

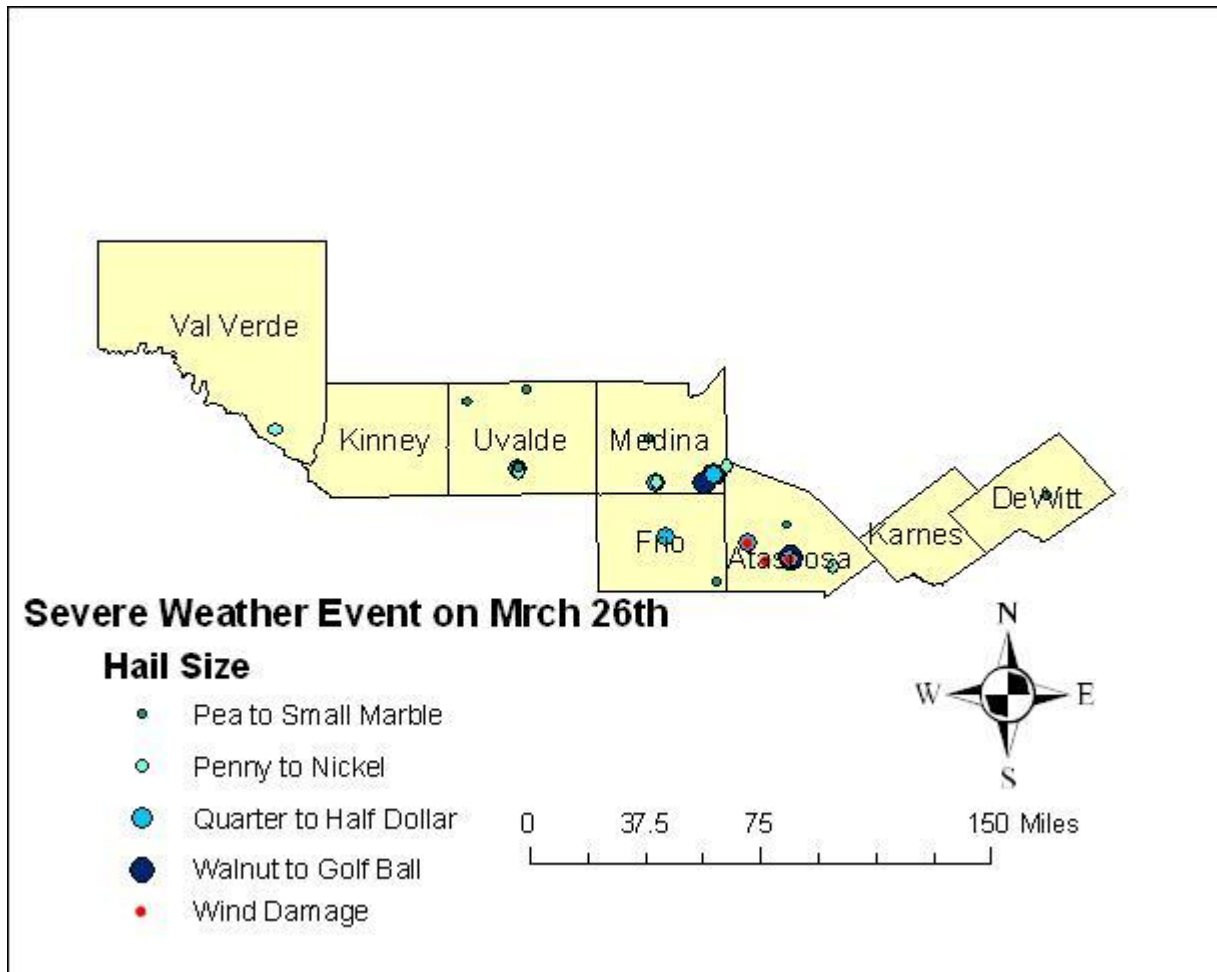
March 26 Severe Weather Event

In the early part of the week of Monday, March 22nd to Friday, March 27th, the storm track began to slowly come south again. The storms from the late afternoon and evening of March 25th helped move a frontal boundary south of San Antonio the night of the 25th to the early morning of the 26th. The frontal boundary became nearly stationary near Cotulla to Del Rio around sunrise on Thursday, March 26th. As another disturbance approached from the west, thunderstorms developed rapidly at Del Rio. The frontal boundary again helped to act as a focus for thunderstorms to develop quickly in the unstable environment. Thunderstorms formed rapidly from 8 am to 10 am, from Del Rio to Uvalde. The thunderstorms then expanded in area coverage and moved east across Medina, Frio, Bexar, Atascosa, and Karnes Counties in the mid to late morning through the early to mid afternoon. Showers and thunderstorms also developed further north and east, over Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Travis, Caldwell, Eastern Williamson, Gonzales, Fayette, Lavaca and Dewitt Counties in the early to mid afternoon, as the complex of rain and storms moved east.

During this weather event, large hail was observed from Val Verde County, eastward to Uvalde, Medina, Frio, and Atascosa Counties. Strong thunderstorm wind gusts were observed over Frio, Atascosa and Karnes Counties. A wind gust estimate of 60 mph was received at Charlotte in Atascosa County at 1 PM. There was reports of trees blown down in Frio and Atascosa Counties from 1230 PM to 122 PM. As the thunderstorms moved further east over Karnes County, wind gusts of 35 to 40 mph was received 9 miles south of Kenedy in Karnes County at 218 PM.



Courtesy pictures from Robert Gonzales located 3.5 miles west of the Texas Highway 16/Farm and Market Road 140 intersection, between Christine and Charlotte in Atascosa County.



Radar Loops

Here is a radar reflectivity loop from 824 AM to 1118 AM

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Here is a radar reflectivity loop from 1130 AM to 148 PM

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