

# APRIL 5, 1999 SEVERE STORMS

Severe thunderstorms produced locally damaging wind over southeast Missouri. A single severe storm tracked northeast from the Bootheel area of Missouri across the Paducah area into southern Illinois. Reports are below. Note, wind gusts are in knots (i.e. Thunderstorm Wind (G50) = 58 mph)

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:

### Massac County

2 SW Round Knob to  
.5 NE Round Knob

05

1721 CST  
1725 CST

0

0

50K

Thunderstorm Wind (G87)

A thunder storm downburst with winds estimated near 100 MPH damaged roofs and metal barns. Scattered trees were down, along with some power lines. Most of the homes in the path of the downburst sustained only minor roof damage. The most severely damaged house had its roof peeled back and thrown 200 yards into a field. The path of the microburst was about 1 mile wide and at least 2.5 miles long.

### Hardin County

Elizabethtown

05

1755 CST

0

0

4K

Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Signs were damaged by wind.

### Pope County

6 N Golconda

05

1757 CST

0

0

8K

Thunderstorm Wind

A large tree was uprooted and blown onto a house.

### Pope County

2 W Golconda

05

1805 CST

0

0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Large tree branches were blown down.

### Wayne County

Fairfield

05

1930 CST

0

0

30K

Lightning

Fire broke out at a Ford car dealership after lightning struck. The metal building was totally involved in flames.

## WEST KENTUCKY:

### Hickman County

Columbus

05

1642 CST

0

0

Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Trees were blown down.

### Fulton County

Hickman to  
5 E Hickman

05

1643 CST  
1655 CST

0

0

20K

Thunderstorm Wind

Trees were down and a roof was blown off a metal building.

### Carlisle County

2 SW Cunningham to  
1 NE Cunningham

05

1653 CST

0

0

75K

Thunderstorm Wind (G61)

A thunder storm downburst with winds estimated near 70 MPH produced a 3-mile long damage swath through the Cunningham area. One barn, two sheds, and numerous trees were blown down. A vehicle was damaged by debris. Elsewhere in Carlisle County, ten trees were down in the Bardwell and Berkley communities.

### Ballard County

Barlow

05

1700 CST

0

0

3K

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Power lines were down.

**Mccracken County**  
**3.5 SW (Pah)Barkley Ar** **05 1708C ST** **0 0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G61)**  
**St Johns** **1709C ST**  
 Wind gusts were estimated near 70 MPH at the intersection of U.S. 62 and Highway 286, about 3 miles southwest of Barkley Airport.

**Livingston County**  
**Ledbetter** **05 1728C ST** **0 0** **Hail (0.75)**

**Crittenden County**  
**Marion** **05 1820C ST** **0 0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G52)**

**Trigg County**  
**2 W Cadiz** **05 2000C ST** **0 0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G52)**  
 A few trees were down.

**Trigg County**  
**2 N Cadiz** **05 2025C ST** **0 0 4K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
 Trees were down.

**Christian County**  
**Crofton** **05 2045C ST** **0 0 10K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
 Numerous trees were blown down, including some which took down power lines.

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:

**Wayne County**  
**11 S Greenville** **05 1510C ST** **0 0 8K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
 Just west of Lake Wappapello, six to ten trees were blown over onto power lines.

**Wayne County**  
**Williamsville to** **05 1520C ST** **0 0 3K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
**Silva**  
 Trees were down near Silva and along Highway 49 in Williamsville.

**Bollinger County**  
**Glenallen** **05 1545C ST** **0 0 25K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
 Several trees were blown down, and barn roofs were blown away.

**Stoddard County**  
**Dexter to** **05 1600C ST** **0 0 6K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G52)**  
**2 N Bloomfield**  
 Trees were blown down on County Road 624 in Dexter. Trees and power lines were down on County Road 512 just north of Bloomfield.

**Perry County**  
**Brewer to** **05 1600C ST** **0 0 20K** **Thunderstorm Wind**  
**Perryville**  
 In Perryville, garage doors were blown in and damaged. Stop signs were bent, and a "for sale" sign was blown across a road. Tree tops were knocked out of trees. Near Brewer, several trees were knocked over, and a garage was heavily damaged.

**New Madrid County**  
**Portageville** **05 1615C ST** **0 0 5K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
 Tree limbs and power lines were blown over.

**Ripley County**  
**.5 SW Naylor to** **05 1838C ST** **1 250 0 0 30K** **Tornado (F1)**  
**.5 NE Naylor** **1841C ST**  
 National Weather Service surveys revealed a short-lived tornado passed through the Naylor area. Witnesses reported the lowest portion of the funnel cloud was not visible near the ground, however, damage along the path of the funnel indicates the circulation was in contact with the ground. The funnel may have been difficult to see given the time of day, which was just after sunset. The first damage was to a metal building at a farm located 1/2 mile southwest of Naylor. Further northeast, the roof of the Lucy Lee Clinic was damaged, shingles were damaged on a few houses, and trees and power lines were down. One of the trees fell on a house. Top winds were estimated near 80 MPH.

**Butler County**  
**Poplar Bluff** **05 1900C ST** **0 0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G52)**  
 Tree tops were taken out of a few trees near Poplar Bluff.