



# Kansas Insurance Department

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## **KANSAS STORM LOSS NOW EXCEEDS \$256 MILLION**

*Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger Releases July Damage Figures*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger says the 2003 storm season in Kansas produced more than \$256 million in losses of insured property and crops during April through July. “The storm season extended well beyond spring this year—and we’ve exceeded the amount of damage reported in all of 2002,” said Praeger. “In July, the estimate of insured property loss for the state was \$41 million.”

The Consumer Assistance Division of the Kansas Insurance Department offers free assistance when there are questions or concerns about any insurance claims. The Department’s toll-free hotline is 1-800-432-2484.

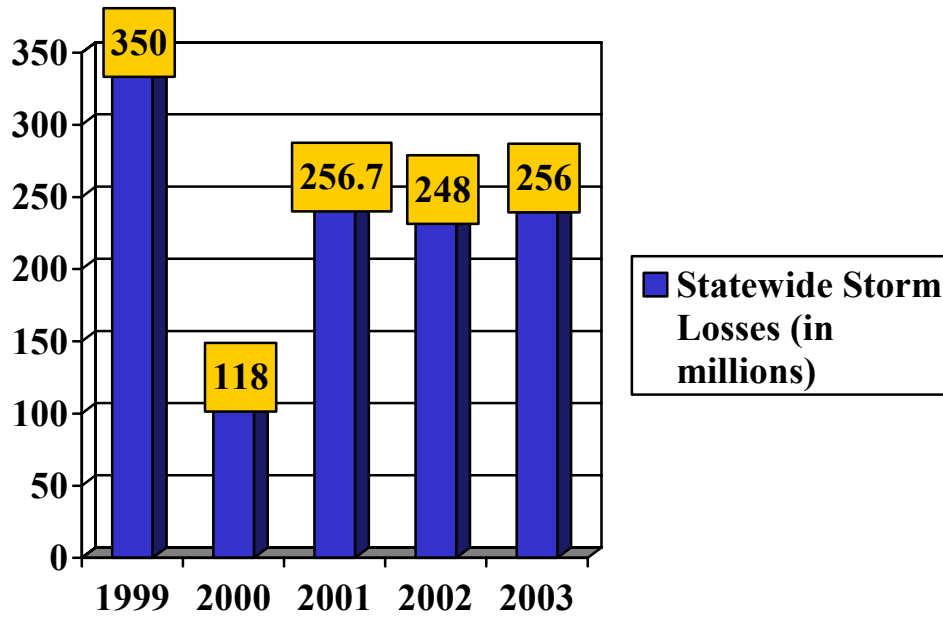
Here is a breakdown of Kansas storm and crop damage for 2003:

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
July Property	- Statewide	41,000,000
<b>Total April-July estimated damage</b>		<b>\$256,480,000</b>

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### 5-year history of insured losses in Kansas (as of August 19, 2003\*)

\*2003 figures only include storm loss through July



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