

Weather Guide Calendar with Phenomenal Weather Events 2010

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DECEMBER

Dec. 1, 1966 (1st-2nd) Helped by a Lake Erie temperature of 45 degrees, lake-effect snows deposited 55 inches in Mayville and 60 inches in Copenhagen, NY. Amazing snowfall rates on 2nd in Copenhagen: 6 inches/hour for 30 minutes, then 12 inches/hour between 2-3 p.m. today. Visibility reduced to 50 feet.

Dec. 3, 1973 (3rd-4th) An ice storm in extreme southeast NE toppled 1,000 poles, uprooted trees, and cut power to 25 towns (worst damage SE of a line from Superior to Plattsmouth). Some rural areas were without power for 4 to 6 days. Similar damage in adjacent KS/IA.

Dec. 4, 2009 SE TX received its earliest snow of record. Houston officially reported 1.0 inch (old record: 1.4 inches on 12/10/2008 and a trace on 12/10/1944). 4 inches in Lake City and Boling were the greatest amounts reported; Bay City reported 2.0 inches while 0.2 inches was reported in Victoria.

Dec. 5, 2009 Snow in parts of TX and the Deep South (4th) followed by today's 4-8 inches in C Appalachians/Mid-Atlantic piedmont. Parts of New England set record late first measurable snowfalls on the 7th. Record AK highs today: Cold Bay (46 degrees) and McGrath (37).

Dec. 9, 2003 Although it never threatened land, a subtropical storm became Tropical Storm Peter approx. 700 miles WNW of the Cape Verde Islands. Combined with Tropical Storm Odette from earlier in the month, this is the first time since 1887 that 2 tropical storms formed in the Atlantic Basin in December.

Dec. 10, 1994 In Bainbridge, GA, lightning hit a utility pole, travelled through the wiring into a house trailer, and injured a woman inside when she touched a door handle electrified by the bolt. She had faint "spider web" marks on her hand which vanished the next day.

Dec. 11, 1997 (7th-11th) Snow /blowing snow caused many accidents in SE WY; 21 bus passengers hurt W of Cheyenne (10th). Today, (temperature approx. -20, wind chills approx. -70), a 73 yr old woman died trying to reach her ranch (near Laramie/Albany County line) on foot (her vehicle quit).

Dec. 13, 1967 (13th-20th) Today began 8 days of occasional snows for most of NM except the E. 1-4 feet fell over parts of W counties and mountains; drifts to 20 feet high in Torrance County. Winds to 87 mph northeast of Las Cruces on the 14th.

Dec, 16, 1996 Most UT ski lifts closed due to high winds (gusts of 70-111 mph at high elevations) associated with the passage of an arctic cold front. During a ski event at Deer Valley, winds blew over a judge's stand. 6 of the judges were hurt as a result of the incident.

Dec. 17, 1994 An avalanche destroyed 4 cars on four-lane US-2 near Stephens Pass (WA); 11 people were injured. Another avalanche killed a ski patrol member at Mission Ridge Ski Resort as he was doing avalanche control work.

Dec. 19, 1995 Only 50-yd wide, 3 mi long track; yet deadly. An F2 tornado destroyed a mobile home in Mt. Pleasant, FL. The 2 occupants (brothers) were thrown 125+ yd. The men were found 4 hours later; 1 was dead, the other hurt badly. Objects from the home were found 3 miles away.

Dec. 21, 1967 An F2 tornado skipped along a 35-mi. path from Lithium, MO, to near Pinckneyville, IL. \$5+ million damage at MO's Perry County Airport where, amazingly, only 1 of 150 workers badly hurt. Near Percy, IL, a woman and baby were carried approx. 400 yards and survived.

Dec. 22, 2001 Today's low of 29 degrees was the first time this season the temperature at Washington (DC) National Airport reached freezing or lower. This broke the prior record by 8 days (records date to 1871).

Dec. 23, 1921 An F3 tornado destroyed homes/businesses in Clarkedale, AR. Approx. 50 people were Christmas shopping or had taken shelter in the Banks and Danner plantation store; 4 people killed when it collapsed. Probably many more deaths if a destroyed cotton gin had been operating today.

Dec. 24, 1961 (24th-25th) 20 inches of snow fell on most of MA, giving the greatest Christmas snow depths in many years. Hundreds of cars abandoned on drifted roads from W Boston suburbs to Worcester. 100 people in snowbound cars in Holden area rescued by State Police.

Dec. 26, 1966 Although seen SE of town, the condensation funnel of NM's first known December tornado was not visible as it unroofed building in Pojoaque, blew over a semi-trailer truck and caused a cinder block building to explode. No one injured. Thunder/hail accompanied the storm.

Dec. 29, 1994 Wind gusts to 80 mph caused the derailment of a ski lift at NH's Loon Mountain. Approx. 180 skiers had to be evacuated from the lift. The winds also caused minor structural damage to the base lodge.

Dec. 30, 1963 The hottest temperature for 1963 in Eureka, CA, occurred today (with an offshore wind) with its high of 77 degrees. This not only set its all-time December high temperature record, but is 1 degree warmer than its all-time July temperature record.

Dec. 31, 1982 The rain gauge total for this December in Puu Kukui, HI (elevation almost 5,800 feet near the top of the West Maui Mountains) was 42.00 inches; the year's total: 704.83 inches (or 58.7 feet or 19.6 yd). This is the all-time greatest calendar year rainfall for the U.S.