

## **National Weather Service** Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2005 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage

**ILLINOIS, South** 

ILZ075>078-080>094

Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - White - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Gallatin -Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac

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Moderate drought conditions persisted over southern Illinois until the remnants of Hurricane Dennis arrived, producing from 2 to 5 inches of rain. Although the rain was beneficial, it came too late for some crops. All of southern Illinois except for Alexander County was designated as an agricultural disaster area by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A local newspaper in the lower Wabash Valley reported that the local corn and soybean crop would suffer a 50 percent yield reduction due to the drought. Final crop figures will not be available until the fall harvest.

**Jackson County** Makanda

2130CST 2245CST 18

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Heavy Rain

Drought

0 Standing water was on secondary roads due to heavy rainfall amounts estimated by radar from one to two inches

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**Excessive Heat** 

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Several days of excessive heat and humidity caused a significant increase in heat-related illnesses. Hospitals reported that a majority of those treated were outdoor workers. The heat index peaked around 110 degrees each afternoon, and dropped to only around 80 degrees at night. True air temperatures reached the mid 90's, with overnight lows in the mid 70's. At Carbondale, the heat index topped out at 112 degrees on the 21st and the 22nd, 105 on the 23rd, 115 on the 24th, 106 on the 25th, and 109 on the 26th. These heat indices were representative of the rest of southern Illinois. The heat wave was the result of an expansive surface high pressure system extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. A light southerly wind flow, combined with moist ground from the remnants of Hurricane Dennis earlier in the month, allowed dew points to hover around 80 degrees.

## **INDIANA**, Southwest

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INZ081>082-085>088

Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer

1100CST 1800CST

Several days of excessive heat and humidity caused a significant increase in heat-related illnesses. A local hospital in Gibson County reported treating four people, all of whom were involved in outdoor activities. Statistics from Evansville hospitals were unavailable. The heat index peaked from 100 to 110 degrees each afternoon. True air temperatures reached the lower to mid 90's, with overnight lows in the lower to mid 70's. At Evansville, the heat index topped out at 109 degrees on the 21st, 105 on the 22nd, 98 on the 23rd, 109 on the 24th, 106 on the 25th, and 104 on the 26th. These heat indices were representative of the rest of southwest Indiana. The heat wave was the result of an expansive surface high pressure system extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. A light southerly wind flow, combined with moist ground from the remnants of Hurricane Dennis earlier in the month, allowed dew points to hover just below 80 degrees at times.

Gibson County Owensville to Haubstadt

4K Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

The county highway department reported trees were blown down in the Owensville area, including some that landed on power lines



Jackson

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1900CST

2000CST

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Flooding of Hubble Creek closed several streets and stranded several motorists. A couple of cars were caught in water on Main Street. Three other cars were trapped in flooding on U.S. Highway 61. One motorist was assisted by police. Water was over Jackson

10K

Flash Flood



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MISSOURI, Southeast

Boulevard. The flash flooding was due to thunderstorms with radar-estimated rainfall rates of nearly two inches per hour.

MOZ076-086>087-100-107>112-114 Perry - Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott - Mississippi - New Madrid

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Several days of excessive heat and humidity caused two fatalities and a significant increase in heat-related illnesses. In Cape Girardeau, two residents of a home without air conditioning died. The windows were closed because one of the victims suffered from asthma. They relied mostly on fans to keep cool. In neighboring Scott County, a resident of Scott City died from indirect effect of the heat. The 43-year-old man, who had serious pre-existing medical problems, died in a small travel trailer in which the air conditioner was broken. Local hospitals reported that the majority of those treated were involved in outdoor activities. The heat index peaked around 115 degrees each afternoon, and dropped to only around 80 degrees at night. True air temperatures reached the upper 90's, with overnight lows in the mid 70's. At Cape Girardeau, the heat index topped out at 117 degrees on the 21st and 22nd, 112 on the 23rd, 115 on the 24th, 108 on the 25th, and 111 on the 26th. Heat indices were a little lower to the west of Cape Girardeau, including the Poplar Bluff area, where heat indices were often 3 to 5 degrees lower. The heat wave was the result of an expansive surface high pressure system extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. A light southerly wind flow, combined with moist ground from the remnants of Hurricane Dennis earlier in the month, allowed dew points to hover near 80 degrees. F83PH, M63PH