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**BROWN**

**MENOMINEE**

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**OUTAGAMIE**

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**KEWAUNEE**

**SHAWANO**

**LANGLADE**

**VILAS**

**LINCOLN**

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**WAUSHARA**

**MARATHON**

**WINNEBAGO**

**MARINETTE**

**WOOD**

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Event	F	Date			Time		TOR in GRB Service Area
#	Rank	Month	Day	Year	(CST)	Start / End Location	County or Counties
1	2	4	22	1970	20:40	Ashwaubenon - Green Bay north side	Brown
2	2	4	22	1970	21:00	De Pere - Green Bay	Brown
3	2	4	22	1970	21:00-21:10	1 N Casco - Rio Creek	Door - Kewaunee
4	2	4	22	1970	2120-2130	7 SE Maplewood	Door
5	2	4	22	1970	21:20	Algoma - 6 NE Algoma	Kewaunee
6	1	4	22	1970	21:10	2 NE Poland - 4 SE Luxemburg	Brown - Kewaunee
7	0	5	21	1970	20:10	Green Bay - north side	Brown
8	0	6	17	1970	18:35	3 S Wisconsin Rapids	Wood
9	2	7	7	1970	15:00	Bancroft	Portage
10	1	7	7	1970	19:00	Winchester - Boulder Junction - Conover	Vilas
11	1	7	14	1970	12:30	Marion	Waupaca
12	1	7	14	1970	14:00	McAllister	Marinette
13	1	7	30	1970	12:05	4 W Suamico	Brown
14	1	12	1	1970	07:00	Hull	Portage
15	2	12	1	1970	09:00	12 SE Marshfield	Wood
16	2	12	1	1970	09:45-10:30	4 NW Iola - Pella	Shawano - Langlade - Oconto
17	3	12	1	1970	10:10-10:45	near Medina - Rose Lawn	Outagamie - Shawano
18	0	4	22	1971	17:30	4 SW Hilbert	Calumet
19	1	5	18	1971	16:40-17:04	Adams- Friendship - Hancock	Wausara
20	1	6	6	1971	23:15	5 SW Oshkosh	Winnebago
21	1	6	13	1971	16:30	8 NW Oshkosh	Winnebago
22	1	6	18	1971	13:45	5 W Marinette	Marinette
23	1	7	8	1971	02:00	Wisconsin Rapids	Wood
24	0	7	30	1971	07:00	4 E Oshkosh (waterspout)	Winnebago
25	3	9	28	1971	14:00-16:05	23 NE Eau Claire - Athens	Eau Claire - Clark - Marathon
26	3	9	28	1971	16:00-17:20	3 NE Brokaw - Middle Inlet	Marathon - Langlade - Oconto - Marinette
27	2	9	28	1971	14:15-16:05	19 SW Merrill - Merrill	Lincoln
28	1	8	21	1972	15:10	Goodwin - Two Rivers	Manitowoc
29	2	9	16	1972	16:05	4 NW Wabeno - 2 N McAllister	Forest-Marinette
30	1	3	11	1973	10:30	2 E Calumetville	Calumet
31	1	5	9	1973	15:50	2 N Reedsville	Manitowoc
32	1	6	3	1973	18:15	2 NE Amberg	Marinette
33	1	6	18	1973	11:00	2 W Athens	Marathon
34	1	7	12	1973	03:00	Boulder Junction - Sayner	Vilas
35	1	7	12	1973	07:30	Jacksonport	Door
36	1	7	12	1973	08:00	4 W Freedom	Outagamie
37	2	4	12	1974	14:05	5 W Athens	Marathon
38	2	4	12	1974	14:15	Wittenberg - Bowler	Shawano
39	4	4	21	1974	14:40-15:08	5 S Ripon - Oshkosh	Winnebago
40	2	4	21	1974	15:25	4 NNW Crivitz	Marinette

