

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - August 2007

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ILLINOIS, South

SALINE COUNTY

MUDDY	08/03/07 13:08 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	08/03/07 13:08 CST		0	37.77N, 88.52W

SALINE COUNTY

HARRISBURG	08/03/07 13:16 CST		0.15M	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 65 kt)
5.0 S CARRIERS MILLS	08/03/07 13:30 CST		0	37.73N, 88.55W ~ 37.6077N, 88.65W

Numerous trees were blown down from Harrisburg south to the county line. At the county fairgrounds in Harrisburg, the grandstands were heavily damaged, fencing was damaged, and utility poles were down. Trees landed on a cattle barn and concession stand. Elsewhere around the city, doors and windows of four businesses were blown out. A garage partially collapsed. Portions of the roof were lifted off an auto body shop and a utility service building. Large trees were uprooted and power lines were down in Harrisburg.

SALINE COUNTY

HARRISBURG	08/03/07 13:25 CST		0	Heavy Rain
	08/03/07 13:45 CST		0	37.73N, 88.55W

A few motorists were stranded in floodwaters. A lot of localized flooding was reported.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CYPRESS	08/03/07 14:50 CST		2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	08/03/07 14:50 CST		0	37.37N, 89.02W

A few trees were blown down.

ALEXANDER COUNTY

THEBES	08/03/07 15:40 CST		2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	08/03/07 15:40 CST		0	37.22N, 89.47W

Trees were down on Old Route 3.

A cluster of thunderstorms produced isolated wind damage as it tracked south to southwest through southern Illinois. The storms developed during the heat of the day along an inverted trough of low pressure extending northward from the Lower Mississippi Valley.

(IL-Z075) JEFFERSON, (IL-Z076) WAYNE, (IL-Z077) EDWARDS, (IL-Z078) WABASH, (IL-Z080) PERRY, (IL-Z081) FRANKLIN, (IL-Z082) HAMILTON, (IL-Z083) WHITE, (IL-Z084) JACKSON, (IL-Z085) WILLIAMSON, (IL-Z086) SALINE, (IL-Z087) GALLATIN, (IL-Z088) UNION, (IL-Z089) JOHNSON, (IL-Z090) POPE, (IL-Z091) HARDIN, (IL-Z092) ALEXANDER, (IL-Z093) PULASKI, (IL-Z094) MASSAC

08/06/07 12:00 CST		0	Heat
08/09/07 18:00 CST	37	0	

Surface high pressure located over the Deep South remained nearly stationary. A persistent hot and humid southwest wind flow around this high brought an extended period of dangerously high heat indices, ranging from 105 to 110 degrees on several afternoons. A number of persons were treated for heat exhaustion, including 37 at a Carbondale hospital. Several counties opened a cooling shelter.

(IL-Z075) JEFFERSON, (IL-Z076) WAYNE, (IL-Z077) EDWARDS, (IL-Z078) WABASH, (IL-Z080) PERRY, (IL-Z081) FRANKLIN, (IL-Z082) HAMILTON, (IL-Z083) WHITE, (IL-Z084) JACKSON, (IL-Z085) WILLIAMSON, (IL-Z086) SALINE, (IL-Z087) GALLATIN, (IL-Z088) UNION, (IL-Z089) JOHNSON, (IL-Z090) POPE, (IL-Z091) HARDIN, (IL-Z092) ALEXANDER, (IL-Z093) PULASKI, (IL-Z094) MASSAC

08/15/07 12:00 CST		0	Heat
08/16/07 16:00 CST		0	

A large and strong high in the upper levels of the atmosphere brought a resurgence of triple digit heat. Heat indices again topped 105 degrees on a couple of afternoons. This resurgence of heat was part of a longer term heat wave that lasted nearly all of August. At Carbondale, the preliminary August average temperature at the airport was 82.1 degrees. Using historical records from the Carbondale sewage plant, this ranked as the fourth warmest August on record. A streak of 21 consecutive days of highs of at least 90 degrees ended on August 19.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

WOODLAWN	08/15/07 16:27 CST		5K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/15/07 16:27 CST		0	38.33N, 89.03W

Several trees were blown down or snapped off. Transformers were blown out.

