

Re: OT: The storm that came from hell! (vickie here)

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>They thought there were tornadoes. There were reports that what actually
>happened was something the opposite of tornadoes, which does the same damage.
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Straight line winds? Yeah, they usually do about the same damage without the twisting of the trees. Tornadoes actually twist trees, causing them to break apart.

My daughter was with her then-boyfriend when a straight line wind or tornado hit the area they were in. A huge oak came crashing through the roof close enough she could just reach out her hand where she was sitting and touch the leaves. NWS determined that it was NOT a tornado. My understanding is that all the trees were downed in the same direction, thereby showing it was not a tornado.

We had much that same type of damage on some property after Hurricane Opal. Lots of trees downed, none twisted and all pointing in the same direction.

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What can one expect of a day that begins with getting out of bed.