Thunderstorms which developed during the evening of April 30th (see Stormdata April 2003), continued moving east across northern Illinois during the early morning hours of May 1st. A roof collapsed in Libertyville due to heavy rainfall. A large tree was struck by lightning southeast of Dixon. The tree was shattered with no stump left, just a crater. Several trees were reported down in Marseilles.

Numerous trees and power lines were blown down across western and northern Winnebago county as a thunderstorm moved across the county during the early morning of May 9th.

Thunderstorms moved across northern Illinois during the evening hours of May 9th and early morning hours of May 10th producing severe hail. The largest hail of the event was reported in Pontiac where 2.5 inch diameter hail was reported. Another storm produced multiple reports of large hail across Kane county. 1.75 inch diameter hail was reported in St. Charles at Kirk and North
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Avenue and in Elgin at Route 20 and Randall. 1.25 inch hail was reported at Orchard Road and Interstate 88 in Kildeer. 1.50 inch diameter hail was reported in Lombard in DuPage county. Lightning struck the roof of a house in Orland Park in Cook county. The lightning started a fire which caused the roof to cave in. No injuries were reported.

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Severe thunderstorms moved northeast across northern Illinois during the late evening hours of May 10th. Penny size hail was reported along U.S. 38 near Cortland in Dekalb county and along U.S. 38 near Maple Park in Kane county. Several reports of wind damage were reported in Plainfield and Joliet in Will county. Three utility poles were snapped off in Plainfield and two cars were damaged by falling trees. Numerous trees, tree limbs and power lines were blown down. A gust to 75 mph was reported at Interstate 55 and Plainfield/Naper Road. A funnel cloud was reported at Route 53 and Interstate 88 in Lisle in DuPage county. In De Kalb county, trees were reported down in Waterman and roof shingles were reported blown off in Lee, about 3.5 miles northwest of Shabbona. In Livingston county, several utility poles were snapped along Historic Route 66 across from Interstate 55 mile marker 207, just south of Odell. In Schaumburg in Cook county, numerous trees, tree limbs, and power lines were blown down, a construction trailer was overturned and a metal shed was destroyed. Many reports of hail up to the size of half dollars were received. Large trees were blown down in Coal City in Grundy county.

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Strong winds gusted to 58 mph and blew down numerous trees and power lines across parts of northern Illinois on May 11th. Power outages occurred throughout the area. Several trees were blown down on the northwest side of Rochelle in Ogle county. The De Kalb Airport recorded a gust to 58 mph at 205 pm CST. Several large trees were blown down in Lansing in Cook county. Minor damage was reported from falling limbs on cars in Skokie in Cook county. Many other smaller trees and tree limbs were blown down across the entire area from the high winds. Several windows were blown out of a 30th floor of a building at 100N Jefferson in Chicago. A small hanger was flipped over near Burlington in Kane county. The hanger was made with metal support rods and a plastic/canvas material.
Strong winds blew down numerous trees and power lines across northeast Illinois during the morning and afternoon of May 11th. Power outages occurred throughout the area. A gutter was damaged on a house in Gurnee in Lake county. Construction scaffolding was blown down in Ottawa in La Salle county. 15 utility poles were blown down in Streator and north of Ottawa in LaSalle county. Winds gusted to 53 mph in Waukegan in Lake county, 54 mph in Peru in La Salle county, and 55 mph in Romeoville in Will county.

La Salle County
- Streator: 14 1530 CST, 0 0, Hail (1.00)
- Livingston County
  - Cornell: 14 1543 CST, 0 0, Hail (1.00)
  - Long Pt
    - 3 N Fairbury to Fairbury: 14 1613 CST, 1622 CST, 0 0, Hail (1.75)
- Ford County
  - Piper City: 14 1628 CST, 0 0, Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
  - Iroquois County
    - 3 ESE Onarga: 14 1650 CST, 0 0, Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
- Ford County
  - 3 N Gibson City to 2 NNE Gibson City: 14 1659 CST, 1702 CST, 1 50, 0 0, 2K, Tornado (F0)

Livingston County
- Thunderstorm Wind (G50) at Cornell
- Thunderstorm Wind (G50) at Long Pt
- Hail (1.00) at Cornell
- Hail (1.75) at Long Pt
- Tornado (F0) at 3 N Gibson City to 2 NNE Gibson City

Severe thunderstorms developed over west central Illinois and moved east across central Illinois during the late afternoon hours of May 14th. Several reports of hail were received with golfball size hail reported in Fairbury in Livingston county. In Long Point in Livingston county, two utility poles were damaged and tree limbs were blown down. In Ford county, tree limbs were blown down on cars in Piper City, a semi truck was overturned in Gibson City and tree limbs were blown down in Elliott. In Iroquois county, utility poles and power lines were blown down southeast of Onarga and shingles were blown off a house in Loda. Heavy rain caused minor street flooding in Onarga in Iroquois county. Piper City in Ford county (west of Onarga) reported 2.14 inches of rain.