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EDWARDS COUNTY				
ALBION	08/15/07 16:31 CST		20K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/15/07 16:31 CST		0	38.38N, 88.05W
Numerous large tree limbs and a few large trees were blown down. Some of the tree limbs severed power lines. At least five utility poles were snapped.				
EDWARDS COUNTY				
ALBION	08/15/07 16:47 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	08/15/07 16:47 CST		0	38.38N, 88.05W
WAYNE COUNTY				
FAIRFIELD	08/15/07 17:28 CST		0.15M	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 65 kt)
5.0 E FAIRFIELD	08/15/07 17:40 CST		0	38.38N, 88.37W ~ 38.38N, 88.2778W
Roofs were damaged, and numerous trees were blown down by very strong thunderstorm winds. The wind damage was primarily from the east side of Fairfield eastward along Route 15. The entire roof was blown off a residence, and another residence was partially unroofed. The unroofed home sustained heavy water damage. Part of the roof of a church was torn off. A few very large pine trees were uprooted. At least a few of the downed trees landed on houses and vehicles. Three small telephone poles were blown down. A cornfield was flattened.				
Isolated severe thunderstorms developed during the heat of the day. The storms were aided by a weak surface trough extending southeast from a weak low near the Iowa/Illinois border.				
WABASH COUNTY				
MT CARMEL	08/16/07 12:20 CST		15K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/16/07 12:20 CST		0	38.42N, 87.77W
Trees were blown down on houses on the west end of Mt. Carmel.				
An isolated severe thunderstorm developed during the heat of the day. A weak surface trough across far southern Missouri and southern Kentucky aided storm development.				
(IL-Z077) EDWARDS, (IL-Z078) WABASH, (IL-Z080) PERRY, (IL-Z081) FRANKLIN, (IL-Z082) HAMILTON, (IL-Z083) WHITE, (IL-Z084) JACKSON, (IL-Z085) WILLIAMSON, (IL-Z086) SALINE, (IL-Z087) GALLATIN, (IL-Z088) UNION, (IL-Z089) JOHNSON, (IL-Z090) POPE, (IL-Z091) HARDIN, (IL-Z092) ALEXANDER, (IL-Z093) PULASKI, (IL-Z094) MASSAC				
	08/28/07 00:00 CST		0	Drought
	08/31/07 23:59 CST		0	
Severe drought conditions over western Kentucky at mid-month overspread nearly all of southern Illinois late in August. A persistent 500 mb high over the southeast and south central U.S. steered rain-producing systems north and west of the Lower Ohio Valley. Scattered thunderstorms provided what little rainfall there was. At Carbondale, the monthly rainfall was 1.55 inches. Soil moisture in the top 12 inches of soil was running 40 to 50 percent below normal. This impacted the agricultural sector. Statewide across Illinois, 45 percent of pasture land, 17 percent of the soybean crop, and 9 percent of the corn crop was rated poor or very poor. Due to high fire danger, an outdoor burn ban was imposed in Union County and the cities of Carbondale and Marion. A passing train sparked a fire on the railroad bridge over the Ohio River at Metropolis. About 50 railroad cross ties caught fire on the bridge.				
WAYNE COUNTY				
FAIRFIELD	08/29/07 12:55 CST		2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	08/29/07 12:55 CST		0	38.38N, 88.37W
Numerous branches from 6 to 8 inches in diameter were blown down at the high school. A couple of trees were blown down across power lines.				
WAYNE COUNTY				
FAIRFIELD	08/29/07 13:05 CST		0	Heavy Rain
	08/29/07 13:35 CST		0	38.38N, 88.37W
Six inches of water was across Fairfield city roads.				
UNION COUNTY				
2.0 N COBDEN	08/29/07 16:15 CST		6K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/29/07 16:15 CST		0	37.5589N, 89.25W
A number of large trees were toppled.				
Isolated severe thunderstorms occurred during the heat of the day. The storms occurred along a weak cold front that extended				

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southwest from low pressure over the Great Lakes region.

INDIANA, Southwest

(IN-Z081) GIBSON, (IN-Z082) PIKE, (IN-Z085) POSEY, (IN-Z086) VANDERBURGH, (IN-Z087) WARRICK, (IN-Z088) SPENCER

08/05/07 11:00 CST	0	Heat
08/09/07 18:00 CST	0	

Surface high pressure located over the Deep South remained nearly stationary. A persistent hot and humid southwest wind flow around this high brought an extended period of dangerously high heat indices, ranging from 105 to 110 degrees on several afternoons. Four cooling centers were opened in Evansville/Vanderburgh County. 46 people attended the shelters. A count of heat-related illnesses was unavailable from local hospitals.

