

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - May 2007

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
ILLINOIS, Northeast				
GRUNDY COUNTY				
7.0 SSW MAZON	05/15/07 12:25 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 52 kt)
	05/15/07 12:25 CST		0	41.1365N, 88.4815W
A gust to 60 mph was measured at the Dwight Airport in southern Grundy County.				
GRUNDY COUNTY				
MORRIS	05/15/07 12:37 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	05/15/07 12:39 CST		0	41.37N, 88.42W
GRUNDY COUNTY				
COAL CITY	05/15/07 12:42 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	05/15/07 12:45 CST		0	41.28N, 88.28W
Penny to nickel size hail reported. Hail covered the ground and stripped leaves off trees near Garfield and Route 113.				
GRUNDY COUNTY				
MORRIS	05/15/07 12:57 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	05/15/07 12:59 CST		0	41.37N, 88.42W
WILL COUNTY				
MANHATTAN	05/15/07 13:05 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:05 CST		0	41.42N, 87.98W
A barn was damaged just south of Manhattan.				
WILL COUNTY				
0.5 NW PEOTONE	05/15/07 13:15 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
PEOTONE	05/15/07 13:15 CST	1	0	41.3351N, 87.7868W ~ 41.33N, 87.78W
A semi truck was blown over on Interstate 57, one mile north of Will-Peotone Road. The driver was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. Trees and tree limbs were blown down in Peotone.				
FORD COUNTY				
GIBSON CITY	05/15/07 13:30 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:30 CST		0	40.47N, 88.37W
Tree limbs were blown down.				
WILL COUNTY				
WILTON CENTER	05/15/07 13:30 CST		1K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:30 CST		0	41.35N, 87.97W
Trees and power lines were blown down.				
FORD COUNTY				
MELVIN	05/15/07 13:35 CST		2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:35 CST		0	40.57N, 88.23W
Several trees and numerous tree limbs were blown down. An empty, above ground pool was destroyed.				
WILL COUNTY				
MONEE	05/15/07 13:47 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/15/07 13:47 CST		0	41.42N, 87.73W
Three 12 inch diameter trees were blown down.				
IROQUOIS COUNTY				

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CISSNA PARK	05/15/07 14:02 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 14:02 CST		0	40.57N, 87.88W

Several trees were blown down in a park.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

2.0 N WATSEKA WATSEKA	05/15/07 14:05 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/15/07 14:07 CST		0	40.8089N, 87.73W ~ 40.78N, 87.73W

Trees blown down north of Watseka and a large tree was uprooted near North Fifth Street and Sheridan. A 30 foot by 50 foot roof was ripped off a barn on County Road 1630 N.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

1.0 W WATSEKA	05/15/07 14:10 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 14:10 CST		0	40.78N, 87.7491W

Tree limbs blown down west of Watseka.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

SHELDON	05/15/07 14:15 CST		20K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 14:15 CST		0	40.77N, 87.57W

A downtown building had about 90 feet of the roof peeled off and about a 10 foot section that was blown off. Debris from this roof was blown across the street. Tree limbs and power lines were also blown down.

Severe thunderstorms moved across east central Illinois during the afternoon hours of May 15th, which produced hail and wind damage.

COOK COUNTY

STREAMWOOD	05/16/07 16:46 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 65 kt)
	05/16/07 16:46 CST		0	42.03N, 88.17W

Downburst winds produced tree damage north of Irving Park Road and west of Barrington Road. One tree was uprooted, one was snapped at the trunk and several large limbs were blown down. An observer measured a wind gust to 75 mph before his equipment stopped working.

COOK COUNTY

SCHAUMBURG	05/16/07 16:50 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/16/07 16:50 CST		0	42.03N, 88.08W

A school roof was damaged just south of West Schaumburg Road.

COOK COUNTY

SCHAUMBURG	05/16/07 16:52 CST		50K	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.50 mi , W: 15 yd)
	05/16/07 16:53 CST		0	42.03N, 88.08W

Based on eyewitness accounts, a condensation funnel may not have been visible, but damage to roofs of three buildings in an industrial park along Wise Road just west of Mitchell Boulevard show signs of uplift but minimal winds. Only a couple of tree limbs were knocked down in the area. An eyewitness observed roofing material and insulation lifted into the air and swirling rapidly. Witnesses also observed rotation in a low hanging cloud base.

DU PAGE COUNTY

HANOVER PARK	05/16/07 16:55 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/16/07 16:55 CST		0	42.02N, 88.18W

Large tree limbs blown down.

