

# Weather Guide Calendar with Phenomenal Weather Events 2010

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## JANUARY

**Jan 1, 1948** An ice storm glazed surfaces in Chicago, IL, with ½-1” ice; it was followed by 4”+ snow. Winds to 50 mph common (approx. 100 mph estimate at Glenview Naval Air Station) 11 radio station towers destroyed/damaged. 6,000 Western Union poles down; 5,500 miles of wire broken/tangled.

**Jan. 2, 1897** Traveling “like an army of demons” an F3 tornado destroyed a number of homes in Mooringsport, LA; 5 deaths., 21 hurt. Some people believe a tornado myth which claims a hill will disrupt tornadoes. This tornado destroyed 3 large homes on a hill SW of town.

**Jan. 4, 1917** January’s 5<sup>th</sup> deadliest U.S. tornado struck the Choctaw Indian Baptist School at Vireton, OK; 16 students killed (some carried 100 yards) and 10 injured. The building disintegrated as the teacher (whose jaw was broken) tried to keep the school’s door shut.

**Jan. 5, 2007** Due to weather so warm even snow making was inefficient, Ontario’s (Canada) largest ski resort, Blue Mountain, closed its ski business in mid-season for the first time in its 65-yr. history. 1,300 seasonal/part-time staff let go until weather “cooled.”

**Jan. 6, 2007** Parts of Northeastern U.S. basked in all-time January warmth: New York City’s Central Park’s 72 °F tied the record (only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time since 1862 a January temperature hit 70 °F); 72 °F in Windsor Locks, CT broke record by 2 °F; 67 °F in Portland, ME broke record by 3 °F.

**Jan. 8, 1990** During a 3-hour period in late morning, snow at Charleston, WV, fell at a rate of 2”/hour. 2-3” diameter flakes were common. National Weather Service personnel measured some flakes as large as 4” diameter.

**Jan. 11, 2010** As tropical FL was setting daily record cold lows (41 °F in Key West missed its all-time cold low by 1 °F), tropical Melbourne, Australia, bakes in 110 °F. Its 87 °F low the night of the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> tied its record highest low first set the night of Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1902.

**Jan. 12, 2010** Not your typical flood story! Flood waters allowed a hippopotamus to swim out of its confinement in a zoo near Podgorica, Montenegro. Needless to say, some nearby residents were quite startled to find it in their neighborhood.

**Jan. 13, 1996 (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>)** 6-12” snow accumulated atop previous snowfalls across the southern 2/3 of NH; a number of roof collapses occurred because of the snow’s weight. At Durham (12<sup>th</sup>), a skating rink’s roof caved in 45 minutes before 40 skaters were to enter the rink.

Jan. 14, 1972 Loma, MT set the U.S. 24-hr temperature change record when the mercury rose from -54 °F at 9 a.m. today to 49 °F at 8 a.m. (15<sup>th</sup>) a change of 103 °F! The record was not acknowledged until 9/13/2002, based upon a recommendation by the National Climate Extremes Committee.

Jan. 15, 1994 Temperatures in the teens and 20s across N/C GA. Water pipes burst in 2 labs at the University of Georgia in Athens. A \$150,000 spectrometer was damaged in one lab. Water sprinklers in a Dalton elementary school burst, causing \$40,000 damage to ceilings/walls/books.

Jan. 17, 1994 Serious drifts! High NW winds caused whiteout conditions in Northeast SD. A snowplow train with 3 locomotives became trapped in drifts east of Lake Preston; the crew was rescued by snowmobile on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, 3 train engines were stuck in a drift E of McIntosh.

Jan. 19 1994 KY blanketed by heavy snow on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (26" S Mason City; 16" Louisville); highways (state/federal/interstate closed by State of Emergency). -37 °F all-time KY record cold toady at Shelbyville, Louisville set its all-time record of -22 °F. Some school closed 9 days.

Jan. 22, 1999 Amazingly only 5 hurt when an 880-yd-wide F3 tornado caused severe damage to a 5 block area of downtown Clarksville, TN. (The FEMA Director noted "It's like someone dropped a bomb on it."). \$72 million damage to commercial/residential structures by 4:15 a.m. storm.

Jan. 23, 1963 Today's high of 51 °F in Bradfordsville, KY dropped 82 °F (to a frigid -30 °F) in 24 hours, to set the KY record for such an event. The U.S. 24-hour record temperature fall is 100 °F from a high of 44 °F to a low of -56 °F (same dates, but in 1916) in Browning, MT.

Jan. 24, 1969 (23-24<sup>th</sup>) A blizzard raked most of MN. Huge drifts resulted as winds to 45 mph badly drifted new snowfall (up to 12") along with old snow on the ground (up to 30"). A Jeffers man died of carbon monoxide poisoning when a snowdrift blocked his home's chimney.

Jan. 27, 2009 (26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>) Epic ice storm across N AR; accumulations to 2"+; approx. \$1 billion damage. 450,000 customer w/o power; 1 co-op had only 12 of 12,000 clients with power. Replaced were 40,000+ power poles; 13,000+ transformers; 2,000+ mi. of wire. Some power out for more than month.

Jan. 28, 2010 Dreadful ice storm in SW OK coated exposed surfaces with ice to 1.5" thick. In Greer County, "miles" of power lines down; almost every tree (in a county with not many trees) has "some kind of damage" with many "snapped or downed." 180,000+ OK customers lost power.