

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - March 2009

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
ILLINOIS, Northeast				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.1 NNW COLEHOUR [41.71, -87.61], 1.1 N COLEHOUR [41.71, -87.60], 0.9 NNW COLEHOUR [41.71, -87.60], 1.0 NNW COLEHOUR [41.71, -87.61]				
	03/08/09 03:04 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 07:00 CST		0	Source: Broadcast Media
High standing water was reported on all lanes of Interstate 94 at Cottage Grove Avenue.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.2 S CLYBOURN [41.92, -87.67], 0.3 SSE CLYBOURN [41.92, -87.67], 0.5 SSE CLYBOURN [41.91, -87.67], 0.5 S CLYBOURN [41.91, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 03:20 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 04:00 CST		0	Source: Department of Highways
A viaduct was briefly closed at 1800 North Ashland.				
COOK COUNTY --- TINLEY PARK [41.58, -87.78]				
	03/08/09 08:02 CST		0	Hail (0.75 in)
	03/08/09 08:03 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
LIVINGSTON COUNTY --- 3.1 SW ROOKS CREEK [40.84, -88.71], 2.8 SSW ROOKS CREEK [40.84, -88.71]				
	03/08/09 12:01 CST		20K	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.50 mi , W: 100 yd)
	03/08/09 12:02 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
An EF0 tornado touched down on county road 1500N between 1100E and 1200E. A detached garage was destroyed at this location and the debris was deposited in a field to the northeast. A hay barn at this same location suffered little damage although a trailer camper parked inside the barn was pushed through the wooden front door by straight line winds which were funneled through the open back of the barn.				
WILL COUNTY --- 0.1 NNW JOLIET [41.53, -88.10], 0.1 NNE JOLIET [41.53, -88.10], 0.1 ESE JOLIET [41.53, -88.10], 0.0 WSW JOLIET [41.53, -88.10]				
	03/08/09 12:10 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 15:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Nine inches of standing water was reported at Whittier and Glenwood.				
WILL COUNTY --- 1.4 ESE BRUNNING [41.64, -88.00], 1.6 ESE BRUNNING [41.64, -88.00], 1.6 ESE BRUNNING [41.64, -88.00], 1.4 ESE BRUNNING [41.64, -88.01]				
	03/08/09 12:38 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 16:00 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
Archer Avenue at 135th Street was flooded and almost impassible.				
DU PAGE COUNTY --- 0.1 NW WOODRIDGE [41.73, -88.03], 2.4 SW FRONTEAC [41.73, -88.26], 2.5 WNW MUNGER [41.99, -88.26], 3.0 ENE WOOD DALE [41.99, -87.92], 2.9 SE BURR RIDGE [41.72, -87.91], 3.9 SE WOODRIDGE [41.69, -87.98], 3.1 S WOODRIDGE [41.69, -88.03]				
	03/08/09 12:40 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 20:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Flooding occurred across many areas in Dupage County. In Downers Grove, Webster Creek overflowed its banks; Basement flooding was reported; Fairview at Maple and Prairie was closed due to flooding; Five inches of standing water was reported on 63rd Street, east of Woodward. In Carol Stream, Klein Creek overflowed its banks with street flooding reported. In Wheaton, Main Street was flooded north of Route 38.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 1.9 ESE ST GEORGE [41.19, -87.74], 1.2 WSW YEAGER [41.20, -87.72]				
	03/08/09 12:56 CST		40K	Tornado (EF1, L: 0.74 mi , W: 80 yd)
	03/08/09 12:58 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
An EF1 tornado touched down near the intersection of county roads 5000N and 7500E. On the southwest corner of this intersection, a detached garage and steel shed were destroyed. A two foot diameter tree was snapped at the base and several other trees had large branches broken off. Debris from this location was lifted and carried approximately 100 yards into the field across the road. The tornado also damaged property on the northeast corner of the intersection. A corn crib and a shed which served as a blacksmith forge were both destroyed. Debris from these buildings was scattered to the northeast in a narrow path approximately 800 yards long. Corn stalks in a field to the northeast appeared to have been flattened and twisted by this tornado.				

