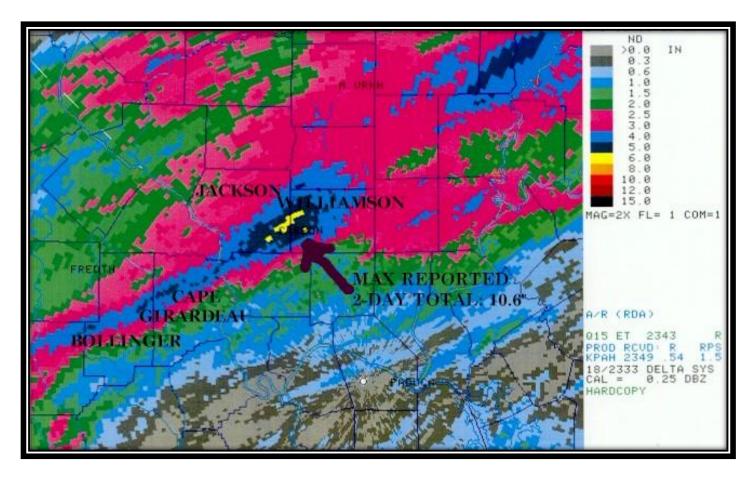
Flooding Event of June 16-18, 2000



The map above is a radar-estimated precipitation total for the rainfall event beginning on June 16 and continuing through June 18. The 48-hour rainfall total from a co-operative observer in Carbondale, Illinois was 10.6 inches. An automated observing system near Carbondale reported about 8 inches. The counties with their names annotated on the map are those that received significant flooding. Although many roads were closed, and a few evacuations took place, no injuries were reported.

Wayne	County
Fairfi	eld

16 1910CST

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Flash Flood

Widespread street flooding occurred in Fairfield. Water was reported up to the bottoms of cars, and U.S. Highway 45 had water over it. The sheriff department reported water going into some buildings. Rainfall amounts were measured up to 2.75 inches in less than 3 hours' time.

Edwards County Browns	16 17	2300CST 0600CST	0	0		Flash Flood
Franklin County						
Zeigler	16 17	2300CST 0530CST	0	0		Flash Flood
Jackson County						
Carbondale	16 17	2300CST 0530CST	0	0	20K	Flash Flood
Perry County						
Du Quoin	16 17	2300CST 0500CST	0	0	10K	Flash Flood
Wayne County						
Fairfield	16 17	2300CST 0600CST	0	0		Flash Flood
Williamson County						
Marion	16 17	2300CST 1000CST	0	0		Flash Flood

A wide band of thunderstorms, oriented from west to east, moved east across the same areas for a few hours during the nighttime hours. Rainfall amounts were 2 to 3.5 inches in many places, with isolated amounts near 7 inches at Carbondale. Another band of thunderstorms with heavy rain during the early morning hours prolonged flooding into part of the morning. In Williamson County, some side roads were closed due to high water west of Herrin and along the southwest corner of the county. Water was reportedly approaching some homes in Williamson County. In Franklin County, several roads were closed in Christopher, and secondary roads were under water near Zeigler. In Jackson County, a car was reportedly floating in a creek near U.S. Highway 51 North. In Edwards County, high water was over Browns-Bone Gap Road. Numerous streets were flooded in Perry County, and a couple of houses had water in them.

Hamilton County					
Mc Leansboro	17	0330CST 0645CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Jefferson County					
Mt Vernon	17	0330CST 0645CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Wabash County					
Mt Carmel	17	0340CST 0600CST	0	0	Flash Flood
White County					
Carmi	17	0345CST 0600CST	0	0	Flash Flood

Widespread heavy rainfall between one half and one inch per hour occurred over ground that was already saturated from heavy rainfall the previous evening. Water was reported on some roadways. In Jefferson County, one road was closed, and creeks were running very high.

Gallatin County Shawneetown	17	0400CST 1000CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Saline County Harrisburg	17	0400CST 1000CST	0	0	Flash Flood

Widespread heavy rainfall persisted for a number of hours, resulting in local storm totals of 3 to 4 inches. Water was reported rising on roads. In Harrisburg, sheriff deputies began closing roads around sunrise.

ILZ081-084>085 Franklin - Jackson - Williamson

17 0700CST 0 0 10K Flood 30 2359CST

The Big Muddy River rose well above flood stage in response to persistent thunderstorms. A front became stationary across the region from the 17th to the 20th. During this four-day period, rainfall totals ranged from 2 to 8 inches across the Big Muddy River basin. A co-operative observer in Carbondale measured 10.97 inches during the period. At Murphysboro, where flood stage is 16 feet, the Big Muddy crested at 29.4 feet on the 22nd. This resulted in widespread flooding of lowlands along the river. Floodwaters covered some roads, limiting access to at least one residence.

Jackson County					
Carbondale	17 18	2315CST 0245CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Williamson County					
Marion	17	2315CST	0	0	Flash Flood

Areas that already had experienced 4 to 7 inches of rain during the previous 24 to 36 hours received another dose of heavy rain. This brought storm totals as high as 10 inches as measured by a co-operative observer in Carbondale. Extensive lowland flooding occurred. In Williamson County, water was about a foot and a half deep over two bridges on a rural secondary road

Hamilton County Mc Leansboro	18	0115CST 0445CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Saline County					
Harrisburg	18	0115CST 0430CST	0	0	Flash Flood
Gallatin County					
Shawneetown	18	0130CST 0430CST	0	0	Flash Flood
White County					
Carmi	18	0130CST 0445CST	0	0	Flash Flood

Saline County authorities reported Lindsay Lane was flooded. Lewis Road, a low road in rural Harrisburg, had 1 to 2 feet of water over it.

Cape Girardeau County						
Oak Ridge	17	0129CST 0500CST	•	0	0	Flash Flood
Bollinger County						
Marble Hill	17	0140CST 0430CST	•	0	0	Flash Flood

A slow-moving band of thunderstorms produced flooding rainfall, generally 1 to 2 inches per hour. The 800 block of Route D was closed due to high water. Apple Creek and the Whitewater River rose out of their banks.

Butler County Countywide

17 0200CST 0 0 40K Flash Flood 0800CST

Over five inches of rain fell over Butler County during the late night and early morning, resulting in flood waters in many areas of the county. Cane Creek went over four bridges on Cane Creek Road. One family was unable to leave their home because of high water over a bridge, deep enough to cover a sign. Part of a road was washed out in a subdivision north of Poplar Bluff. There was water over several roads, including County Roads 534 and 540. Water was four feet deep over NN Highway in one location.

Wayne County						
Greenville	17 18	2330CST 0230CST	0	0		Flash Flood
Bollinger County						
Grassy	17 18	2345CST 0300CST	0	0	50K	Flash Flood
Cape Girardeau County						
Jackson	17 18	2345CST 0300CST	0	0		Flash Flood

Another nearly stationary band of thunderstorms developed where rainfall amounts of 3 to 5 inches had been observed in the previous 24 hours. This brought rainfall totals to more than 6 inches in Marble Hill. In Cape Girardeau County, fire personnel stopped traffic or closed roads at flooded spots. Highway 349 was reported to have 3 feet of water over it at one point. Along Route 34, water was reported over the road at the intersections of Highway U and Highway UU. Route B and County Road 379 were closed. In Bollinger County, a trailer park near Grassy was evacuated as a precaution due to rising water along a creek, and numerous roads were underwater. In Wayne County, the 36-hour rainfall totals were measured at 7.5 inches.