

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative

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As of 6:00 A.M., Thursday, September 18, 2008, Upshur Rural Electric is reporting the following outages by county as follows:

CAMP	1
CASS	54
GREGG	246
HARRISON	269
MARION	138
MORRIS	0
RUSK	24
SMITH	162
UPSHUR	62
WOOD	0
TOTAL	956

We are making slow progress and we continue to find more damage to our system from the hurricane winds. The fact is that it just takes “TIME” to build these lines back from the bottom up.

The outage numbers shown above are from tap lines, extending from major feeders, which are out of service. Some of these lines have broken poles, broken cross arms or damaged wire which needs to be replaced while others still have trees and limbs that have to be removed prior to restoration.

It is estimated that most of the ones still out of service will be restored in 24 to 48 hours. Some will be out longer due to individual transformers or damage to a member’s residence. Please call our office if you have not reported your outage. If you are an individual outage or among those at the end of tap lines, please be patient as we work our way to you.

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative is *STILL* at work – from the support staff in the office taking your calls to line crews out in the field. We have been working day and night since Ike roared into our service territory on Saturday and will continue to work day and night until your power is back on. Contractor crews, tree trimming contractor as well as volunteer crews from two cooperatives have been working diligently day and night to restore service. In addition, more volunteer crews from neighboring cooperatives will arrive this morning.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we diligently continue to work to restore service to “YOU” our members.