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KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 2.1 ESE WHITAKER [41.24, -87.69], 2.0 WNW GRANT PARK [41.24, -87.69]				
	03/08/09 13:00 CST		30K	Tornado (EF1, L: 0.51 mi , W: 120 yd)
	03/08/09 13:01 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
A tornado touched down at a farm about one half mile east of the intersection of county roads 8000N and 9000E. Two barns at this location lost part of their roof. Another garage and another steel building were completely destroyed. Debris from this location was lifted and deposited in a field and treeline approximately 400 yards to the northeast.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 2.1 NW GRANT PARK [41.25, -87.68], 1.1 NW GRANT PARK [41.24, -87.66]				
	03/08/09 13:06 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 70 kt)
	03/08/09 13:07 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
High winds damaged a brand new, 10,000 foot greenhouse and flattened and damaged 30,000 perennials. The high winds also blew plastic roofs off some 30 separate plant buildings and took the roof off of a pole barn. A grain auger was flipped over and damaged. A large barn on N 11000 E Road was blown over and destroyed. A large tree was blown down.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 0.5 N BRADLEY [41.14, -87.87]				
	03/08/09 13:08 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/08/09 13:08 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
A large pine tree was uprooted near the corner of Cook Boulevard and South Center Avenue.				
WILL COUNTY --- 2.3 WNW PEOTONE [41.34, -87.82], 1.1 NNE PEOTONE [41.34, -87.77], 0.9 SE PEOTONE [41.32, -87.77], 2.2 WSW PEOTONE [41.32, -87.82]				
	03/08/09 13:08 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 16:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Flooding was reported on rural roads outside of Peotone. Standing water of 8 to 10 inches was reported on Joliet Road one half mile east of Interstate 57. Standing water of 4 to 5 inches was reported on north Peotone Road one quarter mile west of Harlem.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 1.0 WNW KANKAKEE GTR ARPT [41.08, -87.87]				
	03/08/09 13:10 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	03/08/09 13:12 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Nickel size hail was reported near mile marker 308 on Interstate 57.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 1.0 WNW KANKAKEE GTR ARPT [41.08, -87.87]				
	03/08/09 13:11 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 51 kt)
	03/08/09 13:11 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
A wind gust to 59 mph was estimated near mile marker 308 on Interstate 57.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 2.5 SSW OTTO [41.02, -87.90]				
	03/08/09 13:12 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	03/08/09 13:12 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
A wind gust to 60 mph was estimated near mile marker 303 on Interstate 57.				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.3 N CHIPPEWA [41.65, -87.80], 0.3 WSW CHICAGO HOWELL ARPT [41.65, -87.76], 0.4 SW CHICAGO HOWELL ARPT [41.65, -87.76], 1.1 N CHIPPEWA [41.65, -87.80]				
	03/08/09 13:35 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 16:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Part of 135th Street between Harlem and Central was flooded and closed.				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.3 NNE MORGAN PARK [41.70, -87.67], 1.3 NNE MORGAN PARK [41.70, -87.67], 1.0 NNE MORGAN PARK [41.69, -87.67], 1.0 NNE MORGAN PARK [41.69, -87.67]				
	03/08/09 13:38 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 17:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Longwood Avenue between 108th and 110th was closed due to flooding.				