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41	1	6	9	1974	14:45	Bancroft	Portage
42	1	6	14	1974	16:10	5 NW Gillett	Oconto
43	2	6	12	1976	20:30	1 W Alban	Portage
44	1	6	12	1976	21:00	Amherst	Portage
45	1	6	13	1976	18:40-19:20	4 W Wisc. Rapids - 3 NE Stevens Point	Portage
46	2	6	13	1976	19:00	Plover	Portage
47	1	6	13	1976	20:30-20:10	2 W Hogarty - Elton	Langlade - Marathon - Lincoln
48	1	6	13	1976	20:00	5 E Seymour	Outagamie
49	1	6	13	1976	20:15	Oconto Falls	Oconto
50	1	6	13	1976	20:45	9 E Merrill - 11 NW Antigo	Langlade - Lincoln
51	1	7	30	1977	22:45	0.5 N Forest Junction - 3 W Denmark	Brown
52	3	8	31	1977	18:15	1 SW Stratford - Wausau	Marathon
53	1	5	8	1978	16:50-17:00	1.5 SW - 2.5 SE Luxemburg	Kewaunee
54	2	6	7	1978	15:15	2 NW Francis Creek	Manitowoc
55	2	6	16	1979	09:30	Oconto Falls - 2 NE Lena	Oconto
56	1	6	16	1979	15:30-15:45	2 N - 2 NE Irma	Lincoln
57	1	6	20	1979	13:45	3 S Oshkosh	Winnebago
58	1	6	20	1979	14:30	Goodman	Marinette
59	1	8	4	1979	10:00	Manitowoc	Manitowoc
60	2	8	9	1979	18:20	Rockland Beach	Calumet
61	1	8	9	1979	18:56	Green Bay - northeast	Brown

## Event 1: April 22, 1970

Several tornadoes were reported across north-central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado touched down around 8:40 PM CST in Ashwaubenon and moved northeast about four miles to the north side of Green Bay. Maximum width of the tornado was 800 yards. Much of the damage was concentrated in the Lambeau Field area. Among the most seriously damaged businesses were the Midway Motor Lodge motel and the nearby Forum Supper Club as well as property at Nanco Corporation. There were reports of damage to tunnels connecting the Brown County Arena to an annex. Several cars in the area parking lot were damaged by flying debris. Roofs of several houses were damaged and garages and barns were reported destroyed. Meanwhile, snow was occurring across northwest Wisconsin. Superior reported six inches of snow on the ground during the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Event 2: April 22, 1970

Several tornadoes were reported across north-central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado touched down around 9 PM CST in De Pere and traveled northeast for 7 miles through Allouez and then into the southeast side of Green Bay. The maximum width of the tornado was 800 yards. A church steeple was toppled in De Pere. Damage was reported at a lumber yard and canning company at Baird and Main Streets in Green Bay. Meanwhile, snow was occurring across northwest Wisconsin. Superior reported six inches of snow on the ground during the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Event 3: April 22, 1970

Several tornadoes were reported across north-central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado touched down around 9 PM CST one mile north of Casco in Kewaunee County. The tornado moved northeast for 11 miles before dissipating near Rio Creek in southern Door County around 9:10 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 500 yards. Fifteen barns near Casco and Rio Creek were destroyed. Two persons were injured when their house trailer was upended south of Forestville. Meanwhile, snow was occurring across northwest Wisconsin. Superior reported six inches of snow on the ground during the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Event 4: April 22, 1970

Several tornadoes were reported across north central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado touched down around 9:20 PM CST seven miles southeast of Maplewood in Door County. This may be the same tornado that tore through eastern Kewaunee County from Algoma to 6 miles northeast of Algoma. The tornado traveled about four miles and reached 500 yards in width in Door County before dissipating.