(IN-Z081) GIBSON, (IN-Z082) PIKE, (IN-Z085) POSEY, (IN-Z086) VANDERBURGH, (IN-Z087) WARRICK, (IN-Z088) SPENCER

08/15/07 12:00 CST	0	Heat
08/16/07 16:00 CST	0	

A large and strong high in the upper levels of the atmosphere brought a resurgence of triple digit heat. Heat indices again topped 105 degrees on a couple of afternoons. The primary utility company serving southwest Indiana set record usage peaks. This resurgence of heat was part of a longer term heat wave that lasted nearly all of August. At Evansville, this August tied the August of 1900 and 1995 for the second warmest on record. The preliminary monthly average temperature was 83.4 degrees, which was nearly a degree behind the record of 84.1 degrees set in 1936. Evansville set records for most consecutive days with highs of at least 90 and 95 degrees. Through and including August 16, there were 14 consecutive days of highs of 95 or above. The previous record was 12. Through and including August 29, there were 31 consecutive days at or above 90. This surpassed the previous record of 27 consecutive days in 1936. The high of 104 degrees on the 15th was one degree shy of the monthly record for August. There were six days with highs of at least 100 degrees.

(IN-Z081) GIBSON, (IN-Z082) PIKE, (IN-Z085) POSEY, (IN-Z086) VANDERBURGH, (IN-Z087) WARRICK, (IN-Z088) SPENCER

08/21/07 00:00 CST	0	Drought
08/31/07 23:59 CST	0	

Severe drought conditions over western Kentucky at mid-month overspread southwest Indiana late in August. A persistent 500 mb high over the southeast and south central U.S. steered rain-producing systems north and west of the Lower Ohio Valley. Isolated thunderstorms provided what little rainfall there was. The monthly total at the Evansville airport was 0.99 inch. For the year-to-date, the rainfall at Evansville was 7.76 inches below normal. Soil moisture in the top 12 inches was running 40 to 50 percent below normal. Statewide across Indiana, 69 percent of pasture land, 21 percent of the soybean crop, and 24 percent of the corn crop were rated poor or very poor. A ban on outdoor burning was imposed in Evansville and surrounding areas within four miles.

KENTUCKY, Southwest

CALLOWAY COUNTY

LYNN GROVE	08/02/07 13:30 CST	15K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	08/02/07 13:30 CST	0	36.6N, 88.43W

A small tobacco barn was blown into the middle of a county road. Part of the roof was blown off a nearby home, allowing water to damage the interior. Several trees were blown down.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

0.2 E HERNDON	08/02/07 16:01 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
	08/02/07 16:01 CST	0	36.73N, 87.5664W

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

HERNDON	08/02/07 16:01 CST	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	08/02/07 16:01 CST	0	36.73N, 87.57W

Numerous large tree limbs were blown down. A few small trees were down.

A couple of thunderstorms briefly pulsed up to severe levels during the heat of the day.

(KY-Z001) FULTON, (KY-Z002) HICKMAN, (KY-Z003) CARLISLE, (KY-Z004) BALLARD, (KY-Z005) MCCRACKEN, (KY-Z006) GRAVES, (KY-Z007)

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LIVINGSTON, (KY-Z008) MARSHALL, (KY-Z009) CALLOWAY, (KY-Z010) CRITTENDEN, (KY-Z011) LYON, (KY-Z012) TRIGG, (KY-Z013) CALDWELL, (KY-Z014) UNION, (KY-Z015) WEBSTER, (KY-Z016) HOPKINS, (KY-Z017) CHRISTIAN, (KY-Z018) HENDERSON, (KY-Z019) DAVIESS, (KY-Z020) MCLEAN, (KY-Z021) MUHLENBERG, (KY-Z022) TODD				