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WILL COUNTY --- 1.0 W FAIRMONT [41.57, -88.09], 0.8 W FAIRMONT [41.57, -88.09], 1.0 NE LIDICE [41.56, -88.09], 1.0 NNE LIDICE [41.56, -88.09]				
	03/08/09 15:20 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 18:00 CST		0	Source: Public
Up to six inches of standing water was reported near Route 53 and Caton Farm Road.				
Strong to severe thunderstorms moved across northern Illinois during the morning and afternoon hours of March 8th. Heavy rain and flooding were also reported.				
(IL-Z023) KANKAKEE, (IL-Z032) LIVINGSTON				
	03/08/09 12:50 CST		7K	Strong Wind (MAX 49 kt)
	03/08/09 16:00 CST		0	
(IL-Z023) KANKAKEE				
	03/08/09 15:04 CST		0	High Wind (MAX 54 kt)
	03/08/09 15:04 CST		0	
Strong winds gusted between 50 and 60 mph across much of north central Illinois behind a line of thunderstorms. A wind gust to 62 mph was measured at the Kankakee Airport. Other wind gusts included 56 mph in Pontiac; 52 mph in Crescent City; 50 mph in Lansing and 49 mph in Peotone.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.0 SW TECHNY [42.12, -87.80], 0.7 S GLENCOE [42.12, -87.75], 1.4 SE NORTHFIELD [42.08, -87.75], 0.3 N SUNSET PARK [42.08, -87.80]				
	03/10/09 10:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 10:00 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
After heavy rains from March 8th through March 10th, flooding occurred across many parts of Northfield, including yard and road flooding as well as basement flooding.				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.9 NW LAMBERT [41.70, -87.85], 1.1 ENE ORLAND PARK [41.64, -87.85], 1.2 NNE GOESSELVILLE [41.64, -87.77], 0.4 ENE CHICAGO RIDGE [41.70, -87.77]				
	03/10/09 10:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 12:00 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
After heavy rain fell from March 8th to March 10th, flooding was reported on county and rural roads in and around Palos Heights and Palos Park. Part of 135th Street was closed near Ridgeland Avenue due to flooding. Part of 123rd Street collapsed at 86th Avenue. Flooding was also reported near Route 83 just east of Southwest Highway.				
GRUNDY COUNTY --- 1.1 NW NETTLECREEK [41.46, -88.60], 1.4 NE MINOOKA [41.46, -88.25], 4.1 SSE EAST BROOKLYN [41.11, -88.24], 5.0 S KINSMAN [41.11, -88.59]				
	03/10/09 19:00 CST		50K	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 10:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Heavy rain caused ditches, streams and rivers to overbank throughout Grundy County. Runoff washed out several roadways. Numerous homes had basement/crawlspace flooding. Sandbagging took place in many areas of the county.				
KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 2.9 WNW BOURBONNAIS [41.17, -87.93], 2.1 WNW EXLINE [41.16, -87.81], 0.9 NW AROMA PARK [41.09, -87.81], 0.8 NW KANKAKEE ARPT [41.11, -87.93]				
	03/10/09 19:34 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 01:00 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
Ditches and fields were reported to be flooded along with standing water on some roads. Storm total rainfall was measured at 1.81 inches in Kankakee.				
IROQUOIS COUNTY --- 1.8 WSW MILFORD [40.64, -87.70], 1.1 WSW MILFORD [40.64, -87.69], 2.6 SSW MILFORD [40.62, -87.69], 2.6 ESE BRYCE [40.62, -87.70]				
	03/10/09 20:00 CST		0	Flash Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 02:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Route 1 viaduct in Milford was flooded with 9 feet of water. Drivers from two cars had to be rescued from their flooded cars.				
IROQUOIS COUNTY --- 2.4 NW L ERABLE [40.93, -87.88], 2.1 NNW L ERABLE [40.93, -87.86], 3.2 E CHEBANSE [41.00, -87.86], 2.3 E CHEBANSE [41.00, -87.88]				