## Event 5: April 22, 1970

Several tornadoes were reported across north-central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. The F2 tornado touched down around 9:20 PM CST from Algoma to 6 miles northeast of Algoma in Kewaunee County. The tornado traveled about five miles and reached a maximum width of 500 yards. Extensive damage was reported near Algoma northeast along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Among the buildings destroyed were a warehouse and a church steeple. Meanwhile, snow was occurring across northwest Wisconsin. Superior reported six inches of snow on the ground during the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Event 6: April 22, 1970

The F2 tornado developed 2 miles northeast of Poland in extreme eastern Brown County around 9:10 PM CST. The tornado was 500 yards wide and traveled just over 7 miles to near Luxemburg in Kewaunee County before dissipating. Several farms were damaged and leveled the Kewaunee County Fair Grandstand at Luxemburg.

## Event 7: May 21, 1970:

An airplane pilot reported the F0 tornado just northeast of Green Bay along the shores of the bay of Green Bay in Brown County around 8:10 PM CST. The tornado became a waterspout about four miles northeast of Green Bay. The tornado/waterspout was less than 50 yards wide and was on the ground for about two miles

## Event 8: June 17, 1970

The F0 tornado touched down briefly 3 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids in Wood County around 6:35 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and only traveled a tenth of a mile. According to the monthly storm report, the tornado touched down in open country.

## Event 9: July 7, 1970

The F2 tornado touched down in Bancroft in Portage County around 3 PM CST. The tornado moved east southeast for two miles and reached a maximum width of a hundred yards before dissipating. Damage was confined to a machine shed and tore the roof off a new school.

## Event 10: July 7, 1970

The F1 tornado developed across Iron County in northwest Wisconsin. The tornado traveled east southeastward for nearly 38 miles across Vilas County around 7 PM CST. The tornado traveled from Winchester to Boulder Junction to Conover. Extensive damage to woods and lake property were noted in the path of the tornado.

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## Event 11: July 14, 1970

The F1 tornado briefly touched down in Marion in Waupaca County around 12:30 PM CST. The tornado was less than 50 yards wide and traveled approximately a half mile. The tornado ripped a door off a factory, flipping over a car and damaging trucks and signs in Marion.

## Event 12: July 14, 1970

The F1 tornado was reported in Mc Allister in Marinette County around 2 PM CST. The tornado was less than 50 yards wide and traveled a mile. The tornado damaged a home and uprooted several trees.

## Event 13: July 30, 1970

The brief F1 tornado touchdown occurred 4 miles west of Suamico in Brown County around 12:05 PM CST. The tornado was less than 50 yards wide and traveled a mile before dissipating. According to the local storm report, the tornado struck in open country.

## Event 14: December 1, 1970

A rare tornado event occurred across north central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. In all, there were four tornadoes on this date, including an F3. What made this event even more unusual was the time of day with all four tornadoes reported between 7 AM and 10:45 AM in the morning. The F1 tornado touched down on the Richard Rutta farm in the town of Hall north of Stevens Point in Portage County. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled nearly 3 miles before dissipating.

## Event 15: December 1, 1970

Four rare December tornadoes were reported on this date across north-central and northeast Wisconsin. The F2 tornado touched down in Wood County 12 miles southeast of Marshfield or two miles southeast of Arpin on the Fred Cahler farm around 9 AM CST. The tornado traveled 2 miles while reaching a maximum width of 200 yards before dissipating. Several farm buildings were destroyed or damaged on the Fred Cahler farm. The tornadoes on this day are on the only December tornadoes recorded in the NWS Green Bay Service area.

## Event 16: December 1, 1970

Four rare and only December tornadoes were reported on this date across north central and northeast Wisconsin. The F2 tornado touched down with severe damage around 9:45 AM CST on the Heschke farm 4 miles northwest of Iola in Waupaca County. The tornado moved east for 31.9 miles across Waupaca County into Shawano County before dissipating in Pella around 10:30 AM CST. The maximum width of the tornado was 200 yards. Additional damage occurred in the Marion and Pella areas. A lady and her three small children escaped injury when their mobile home was lifted-up by the tornado and exploded with debris scattered over the field.

