

## ADVANCE PREDICTIVE WEATHER FROM JANUARY 2013 TO THE END OF MARCH 2013

This is not daily weather forecast, it is a predictive indication of what weather is most likely to occur between the above dates; if you require daily forecasts then I suggest the BBC Radio farming forecasts or the Inshore Stations forecasts after the shipping forecasts also on BBC Radio.

There is a caveat to this bulletin - where the wind blows on 21st December will be the predominant wind direction until 21st March.

It will not be as cold a winter as last year, there are not two consecutive 'snow' moons together, and very few 'snow' moons in any case, there are however, it is winter after all, some periods of frost. Where the wind blows on 21st December will set the predominant wind direction for the winter though to 21st March, and from that date the wind on that day will be predominant through to May and maybe even longer.

There is in February a very reliable advance indicator of the weather for six weeks from Shrove Tuesday through to Easter. Shrove Tuesday = 12th February (stormy moon) the saying is that if the weather is fair this day, then it will remain fair (dry & sunny) through the whole of Lent until Palm Sunday 24th March. This a reliable saying and a good indicator.

Easter is early this year and as such is likely to be cold, this is reinforced by a 'cold' moon over this period.

From Shrove Tuesday through to well over Easter into Whitsun and then to Corpus Christi there is a raft of weather sayings, and you will find that most are quite reliable and accurate, and I have attached a list of these sayings.

As with everything connected with the weather, it can all go pear shaped very quickly, but I try to avoid these pitfalls where-ever I can. For those that think such sayings are, being polite, 'a load of hogwash,' but it must be remembered that before the days of technology, radio and everything we have now, the farmer had to rely on such sayings - which is why so many are related to Christian days (the Church in former times was the centre of the community and everyone knew the church dates). I spent a few years in researching these sayings and the attached sheet is the result of the most trusted, reliable and accurate sayings, if it was good enough for our forefathers, then why should we now disregard their knowledge? When the weather authorities here cannot give any indication beyond six weeks, how is it that our forefathers were quite happy to accept such sayings?

If during this period I have made a major misinterpretation of all my data and it goes pear shaped, then I will correct ASAP and apologise - but I do not anticipate such a problem.

You will also notice from the attached weather sayings that they go well past the end of March - I will however in February issue the regular (for those that know how I operate) February to August advance prediction.

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@ David King.

## ADVANCE PREDICTIVE INDICATIVE WEATHER FOR JANUARY 2013

The moons are:

From December 2012 to 5th January = Stormy. 5th Jan = Last Quarter = Snow?/Stormy.

11th Jan = New moon = Fair (frosty if wind N/NE).

18th Jan = 1st Quarter moon = Fair & frosty.

27th Jan = Full moon = Rain.

The 5th to the 17th is a Met Office Stormy period, and another stormy period 25th to 31st January.

The period 18th to 24th January is Met Office quiet period (dry calm sunny).

13th January - St Hilary - often considered as the coldest and wettest day of the year.

The 25th January St Paul's day is a Day of Prediction and will give an indication of the weather ahead - but for full detail then you will see the January data sheet when issued.

There is a reliable saying connected with snowfall - if it has not snowed by the third week in January then the chances of any significant snowfall for the rest of winter are very minimal. This I have found to be a trusted saying.

It is fair to say that most of this month will be stormy except for the period 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> that will be quiet (anti-cyclonic) – but of course that is evident from the moon forecast.

Mean Max Temp. = 7.8C. Mean Min Temp. = 1C Mean Average Temp. = 4.4C

Average rainfall = 83.6mm

Average sunshine = 69.3hrs

Average temp at 12 noon

Average temp at 4pm

1st January = 5.8C

5.8C

31st January = 5.7C

5.1C

ADVANCE PREDICTIVE INDICATIVE WEATHER FOR FEBRUARY 2013.

Rain from January moon until 3rd, then 3rd Feb = Last quarter moon = Snow/rain.

10th Feb = New moon = Stormy.

17th Feb = First Quarter moon = Rain (snow if wind W/SW)

25th = Full moon = Rain (snow of wind W/SW).

The 24th to the 28th is a Met Office stormy period.

The 7th to 14th is a Buchan Cold period (a period when the weather is more likely to be colder than normal).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> = Candlemass Day, cold weather this day means even colder weather after, this is also a fair indicator of the weather up to 21<sup>st</sup> March/St Benedict's day. If the day clear and sunny, then winter will have a another flight – hope therefore for a dull day

12<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday – So as the sun shines this day, so for the rest of Lent, Thunder this day fortelleth wind, store of fruit and plenty. When the sun shines today it bodes well for peas and rye.

13<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday – where the wind lies today so for the rest of Lent.

A dry lent spells a fertile year.

A cold period 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and stormy at the end of the month from 24<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Mean Max Temp. = 8.7C    Mean Min Temp. = .2C    Mean Ave Temp. = 4.45C

Average rainfall = 54.1mm                      Average Sunshine = 87.9hrs

Average temp at 12 noon

Average temp at 4pm

1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 5.7C

5.2C

28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7.5C

6.3C

ADVANCE PREDICTIVE INDICATIVE WEATHER FOR MARCH 2013

Stormy from February to 4<sup>th</sup> March. 4<sup>th</sup> March = Last Quarter moon = Rain (snow if wind W/SW).

11<sup>th</sup> = New Moon = Fair (frosty if wind N/NE).

19<sup>th</sup> = First Quarter moon = Fair

27<sup>th</sup> = Full moon = Cold (rain of wind from SW).

Spring Equinox = 20<sup>th</sup> March.

12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March = a period of low precipitation with large daily temperature range – anti-cyclonic.

28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April = stormy.

21<sup>st</sup> March = Day of Prediction/St Benedict /Quarter day = As the wind today there it will stay up to the 24<sup>th</sup> June. A fertile year if not freezing today.

24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday = If weather not clear this day it means a bad year.

28<sup>h</sup> Maundy Thursday = Fine on Holy Thursday, wet on Whit Monday (20<sup>th</sup> May).

29<sup>th</sup> = Good Friday = Day of Prediction up to 25<sup>th</sup> May. Rain on Good Friday and Easter Day, a good year for grass and a bad one for hay (indicates a wet June) rain on this day is likely to last for 40 days.

31<sup>st</sup> Easter Day = If sunshine today, so at Whitsun ( 19<sup>th</sup> May). Rainy Easter = cheesy year. Greenfly at Easter, June will blister.

Mean Max Temp. = 12.1C. Mean Min Temp. = 2.4C Mean Average Temp. = 7.25C

Average rainfall =56.2 mm

Average sunshine = 142.2 hrs

Average temp at 12 noon

Average temp at 4pm

1st March = 7.1C

7C

31<sup>st</sup> = March = 12.4C

13.1C