



# Summer 2007



## The Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale

Category	Wind Speed	Potential damage
EF0	65-85 mph	Light damage
EF1	86-110 mph	Moderate damage
EF2	111-135 mph	Considerable damage
EF3	136-165 mph	Severe damage
EF4	166-200 mph	Devastating damage
EF5	> 200 mph	Incredible damage

### The one and the only...

As you can imagine, an F5 tornado is a very rare event. While Arkansas sees an average of 26 tornadoes a year, only one twister in our state's history has been classified as an F5. This tornado, now known as the Sneed tornado, tracked through northeast sections of the state on April 10th, 1929. When it was finally over, the death toll was listed at 23, with another 59 people injured. The tornado reached its maximum strength as it moved



through the communities of Pleasant Valley and Sneed. Both of these communities, located about 2.5 to 3 miles north of Swifton, were virtually destroyed. Historical accounts indicate the tornado was 1/2 mile wide at this point. The tornado then weakened and passed just to the southeast of Alicia. Pleasant Valley was located on what is now Jackson County Road 72 while Sneed was located on what is now Jackson County Road 630.