

[May 2, 2008](#)

Three strong tornadoes hit central Arkansas, two of which caused a fatality. A 45-mile-long EF-3 path was cut across portions of Conway, Van Buren, and Cleburne Counties. A man and his son died in a trailer near the start of the track at Birdtown, Conway County. A 4-year-old girl died with her grandparents as a frame home was destroyed south of Bee Branch in Van Buren County. A 41-mile-long EF-2 track hit portions of Grant, Saline, Pulaski, and Lonoke Counties. One person died at Hensley in Pulaski County. The NWS survey is [here](#).

[February 5-6, 2008](#)

As many as 50 tornadoes struck this day, and at least 11 separate killer tornadoes caused 58 deaths in 4 states. Tennessee was the hardest hit with 32 deaths; 13 died in Arkansas, 7 in Kentucky, and 6 in Alabama. Three fork lift operators were killed as a tornado cut a swath through warehouses, factories, 120 homes and a mall in southeast Memphis. Two died in Madison County homes. The tornado then destroyed 17 buildings on the Union University campus, injuring more than 50 students, many of them trapped in dormitories. The deadliest tornado hit Sumner and Macon counties in Tennessee, killing 23 people. Three died in Hardin County, and one died in Fayette County.

Six people were killed in Alabama. A home was leveled in Lawrence County, killing a couple and their teenage son. In Jackson County, one woman was killed as her home in Pisgah was destroyed.

Seven died in Kentucky. Four deaths were in Allen County. The storm may have been in the same family as the deadly Tennessee tornado. In Muhlenberg County, a couple and their daughter were killed in a mobile home. There were thirteen deaths in six different Arkansas counties. A couple and their 11-year-old daughter died in Pope County. Other fatalities were in Conway, Izard, Baxter, Stone and Van Buren Counties.

April 2, 2006

A second early-season outbreak produced about 40 tornadoes. Much of the devastation occurred in a tri-state swath from Randolph County, Arkansas, across the bootheel of Missouri to Dyer and Gibson Counties in Tennessee. About 1500 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. A total of 24 people died in Tennessee, 16 in Dyer County, 8 in Gibson County, including 4 in one family. Early in this long track, the tornado ripped apart Marmaduke, Arkansas and Caruthersville, Missouri. Between those two towns, a person died in the community of Braggadocio, Pemiscot County, in the Missouri bootheel. In Illinois, a man was killed when a minimal F2 tornado caused the collapse of the roof of a large department store at Fairview Heights, St Clair County. For a complete look at the Arkansas-Missouri-Tennessee outbreak, check out the [National Weather Service Memphis site](#).

January 12, 2005

Just before midnight, a 1/2-mile-wide tornado cut a 24-mile-long path across Union County, Arkansas, moving from Junction City to 3 miles northeast of Lawson. The F3 tornado killed 2 people both 83 years old, in separate mobile homes about a mile apart. About 30 homes were destroyed. The National Weather Service has posted a survey of the storm track [here](#), and other images [here](#).

November 27, 2005

There were two killer tornadoes in an outbreak of about 30 on November 27th, 2005. Three miles west of Briar, Ripley County, Missouri, two homes were destroyed, two homes were damaged, and one person was killed. One mile west of Plumerville, Conway County, Arkansas, a tornado destroyed a lumberyard and hurled large amounts of lumber onto I-40. At the same time, a van with 8 people was traveling westbound on the interstate. It drove into the tornado, and was thrown into the eastbound lane and overturned. One passenger, a 33-year-old man, was killed. Six children and one adult were injured.

February 20, 1997 8:05 PM [F1](#)

Booneville, Arkansas One person was killed in a mobile home.

March 1, 1997 2:46 PM [F4](#)

This tornado touched down about two miles northeast of Hope in Hempstead County, at 1:50 PM. About 50 minutes later it ripped apart 60 city blocks of Arkadelphia, killing 6 people and injuring 100. Fifty-six out of 57 mobile homes were destroyed in one trailer park. About 250 homes, 90 mobile homes, and 45 businesses were damaged or destroyed. The funnel lifted 4 miles northeast of Malvern. The total path length was 67 miles.

March 1, 1997 3:25 PM [F4](#)

This tornado touched down 3 miles southeast of Benton in Saline County, fifteen minutes after the previous tornado lifted. The funnel moved northeast, devastating the towns of Sardis and Shannon Hills. A total of 10 people died in Saline County and 200 were injured. About 200 residences were damaged or destroyed. The tornado was nearly a mile wide and F4 intensity as it passed across Shannon Hills. It entered Pulaski County and continued northeast, where it did F3 damage at College Station, just 3 miles southeast of downtown Little Rock. Six people died in this area. Across Pulaski County, 180 people were injured, 90 homes destroyed, and 175 homes damaged.

March 1, 1997 5:05 PM [F3](#)

A tornado tore "a near perfect line, 100 yards wide and a mile long" from southwest to northeast across Marmaduke, Arkansas. Eleven homes were destroyed, and 57 others were damaged. A 47-year-old man was killed. A detailed description of the tornado can be found [here](#), and photos of the damage in Marmaduke can be seen [here](#).