Lake County
- Antioch: 28 1250 CST, 1257 CST, 0 0, Hail (1.00)
- De Kalb County
  - De Kalb: 28 1350 CST, 0 0, Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
- Boone County
  - 4 N Belvidere to Belvidere: 28 1400 CST, 1410 CST, 0 0, Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Kankakee County
Bradley 28 1400CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Kankakee County
Kankakee to 3 S Kankakee 28 1415CST 1425CST 0 0 Hail(0.88)

Kane County
3.6 NW Sugar Grove to 2.6 NW Sugar Grove 28 1419CST 1421CST 1 50 0 0 Tornado (F0)

A weak tornado touched down 2 miles west of Route 47 off Interstate 88 in rural Kane county. The tornado was on the ground for 2 minutes. No Damage was reported.

Cook County
Wheeling 28 1429CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Du Page County
1 E Winfield 28 1430CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G65)

Kane County
Sugar Grove 28 1438CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G51)

Kendall County
2 W Bristol to 1 SW Bristol 28 1439CST 1441CST 1 50 0 0 Tornado (F0)

A weak tornado touched down 2 miles west of Bristol near Route 47 in northern Kendall county. The tornado was on the ground for 2 minutes. No damage was reported.

Du Page County
Winfield 28 1442CST 0 0 Hail(0.88)

Kendall County
2 NW Bristol to Oswego 28 1442CST 1444CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Du Page County
1 W Naperville 28 1445CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G60)

Kane County
Aurora 28 1445CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G60)

Du Page County
Elmhurst 28 1450CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Will County
Plainfield 28 1455CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Will County
Romeoville to Joliet 28 1458CST 1515CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Du Page County
Naperville to Downers Grove 28 1500CST 1505CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Will County
Bolingbrook 28 1500CST 0 0 35K Thunderstorm Wind (G65)

Du Page County
Lombard 28 1510CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Cook County
Lemont 28 1514CST 1519CST 0 0 Hail(0.75)

Grundy County
Morris 28 1525CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
A weak tornado touched down 2 miles west of Paxton near Interstate 57 in southern Ford county. Utility poles were blown down west of Paxton.

Severe thunderstorms developed during the afternoon hours of May 28th and quickly moved southeast across northern and eastern Illinois. Trees and power lines were reported down across many areas. Will county was one of the hardest hit areas. In Bolingbrook, 16 homes were damaged on Saffron and Sparrow streets and Timber Mill Court, by winds over 70 mph, flying debris and falling trees. In Plainfield in Will county, 60 feet of a 100 foot tall radio tower fell over and had to be replaced. Many trees were also blown down in the Plainfield area. In addition to the wind damage, hail was reported across many locations in Will county. In Dupage county, three foot diameter trees and several utility poles were blown down one mile east of the intersection of Route 38 and Route 59. A tractor trailer was blown over at Route 59 and Ferry road just west of Naperville in Dupage county. In Aurora in Kane county, large trees blocked South Lincoln Avenue near Spring Lake Cemetery. A large tree was also blown down at Park and Madison streets in Batavia in Kane county. Kankakee in Kankakee county also suffered wind damage. Numerous trees and power lines were blown down across the city. Severe tractor trailers were blown over and a car was total by a fallen tree. In addition to the severe winds and hail, a few weak tornadoes were also reported. In Morris in Grundy county, winds damaged tree limbs and blew around corn stalks and other debris.

A tornado dissipated near the Sugar River just north of the state line in Rock County, Wisconsin. The parent thunderstorm produced another brief tornado in far northern Winnebago county. A spotter observed the tornado north of Shirland but there was no damage.

A tornado touched down west of Rockton near the bend in the Rock River and continued southeast, and lifted northwest of Roscoe. A gas station near 151 and Elevator Road had damage to glass and a wall. No other damage was reported.

A tornado touched down 2 miles southeast of Franklin Grove near County Road 1700 North and Pine Hill Road. It continued east southeast for about 4 miles to near Middlebury Road, south of 1700 North. Tree damage was reported at a couple farms.

A troopers car was lifted and and moved by high winds at Interstate 88 and Route 72.

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De Kalb County

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La Salle County

A weak tornado touched down about two miles north of Peru and lasted one minute. Some debris was reported along Route 251.

