



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

ILLINOIS, Northeast

La Salle County									
Streator	04	1155CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Ogle County									
2 W Polo	04	1346CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Du Page County									
Wheaton	04	1500CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Kane County									
Carpentersville to Elgin	04	1515CST 1530CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Cook County									
(Ord)O'Hare Intl Arp	04	1530CST			0	1			Lightning
Du Page County									
Downers Grove	04	1535CST			0	0			Hail(1.25)
Reported at 63rd Street and Fairview Avenue.									
Kankakee County									
Essex	04	1548CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Kankakee County									
1 S Kankakee	04	1624CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Kankakee County									
Bourbonnais	04	1630CST			0	0	1K		Lightning
Kankakee County									
Kankakee	04	1700CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)

Thunderstorms developed during the morning and afternoon hours across much of northern Illinois on April 4th. All reports of severe weather were in the form of hail. One of the strongest storms occurred over northeast Kane county where several reports of hail were received ranging in size from nickels to golfballs. Another storm produced golfball size hail Kankakee county. An airport worker at Chicago Ohare Airport suffered minor injuries after lightning struck an aircraft he was standing near. In Bourbonnais in Kankakee County, a house was struck by lightning causing minor damage

Will County									
1 N Wilmington	14	1500CST 2000CST			0	0			Wildfire

Strong southwest winds gusting over 30 mph along with relative humidities between 15 and 20 percent and very dry fuel moisture aided a 234 acre wildfire at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in southern Will county. About 10% of the burn area consisted of timber and brush and was burned as heavily as the grasses were.

Grundy County									
Morris	24	1700CST 2100CST			0	0			Wildfire

A wildfire burned about 200 acres of mainly grass, brush and cattails west of Morris in Grundy county Thursday evening, April 24th. No injuries or damage were reported.

Lake County									
Zion	27 28	1900CST 1200CST			0	0			Wildfire

Du Page County									
Darien	28	0800CST 1400CST			0	0			Wildfire

A wildfire burned about 700 acres at the Illinois Beach State Park near Zion in Lake county Illinois. The fire started Sunday night and was declared out around Noon Monday the 28th. Over 150 firefighters battled the blaze. Another wildfire near Antioch burned 40 acres on Tuesday the 29th. On Monday, 106 acres burned at the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve near Darien in Dupage county. No injuries or damage were reported with any of these fires. Conditions across northern Illinois were extremely dry during April 2003.



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ILLINOIS, Northeast

Ogle County									
Flagg Center	30	1207CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Lake County									
Mundelein	30	1225CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Lake County									
North Chicago	30	1233CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Cook County									
Schaumburg	30	1350CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Will County									
Crete	30	1453CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Kankakee County									
Kankakee	30	1620CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Du Page County									
Burr Ridge	30	2100CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
Reported at Route 83 and Interstate 55.									
La Salle County									
3 SE La Salle	30	2111CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
Reported at mile marker 84 on Interstate 80.									
Cook County									
Willow Spgs	30	2115CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
La Salle County									
Cedar Pt	30	2130CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Livingston County									
Dwight	30	2220CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A wave of thunderstorms moved across northern Illinois during the afternoon hours of April 30th producing severe hail. A second wave of Thunderstorms developed over eastern Iowa and west central Illinois and moved east across northern Illinois late in the evening of April 30th. A supercell moved east toward La Salle county producing a funnel cloud near La Salle. The storm eventually merged with additional storms forming a squall line which produced hail and wind damage. A TV antenna and small limbs were blown down in Cedar Point in La Salle county. Power lines were blown down in Dwight. Numerous power outages were reported

INDIANA, Northwest

Jasper County									
Tefft	04	1725CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
Benton County									
Fowler to 2 N Oxford	04	1825EST 1830EST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Newton County									
Kentland	04	1950CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)

Thunderstorms which formed across northern Illinois during the afternoon hours of April 4th moved across northwest Indiana during the late afternoon and evening hours. Hail was reported across parts of Benton and Newton counties with some small branches reported down in Benton county. A roof was blown off a building in Jasper county at State Road 10 and county road 400E just south of Tefft.



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LAKE MICHIGAN

LMZ741		Wilmette Hbr To Meigs Field II							
Harrison-Dever Crib	30	1410CST			0	0			Marine Tstm Wind (G44)
LMZ741		Wilmette Hbr To Meigs Field II							
Harrison-Dever Crib	30	2300CST			0	0			Marine Tstm Wind (G60)