



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



November 2005

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons	Estimated Damage	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property
							Crops

ILLINOIS, Northeast

ILZ003>006-008-010>014-019>022-032 Winnebago - Boone - Mchenry - Lake - Ogle - Lee - De Kalb - Kane - Du Page - Cook - La Salle - Kendall - Grundy - Will - Livingston

01	0000CST							
30	2359CST				0	0		Drought

Severe to extreme drought conditions continued across much of north central Illinois through November 2005. Low water levels continued on streams and rivers. The nine months from March 1st 2005 to November 30th 2005, was the driest Spring, Summer and Fall period ever recorded at Chicago Ohare Airport and Rockford Airport. During the nine month period, Chicago Ohare measured 16.54 inches of rain. Normal rainfall during that same nine month period is 30.46 inches. Rockford Airport measured 17.83 inches for the nine month period. Normal rainfall during that same nine month period is 31.82 inches.

During November 2005, many locations received near normal or above normal monthly rainfall. Some of the lowest totals include Channahon in Grundy County, 1.54 inches; Joliet in Will County, 2.00 inches; Paw Paw in Lee County, 2.00 inches; Peru in LaSalle County, 2.03 inches; Romeoville in Will County, 2.04 inches; Mendota in LaSalle County, 2.05 inches; Earlville in LaSalle County, 2.07 inches; Oregon in Ogle County, 2.12 inches; Plano in Kendall County, 2.18 inches; Wheaton in Dupage County, 2.19 inches; Chicago Ohare Airport in Cook County, 2.31 inches.

ILZ006-014

Lake - Cook								
13	0700CST							
	1130CST				0	0	200K	High Wind (EG50)

A very strong area of low pressure moved across the midwest and western Great Lakes Saturday November 12th and Sunday, November 13th. Although no observing locations measured winds to 50 knots, there were several reports of damage from the high winds. A 55 foot tall maple tree was blown down in Arlington Heights. Part of the tree landed on a roof but did not cause any damage. In Evanston, cars were damaged by trees and tree limbs that were blown over. In Berwyn, walls from a condominium construction site toppled onto a bar next door, causing major structural damage to the bar. A steel canopy at a Citgo service station in Waukegan was blown down on top of two gas pumps. The canopy was blown across the ground until city public works crews were able to anchor it with snow plows. In Wauconda, four homes were damaged by fire due to electrical equipment malfunctions, likely caused by the high winds. Damage to the four houses was estimated at \$65,000. West Chicago Dupage Airport and FermiLab both measured a gust to 53 mph. Several locations measured gusts between 40 mph and 50 mph. Tree limbs and power lines were blown down across many areas in far northern Illinois. More than 130,000 customers lost power during the high winds.

ILZ014-023

Cook - Kankakee								
15	2150CST							
16	0524CST				0	3	40K	Strong Wind (EG44)

Another strong area of low pressure moved across northern Illinois during the evening of Tuesday November 15th, 2005 and during the early morning of Wednesday November 16th, 2005. A semi truck rolled over on Interstate 57, just south of Kankakee. The semi was attempting to pass a pickup truck pulling a small trailer when a strong wind caused the pickup to swerve toward the semi. The semi swerved to avoid a collision but lost control and flipped onto it's side, injuring the driver. Part of a roof was blown off a housing complex in Chicago on South Wells Street. A 15 year old and a man were injured by debris from the roof. Tree limbs and power lines were blown down across parts of northern Illinois. Wind gusts were generally between 40 mph and 50 mph with Chicago Midway Airport measuring a gust to 51 mph.