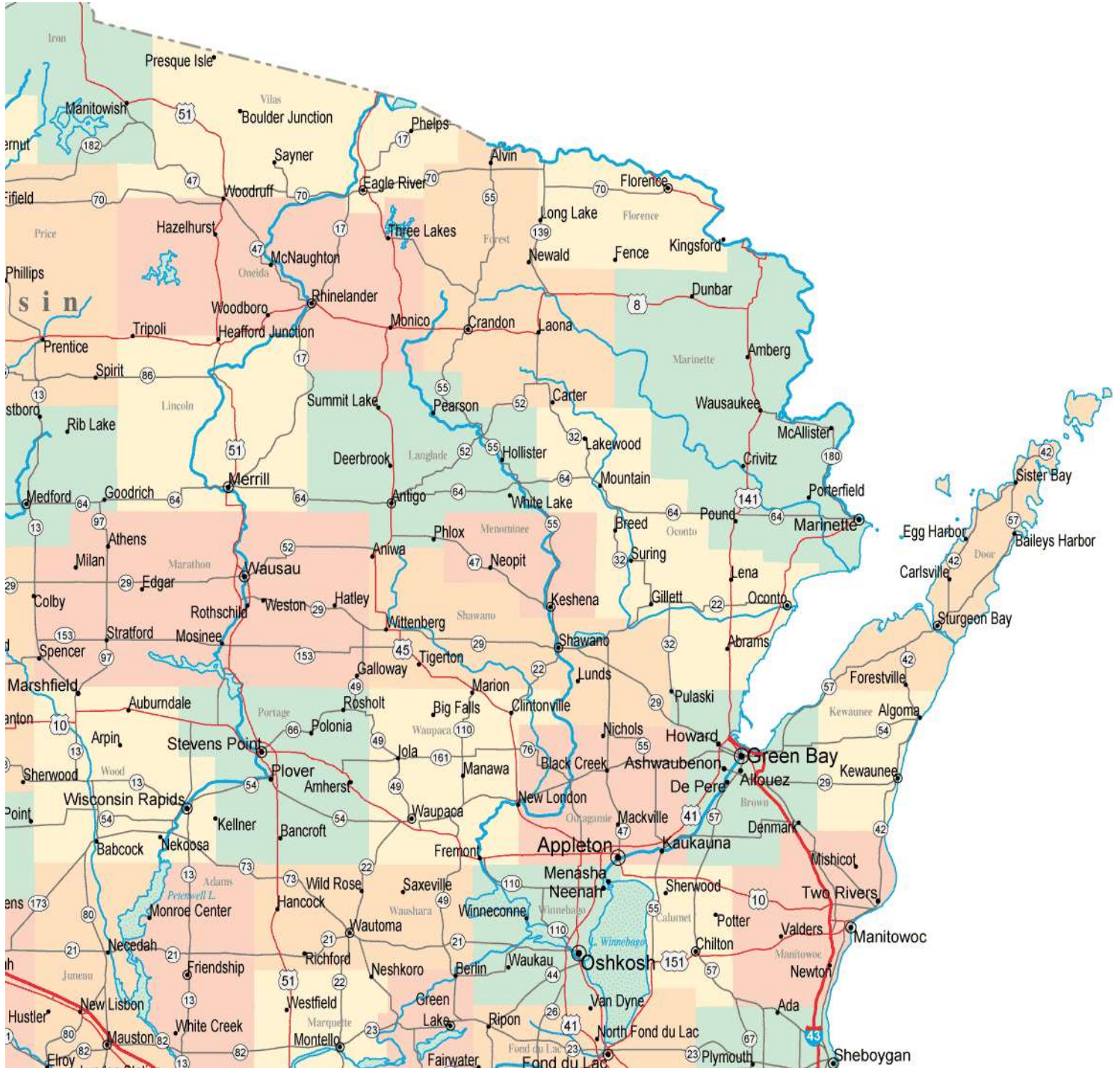


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**BROWN**

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**ONEIDA**

**FOREST**

**OUTAGAMIE**

**FLORENCE**

**PORTAGE**

**KEWAUNEE**

**SHAWANO**

**LANGLADE**

**VILAS**

**LINCOLN**

**WAUPACA**

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**WAUSHARA**

**MARATHON**

**WINNEBAGO**

**MARINETTE**

**WOOD**

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Event	F	Date			Time		TOR in GRB Service Area
#	Rank	Month	Date	Year	(CST)	Start / End Location	County or Counties
1	4	6	25	1950	21:00	1 W Woodboro - 5 NE Rhinelander	Oneida
2	2	6	25	1950	21:00	3 W Colby - 3 NE Abbotsford	Marathon
3	3	9	18	1950	14:30	2 N Waupaca - Weyauwega	Waupaca
4	4	9	26	1951	15:45-16:08	9 SSW Amherst - 2 SW Bear Creek	Portage - Waupaca
5	1	6	20	1953	18:00	Three Lakes	Oneida
6	2	4	15	1954	15:00	2 NE Neshkoro - Redgranite	Marquette - Waushara
7	2	6	20	1954	02:30-02:40	Rothschild - 6 NE Mosinee	Marathon
8	2	6	20	1954	04:00	Brothertown	Calumet
9	1	5	3	1955	18:00	Irma	Lincoln
10	1	5	28	1955	15:05	3 W Clintonville	Waupaca
11	2	4	3	1956	12:50	3 S Bancroft - 2 NW Amherst	Portage
12	4	4	3	1956	13:45-13:53	Berlin - 2 W Omro	Waushara - Winnebago
13	2	4	6	1956	13:45-13:53	Ogdensburg - Symco	Waupaca
14	2	7	1	1956	12:05	5 E of Maplewood - 4 SE Institute	Door
15	2	4	19	1957	16:00-16:15	3 W Wautoma - 2 NW West Bloomfield	Waushara
16	1	4	19	1957	16:00	Coddington - Bancroft	Portage
17	1	6	14	1957	17:30	Florence	Florence
18	1	7	11	1957	13:45	4 SW Denmark	Brown
19	1	7	11	1957	14:00	2.5 SE Whitelaw	Manitowoc
20	2	5	17	1958	15:40	3 W - 2 NE Wausaukee	Marinette
21	3	6	4	1958	19:30-20:06	6 SE Chippewa Falls - 2 NW Athens	Marathon
22	2	6	30	1958	17:30	1 NW Gleason	Lincoln
23	1	8	30	1958	15:26	6 SE Wausaukee	Marinette
24	1	5	4	1959	10:30	Wausau	Marathon
25	1	5	4	1959	11:45	Deerbrook	Langlade
26	2	5	6	1959	03:20	Symco - 3 SE Clintonville	Outagamie - Waupaca
27	2	5	6	1959	13:30	3 NE Shiocton	Outagamie
28	2	5	10	1959	20:50-20:55	Green Bay	Brown
29	1	5	28	1959	15:15	6 N - 9 NE Oshkosh	Winnebago
30	1	5	28	1959	15:38	1 SW Greenleaf	Brown
31	0	5	28	1959	15:30	6 SW De Pere	Brown
32	1	6	10	1959	13:20	De Pere	Brown
33	2	7	8	1959	16:54	Niagara	Marinette
34	2	8	28	1959	14:04	3 N Appleton	Outagamie

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## Event 1: June 25, 1950