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	03/10/09 20:00 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 02:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Old Route 45 was closed due to flooding from Clifton to Chebanse.				
Heavy rain fell during the afternoon and evening hours of March 10th, just a few days after heavy rain fell on March 8th. Flooding was reported across many areas with a few reports of flash flooding.				
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(IL-Z003) WINNEBAGO, (IL-Z014) COOK				
	03/10/09 19:55 CST		2K	Strong Wind (MAX 39 kt)
	03/11/09 02:15 CST		0	
Strong winds gusted as high as 50 mph during the late evening of March 10th and early morning on March 11th. Tree limbs and power lines were blown down in some areas. Measured wind gusts included 48 mph in Lansing; 47 mph in Kankakee; 46 mph in Lynwood; 45 mph in Aurora and 45 mph in Peru.				
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LEE COUNTY --- 2.0 E DIXON [41.83, -89.44]				
	03/24/09 20:35 CST		30K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 65 kt)
	03/24/09 20:35 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
A garage was destroyed. A roof was blown off a building and trees were blown down.				
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WINNEBAGO COUNTY --- (RFD)GTR ROCKFORD AR [42.20, -89.10]				
	03/24/09 20:58 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 58 kt)
	03/24/09 20:58 CST		0	Source: ASOS
A wind gust to 67 mph was measured at Rockford Airport.				
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WINNEBAGO COUNTY --- 2.0 NW ROCKFORD [42.29, -89.11]				
	03/24/09 20:59 CST		10K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/24/09 20:59 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
Trees and power lines were blown down. A well built shed was destroyed with debris scattered over 100 yards downstream.				
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WINNEBAGO COUNTY --- 2.0 W ROCKFORD [42.27, -89.12]				
	03/24/09 21:00 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	03/24/09 21:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A small yard barn was damaged.				
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WINNEBAGO COUNTY --- ROSCOE [42.42, -89.02]				
	03/24/09 21:00 CST		50K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 65 kt)
	03/24/09 21:00 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Extensive tree damage was reported in Roscoe. The roof of one home was damaged, as well as a fence. A second home sustained roof and siding damage. Power lines were also blown down.				
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LA SALLE COUNTY --- 2.9 W WEDRON [41.43, -88.84]				
	03/24/09 21:25 CST		1K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	03/24/09 21:25 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
A utility pole was blown over near Route 23 and 34th Road.				
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WILL COUNTY --- 5.0 W BOLINGBROOK [41.67, -88.23]				
	03/24/09 22:28 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 51 kt)
	03/24/09 22:28 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
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COOK COUNTY --- 1.0 S WHEELING [42.12, -87.90]				
	03/24/09 23:00 CST		50K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
	03/24/09 23:00 CST		0	Source: Other Federal Agency

One airplane was flipped over and five other airplanes were damaged at Chicago Executive Airport.

