

September 6-7, 1996

Hurricane Fran gave Big Meadows, VA had the highest wind gust in the state at 71 mph and a rainfall storm total amount of 16.77 inches and Richmond, VA received only 2.1 inches. Page County, VA was the hardest hit in the state and as rainfall amounts were greatest in the Shenandoah Valley it caused more flooding along the Potomac River than the James River. However, the James River reached a crest of 23.8 feet in Richmond which has a flood stage of only 9 feet.

Sept. 5-6, 1996, Hurricane Fran: Fran dropped 8 inches of rain over the mountains and the Shenandoah Valley. In just one hour, some areas saw 3.5 inches of rain. Six people died and damage totaled near \$350 million. A then-record number of Virginians -- 560,000 -- lost power.