

## **Weather Guide Calendar with Phenomenal Weather Events 2010**

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### **MAY**

**May 3, 1997** Winds to 80 mph damaged the roof of an elementary school gymnasium in Wilson, NC. Fortunately, of the 300 people in the gym at the time of the storm, only 4 were hurt (with only minor injuries).

**May 5, 1960** A dust devil on the western shore of ME's Lake Auburn lifted a 1,000 pound ice boat and turned it topsy-turvy. A nearby clothes line was unscathed.

**May 7, 1993** Stronger than in most tornadoes! Downburst winds of 125 mph caused havoc in Brookings, SD. The severe thunderstorm-induced winds destroyed 16 vehicles, 15 garages, 5 mobile homes, 1 apartment building, and damaged many other homes and vehicles - 12 with minor injuries.

**May 8, 1979** An F2 tornado hit the Auburndale, FL, Senior, Junior, and Middle School complex; its 2,400 students had been moved into hallways just prior to the storm's arrival. \$1,500,000 damage to the complex; only 8 students hurt by flying debris.

**May 9, 1990** Minus 7 degrees in Pine Valley Bailey Ranch (between Carlin and Eureka) set NV's all-time May coldest temperature record by an astounding 10 degrees. The p.m. high temperature was 53 – a rebound of 60 degrees.

**May 10, 2008** Picher, OK reeling from years of accumulated toxic slag, was dealt a death blow by an EF4 tornado which killed 6, hurt 150. The same storm killed 12 in MO's Newton County, including a firefighter who was storm spotting, and 5 people on their way to a wedding.

**May 11, 2009** Gusty winds likely caused a lone hiker to fall 50 feet down Ptarmigan Glacier in CO's rocky Mt. National Park; 2 backcountry skiers found him the next morning. Park rangers eventually transported the man to a trailhead and an awaiting ambulance. He survived the ordeal.

**May 12, 2004 (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** A very late-season snow/ice storm hit NC/NE North Dakota. Snow of 8-12 inches (2-3 inches water equivalent) toppled 150 power poles in Mountrail County. High winds/ice to 1 inch diameter downed approx. 750 power poles mainly E of ND-1 from Fairdale to the Canadian border

**May 13, 2002 (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>)** flash flooding occurred on almost every watercourse in MO's Iron County; \$5.5 million damage. Many people trapped in cars by flood waters. Near Ironton, a man crossing Stouts Creek by foot to rescue his dogs was swept away/drowned.

**May 15, 1834 (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)** A wintry period from the Great Lakes to parts of New England. 6 inch snow in Erie, PA (14<sup>th</sup>); 12 inches in Rutland, VT, by p.m. today; Newbury, VT received 2 feet (sleighs on roads on 16<sup>th</sup>), while Haverhill, NH, vicinity had 2 feet in valleys and 3 feet on hills.

**May 17, 1997** Today's 2 inch snowfall was the last measurable total for the 1996-97 snow season in Herman, MI. The total for the season: 384.0 inches, a new MI record. The previous record was set during the 1995-96 season: 347.0 inches (also in Herman). Herman averages 239.7 inches per season.

**May 18, 1965** A lightning safety rule: stay away from windows during an electrical storm. In Houston, EX, lightning killed a 22-month-old girl when it struck her home while she was asleep by an open window. Her mother and sister suffered burns.

**May 20, 1864 (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>)** Flash flooding along Cherry Creek into the S Platte River (from thunderstorms over the Palmer Ridge) peaked early a.m. in Denver, CO; 19 died. City Hall washed away with all city records; the Rocky Mountain News Building totally destroyed.

**May 21, 2007** Lightning hit a 15,000 gallon fuel tank in a farm field near Teller Farm Open Space in Boulder, CO. It exploded, lifted 150 feet above ground and landed about 400 feet from its starting point.

**May 22, 1998** Greeley, Brush, and Fort Morgan, CO, raked by hail to 2 inch diameter; a woman hurt when hail broke through home's window. Roofs collapsed in Brush; 140,000 acres of area crops devastated. Cars stuck in hail to 18 inches deep until snowplows could clear roads.

**May 23, 2008** A ½ mile wide EF3 tornado raged along a 7-mile path ESE of buttermilk, KS. Trees were "sandblasted" by debris; many uprooted. An oil tank was blown 2 miles; several antique cars still had not been found 2 months after the storm (likely dropped into area ravines).

**May 25, 2009** Two men were hurt, 1 seriously, when lightning struck while they were skeet shooting near Johnstown, CO. The more serious injury occurred when the strike hit the barrel of a shotgun, causing it to "explode" in the hands of the shooter.

**May 26, 2009** NE of Anchorage, AK, 2 hikers climbed a ridge to better see a developing storm. Lightning knocked the couple unconscious. Regaining consciousness, they called emergency services as the woman was unable to walk. The man's shoes looked as though they had melted.

**May 28, 2005** Today's record high of 90 degrees was the 14<sup>th</sup> (and last) time Honolulu, HI, set or tied a daily record high this May. Honolulu also set or tied 14 record high lows this May. They May became Honolulu's warmest May of record.

**May 30, 1880** A violent tornado near Delphos, KS, carried a cat ½ mile; every bone was broken and she was "crushed as flat as if passed through a cider press." Two 1,220 lb. horses were blown ½ - ¾ mile. They lived.

**May 31, 2005** Every day this May averaged normal (3 days) or above (28 days) in Fairbanks, AK, thus becoming the city warmest May of record (records began

in 1904). This May also became AK's warmest May of record (5.6 degrees above normal).