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# Grey House Publishing announces the Third Edition of Weather America

Best Reference Book of the Year
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"Libraries that need detailed weather data for more than just US cities will find Weather America a handy compilation of data."
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Grey House Publishing announces the publication of the Third Edition of *Weather America*. This valuable resource provides the most comprehensive and useful compilation of weather data available in print.

Published every 10 years, *Weather America* provides immediate access to extensive data on 2,021 weather stations across the nation, weather trends, climate changes and weather events. No other source brings together this vast amount of information.

This third edition includes several **NEW FEATURES** to offer more information than ever before, including:

- ♦ More Data for National & Cooperative Weather Stations
- ♦ Enhanced Charts & Maps now begin each state chapter
- ♦ New **Four Color Maps** for Billion-Dollar Weather Disasters, National Contour Maps showing Temperature, Precipitation, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, US Hurricane Strikes and Major US Landfalling Hurricanes.
- **♦** New section on **All-Time Weather Records**
- **♦** New State of the Climate Report
- ♦ New Five-Year Average Charts that show how the weather has changed over time
- New **Glossary of Terms** with everything from Ablation to Zulu Time

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Following the Introduction and User Guide are two articles, Al Gore on the *Politicization of Global Warming* and American College & University Presidents' *Climate Commitment*. These informative articles provide interesting and thought-provoking commentary on the weather in the US.

#### **Section One: State Chapters**

Organized into easy-to-use state chapters, each chapter begins with a narrative of the state's climatological conditions, several maps, station indexes by division, city and elevation, followed by data tables for both National Weather Service stations and Cooperative Stations. Climatological Overview: a narrative of the state's weather conditions

- → Three Maps: A full-color General Reference Map with cities by population, roads, rivers and lakes; a full-color Relief Map with capital cities and topography; and a Weather Station Map with major cities.
- ❖ Weather Station Data: Contains data for both National Weather Service stations and Cooperative Stations. Data includes geographical and topical information, maximum and minimum temperatures, extreme temperatures, precipitation and snowfall data. Additional charts list weather stations by county, by city and by elevation.
- ❖ **Storm Data** rounds out each chapter. Charts include specific locations, date, storm type and severity, deaths, injuries, property and crop damage.

## **Section Two: National Statistics**

These informative charts allow the user to quickly and easily compare weather data across all states.

- ❖ Five-Year Averages: New to this section are five-year averages from 1950-2009 that show how the weather has changed over the years.
- ♦ NEW **All-Time Weather Records**: This section includes charts of five basic weather criteria by state; Temperature Minimum, Temperature Maximum, 24-hour Precipitation, 24-hour Snow Fall, and Snow Depth.
- ❖ **Storm Events**: Includes 20 charts with information on storms of any type with the greatest number of deaths, injuries, property damage, and specific charts on hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and hail.

# **Section Three: Appendices**

Several helpful Appendices provide additional information to the user.

- ♦ Appendix A: National, Regional and State Climate Centers.
- ♦ Appendix B: NEW Glossary of Terms
- ♦ Appendix C: Map of U.S. NEXRAD Network
- ♦ Appendix D: NEW Billion Dollar Climate Weather Disasters
- ♦ Appendix E: NEW Hurricane Strike Maps
- ♦ Appendix F: NEW National Climate Maps

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*Weather America* has been designed for the average user. It is a clear, readable, logically organized and easy-to-use reference work. The combination of usability, currency of data, breadth of scope, maps, narratives, detailed station entries, ranking tables and multiple access points make it truly exceptional. This updated edition is a must-have addition to any reference collection.

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