

The one certain thing about weather in Texas is that it is always changing. December brought cooler temperatures, frost, and several nights at or near freezing. We'll have to wait and see what January brings, but last January we saw snow, last February we saw sleet and snow, then we saw hail in March and April. We just never know!

Last summer was not near as bad as it could have been either. Houston did not record a max temperature of 100F or more this year for the first time since 1997, according to the National Weather Service. Currently Houston Intercontinental Airport has gone over 481 days not recording a max temperature of 100 degrees. Their longest streak of not reaching a max temperature of 100 degrees or more is from 7/8/1971 – 8/6/1976.

College Station, like Houston IAH, did not record a max temperature of 100 degrees in 2014 and has a streak of over 481 days since the last 100 degree day which was 9/3/13.

Galveston has a streak of over 916 days since the last time having a max temperature of 100 degrees or more. Galveston has only topped 100 degrees as a max temperature 7 times in its history, 4 of those occurring since the year 2000.

Rain records were quite interesting for the past year, too. Our office has several faithful rain observers who report rainfall across the county to us with their daily records. (Thank you, special people!!) We greatly appreciate their efforts!

Those records showed average rainfall of over 8.75" in May and nearly 7" in November. Our records show right at 48" rainfall for the year of 2014. How does that compare to where you are? It's certainly a considerable amount more than several years ago during the drought!

No matter what the New Year's weather brings, please take the extra effort and prepare yourself and your loved ones – pets included – for whatever weather we might be faced with! Stay aware of weather predictions and, as always, Be Safe Out There!