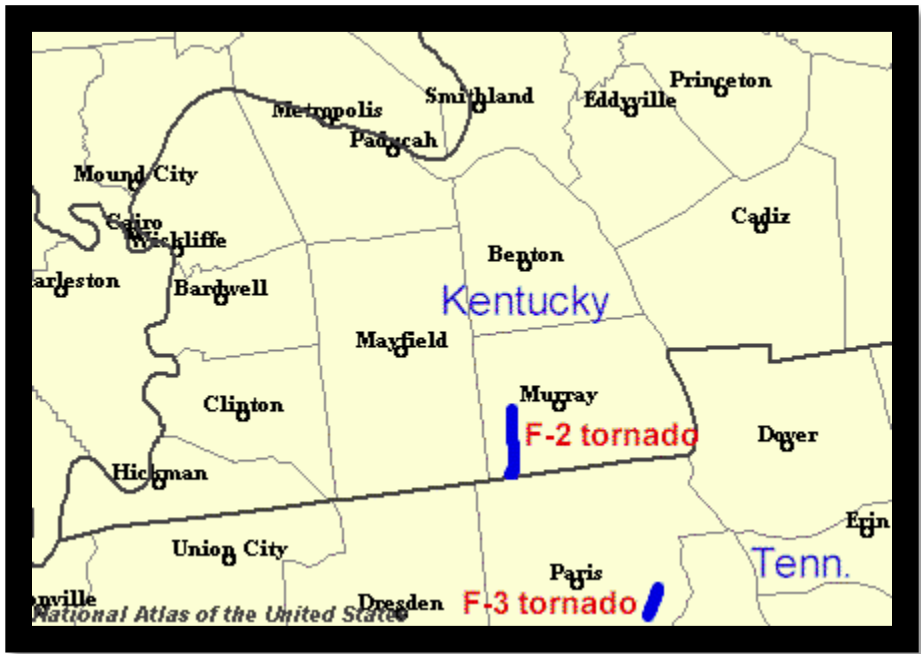
EARLIER TODAY...SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2001...A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH CONDUCTED A DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEY IN SOUTHWESTERN CALLOWAY COUNTY KENTUCKY. BETWEEN 650 AM AND 700 AM CST THIS SATURDAY MORNING...AN F2 TORNADO CUT A 10 MILE LONG PATH FROM RAYBURN ROAD (SOUTHWEST OF HARRIS GROVE)... THROUGH HARRIS GROVE...TO JUST NORTH OF STELLA. FOLLOWING IS A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THIS WEATHER EVENT WITH DETAILS KNOWN TO US AT THIS TIME. AN ASTERISK (*) INDICATES A REVISION SINCE THE LAST STATEMENT ISSUED AT 250 PM CST...

STORM CATEGORIZATION....	F2 TORNADO
DATE OF OCCURRENCE.....	SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2001
TIME OF OCCURRENCE.....	650 AM TO 700 AM CST
COMMUNITIES AFFECTED....	HARRIS GROVE AND STELLA
PATH LENGTH.....	10 MILES
PATH WIDTH.....	UP TO 300 YARDS
HIGHEST WIND ESTIMATE...	120 MPH
*INJURIES.....	6 (2 SERIOUS)
FATALITIES.....	NONE
*DAMAGE.....	ESTIMATED AT \$550K
	3 HOMES DESTROYED
	2 MOBILE HOMES DEMOLISHED
	10 BARNS DESTROYED
	3 GARAGES DESTROYED
	12 HOMES DAMAGED
	7 MOBILE HOMES DAMAGED
	12 BARNS DAMAGED

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SURVEY...PLEASE CONTACT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN PADUCAH KENTUCKY AT 270.744.6440 (X822).

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Only about 48 hours later, another more serious tornado occurred one county to the south of Calloway County. One person was killed in that F-3 tornado in Henry County, Tennessee around 11:30 P.M., November 26. Below is a map of the general area where both tornadoes occurred.



PHOTOS:

From NWS aerial survey...photos taken by Rick Shanklin, WCM