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La Salle County

A tornado touched down about 3 miles northwest of Millington (5.5 miles north-northeast of Sheridan) near County Roads 2900 East and 4550 North. The tornado caused damage to outbuildings and trees at 2 farms. Barn debris was spread across a field. The tornado crossed the border into Kendall county about 2.5 miles north of Millington (6.5 miles northeast of Sheridan).

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Kendall County

A tornado touched down about 3 miles northwest of Millington in LaSalle county at 7:35 pm. The tornado crossed the LaSalle/Kendall county line at 8:38 pm, about 2.5 miles north of Millington. The tornado continued east for about one mile and lifted about 3 miles north-northeast of Millington at Finnie Road near the Fox River. Total path length was about 2.5 miles.

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A tornado touched down about 3.5 miles east-northeast of Millington. A tree was damaged at Hellenback Road and Route 71. A large tree was snapped at Walker Road and Helmar Road. A large farm building collapsed just south of Walker Road and east of Lisbon Road. The tornado lifted about 5 miles south-southwest of Yorkville.

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A tornado touched down on the west side of Joliet from the DuPage River, one half mile north of Black Road to near Ingalls and Gael Roads, about five miles northwest of downtown Joliet. The tornado broke tree limbs and uprooted a couple of trees in subdivisions between Frontage Road along Interstate 55 and Essington Roads. A garage was damaged and roofs of some homes were damaged. An apartment building roof was torn off north of Ingalls Street, east of Essington Road.

A second tornado touched down two miles north of downtown Joliet, near the Des Plaines River, about a half mile south of Bruce Road. The tornado continued east and lifted about four miles southeast of Lockport near Cedar and Bruce Roads. The tornado severely damaged commercial buildings on Route 171 south of Bruce Road. It ripped apart cinder block and metal buildings and some of the debris was deposited over 100 yards away. A house one the east side of 171 was damaged. Tree limbs were blown down in the Fairmont neighborhood. Outbuildings were damaged on Briggs street near Oak Street. There was also tree damage eastward to a subdivision south of Bruce Street west of Cedar Road.

A weak tornado touched down near Route 83 and Archer Roads in the Forest Preserve. No damage was reported.

A weak tornado touched down in a field about 2 miles east of Wilmington near Old Chicago Road. No damage was reported.

A weak tornado touched down near Warner Bridge Road along the Will/Kankakee line. The tornado remained mainly in fields and did no damage. The tornado was observed and videotaped by a Kankakee police Sgt. and by a resident in Deselm.

Several supercell thunderstorms moved across northern Illinois during the evening hours of May 30th. Several tornadoes formed with these supercells with the strongest tornadoes and most extensive damage across Joliet and Lockport in Will counties. In addition to the tornadoes, wind damage was also reported across the area. Trees were blown down in Silver Springs State Park west of Yorkville in Kendall county. Trees and power lines were reported down in Somonauk in Dekalb county. Several trees and power lines were blown down near Lake Holiday in far northwest La Salle county and windows were blown out of some mobile homes near the Lake Holiday area. Large trees and power lines were blown down from Plainfield to Joliet. One tree fell onto a house. A gust to 80 mph was reported between Central Ave and Cicero Ave near 53rd in Chicago. Trees were reported down in Manteno in Kankakee county. Tree limbs were blown down across parts of McHenry county. In Paxton in Ford county, high winds damaged a farm shed, causing the roof to fall onto a tractor. A large tree fell onto a van, causing significant damage and the roof of a grain bin was damaged.
INDIANA, Northwest

**Lake County**

Hammond  
09  2320CST  0  0  Lightning  
Lightning struck a house and started a fire in the attic.

INZ001  
11  1300CST  0  0  6K  Strong Wind  
Strong winds blew down many trees and power lines across northwest Indiana during the morning and afternoon of May 11th. A tree fell on a garage in Hammond in Lake County. The tree pierced the garage roof and crushed the roof of a truck inside the garage. Over 12,000 customers were without power at the peak of the high winds during the afternoon hours. Winds gusted to 48 mph at Gary.

**Benton County**

3 W Free to Fowler  
14  1908EST  0  0  Hail(0.88)

Lake County

Hammond  
30  2013CST  0.3  50  0  0  Tornado (F0)  
A weak tornado touched down near Highway 41 and 150th street. No damage was reported.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**

LMZ741  
Harrison-Dever Crib  
10  2205CST  0  0  Marine Tstm Wind (G45)

LMZ741  
Harrison-Dever Crib  
30  1940CST  0  0  Marine Tstm Wind (G40)