The F4 tornado touched down one mile west of Woodboro in Oneida County around 9 PM CST and traveled 13.1 miles to five miles northeast of Rhinelander. The tornado reached a maximum width of 880 yards. Two deaths were reported in Oneida County.

## Event 2: June 25, 1950

The F2 tornado touched down 3 miles west of Colby in Marathon County and traveled to three miles northeast of Abbotsford around 9 PM CST. There was no additional information on this tornado. The tornado traveled approximately 3 miles with a maximum width of 20 yards.

## Event 3: September 18, 1950

The F3 tornado touched down in Waupaca County two miles north of Waupaca around 2:30 PM CST. The tornado traveled to Weyauwega before dissipating. Storm data was not available at this time and I could not find any additional newspaper articles on this tornado event.

## Event 4: September 26, 1951

The F4 tornado touched down 9 miles south southwest of Amherst in Portage County around 3:45 PM CST. The tornado then cut through the towns of Waupaca and Lebanon in Waupaca County. The tornado traveled 22.3 miles and reached a maximum width of 400 yards before dissipating two miles southwest of Bear Creek in Waupaca County around 4:08 PM CST. A family of five was killed near Waupaca; while a 40 year old woman was killed near New London when a farm home was flattened.

## Event 5: June 20, 1953

The brief F1 tornado touched down in Three Lakes in Oneida County around 6 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled two miles before dissipating. Trees and power lines were downed along with some damage to summer homes.

## Event 6: April 15, 1954

The F2 tornado struck around 3 PM CST two miles northeast of Neshkoro in Waushara County. The tornado traveled approximately six miles and reached a maximum width of 30 yards before dissipating at Redgranite. Widespread damage was reported at Redgranite, Lohrville and Spring Lake. Numerous small buildings and trees were damaged. The greatest single property damage occurred at the St. Marks Catholic Church in Redgranite. The frame structure was badly shaken by the storm, resulting in jammed doors and dislodged staircases and shattered walls. In the Spring Lake-Lohrville area, the greatest damage was in the town of Marion where a large barn was leveled. The wind scattered the tin roof for hundreds of yards in several directions.

