

Cleanup efforts continue in Texas

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Crews on Wednesday continued clearing debris in Odessa and Ector County after a severe storm swept through the area the previous night.

Meanwhile, farmers in several counties in the South Plains and the Panhandle were surveying damage to their crops from hail.

In Odessa, about 120 power poles that were either snapped in half or blown down by gale-force winds have been replaced. Winds during the storm reached about 70 mph.

No injuries were reported, said Dale Childers, assistant fire chief in Odessa who activated the city's Emergency Operations Center in response to the storm.

"I feel very fortunate (that no one was hurt)," he said. "I attribute some of that to luck and to people just staying in."

The Odessa American sustained damage to its roof, and the roofs of two buildings at an apartment complex were blown off. Numerous trees were blown down by the straight-line winds.

At the height of the storm, about 10,000 Odessa residents were without power, Childers said. By Wednesday afternoon, that number had dropped to about 4,000, he said.

The storms Tuesday night in Deaf Smith County in the Panhandle produced golf ball-sized hail and added to crop damage from storms the two previous nights. About 5,000 acres of cotton have been damaged in the storms, said Dennis Newton, the county's agriculture agent.

"(The storms) have been pretty tough," Newton said. "The only good thing about it is we got some good rain."

Since Sunday night, the western and northern parts of the county have received as much as 2.5 inches.

Farmers in South Plains also got hit by hail Tuesday night, but it is too early to tell whether cotton fields, particularly near Muleshoe, were damaged heavily.

"It always looks a little ragged the day after so you have to give it a few days," said Shawn Wade, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers. Insurance appraisers will wait a few days to see if the fields are likely to recover, he said.

Dallas County has lost about 15,000 acres from storms in recent days.

Cotton farmers could replant their fields with grain sorghum if the cotton cannot recover.

"Some of it gets to be a judgment call on whether (the cotton) will come back or not," Wade said. "It's touch and go."

To the south in Webb County, as many as 500 homes were without power in 100-degree heat Wednesday after overnight storms hit the area.

The storm carried winds of up to 100 mph, causing some property damage. A Head Start office that provides meals in low-income children was destroyed, roof tops were blown off hangars at the Laredo International Airport and some private and commercial jets were damaged.

No injuries were reported. "There were roofs that were just flying through the air and ended up blocks away," County Judge Louis Bruni said. "It reminded me of the movie 'Twister' when you'd see something flying through the air. Well, this was potted plants."

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Coast Guard calls off searches in Gulf

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard called off two separate searches Wednesday along the Texas and Louisiana coasts for a missing swimmer and fisherman who disappeared within hours of one another Tuesday.

Coast Guard officials said the searches in the Gulf of Mexico turned up empty.

A 17-year-old Hispanic male

who was swimming in San Luis Pass between Galveston and Freeport was reported missing Tuesday evening. The Coast Guard said a 47-foot rescue boat, a Dolphin helicopter, two Galveston County patrol boats and a personal watercraft from the Galveston Beach Patrol participated in the search.

Coast Guard officials also spent Tuesday evening searching for a 35-year-old man who fell from a fishing boat about 18 miles southeast of Cameron, La.



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