## Event 17: December 1, 1970

The F3 tornado developed around 10:10 AM CST near Medina in Outagamie County. The tornado moved northeastward at approximately 50 mph destroying about twenty barns and five homes. The tornado caused additional property damage along a track from Medina to Black Creek and beyond to near County Trunk C in southeastern Shawano County. The tornado was 200 yards wide, traveled 30 miles before dissipating around 10:45 AM CST near Rose Lawn in Shawano County. Damage to farm buildings was estimated at \$500,000 dollars. Damage to a transmission line a mile and a half east of Stephenville was estimated at \$100,000.

## Event 18: April 22, 1971

The F0 tornado touched down briefly 4 miles southwest of Hilbert in Calumet County around 5:30 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and traveled three tenths of a mile.

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## Event 19: May 18, 1971

The F1 tornado was first sighted northeast of Adams and Friendship in Adams County around 4:40 PM CST. The tornado traveled 15 miles as it moved across Highway 21 and then to Hancock in western Waushara County before dissipating around 5:04 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 100 yards. After crossing Highway 21, the tornado destroyed two house trailers injuring five people and smashed a barn. In Hancock, a large metal warehouse was severely damaged with sheet metal scattered a half mile downwind.

## Event 20: June 6, 1971

The F1 tornado was reported 5 miles southwest of Oshkosh in Winnebago County around 11:15 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled nearly 4 miles before it dissipated. The tornado demolished one barn and damaged several others on highway 26 about five miles southwest of Oshkosh.

## Event 21: June 13, 1971

The public reported the F1 tornado 8 miles northwest of Oshkosh in Winnebago County around 4:30 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and only traveled a quarter of a mile. Many trees were down in small grove eight miles northwest of Oshkosh.

## Event 22: June 18, 1971

The F1 tornado struck about 5 miles west of Marinette in Marinette County, near Highway 64 and Right O Way Road around 1:45 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled just over four miles before it dissipated. Many trees were uprooted and several resort and farm buildings were damaged.

## Event 23: July 8, 1971

The F1 tornado moved through open country just north of Wisconsin Rapids in Wood County around 2 AM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and traveled about two miles before it dissipated. One house trailer moved off its foundation while there was damage to trees in the area.

## Event 24: July 30, 1971

Numerous F0 waterspouts were reported about 4 miles east of Oshkosh in Winnebago County around 7 AM CST. The waterspouts formed east of Oshkosh as cold air with large cyclonic vorticity moved over the warm lake according to the monthly storm report.

## Event 25: September 28, 1971

A cold front moving through the state triggered scattered thunderstorms across the state. On this date, two long tracked F3 tornadoes were noted from near Stanley in western Wisconsin to Oconto County. The first tornado touched down 23 miles northeast of Eau Claire just south of Boyd and Stanley in Chippewa County around 2 PM CST. The tornado continued just south of Owen, north of Curtiss and south of Dorchester in Clark County. The tornado then moved into Marathon County south of Athens then weakened over Hamburg before finally dissipating just north of Merrill in Lincoln County around 4:05 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 300 yards and traveled 75 miles before dissipating. Damage was estimated near two million dollars.

## Event 26: September 28, 1971

The second F3 tornado developed over the town of Hewitt northeast of Wausau in Marathon County around 4 PM CST. The town hall and four barns were destroyed in Hewitt. The tornado continued east northeast into Langlade County, passing about 6 miles south of Antigo and moved across the extreme northwest corner of Menominee County just south of White Lake. The tornado moved into Oconto County near Mountain, and then into Marinette County to Middle Inlet where the tornado dissipated around 5:20 PM CST. The tornado traveled 78 miles and reached a maximum width of 300 yards. The most severe damage occurred at Mountain where damage to buildings and trailers were estimated at \$200,000 dollars. Extensive damage to property and trees was reported in the Boulder Lake area where the lake level was reported to have dropped 5 inches. One person was injured at White Lake and four injuries were noted at Mountain, none seriously.