COOK COUNTY

PALATINE	05/16/07 17:00 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	05/16/07 17:00 CST		0	42.1N, 88.05W

Strong thunderstorms formed over Streamwood and Hanover Park during the late afternoon hours of May 16th.

COOK (IL-Z014), WILL (IL-Z022)

	05/24/07 09:40 CST		2.05M	Wildfire
	05/24/07 17:00 CST		0	

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<p>Strong winds to 45 mph combined with low relative humidity to create dangerous fire conditions on May 24th. A fire started at an RV business in Bolingbrook near Interstate 55. The fire spread to a camper nearby. The fire produced thick, black smoke which was blown nearly horizontal across Interstate 55 by strong winds, causing it to be closed for an hour until the fire was brought under control.</p> <p>A one square mile area in Harvey was leveled by fire. A brush fire started late in the morning near 156th Street and Lathrop Avenue. The fire quickly spread to buildings and was driven from rooftop to rooftop by winds as high as 45 mph. A thick, black plume of smoke was carried as far as 25 miles north of the fire. The fire also damaged some utility poles and power lines.</p>				
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WINNEBAGO (IL-Z003), MCHENRY (IL-Z005), KANE (IL-Z012), DU PAGE (IL-Z013), LA SALLE (IL-Z019)				
	05/24/07 10:30 CST		0.15M	Strong Wind (MAX 45 kt)
	05/24/07 18:00 CST		0	
<p>Strong winds persisted from the late morning into the afternoon of May 24th. Wind gusts were between 40 and 50 mph. A 70 foot tall tree was blown down and fell onto a truck in West Chicago. Power lines were blown down along the McHenry/Kane County line just south of Huntley. A utility pole was blown down with a blown transformer in Bensenville. A two and a half foot diameter tree was blown down with half the tree falling on a house in Wheaton. Power lines were blown down on the west side of Elgin. Trees, tree limbs and power lines were blown down in Peru. A tree was blown down, which fell onto a utility pole knocking it and power lines down in Rockford. A tree fell onto five parked cars, causing damage to roofs and windows in Batavia. A 16 sided, 122 year old barn near Elgin, collapsed due to strong winds. The barn had been undergoing a multi-year renovation project to preserve it.</p>				
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DE KALB COUNTY				
MALTA	05/24/07 18:15 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	05/24/07 18:15 CST		0	41.93N, 88.87W
Wind gusts estimated to 60 mph.				
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DE KALB COUNTY				
WATERMAN	05/24/07 18:53 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/24/07 18:53 CST		0	41.77N, 88.77W
Tree limbs were blown off an Oak tree.				
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DE KALB COUNTY				
CORTLAND	05/24/07 18:59 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	05/24/07 18:59 CST		0	41.92N, 88.68W
Wind gusts estimated to 65 mph.				
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KANE COUNTY				
ELBURN	05/24/07 19:17 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/24/07 19:17 CST		0	41.88N, 88.47W
A tree was uprooted.				
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KANE COUNTY				
7.0 SW ELBURN	05/24/07 19:30 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	05/24/07 19:30 CST		0	41.8084N, 88.5661W
Wind gusts estimated to 65 mph.				
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Severe thunderstorms moved across parts of north central Illinois producing wind damage.				
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LA SALLE COUNTY				
OTTAWA	05/26/07 14:24 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/26/07 14:24 CST		0	41.35N, 88.85W
On Interstate 80, near mile marker 85, a car was picked up and turned around.				
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WILL COUNTY				
NEW LENOX	05/26/07 15:10 CST		50K	Lightning
	05/26/07 15:10 CST		0	41.52N, 87.97W
A school was struck by lightning at Nelson Road, south of Laraway Road, which caused a fire and significant damage to the roof. A house was struck by lightning near Joliet Highway and Schoolhouse Road.				

