

Weather

Weather Lore Calendar

■ For centuries, farmers and sailors—people whose livelihoods depended on the weather—relied on lore to forecast the weather. They quickly connected changes in nature with rhythms or patterns of the weather. Here is a collection of proverbs relating to months, weeks, and days.

January

- *Fog in January brings a wet spring.*
- [13th] *St. Hilary, the coldest day of the year.*
- [22nd] *If the Sun shine on St. Vincent, there shall be much wind.*

February

- *There is always one fine week in February.*
- *If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.*
- *Fogs in February mean frosts in May.*
- *Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.*

March

- *When March has April weather, April will have March weather.*
- *Thunder in March betokens a fruitful year.*
- *Dust in March brings grass and foliage.*
- *A March Sun sticks like a lock of wool.*

April

- *If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.*
- *Moist April, clear June.*
- *Cloudy April, dewy May.*
- *Snow in April is manure.*

May

- *Hoar frost on May 1st indicates a good harvest.*
- *A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.*
- *In the middle of May comes the tail of winter.*

June

- *A good leak in June, sets all in tune.*
- *When it is hottest in June, it will be coldest in the corresponding days of the next February.*
- [24th] *Rain on St. John's Day, and we may expect a wet harvest.*

July

- *If the 1st of July be rainy weather, it will rain more or less for three weeks together.*
- *Ne'er trust a July sky.*
- [3rd] *Dog days bright and clear, indicate a happy year.*

August

- *If the first week in August is unusually warm, the winter will be white and long.*
- [24th] *Thunderstorms after St. Bartholomew are mostly violent.*
- *When it rains in August, it rains honey and wine.*

September

- *Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.*
- *Heavy September rains bring drought.*
- *If on September 19th there is a storm from the south, a mild winter may be expected.*
- [29th] *If St. Michael's brings many acorns, Christmas will cover the fields with snow.*

October

- *Much rain in October, much wind in December.*
- *For every fog in October, a snow in the winter.*
- *Full Moon in October without frost, no frost till full Moon in November.*

November

- *A heavy November snow will last till April.*
- *Thunder in November, a fertile year to come.*
- *Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.*

December

- *Thunder in December presages fine weather.*
- *A green Christmas, a white Easter.*
- *As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.*
- *If it rains much during the twelve days after Christmas, it will be a wet year.*