

Tornado damage surveyed in 3 local counties

(MSC News)--The National Weather Service Wednesday surveyed damage from tornadoes that struck Atchison, Jackson and Nemaha Counties Tuesday evening.

The Weather Service says the largest, most powerful tornado occurred in northern Nemaha County in the Bern area. It was designated as an EF-3, with wind speeds up to 140 miles an hour.

The tornado, which touched down about three miles southeast of Bern, traveled nearly 6 miles before lifting 200 miles south of the Nebraska state line.

It caused damage to several structures, with the most severe damage occurring to a home towards the middle of the tornado's path. Damage to trees and power lines also occurred.

About 10 minutes earlier, a smaller tornado occurred southwest of Oneida in Nemaha County, causing damage to outbuildings at one residence. The Weather Service rated that tornado as an EF-1, with winds up to 100 miles an hour. It traveled about three miles.

In Jackson County, the Weather Service says an EF-2 tornado, with winds speeds up to 115 miles an hour, formed near Mayetta and moved through the western side of town. The tornado traveled north more than 17 miles, causing damage to several structures--including a house near the end of the tornado.

In Atchison County, the Weather Service says an EF-1 tornado, with wind speeds up to 90 miles an hour, touched down in the Effingham area and traveled 4.5 miles. It destroyed an abandoned home and several outbuildings at a nearby farmstead.

No injuries were reported from any of the tornadoes.

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