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THANK YOU!

## CoCoRaHS March Madness Results

NWS Nashville's New CoCoRaHS  
Observers for 2023 March Madness

Tennessee did exceptionally well in this year's CoCoRaHS March Madness campaign! We may not be bringing home the trophy, but a 3rd place finish is nothing to scoff at. Some other highlights:

- 125 new observers joined just in Middle Tennessee
- Most of our counties added at least one new observer
- Humphreys, Giles, Macon, Trousdale, and Jackson counties added observers from their previous zero active ones!

Station Count Rank	New Station Count	Station Count Rank ▲
Minnesota	609	1
South Carolina	157	2
Tennessee	140	3
Wisconsin	128	4
Ohio	104	5

Welcome to our new observers and a big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's campaign!

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## NEW: Add Photos to Your Hail Reports!

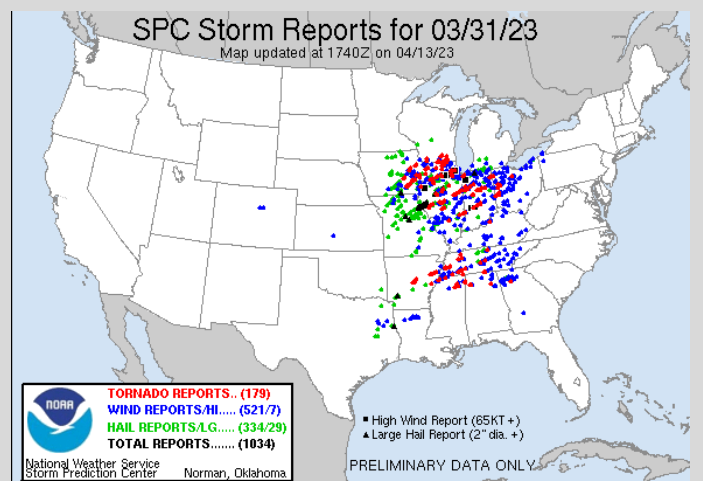
We LOVE it when you submit hail reports, and now they have gotten even better! All observers now have the option of submitting photos with hail reports. Photos that show the size of the hail, hail depth, damages, and storm impacts can add so much value to your hail report. Note: This option is only available on the website at this time. Hopefully it will be added to the app in the future.

These photos will not be available in real-time. A CoCoRaHS official will review the photo to ensure nothing inappropriate is in it. That may take up to 48-72 hours, but once approved, these photos will be available for everyone to see!

Check out [this document](#) for tips on photographing hail.

## March 31—April 1 Severe Weather Outbreak

One of the largest severe weather outbreaks to affect the country since December 2021 occurred on March 31st and into the early morning hours of April 1st. Numerous tornadoes struck the Midwest and Southeast. In Middle Tennessee, five tornadoes were confirmed, causing extensive damage in Wayne, Lewis, Marshall, Rutherford, Cannon, Trousdale, Macon, and Lincoln counties. Fortunately, no fatalities occurred in Middle Tennessee. For more about this event, [check out our webpage here.](#)



## Weather101 is Back!

Calling all weather enthusiasts! NWS Nashville's Weather101 classes are back for the spring! These Weather101 online classes are perfect for anyone who is interested in learning more about a particular weather topic. These classes will dive deep into topics such as satellites, radar, flooding, severe weather, hurricanes, the monsoon, and so much more. Anyone can join these interactive, online classes, and the best part is that they are all FREE! To check out the schedule and register for the classes you are interested in, [please check out our website here.](#)

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## Meet Michael!

Michael is a long-time CoCoRaHS observer in Cookeville going back to 2007, but he's been unofficially observing weather going back to elementary school. His first experience with severe weather was tracking Hurricane Carmen on paper with an analog barometer in 1974 while living in Picayune, Mississippi. Signing up for CoCoRaHS allowed the opportunity to observe daily while being able to access his own records as well as others'. One of Michael's favorite parts of CoCoRaHS is having so much information at his fingertips and being able to update others on how much precipitation was observed. In his words, "it is a numbers guy 'dream' to have all of that information at my fingertips." CoCoRaHS has also given him the platform to interact with our local media in radio and newspapers. One of his most memorable weather events was September 17, 2009 when he measured 6.45 inches of rain in a 24-hour period which is the most ever recorded for Cookeville!

CoCoRaHS fits in perfectly with his Cookeville Weather Guy Facebook & Instagram Page where he is able to keep those in our region updated in real-time. Weather is Michael's #1 hobby along with golfing and boating. He works in the medical field, is married with three kids, one grandson, and a Cavapoo dog named Milo.

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## Meet Dustin!

Dustin has been a CoCoRaHS observer in Overton County for nearly ten years. Dustin is a former National Weather Service employee, retiring from the Jackson, Kentucky office. As such, he knows how important CoCoRaHS data can be. One of Dustin's favorite parts about CoCoRaHS is being able to use his experience to make timely observations, especially those events where it's more than just rain. One of Dustin's more memorable weather events as a CoCoRaHS observer was reporting a rainfall event when 4 inches of rain fell in just one hour.

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