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WILL COUNTY				
JOLIET	05/26/07 15:11 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	05/26/07 18:00 CST		0	41.53N, 88.1W
Standing water on Interstate 80 at Larkin Avenue.				
WILL COUNTY				
JOLIET	05/26/07 15:18 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	05/26/07 18:00 CST		0	41.53N, 88.1W
Richards Street at Interstate 80 was flooded and barely passable.				
COOK COUNTY				
OAK FOREST	05/26/07 15:30 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	05/26/07 18:00 CST		0	41.6N, 87.75W
Six inches of standing water reported at 159th Street and Cicero.				
Strong thunderstorms moved across parts of northeast Illinois during the afternoon hours of May 26th, producing flooding across many areas.				
INDIANA, Northwest				
LAKE COUNTY				
CEDAR LAKE	05/15/07 13:45 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 13:45 CST		0	41.37N, 87.45W
Tree limbs were blown down. A trailer was damaged near US 41. Four utility poles were blown down.				
LAKE COUNTY				
CEDAR LAKE	05/15/07 13:49 CST		30K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 13:49 CST		0	41.37N, 87.45W
A roof was partially torn off a building. Three utility poles were snapped near their base on Parish Avenue. Trees and power lines were also blown down.				
LAKE COUNTY				
CROWN PT	05/15/07 13:55 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:55 CST		0	41.42N, 87.37W
Numerous large tree limbs were blown down.				
LAKE COUNTY				
HOBART	05/15/07 13:57 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 13:57 CST		0	41.53N, 87.23W
Large tree limbs blown down.				
LAKE COUNTY				
MERRILLVILLE	05/15/07 13:57 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	05/15/07 13:59 CST		0	41.48N, 87.33W
Penny size hail reported near Interstate 65 and US 30.				
LAKE COUNTY				
GARY	05/15/07 14:00 CST		60K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 14:00 CST		0	41.62N, 87.35W
Fifteen large pine trees were uprooted at the Indiana University Northwest campus in Gary. Some of the trees fell on several cars. Windows in some buildings were also blown out.				
LAKE COUNTY				

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NEW CHICAGO	05/15/07 14:00 CST		5K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/15/07 14:00 CST		0	41.57N, 87.25W

Several tree limbs were blown down. One damaged a roof and siding on a home on Van Buren Street.

LAKE COUNTY

SCHERERVILLE	05/15/07 14:00 CST		20K	Lightning
	05/15/07 14:00 CST		0	41.5N, 87.45W

Lightning struck an apartment building, which started a fire in the attic.

NEWTON COUNTY

KENTLAND	05/15/07 14:05 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	05/15/07 14:05 CST		0	40.77N, 87.43W

Wind gusts were estimated to 60 mph.

PORTER COUNTY

PORTAGE	05/15/07 14:05 CST		35K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 14:05 CST		0	41.58N, 87.2W

A large tree fell onto a pickup truck and a van, crushing both. A large tree was uprooted on Charlotte Street, falling onto a house. Tree limbs and power lines were also blown down.

LAKE COUNTY

CROWN PT	05/15/07 14:07 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 60 kt)
	05/15/07 14:07 CST		0	41.42N, 87.37W

Numerous trees were blown down across Crown Point.

PORTER COUNTY

CHESTERTON	05/15/07 14:12 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	05/15/07 14:12 CST		0	41.6N, 87.05W

Wind gusts estimated to 70 mph near 1100 N and IN-49 Bypass just north of the toll Road.

PORTER COUNTY

1.0 N SOUTH HAVEN	05/15/07 14:14 CST	1	15K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/15/07 14:14 CST		0	41.5445N, 87.17W

A tree was blown down onto a pickup truck on State Road 149, north of US Route 6, killing the driver.

Direct Fatalities: M71VE

LAKE COUNTY

3.0 W CEDAR LAKE	05/15/07 14:15 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/15/07 14:15 CST		0	41.37N, 87.5078W

Tree limbs down in Brunswick.

PORTER COUNTY

6.0 NE VALPARAISO	05/15/07 14:20 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/15/07 14:20 CST		0	41.5313N, 86.9681W

A two and half foot diameter tree was snapped at it's base.

Severe storms moved across northwest Indiana May 15th, producing significant wind damage.

LAKE COUNTY

GARY	05/26/07 16:30 CST		0	Lightning
	05/26/07 16:30 CST	1	0	41.62N, 87.35W

A 15 year old boy was standing near a tree when it was struck by lightning. The teenager received burns on his back. His clothes and shoes were ripped off. A relative standing near the teenager said she saw blue light reflected off of him.

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A teenager was struck by lightning.

LAKE MICHIGAN

BURN HBR TO MICHIGAN CITY IN COUNTY

BURNS HARBOR	05/15/07 14:08 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 43 kt)
	05/15/07 14:20 CST	0	41.65N, 87.08W

Winds gusted above 35 knots for 12 minutes with a peak of 43 knots.

GARY TO BURNS HBR IN COUNTY

BURNS HARBOR	05/15/07 14:08 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 43 kt)
	05/15/07 14:20 CST	0	41.65N, 87.08W

Winds gusted above 35 knots for 12 minutes with a peak of 43 knots.

BURN HBR TO MICHIGAN CITY IN COUNTY

MICHIGAN CITY	05/15/07 14:25 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 44 kt)
	05/15/07 14:30 CST	0	41.72N, 86.9W

Strong storms moved across southern Lake Michigan on May 15th.