

MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
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**Subject: Summary of Damages**

**Date: December 20, 2002**

(Jackson) – The results of the preliminary damage assessment in Newton conducted by Newton County Emergency Management Agency and MEMA are as follows:

- 8 homes destroyed
- 43 homes with major damage
- 130 homes with minor damages or have been affected
- 5 businesses destroyed
- 15 businesses with major damage
- 75 businesses with minor damages or have been affected

The number of injuries remains at 55 with no fatalities and no one missing. There is one shelter that will remain open as long as needed. The voluntary agencies will continue to feed and meet the immediate needs of the affected citizens.

On Saturday, local Newton officials, MEMA, and SBA will conduct further damage assessments for individuals and businesses. MEMA, SBA and FEMA will also perform additional damage assessments for Public Assistance.

Other areas affected by severe weather on Thursday were:

- Coahoma – 10 homes minor damage and 31 businesses with minor damage
- Lauderdale – 6 homes destroyed and 10 homes with major damage
- Lincoln – 2 homes destroyed and 7 homes with major damage

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