

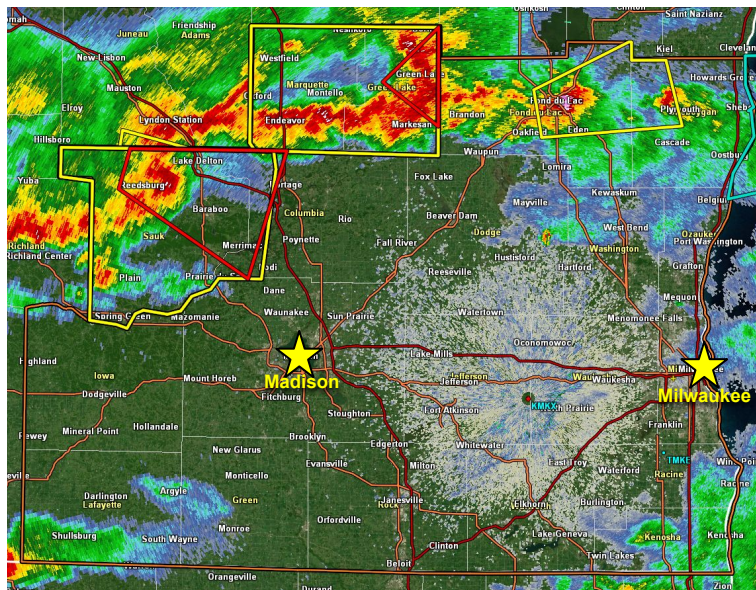


August 18, 2026 Severe Storms

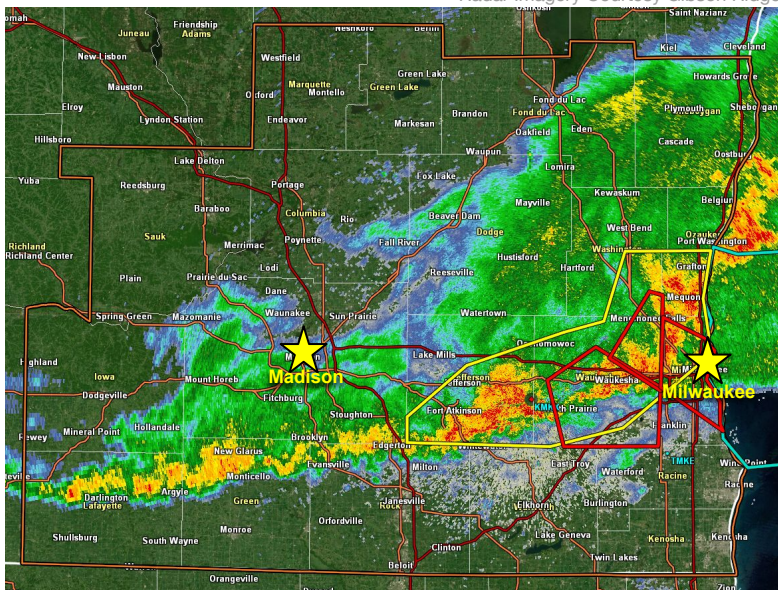
Sporadic Damaging Winds & EF-0 Tornado

Event Overview: A broken line of storms developed along a line from Waushara Co. to La Crosse Co., progressing southeastward & producing locally very strong winds of 70 to 80 mph, as well as one tornado in southeastern WI in the Colgate area. Circulations moved over Sauk, Columbia, Dane, Marquette, Green Lake, Washington, Waukesha, & Milwaukee Counties, triggering Tornado Warnings.

Radar Imagery Courtesy Gibson Ridge



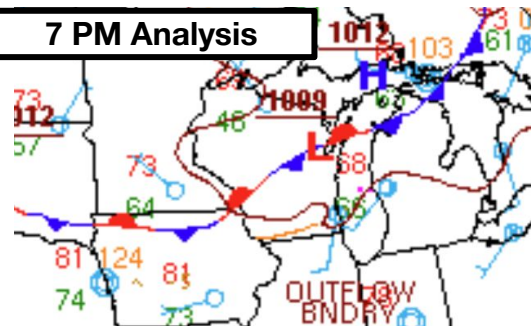
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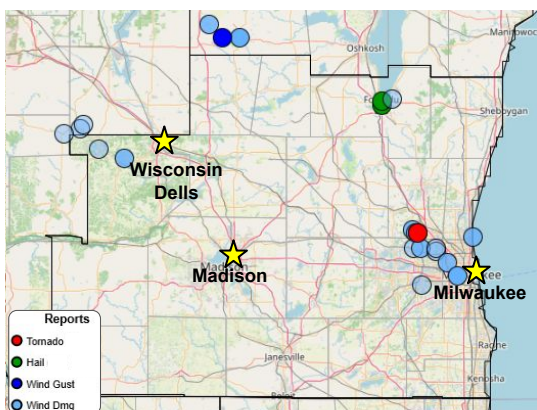
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Event Setup: A cold front slowly moving southward through southern WI with plenty of instability (CAPE values 1500-2000 J/kg) allowed for severe storms to develop. Low-level (0-3 km) shear of 30 kt contributed to just-enough spin close to the ground to result in pockets of very high (70-80 mph) winds and one confirmed EF-0 tornado around Colgate, WI.

7 PM Analysis



Credit: Weather Prediction Center



SPC Storm reports 08/18/2026: Wind damage (blue), tornadoes (red), & hail (green)



NWS MKX storm survey damage, showing widespread tree damage in the Colgate area.



NWS MKX storm survey damage in Colgate, showing damage from debris flug up into an outbuilding.



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