

MAY 27 2004 DAMAGING WIND/TORNADO EVENT:

A line of severe thunderstorms crossed southern Illinois, southwest Indiana, and northwest Kentucky during the evening. Widespread extremely damaging winds in excess of 80 MPH caused at least 3 million dollars in damage. In southern Illinois, two persons were injured when their camper was overturned. One person was killed and numerous others injured in vehicle collisions with fallen trees. In Daviess County, KY, winds up to 120 MPH damaged or destroyed over a hundred homes. The governor of Kentucky visited the area.

Following are reports from that day from Storm Data. Note the time is in local standard time. Winds are also in KNOTS.

ILLINOIS

Jefferson County 4 N Woodlawn	27	1925CST	0	0		Hail(0.88)
Jefferson County Countywide	27	1930CST 1945CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Perry County 3 N Pinckneyville to 2 N Tamaroa	27	1945CST 2000CST	0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Wabash County Countywide	27	1945CST 2000CST	0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Edwards County 1 W Albion to Albion	27	1955CST 1959CST	0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Wabash County Allendale to Mt Carmel	27	1959CST 2005CST	0	0		Hail(1.75)
Franklin County Countywide	27	2000CST 2015CST	0	2	70K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG65)
Jackson County Campbell Hill	27	2005CST	0	0	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Franklin County 5 E Sesser	27	2010CST	0	0		Hail(1.00)
Hamilton County 9 W Mc Leansboro	27	2015CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Jackson County Murphysboro to Carbondale	27	2025CST	0	0	4K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
Saline County Galatia to Raleigh	27	2030CST 2040CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)
White County Countywide	27	2030CST 2045CST	0	0	25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
Williamson County Carterville to Johnston City	27	2030CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (EG56)
White County Norris City	27	2045CST	0	0		Hail(0.88)

Spencer County
Patronville to
Rockport

27 2145CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (EG52)

A line of severe thunderstorms that produced widespread wind damage over southern Illinois moved east across Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Spencer Counties. The damage in southwest Indiana consisted of downed trees and tree limbs. Trees were down in Posey County, the northwest corner of Warrick County, and near Newburgh in southern Warrick County. In Vanderburgh County, numerous downed trees blocked roads along the Ohio River directly across from the city of Henderson, Kentucky. A couple of trees were down in far northern Vanderburgh County. In Spencer County, several trees were down in Patronville and Rockport.

KENTUCKY:

Union County
Countywide

27 2115CST 0 0 75K Thunderstorm Wind (EG65)
2130CST

Henderson County
Countywide

27 2120CST 0 0 90K Thunderstorm Wind (EG65)
2135CST

Henderson County
Henderson to
Zion

27 2125CST 0 0 Hail(1.00)
2135CST

Henderson County
1 SW Spottsville to
.8 SW Spottsville

27 2132CST 0.2 50 0 0 45K Tornado (F1)
2133CST

A double wide mobile home was shoved 10 feet off its base. A 12-by-16 foot wooden shed was destroyed, killing 26 baby chicks. Several trees on the property were blown down. Peak winds were estimated around 110 MPH.

Daviess County
Countywide

27 2140CST 0 0 3M Thunderstorm Wind (EG104)
2155CST

Mclean County
Beech Grove

27 2140CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

Severe thunderstorms with widespread damaging winds moved east from southern Illinois, passing across Union, Henderson, and Daviess Counties. A series of intense downbursts with peak winds up to 120 MPH struck northern Daviess County. The severe damage was concentrated in a 5-mile wide path from Stanley through Owensboro to Yelvington. Approximately 40 to 50 houses received major damage, mostly due to trees falling on them. Another 40 to 50 homes received minor damage. Several barns and garages were destroyed. A house roof was blown off. Hundreds of downed trees, power lines, and power poles blocked numerous roads. A woman was trapped in her vehicle when a tree fell on it. An irrigation rig was overturned in the Stanley area, and at least one trailer was blown off its foundation. Debris and even a whole building blocked roads in the Stanley area of Daviess County. Damage in Union and Henderson Counties consisted of widespread tree damage. Trees were down across many primary roads, including the Pennyrite Parkway and U.S. Highways 41 and 60. A National Weather Service damage survey estimated peak winds near Geneva in Henderson County were near 75 MPH. At Geneva, numerous trees were down, a sun room was blown off a house, and there was minor structural damage such as broken windows and shingles off roofs. One large tree limb fell through the wall of a house. A survey of the damage in eastern Henderson County revealed a very short-track tornado near Spottsville. In Union County, many trees were down in Uniontown and Morganfield, and some power poles were snapped off. Some roof damage occurred at a shopping center on Highway 60 West near Morganfield, as well as two job corps center buildings in the same area. In the same location about a mile west of Morganfield, 50 to 75 trees were down. A garage was damaged in Uniontown. A National Weather Service damage survey indicated peak winds were near 75 MPH at Uniontown. The vast majority of significant damage was in the northern half of Union, Henderson, and Daviess Counties. Several trees were blown down in extreme northern Mclean County at Beech Grove.

MISSOURI:

Perry County
2 S Perryville

27 2017CST 0 0 1K Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

The roof was blown off a barn.

PICTURES:

Christopher IL:



WAYNE FITZGERALD STATE PARK (FRANKLIN CTY, IL):



HENDERSON COUNTY, KY EF1 TORNADO



New Haven, IL (Gallatin County)



Uniontown, KY

