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MISSOURI STORM LOSSES MAY EXCEED \$300 MILLION

Damage resulting from tornadoes and severe storms that pounded Missouri earlier this week is likely to exceed \$300 million, according to the Missouri Insurance Information Service.

“The preliminary estimate is based on a survey of the top ten property insurance companies writing in Missouri”, according to Calvin Call, Executive Director of the Missouri Insurance Information Service.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, damage from this storm system affected several states in addition to Missouri and is projected to be one of the top five costliest tornado events on record.

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Although storm damage was reported throughout the state, Kansas City and Southwest Missouri areas appeared to suffer the most property losses in terms of insurance claims, frequency and severity.

“Insurance adjusters and catastrophe teams are working diligently to provide relief for affected property owners throughout the state,” Call said.

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