## Event 7: June 20, 1954

The F2 tornado developed around 2:30 AM CST in Rothschild in Marathon County. The tornado traveled approximately 6.3 miles and dissipated six miles northeast of Mosinee around 2:40 AM CST. The maximum width of the tornado was 70 yards. Another tornado was reported in Brothertown in Calumet County around 4 AM CST.

## Event 8: June 20, 1954

The F2 tornado developed around 4 AM CST in Brothertown in Calumet County. The tornado traveled one mile and had a maximum width of less than 50 yards.

## Event 9: May 3, 1955

The F1 tornado touched down in Irma, approximately 9 miles north of Merrill, in Lincoln County around 6 p m CST. The tornado traveled 7 miles and had a maximum width less than 50 yards. Lincoln County Sheriff Alfred Giese stated in the Rhinelander Daily News that a tornado ripped through several farms and wooded lot country about 9 miles north of Merrill. Giese stated that three barns were blown down and that communications between Merrill and the State Traffic Patrol Headquarters in Tomahawk was disrupted for a while. Two people were trapped in the wreckage and were freed by sheriff officers and highway crews. No homes were damaged.

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## **Event 10: May 28, 1955**

The F1 tornado touched down 3 miles west of Clintonville in Waupaca County around 3:05 PM CST. The tornado traveled 2.7 miles and reached a maximum width of 75 yards before dissipating. The tornado ripped through a farm injuring two persons and knocking down trees and utility poles. Robert Malaueg, 13, and Leroy Ashauer, 23, were hurt and taken to Clintonville Community Hospital.

## **Event 11: April 3, 1956**

A strong spring storm killed 43 people nationwide, including eight in Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado developed 3 miles south of Bancroft in Portage County around 12:50 PM CST. The tornado traveled 18.2 miles to two miles northwest of Amherst before dissipating. The tornado reached a maximum width of 100 yards. Two fatalities were reported in Portage County.

## **Event 12: April 3, 1956**

Unseasonably warm air ahead of a strong cold front triggered showers and thunderstorms across the state. The F4 tornado developed near Berlin in Green Lake County around 1:45 PM CST and traveled 11.5 miles across rural areas of southeast Waushara County near the town of Aurora; then dissipated around 1:53 PM CST two miles west of Omro in Winnebago County. The tornado was 440 yards wide. Berlin was hit the hardest with six killed and 50 injured. Severe storms killed eight people across the state on this day.

## **Event 13: April 6, 1956**

The F2 tornado developed near Ogdensburg in Waupaca County around 1:45 PM CST. The tornado traveled 7 miles to Symco before dissipating around 1:53 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 100 yards.

## **Event 14: July 1, 1956**

The F2 tornado developed 5 miles east of Maplewood in Door County and traveled 11 miles to four miles southeast of Institute around 12:05 PM CST. The tornado had a maximum width of 50 yards.

## **Event 15: April 19, 1957**

The F2 tornado developed 3 miles west of Wautoma in Waushara County around 4 PM CST. The tornado traveled nearly 23 miles and reached a maximum width of 50 yards before dissipating two miles northwest of West Bloomfield around 4:15 PM CST. No fatalities were reported at a farmhouse that was leveled in rural Wild Rose. The farm of Reuben Anderson, Route 2 Wild Rose was the principal destruction point in Waushara County. The tornado destroyed a 34 by 56-foot barn, a 10 by 30-foot wood silo, a chicken coop, a milk house, and woodshed.

## **Event 16: April 19, 1957**

The F1 tornado touched down in Coddington, 12 miles southwest of Bancroft, in Portage County around 4 PM CST. The tornado traveled about 12 miles and reached a maximum width of less than 50 yards before dissipating in Bancroft.

## **Event 17: June 14, 1957**

The F1 tornado touched down at Florence in Florence County around 5:30 PM CST. The tornado traveled approximately 8 miles and reached a maximum width of 100 yards before dissipating.

## **Event 18: July 11, 1957**

The F1 tornado touched down 4 miles southwest of Denmark in Brown County around 1:45 PM CST. There was no documentation on the path width or distance traveled. A tornado also touched down in Manitowoc County fifteen minutes later.

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## Event 19: July 11, 1957

The F1 tornado was first reported to touch down two and a half miles southeast of White Law in Manitowoc County around 2 PM CST. The tornado struck the Bernard Vogel farm, picking up 9 trees thirty feet high and pounded them into the ground. The tornado also broke windows and gouged the side of the house. A female neighbor of Bernard Vogel, who was seeking shelter, was pinned up to the wall of a silo as she was running towards the house.

