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Winter Weatherlore and Folklore Forecasts

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Folklore is different from weatherlore, but both are interesting and entertaining, and both have been around for thousands of years. Folklore are beliefs based on fear and superstition. Weatherlore is based on observation of the environment and the effects that changes in the weather have on insects, animals, birds and people.



**If ant hills are high in July,
Winter will be snowy.**

*If the first week in August is unusually warm,
the coming Winter will be snowy and long.*

**For every fog in August,
There will be a snowfall in Winter.**

*If a cold August follows a hot July,
It foretells a Winter hard and dry.*

**When leaves fall early,
Fall and Winter will be mild;
When leaves fall late,
Winter will be severe.**

*Squirrels gathering nuts in a flurry,
Will cause snow to gather in a hurry.*

**Much rain in October,
Much wind in December.**

*A warm October,
A cold February.*

**Full Moon in October without frost,
No frost 'till November's Full Moon.**

*Flowers bloomin' in late Autumn,
A sure sign of a bad Winter comin'.*

A warm November is the sign of a bad Winter.

*As high as the weeds grow,
So will the bank of snow.*

Thunder in the Fall
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 Mild Winter coming in;
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*Onion skins thick and tough,
 Coming Winter cold and rough.*

A green Christmas; a white Easter.

*If there's thunder during Christmas week,
 The Winter will be anything but meek.*

A tough Winter is ahead if:

corn husks are thick and tight...
 apple skins are tough...
 birds migrate early...
 squirrels tails are very bushy...
 berries and nuts are plentiful...
 bees build their nests high in the trees.

If the breast bone of the Thanksgiving goose is red or has many spots, expect a cold and stormy Winter; but if only a few spots are visible, expect a mild Winter.

The severity of Winter is determined by how far down the feathers have grown on a partridge's leg.

The wider the brown (middle) band on a woolly bear caterpillar, the milder the Winter.

The nearer the New Moon to Christmas Day, the harder the Winter.

If the first snowfall lands on unfrozen ground, the Winter will be mild.

Groundhog Day is February 2

Winter arrived on December 21st, 2008 at 12:02am EST

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