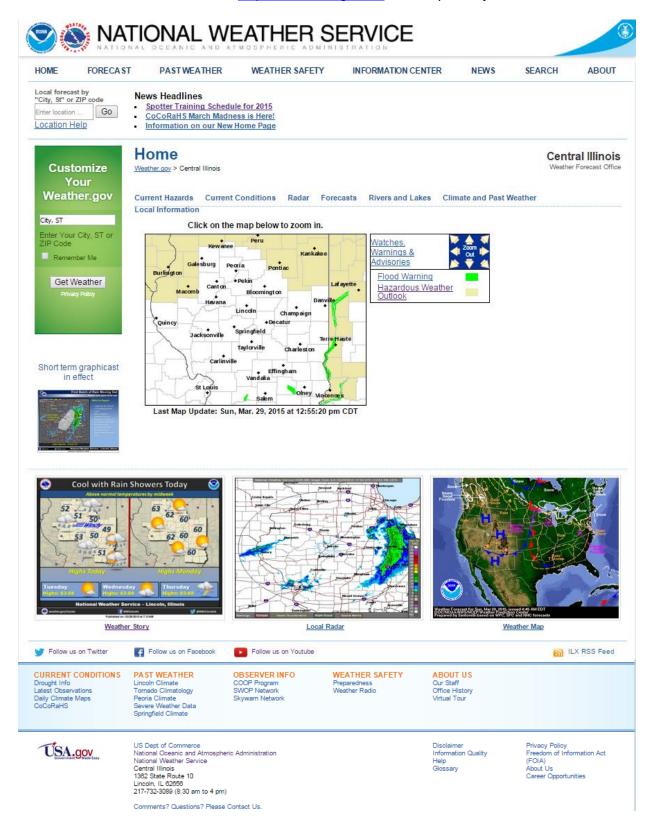
Guide to our New Homepage

We have redesigned our home page for the first time in several years. This guide is a quick overview on where to find what you need.

Please note the new address: http://weather.gov/ilx, and update your bookmarks accordingly.



National information:



Aside from the "HOME" link, which takes you back to our page, most of the items in these menus are national in scope. They include national forecast links, safety information, links to the Storm Prediction Center and National Hurricane Center, and educational materials. These links will be the same for all offices in our region.

News Headlines:

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- Spotter Training Schedule for 2015
- CoCoRaHS March Madness is Here!
- Information on our New Home Page

As with our previous page, information relevant to the local area will be posted here. Unlike the previous page though, these headlines will also be displayed when you are viewing your local forecast.

Customizable Forecast:

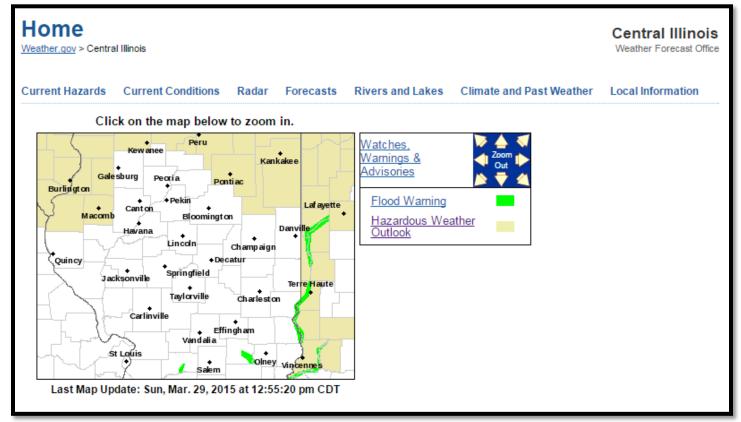




The box on the left allows you to enter your local information. When you do, it will be replaced with icons showing the current observation at that location, as well as a brief forecast for the next 12 hours. Click on the "Remember Me" box so this always appears. This replaces the "Latest Conditions In..." area that appeared below the advisory map on the old page.

This display will always appear on the front page. It will sometimes be hidden on other pages, in order to maximize the amount of usable space.

Local Menus and Point and Click Map:



As with the previous page, the map displays any current hazards. Clicking anywhere on the map will bring up the local forecast for that point, including links to any special statements or warnings in effect.

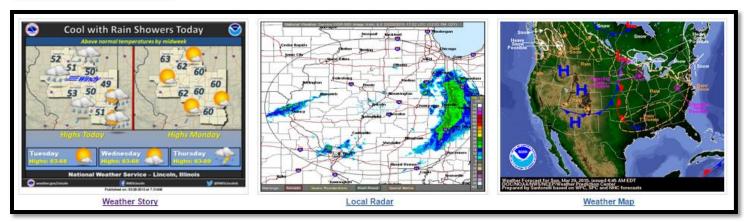
The options above the map replace the tabs from the old page, as well as the menu along the left side of the page. Clicking on them will bring up access to several items:

- Current Hazards: Outlooks (severe weather, heavy rainfall, winter weather, drought), Submit
 a Storm Report, Storm and Precipitation Reports (latest Local Storm Report product from our
 office)
- Current Conditions: Observations (surface maps from the Aviation Weather Center), Satellite, Snow Cover, Observed Precipitation
- **Radar** (access to the latest Lincoln radar image)
- Forecasts: Forecast Discussion, User-Defined Area Forecast, Hourly Forecasts (also known as Hourly Weather Graphs), Activity Planner, Fire Weather
- Rivers and Lakes: Link to the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) page
- Climate and Past Weather: Links to local climate information, drought information, and national climate data
- Local Information: Useful links for our home page, Daily Temperature and Precipitation Maps for Illinois, information on NOAA Weather Radio, Cooperative Observer (COOP) program, preparedness information, and our Social Media Dashboard

Image Tiles:



These are similar to the thumbnails that were on our previous page. Among the changes are that the thumbnails are bigger, clicking on the Weather Story brings up a much larger graphic, and the Graphicast now appears by itself as a thumbnail above the Weather Story image, instead of between the other images.



Social Media Information and Site Map:



Links to our social media pages (Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube) are listed below the image tiles.

The site map contains quick links to local items. This includes information on the Peoria, Lincoln and Springfield climate stations, the SWOP observer network, our office history, and our staff.