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## Event 27: September 28, 1971

The tornado was first sighted across portions of Clark and Taylor Counties. The tornado moved into Lincoln County 19 miles west southwest of Merrill around 2:15 PM CST. The tornado traveled 19 miles and reached a maximum width of 300 yards before dissipating near Merrill. Several farms were damaged or destroyed by the tornado across Clark, Taylor, and Lincoln counties. The storm summary does not indicate where the heaviest damage occurred.

## Event 28: August 21, 1972

The F1 tornado touched down near Goodwin in Manitowoc County around 3:10 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled approximately 12 miles to Two Rivers. The tornado struck the Van Koeving residence, uprooting five large trees in the yard. Tree and wire damage occurred along Highway 147 one mile south of Mishicot and near Highway 42 and near Shambeau Road near Two Rivers. The tornado moved eastward out over Lake Michigan.

## Event 29: September 16, 1972

The F2 tornado formed 4 miles northwest of Wabeno in Forest County around 4:05 PM CST. The tornado tracked south of Athelstane, north of Wausaukee and into upper Michigan. The track reentered Wisconsin about 2 miles north of McAllister and cross over the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Grand Rapids Power Dam. The tornado reentered upper Michigan 3 miles southwest of Ingalls around 5:15 PM CST moving across Highway 41 about two miles north of Wallace. The final path length of the tornado was 53 miles with the tornado reaching a maximum width of 200 yards. Several barns were flattened in the Wabeno area, otherwise damage was mainly to woods and overhead wires.

## Event 30: March 11, 1973

An early season F1 tornado struck Calumet County, 2 miles east of Calumetville around 10:30 AM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled two miles before dissipating.

## Event 31: May 9, 1973

The F1 tornado was reported 2 miles north of Reedsville in Manitowoc County around 3:50 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled about two miles before dissipating. Several outbuildings were destroyed on the John Zimmerman farm on Highway 32. Damage was also reported on the Sullivan and Fenlon farms.

## Event 32: June 3, 1973

The F1 tornado first touched down just north of Amberg in Marinette County around 6:15 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and moved four and a half miles across Marinette County before dissipating. The tornado upended several house trailers and destroyed several wooden structures at the Sparkling Springs Campground just north of Amberg. Several acres of trees were leveled at the campsite and northeastward to Assembly of God Church in Beecher Township.

## Event 33: June 18, 1973

The F1 tornado touched down on the Brunke Farm 2 miles west of Athens in Marathon County around 11 AM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled east for two miles before dissipating.

## Event 34: July 12, 1973

The F1 tornado was struck touchdown just south of Boulder Junction in Vilas County around 3 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled 19.5 miles before dissipating near Sayner in Vilas County. Scattered damage to the woods was reported along the path of the tornado.



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## Event 35: July 12, 1973

The F1 tornado touched down in Jacksonport in Door County around 7:30 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled 3 miles. Scattered damage was reported west and south of Jacksonport. As many as six waterspouts were reported by one observer off Jacksonport. A seiche caused a drop of two feet in water level locally about fifteen minutes after passage of the storms.

## Event 36: July 12, 1973

The F1 tornado developed 4 miles west of Freedom in Outagamie County around 8 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled one mile. Farm buildings were destroyed on the Ken Geiger farm 4 miles west of Freedom.

## Event 37: April 12, 1974

The F2 tornado briefly touched down 5 miles west of Athens in Marathon County around 2:05 PM CST. The tornado traveled 2 miles and reached a maximum width of 150 yards before dissipating. One barn was destroyed and wires down. Two horses in the field were rolled over by the tornado.

## Event 38: April 12, 1974

The F2 tornado touched down in Wittenberg in Shawano County around 2:15 PM CST. The tornado traveled nearly 11 miles and reached a maximum width of 150 yards before dissipating near Bowler. Several farms between Wittenberg and Bowler were destroyed. The Wendler farm in the town of Morris and the Watters and Hintz farms in the town of Seneca sustained severe damage. One injury was reported when Mr. Hintz was injured when he was struck by a flying board.