08/03/07 00:00 CST	0	Drought
08/31/07 23:59 CST	0	

Severe drought conditions near the Tennessee border at the start of the month overspread the remainder of western Kentucky. By the end of the month, the severe drought worsened to the extreme drought category for all but the Henderson/Owensboro area. A persistent 500 mb high over the southeast and south central U.S. steered rain-producing systems north and west of Kentucky. At Paducah, August 28 was the only day of the month when more than .01 inch fell. A thunderstorm on that day dropped 1.16 inches. The monthly total of 1.17 inches was the eighth lowest on record for August. Some locations in western Kentucky were running 12 to 18 inches below normal for the year-to-date. Paducah was 7.08 inches below normal. The Commonwealth of Kentucky maintained a Water Shortage Watch for Muhlenberg County, where dry conditions created the potential for drinking water supply problems. The city of Marion in Crittenden County asked residents to voluntarily reduce water use and limit outdoor watering. Marion residents were asked to follow an odd/even watering schedule. In Christian County, the water authority asked customers to limit landscape watering to four days per week. The main impact of the dry conditions was the low production of hay for livestock feed. The USDA declared 17 Kentucky counties agricultural disaster areas due to ongoing drought. These counties along the Tennessee border were designated as contiguous disaster areas. Soil moisture deficits in the top 12 inches of soil were running up to one to one and one-half inches below normal. Statewide, 71 percent of pasture land, 19 percent of the tobacco crop, 37 percent of the soybean crop, and 25 percent of the corn crop was rated poor or very poor. Crop damage estimates were not available yet. Fire danger was high to extreme at times, depending on wind and relative humidity levels. A few large fires in excess of 100 acres occurred. A woods fire that threatened a TVA power plant near Drakesboro in Muhlenberg County burned about 450 acres. Another fire in northern Graves County between Mayfield and Fancy Farm torched about 200 acres, mostly farm fields. In the southeast corner of Graves County near Bell City, another fire burned about 250 acres of grass, cornfields, and woods. A burn ban was initiated in all western Kentucky counties. Due to low flows on rivers, hydroelectric power generated at dams owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority was less than half of normal. Low water levels on the major rivers forced barge operators to lighten loads.

(KY-Z001) FULTON, (KY-Z002) HICKMAN, (KY-Z003) CARLISLE, (KY-Z004) BALLARD, (KY-Z005) MCCRACKEN, (KY-Z006) GRAVES, (KY-Z007) LIVINGSTON, (KY-Z008) MARSHALL, (KY-Z009) CALLOWAY, (KY-Z010) CRITTENDEN, (KY-Z011) LYON, (KY-Z012) TRIGG, (KY-Z013) CALDWELL, (KY-Z014) UNION, (KY-Z015) WEBSTER, (KY-Z016) HOPKINS, (KY-Z017) CHRISTIAN, (KY-Z018) HENDERSON, (KY-Z019) DAVIESS, (KY-Z020) MCLEAN, (KY-Z021) MUHLENBERG, (KY-Z022) TODD				
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08/05/07 11:00 CST	0	Heat
08/09/07 18:00 CST	45	0

Surface high pressure located over the Deep South remained nearly stationary. A persistent hot and humid southwest wind flow around this high brought an extended period of dangerously high heat indices, ranging from 105 to 110 degrees on several afternoons. In northern Christian County, heat was ruled as the secondary cause of death (indirect fatality) following an ATV accident. The primary cause of death was asphyxiation when the ATV rolled on top of him. About 40 people were treated at Paducah hospitals for heat illnesses, and at least five were treated at an Owensboro hospital. An exact count was not available from most hospitals. Schools moved sports team workouts indoors or cancelled them. The state highway department altered its hours for outdoor workers to begin earlier in the morning and end earlier in the afternoon. Cooling shelters were opened in Paducah, Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, and Mclean County. Some utilities set usage records, including Kentucky Utilities and TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority).

(KY-Z001) FULTON, (KY-Z002) HICKMAN, (KY-Z003) CARLISLE, (KY-Z004) BALLARD, (KY-Z005) MCCRACKEN, (KY-Z007) LIVINGSTON, (KY-Z010) CRITTENDEN, (KY-Z014) UNION, (KY-Z015) WEBSTER, (KY-Z017) CHRISTIAN, (KY-Z018) HENDERSON, (KY-Z019) DAVIESS				
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08/15/07 12:00 CST	0	Heat
08/16/07 16:00 CST	0	

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MCCRACKEN COUNTY

1.5 W BARKLEY ARPT	08/28/07 16:10 CST	6K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
2.0 WNW BARKLEY ARPT	08/28/07 16:10 CST	0	37.07N, 88.7972W ~ 37.0811N, 88.8035W

Large tree limbs were blown down. Shingles were blown off. The damage area was just west of the Barkley Regional Airport and about one mile either side of U.S. Highway 60.

