September 2005

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Severe to extreme drought conditions persisted through the month of September across much of northern Illinois, although there was some improvement in parts of east central Illinois and northeast Illinois, south of the Chicago metro area, especially toward the end of the month. Much of Cook, DuPage, Kendall, Grundy, Livingston and Will Counties improved from extreme drought (D3) to severe drought (D2). Kankakee County improved to moderate drought (D1). Much of Illinois was declared an agriculture disaster area in August. Outdoor water restrictions and bans continued in many locations. Low water levels on area streams continued. Hardest hit were some of the smaller streams and streams in the Rock River basin. Pontiac on the Vermillion River reported zero flow for much of the month, while most streams in the Rock River basin were at 50% to 60% normal flow. This caused problems for recreational boaters on the Rock River in Rockford due to no wake restrictions.

September was the seventh straight month of below normal precipitation for much of the region. Rockford had 1.86 inches of rain for the month of September, which was 1.61 inches below normal. Chicago's O'Hare Airport measured 2.84 inches, .61 below normal. This put the rainfall deficit since March at 11.84 inches at Rockford and 11.90 at O'Hare.

ILZ023 Kankakee

The first two weeks of September continued to be very dry, but much needed rainfall around the middle and end of the month allowed drought conditions to improve from extreme (D3) to moderate (D1) by around the 20th.

Winnebago County

Rockford to Roscoe

Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)

Trees, tree limbs and power lines were blown down across parts of eastern Winnebago County. Two 12 inch diameter trees were blown down 4 miles northwest of Rockford.

Boone County

Caledonia

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

Trees and power lines were blown down.

Lee County

Dixon

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

Tree limbs were blown down.

Ogle County

Polo

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

Large tree limbs were blown down, one fell on two cars.

Ogle County

Mt Morris

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

Tree limbs and power lines were blown down.

Ogle County

Oregon

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

A tree was blown down.

De Kalb County

Kirkland

Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)

A large tree was blown down in a park along with several tree limbs.

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ILLINOIS, Northeast

Winnebago County
Cherry Vly
13 1720CST
0 0
Tree limbs were blown down.

Boone County
Belvidere
13 1725CST
0 0
Trees and power lines were blown down.

Boone County
Capron
13 1742CST
0 0
A tree fell onto a house.

McHenry County
Harvard to McHenry
13 1742CST
0 0
Tree limbs were blown down across parts of north central McHenry County, including Harvard, Woodstock and McHenry.

La Salle County
Peru
19 0300CST
0 0
Lightning
Lightning struck a the steeple of a church in Peru. Shards of wood and shingles were scattered around the church from the strike. Several pieces tore through the roof of the church.

McHenry County
Marengo to Lakewood
19 0658CST
0 0
Thunderstorm Wind (EG55)
A strong thunderstorm moved across south central McHenry county during the morning hours. Large trees, tree limbs and power lines were blown down in Marengo, Lakewood and Crystal Lake. Trees 16-18 inches in diameter were blown down on the west side of Crystal Lake. Boats and picnic tables were moved. Some cars were damaged by falling tree limbs and one house was left uninhabitable.

Ford County
1 S Gibson City
19 1540CST
0 0
Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Partial tree was blown down along with tree limbs south of Gibson City.

Ford County
Paxton
19 1548CST
0 0
Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Tree limbs were blown down.

McHenry County
Huntley
22 1605CST
0 0
Hail(0.88)

McHenry County
Algonquin
22 1613CST
0 0
Hail(1.00)
Penny to quarter size hail reported near Route 31 and Route 62.

Cook County
Barrington
22 1623CST
0 0
Hail(0.75)

Cook County
Barrington
22 1625CST
0 0
Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Tree limbs were blown down.

Cook County
Palatine
22 1639CST
0 0
Hail(1.00)
Quarter size hail was reported near Route 53 and Baldwin Roads.

Cook County
Palatine
22 1640CST
0 0
Thunderstorm Wind (EG60)
Two foot diameter trees were blown down. Numerous large tree limbs, 12 inches in diameter, were blown down. Some limbs fell
onto houses.

Cook County
Arlington Hgts  22  1643CST  1648CST  0  0  Hail(0.75)

Lake County
Gurnee  22  1644CST  1649CST  0  0  Hail(0.75)
Quarter size hail was reported at Almond and Dada.

Cook County
Wheeling  22  1645CST  1650CST  0  0  Hail(1.00)
Quarter size hail was reported near Lake Cook and Lexington Roads.

La Salle County
Leonore  22  1810CST  0  0  Thunderstorm Wind (EG50)
Tree limbs and power lines were blown down between Lenore and Streator.

Livingston County
Dwight  22  1853CST  1858CST  0  0  Hail(0.88)

INDIANA, Northwest

Benton County
Fowler  19  1628EST  1633EST  0  0  Hail(1.00)

Benton County
Oxford  19  1630EST  1635EST  0  0  Hail(0.75)