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COOK COUNTY --- 1.2 ESE HOMETOWN [41.72, -87.71]				
	03/24/09 23:07 CST		2K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	03/24/09 23:07 CST		0	Source: Trained Spotter
A sign was blown down at 95th Street and Clifton Park Avenue. Large tree limbs and power lines were also blown down.				
Strong to severe storms moved across north central Illinois during the late evening hours of March 24th into the early morning hours of March 25th.				
(IL-Z005) MCHENRY, (IL-Z006) LAKE				
	03/28/09 15:00 CST		0	Winter Storm
	03/29/09 11:00 CST		0	
A winter storm moved northeast across northern Illinois on March 28th and 29th, producing heavy wet snow which accumulated several inches. Stormtotal snowfall amounts include 7.0 inches in Gurnee, 7.0 inches 3 miles west northwest of Bull Valley, 7.0 inches in Lindenhurst, 6.5 inches in Algonquin and 5.5 inches in Waukegan.				
INDIANA, Northwest				
LAKE COUNTY --- 0.6 ESE HAMMOND [41.58, -87.47], 1.3 E HAMMOND [41.58, -87.46], 1.4 ESE HAMMOND [41.57, -87.46], 0.7 SE HAMMOND [41.57, -87.47]				
	03/08/09 04:15 CST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/08/09 10:00 CST		0	Source: Broadcast Media
High standing water was reported on both sides of Interstate 80/94 near Kennedy Avenue.				
NEWTON COUNTY --- KENTLAND [40.77, -87.43]				
	03/08/09 13:09 CST		1K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	03/08/09 13:09 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Tree limbs and power lines were blown down.				
BENTON COUNTY --- 2.5 SE EARL PARK [40.66, -87.38]				
	03/08/09 14:05 EST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	03/08/09 14:05 EST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A semi truck was blown over at US 41 and US 52.				
Strong to severe thunderstorms moved across northwest Indiana during the morning and afternoon hours of March 8th. Heavy rain and flooding were also reported.				
LAKE COUNTY --- 1.4 E OGDEN DUNES [41.62, -87.22], 0.7 SE PALMER [41.37, -87.22], 0.6 SW BRUNSWICK [41.37, -87.53], 2.2 NW WHITING [41.71, -87.52], 1.4 N (GY)GARY MUNI ARPT [41.64, -87.42], 1.5 E GARY [41.62, -87.32]				
	03/10/09 04:00 CST		50K	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/12/09 08:00 CST		0	Source: Newspaper
Heavy rain fell across northwest Indiana from March 8th through March 10th. By March 10th, a period of heavy rain caused widespread flooding across much of northern Lake County including the city of Gary. Numerous ditches, creeks and streams overflowed their banks. Standing water was reported in many areas. Basement flooding was also reported. Several streets were flooded and some were closed. Lowell measured a three day rainfall total of 4.28 inches and Crown Point measured a total of 3.78 inches.				
JASPER COUNTY --- 0.7 WSW REMINGTON [40.76, -87.16], 0.6 SE REMINGTON [40.76, -87.14], 1.6 SSE REMINGTON [40.75, -87.14], 1.7 SSW REMINGTON [40.75, -87.16]				
	03/10/09 20:34 CST		0	Flash Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 04:30 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A trailer park south of Remington had to be evacuated due to rising flood waters. Rainfall of 1.45 inches was measured in 3.5 hours in Remington.				
BENTON COUNTY --- 2.4 W RAUB [40.74, -87.53], 4.3 NE SHEFF [40.74, -87.38], 2.0 ENE EARL PARK [40.69, -87.38], 1.2 SSE EARL PARK [40.66, -87.41], 3.2 NW FREELAND PARK [40.65, -87.53]				

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	03/10/09 20:36 EST		0	Flash Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	03/11/09 04:30 EST		0	Source: Emergency Manager

Flowing flood water several inches deep was reported over roads in northwest Benton County. Earl Park measured a storm total of 3.1 inches of rain with 1.5 inches in 3 hours.

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PORTER COUNTY --- 3.2 WSW CLANRICARDE [41.26, -87.03], 2.0 SW CLANRICARDE [41.26, -87.00], 3.5 SSW CLANRICARDE [41.23, -87.00], 3.4 SW CLANRICARDE [41.24, -87.01], 3.8 WSW CLANRICARDE [41.25, -87.03]

03/14/09 22:04 CST	0	Flash Flood (due to Dam / Levee Break)
03/15/09 10:00 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

A 40 foot section of a levee failed along the north side of the Kankakee River near county road S 200 E, where a house and barn were surrounded by water. Flood waters affected an area bounded by the Kankakee River to the south, Route 49 to the west, county road E 1200 S to the north and county road S 350 E to the east.

LAKE MICHIGAN

BURNS HARBOR TO MICHIGAN CITY IN COUNTY --- 3.6 W BURNS HARBOR [41.65, -87.15]

03/24/09 22:50 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 51 kt)
03/24/09 22:50 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station

WILMETTE HARBOR TO NORTHERLY ISLAND IL COUNTY --- HARRISON-DEVER CRIB [41.90, -87.60]

03/24/09 22:50 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 45 kt)
03/24/09 22:50 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station

NORTHERLY ISLAND TO CALUMET HARBOR IL COUNTY --- CALUMET HARBOR [41.73, -87.54]

03/24/09 23:18 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 36 kt)
03/24/09 23:18 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station

Strong to severe thunderstorms moved across southern Lake Michigan during the late evening of March 24th and the early morning of March 25th.