## Event 39: April 21, 1974

The F4 tornado first touched down 5 miles south of Ripon in Fond Du Lac County at about 2:40 PM CST. The tornado destroyed or severely damaged buildings on about 30 farms before approaching southwest Oshkosh at 2:58 PM CST. The tornado lifted 10 minutes later over northwest Oshkosh. The tornado traveled 26 miles and reached a maximum width of 200 yards. At Oshkosh, the tornado damaged 400 homes and business with 33 of the houses destroyed. Damage was estimated at 4.2 million dollars. In Oshkosh, thirty-five people were treated for injuries with only ten people injured seriously enough to be hospitalized.

## Event 40: April 21, 1974

The F2 tornado touched down 4 miles north northwest of Crivitz in Marinette County around 3:25 PM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled four miles before dissipating.

## Event 41: June 9, 1974

The F1 tornado formed in Adams County and then the F1 tornado moved into southwest Portage County where it touched down briefly on the Sawyer Farm Route 1, Bancroft around 2:45 PM CST. The tornado was 30 yards wide and traveled two and a half miles. The tornado damaged a barn, a chicken coop, and a porch on house. Only minor tree damage was noted.

## Event 42: June 14, 1974

On the afternoon of June 14<sup>th</sup>, the F1 tornado touched down 5 miles northwest of Gillett in Oconto County around 4:10 PM CST. The tornado was 30 yards wide and traveled only a quarter of a mile. The tornado downed trees and power lines and threw a chopper wagon thirty yards.

## Event 43: June 12, 1976

The F2 tornado touched down a mile west of Alban in Portage County around 8:30 PM CST. The tornado only traveled about a quarter of a mile and reached a maximum width of fifty yards. The tornado leveled a mobile home a mile west of Alban.

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## Event 44: June 12, 1976

The F1 tornado touched down near Amherst in Portage County around 9 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled around a quarter of a mile. The Amherst High School roof was ripped off.

## Event 45: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado formed 4 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids in Wood County around 6:40 PM CST. The tornado continued to move east northeast to three miles northeast of Stevens Point near the intersection of Highway 51 and Business 51 before dissipating around 7:20 PM CST three miles northeast of Stevens Point. The tornado traveled nineteen miles and reached a maximum width of 100 yards. Many trees were flattened. In Stevens Point, scattered damage was reported just north of the city and a roof was blown off an apartment complex. Several other buildings also suffered damage. Two people in the apartment complex were injured from fallen debris.

## Event 46: June 13, 1976

The F2 tornado was observed by the police chief of Plover in Portage County around 7 PM CST. The tornado touched down at the intersection of Highway 54 and County B. The tornado was only on the ground for about a quarter of a mile and had a maximum width of about fifty yards.

## Event 47: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado hit first about two miles west of Hogarty in Marathon County around 8 PM CST. The tornado skipped along and moved east northeast into extreme southwest Langlade County near Elmhurst and then continued to near Elton before dissipating at 8:10 PM. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled 21.3 miles. Some sheds were destroyed while windows of some buildings were damaged. Tree limbs and power lines were downed by the tornado.

## Event 48: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado developed near county highway H and Highway 54 about five miles east of Seymour in Outagamie County around 8 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled a half mile. Three barns were destroyed.

## Event 49: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado developed just west of Oconto Falls in Oconto County around 8:15 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled less than a quarter of a mile. The damage from the tornado included: a barn was destroyed, a farm house was damaged, trees and power lines were down and a good portion of an orchard was destroyed.

## Event 50: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado first reached the ground near Highway 64 in extreme southeast Lincoln County around 8:45 PM CST. The tornado then moved into western Langlade County about 3 miles north of Highway 64. The tornado skipped along to near county Highway I about 11 miles northwest of Antigo where it was last reported. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled nearly eleven miles. The only report of damage was some downed trees.

