

Tornadoes confirmed in Tuesday storms



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(KAIR)--Extreme storms rolled through the local region early Tuesday evening, bringing tornadoes, hail, and heavy rain.

The tornadic activity led the National Weather Service to issue tornado warnings for local northeast Kansas counties, as well as those in southeast Nebraska.

Among the tornadoes that touched down in the region was one in Atchison County.

Atchison County Emergency Management Director Wes Lanter told MSC News the tornado, confirmed 3 miles north of Effingham, left damage in its wake. "At 286th and Dickinson is where it crossed 286th and tore down some powers lines," Lanter said. "At Edwards and 294th it destroyed an abandoned house, and then hit a farmstead. It did destroy some outbuildings, but it did not hurt the house and did not harm any of the residents there at the house. It kind of skipped the next couple miles, touching down and razing. There is some tree damage but no one was injured."



Storm damage at 294th and Edwards Road/Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office

 Power lines downed at 286th and Dickinson/Credit: Atchison Co Sheriff's Office



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In Doniphan County, where a tornado was spotted near Denton, no structural damage has been reported to the County Emergency Management Office. However, that agency does report that cows were injured near Denton, with the damage assessment continuing.

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In Jackson County, Sheriff Tim Morse told MSC News one house was destroyed south of Whiting on 278th Road, along with a barn. Two barns across the road from that address were also destroyed.

Another house was severely damaged north of Mayetta, at 166th and R Road, while an additional house was damaged on the Shawnee County line on I road near Delia.

Damage was also reported Tuesday evening in Nemaha County.

Nemaha County Emergency Preparedness Director Russel Lierz told MSC News that a tornado touched down northeast of Seneca at Highway 36 and “ P” Road. He said a garage was destroyed and home damaged at the location.

In addition, he said there was damage to outbuildings north of Highway 36. Also a house was destroyed at 224 “ S” Road. There were no residents living in the house.

Lierz said the tornado traveled from Highway 36 and “ P” Road northeast to the Nebraska line, touching down several times.

No injuries were reported.

Richardson County Emergency Management reports no damage found from confirmed tornadoes Tuesday evening.

The storm system that moved its way north and east produced eight confirmed

tornadoes in Richardson County. Most were from the same storm during which funnel clouds were dropping and then going back up in the area south of Humboldt, in the Dawson area and eventually in the Stella area.

National Weather Service personnel are expected to be in Richardson County Wednesday to determine the strength of the tornadoes.

There were also no reports of damage caused by storms in Nemaha or Pawnee counties.

Outdoor warning sirens did sound for a few minutes in Falls City Tuesday evening. The Richardson County Emergency Management Office has been making repairs to the sirens in the county. In order for one of the sirens to be sounded in an area where the tornadoes were, the sirens in Falls City also had to be activated.

Maintenance on the sirens is continuing Wednesday on the sirens so they may sound periodically throughout the day throughout Richardson County.

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