An isolated severe thunderstorm event occurred during the heat of the day. A weak surface trough extended from west to east across

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western Kentucky, which aided the development of storms.

MISSOURI, Southeast

(MO-Z076) PERRY, (MO-Z086) BOLLINGER, (MO-Z087) CAPE GIRARDEAU, (MO-Z100) WAYNE, (MO-Z107) CARTER, (MO-Z108) RIPLEY, (MO-Z109) BUTLER, (MO-Z110) STODDARD, (MO-Z111) SCOTT, (MO-Z112) MISSISSIPPI, (MO-Z114) NEW MADRID				
	08/06/07 12:00 CST		0	Heat
	08/09/07 18:00 CST	6	0	

Surface high pressure located over the Deep South remained nearly stationary. A persistent hot and humid southwest wind flow around this high brought an extended period of dangerously high heat indices, ranging from 105 to 110 degrees on several afternoons. A golfer overheated while playing at a tournament in Piedmont in Wayne County. The golfer was taken by ambulance to an area hospital. At least several other persons were treated for heat-related illnesses, but no exact count of heat-related cases was available from hospitals. Two cooling centers were opened in Cape Girardeau.

(MO-Z076) PERRY, (MO-Z086) BOLLINGER, (MO-Z087) CAPE GIRARDEAU, (MO-Z100) WAYNE, (MO-Z107) CARTER, (MO-Z108) RIPLEY, (MO-Z109) BUTLER, (MO-Z110) STODDARD, (MO-Z111) SCOTT, (MO-Z112) MISSISSIPPI, (MO-Z114) NEW MADRID				
	08/15/07 12:00 CST	1	0	Heat
	08/16/07 16:00 CST	2	0	

A large and strong high in the upper levels of the atmosphere brought a resurgence of triple digit heat. Heat indices again topped 105 degrees on a couple of afternoons. An elderly woman died of hyperthermia at Trail of Tears State Park in Cape Girardeau County, where she had been camping with family. The victim apparently fell asleep in an overheated vehicle. At least a few people sought treatment at local hospitals for heat exhaustion, but exact counts were not available from hospitals. Two cooling centers were opened in Cape Girardeau, and the city fire department asked citizens to check on homebound neighbors in poor health. This resurgence of heat was part of a longer term heat wave that lasted nearly all of August. At Cape Girardeau, the monthly average temperature of 82.1 degrees was the fifth warmest on record. At Poplar Bluff, the August average temperature of 82.5 degrees was tied for fourth warmest. Cape Girardeau set a record for the longest stretch of 90-degree plus high temperatures. Through and including August 24, there were 30 consecutive days of highs of 90 or above.

Direct Fatalities: F81VE

BUTLER COUNTY

8.0 S POPLAR BLUFF	08/16/07 13:56 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	08/16/07 13:56 CST		0	36.6343N, 90.4W

A trained spotter estimated wind gusts from 60 to 65 MPH.

PERRY COUNTY

FROHNA	08/16/07 14:15 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	08/16/07 14:15 CST		0	37.63N, 89.63W

CARTER COUNTY

1.0 S VAN BUREN	08/16/07 18:45 CST		8K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/16/07 18:45 CST		0	36.9855N, 91.02W

In south Van Buren, extensive tree damage occurred at a campground and adjacent private property. A canoe trailer was blown over.

WAYNE COUNTY

3.0 NE LOWNDES	08/16/07 20:30 CST		4K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	08/16/07 20:30 CST		0	37.1807N, 90.2315W

Some trees were blown down. The roof of an old pole barn was blown off. The damage occurred very near the Bollinger County line.

Isolated severe thunderstorms developed during the heat of the day. A weak surface trough across far southern Missouri and southern Kentucky aided storm development.

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	08/21/07 00:00 CST		0	Drought
	08/31/07 23:59 CST		0	

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