

Tornado Assistance 1A & 1B

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Two teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency are to begin assessing damage tomorrow (Wed) in northeast Arkansas from last weekend's devastating tornadoes. Governor Asa Hutchinson made the announcement today (Tues), saying uninsured losses will need to run between 4 and 5 million dollars to qualify for a federal disaster declaration. In the meantime, he said state assistance is going toward communities impacted by the storm.

News15 0:26 "...had uninsured loss."

Hutchinson said more than 300 structures were damaged or destroyed. The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, A.J. Gary, said the state would not be able to provide as much assistance as federal funding, but could still help those who were hardest hit.

News16 0:17 "...our state program."

...He said the threshold for that is at the county level. Meanwhile shelters remain open for those displaced by tornado damage.