

MARCH CALENDAR

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March 4, 1873 The inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant remains Washington, DC's, record cold March day. The low was 4 degrees; by noon (with sunshine) the temperature was 16 degrees (wind chills to -30 degrees). 40 mph winds made his inaugural address inaudible to most on the platform with him.

March 5, 1998 Hail depth in Leakesville, MS was 6-12 inches (generally dime to golf ball-size); drifts were to the bottom of the elementary school's windows. Much damage

March 10, 1986 Would have made for some interesting video. 2 tornadoes tracked parallel to each other (3/4 mile apart) for 10 miles from near Boggstown to near Fountaintown, IN. The northernmost tornado produced F3 damage and killed a man; the 2nd produced F1 damage.

March 13, 2003 Lightning entered the 2nd floor of the Mount Hope Middle School (WV); 8 students (most had left for the day) suffered flash burns or were cut by flying glass. Some electronic equipment was fried; water pipes were broken. School was closed 14th for repairs.

March 15, 2008 Downtown Atlanta, GA, was still cleaning up after yesterday's direct hit by an EF2 tornado. Today's baseball-size hail added many shards of broken glass to the debris already in place. It was hard to tell in some cases which event left what debris.

March 19, 2002 Probably lucky to be alive. In Sabinal, TX, a boy was hit and knocked unconscious by 4 inch diameter hail (approx. grapefruit size). He was taken to a hospital where he recovered. The speed of the falling hail? Probably in the neighborhood of 100 mph.

March 21, 1932 An F4 tornado killed approx. 30 people near Lawley and Jemison, AL. One farm hit today near Lawley was hit again on the 27th by an F3 tornado. It was reported the same wagon was "wrapped around the same tree" twice in 1 week.

March 23, 1917 At least 9 strong tornadoes swept across parts of KY/IL/IN/TN. Near Corydon, IN, a 600 –yd-wide tornado destroyed a farm house. The mother was found unconscious in a ditch 200 feet away, critically hurt, but holding her uninjured baby.

March 26, 2009 The proof is in the pudding – A NOAA Weather Radio can save your life. Near Belk, AL, a family was alerted to a tornado by their weather radio; they went to their storm cellar. They heard the “jet roar” of the EF1 tornado as it damaged their home; they were unhurt.

March 27, 2009 (27th-28th) A blizzard set state 24-hour snowfall records in KS and OK. 30.0 inches in Pratt replaced the previous record of 24.0 inches in Norcator (10/26/1996); drifts to 20 feet. 26 inches in Freedom and Woodward, OK, replaced the 23.0 inch record previously held by Buffalo (2/21/1971).

March 28, 2009 (27th-28th) The same blizzard described in the March 27th entry also set a TX state 24-hour snowfall record. Follett measured a total of 25.0 inches, erasing the previous 24.0 inch record set in Plainview on 2/4/1956. An estimated 3,400 TX cattle perished in the storm.

March 29, 1990 A 5-mile wide by 10-mile long swath of golf ball-size hail drifted to 1 foot deep northeast of Del Rio, TX; some was still unmelted on April 1st. A rancher reported 25 goats and several peacocks were killed by the hail. He noted the goats “suffocated.”

March 31, 1892 The “Grim Reaper” at work? An outbreak of significant tornadoes raked parts of TX/OK/KS/NE. Near Wellington, KS, 4 people in a farming family died when a reaper was thrown into their home by an F4 tornado. The same storm injured 13 family members in another home.