## Event 20: May 17, 1958

The F2 tornado developed 3 miles west of Wausaukee in Marinette County around 3:40 PM CST and traveled northeast for 4.7 miles before dissipating 2 miles northeast of Wausaukee. The tornado reached a maximum width of 80 yards.

## Event 21: June 4, 1958

According to several sources, it appears that there was a long tracked F3 tornado that developed 6 miles southeast of Chippewa Falls in Chippewa County around 7:30 PM CST. The tornado then moved to the east northeast for just over 59 miles before dissipating 2 miles northwest of Athens in Marathon County around 8:06 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 880 yards. Newspaper accounts indicated there were three separate tornadoes during this event. The tornado or tornadoes killed 28 people across western Wisconsin. Four people died in Chippewa Falls and near Menomonie while two deaths were reported Knapp and Boyd in western Wisconsin.

## Event 22: June 30, 1958

The brief F2 tornado touched down around 5:30 PM CST one mile northwest of Gleason in Lincoln County. The tornado traveled approximately 2 miles and reached a maximum width of 50 yards. According to the Rhinelander Daily News, the United States Weather Bureau stated a Northwest Orient Airlines plane and an Antigo radar station both reported radar echoes with the dangling hooks characteristic of tornado clouds.

## Event 23: August 30, 1958

The F1 tornado was reported 6 miles southeast of Wausaukee in Marinette County around 3:26 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled a mile before dissipating.

## Event 24: May 4, 1959

The F1 tornado was reported to touch down near Wausau in Marathon County around 10:30 AM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled a mile before dissipating near Wausau.

## Event 25: May 4, 1959

The F1 tornado struck Deerbrook in Langlade County around 11:45 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and was on the ground for a mile.

## Event 26: May 6, 1959

The F2 tornado developed near Symco in Waupaca County and traveled a little over 7 miles to three miles southeast of Clintonville in Outagamie County around 3:20 AM CST. A second tornado hit Outagamie County later that afternoon.

## Event 27: May 6, 1959

The F2 tornado touched down 3 miles northeast of Shiocton and traveled nearly 2 miles before dissipating around 1:30 PM CST in Outagamie County. The tornado reached a maximum width of 200 yards. The tornado flattened a barn on the farm of Mrs. Matilda Gehring. Numerous trees were damaged in a nearby wooded lot while a shed on a nearby farm sustained damage.

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## **Event 28: May 10, 1959**

The F2 tornado touched down in Ashwaubenon in Brown County around 8:50 PM CST and traveled northeast for approximately four miles into Preble and the city of Green Bay before dissipating at 8:55 PM CST. The maximum diameter of the tornado was less than 50 yards wide. One of the most severely damaged buildings in the Sunday night tornado was a year old-home moved nearly off its foundation in Ashwaubenon. Five members of the Julius Alberts family were inside the house when the tornado hit, escaped injury. The garage disappeared from the neighborhood and the car inside was twisted around and dumped in a field behind the house. Six homes were demolished and at least 50 others suffered heavy damage. Three injuries were noted with the tornado.

## **Event 29: May 28, 1959**

The F1 tornado struck 6 miles north of Oshkosh in Winnebago County around 3:15 PM CST. The tornado traveled nine miles before dissipating 9 miles northeast of Oshkosh.

## **Event 30: May 28, 1959**

The F1 tornado was spotted one mile southwest of Greenleaf in Brown County around 3:38 PM CST.

## **Event 31: May 28, 1959**

The F0 tornado touched down 6 miles southwest of De Pere in Brown County around 3:30 PM CST.

## **Event 32: June 10, 1959**

The F1 tornado touched down near De Pere in Brown County around 1:20 PM CST. The tornado traveled about a mile and was less than twenty yards wide.

## **Event 33: July 8, 1959**

The F2 tornado touched down in Niagara in Marinette County around 4:54 PM CST. The tornado traveled approximately one mile and had a maximum width of 50 yards. The tornado downed trees, flattened a garage, tore the roof off a house, bounced an automobile off a house, and hit a tavern. There were three injuries when the twister picked up their trailer home and dumped it 100 feet away.

## **Event 34: August 28, 1959**

Several funnel clouds were reported near the Outagamie County Airport by a pilot, and several other funnel clouds were noted by the Kimberly, Little Chute and Kaukauna police. The F2 tornado touched down about 3 miles north of Appleton around 2:04 PM CST. The tornado traveled approximately a mile before dissipating and had a maximum width of 35 yards.