## Event 51: July 30, 1977

The F1 tornado initially developed a half mile west of Forest Junction in Calumet County around 10:45 PM CST, destroying a rural farm including a large barn, milk house and several small sheds. The tornado was 100 yards and traveled twelve miles before dissipating in Denmark. In Denmark, a roof of an apartment building was blown off, a couple of garages were destroyed, and some farm machinery was toppled.

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## Event 52: August 31, 1977

On the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup>, a devastating F3 tornado spun out a 27 mile-path of destruction across Marathon County around 6:15 PM CST. The first sighting of the tornado came seven miles southwest of Fenwood. The funnel base was described as reaching tree top levels as it downed barns in the area. The tornado continued to near Marathon City where more barns were destroyed. The tornado caused extensive damage to Ginseng crops in the area. In Rib Mountain, 15 homes were demolished, and 30 others were severely damaged. The storm moved into southwest Wausau damaging a mill and lumber yard. As the funnel cloud moved across the southern end of Wausau, brief touchdowns were noted at Grand Avenue and at Tenth and Manson Streets. The funnel lifted and moved eastward out of the city limits of Wausau, touching down for a final time on Linden Street. Barns and sheds were destroyed on Linden. The tornado reached a maximum width of a thousand yards. Property damage was close to two million dollars.

## Event 53: May 8, 1978

The F1 tornado developed a mile and a half southwest of Luxemburg in Kewaunee County around 4:50 PM CST, and then moved to two and a half miles southeast of Luxemburg before dissipating around 5 PM CST. Two buildings were destroyed a mile and a half west of Luxemburg on Highway 54. A large pole building was destroyed two and a half miles southeast of Luxemburg.

## Event 54: June 7, 1978

The F2 tornado touched down briefly 2 miles northwest of Francis Creek in Manitowoc County around 3:15 PM CST. The path length and maximum width of the tornado were not documented.

## Event 55: June 16, 1979

The F2 tornado developed near Oconto Falls in Oconto County around 9:30 AM CST. The tornado traveled just over 15 miles and reached a maximum width of 100 yards before dissipating 2 miles northeast of Lena. At least 17 frame and mobile homes along with numerous barns were damaged or destroyed. Heavy rains and large hail accompanied the tornado destroying crops along the thunderstorm path.

## Event 56: June 16, 1979

The F1 tornado developed 2 miles north of Irma in Lincoln County around 3:30 PM CST. The tornado moved to 2 miles northeast of Irma before dissipating at 3:45 PM CST.

## Event 57: June 20, 1979

The F1 tornado touched down 3 miles south of Oshkosh in Winnebago County around 1:45 PM CST. The tornado on this date followed almost the same path as another more destructive twister that hit the city in April 1974. The tornado destroyed two mobile homes and severely damaged five others. Four people were hospitalized due to the injuries they suffered from the tornado.

## Event 58: June 20, 1979

Goodman in Marinette County was hit by the F1 tornado around 2:30 PM CST. The tornado tore the roof off Louisiana Pacific Corps Seaway Division. Clarence Richards, personnel manager said 100 to 125 people were working inside the building when the tornado struck. Company officials said some of the workers were trapped when the roof collapsed. Only one injury was reported. There was no documentation on path length or width of the tornado.

## Event 59: August 4, 1979

The F1 tornado struck near Manitowoc in Manitowoc County around 10 AM CST. Several buildings on a farm were destroyed. There was no documentation on path length or width of the tornado.

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## **Event 60: August 9, 1979**

The F2 tornado touched down near Rockland Beach in Calumet County around 6:20 PM CST. The strong tornado only traveled about a mile and was fifty yards wide. One death was attributed to the tornado. A Rockland Beach woman died after the winds demolished the family home. She was crushed as the family's first floor fireplace fell through to the basement. The husband and three children were not hurt.

## **Event 61: August 9, 1979**

The northeast side of Green Bay in Brown County was struck by the F1 tornado around 6:56 PM CST. There was no documentation on path length or width of the tornado.