



# Kansas Insurance Department

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## **PRAEGER SAYS STORM LOSS EXCEEDS \$215 MILLION**

*Insurance Commissioner Releases Property and Crop Damage Totals for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger says the 2003 storm season in Kansas produced more than \$215 million in losses of insured property and crops during April through June. "We saw a lot of damage in a relatively short amount of time," said Commissioner Praeger. "Unfortunately, I expect the loss estimate to increase when we receive reports for the month of July."

Statewide property damage estimates for the month of June are \$83 million, while crop damage for the month is estimated at \$5 million.

"For the most part, I'm pleased with how insurance companies have responded to consumers' losses," said Praeger. "I want to remind Kansans that our Consumer Assistance Division is here to offer free assistance when there are questions or concerns about any insurance claims." The Department's toll-free hotline is 1-800-432-2484.

Here is a breakdown of Kansas storm and crop damage for 2003:

April Property	- Statewide	\$13,000,000
May 4 <sup>th</sup> Tornado	- NE Kansas	50,000,000
May 4 <sup>th</sup> Tornado	- SE Kansas	19,000,000
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Tornado	- Lawrence	5,000,000
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Storms	- Remainder of State	8,300,000
May 15 <sup>th</sup> Tornado	- Liberal	2,800,000
May 15 <sup>th</sup> Storms	- Remainder of State	900,000
May Property	- Remainder of Dates in May	26,830,000
May Crops	- Hail on Growing Crops in May	1,650,000
June Property	- Entire Month of June	83,000,000
June Crops	- Hail on Growing Crops in June	5,000,000
<b>Total April-June estimated damage</b>		<b>\$215,480,000</b>

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