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Hurricane Agnes occurred in 1972. It hit in Florida, and then traveled up to the northeast. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was hit the worst of all, the Governor Mansion’s floor was filled with Water, as was the famous glass building. There were many different states that were affected by Hurricane Agnes; all the states from Florida to New York were affected by it, especially Delaware and Pennsylvania.

When Hurricane Agnes hit Florida, it was a category 1 hurricane. But it got stronger as it moved up the mainland, causing major flooding in many cities. In Virginia, almost every creek and dam was destroyed.

The total amount of damage done in Virginia cost nearly 222 million dollars in repairs. There were 50 people dead and over 2.3 billion dollars in repairs in Pennsylvania. 25 people died in New York, with a total amount of 7.4 million dollars in repairs. These two states suffered some of the greatest losses among the storm. There were 21 people that died in Maryland to the storm; Delaware only had one casualty to the storm. Weather forecasters In Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, Pennsylvania warned that the severe amount of rain that they were receiving might make the levees overflow.

This event is a very important natural disaster in our history. This hurricane cost the United States billions of dollars to repair what had been lost. Many cities had to rebuild a lot of things. Many people in Pennsylvania were left homeless and any other peoples’ homes had sustained a great amount of damage during the storm.