

May 31 2001 Tornado

A weak tornado briefly touched down 7 miles north of Pinckneyville, Illinois during the late afternoon hours. A unique aspect of this tornado was that it was well documented, with numerous photos and videos taken. The tornado was also unique in that it was not associated with commonly observed radar characteristics, such as a heavy rain or hail shaft.

Despite an extensive check of the area by local authorities, no damage was located. The funnel cloud briefly touched down in an open field or wooded area. Photos were taken by Connie Williams and distributed by WSIL-TV.









Damage was reported in Wayne County, IL that day as well:

(GUSTS IN KNOTS - i.e. Thunderstorm Wind (G67) = 77 mph)

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31 1815CST 0 0 4K Thunderstorm Wind (G67)
A small microburst damaged a barn roof and tore down some tree limbs. The damage path was only about one half to three quarters of a mile long and less than one hundred yards wide.