

# Weather wisdom of country folks

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**W**e all talk about the weather and always have. Many years ago a crusty old farmer, upon hearing his wife complain about the weather, said to her: "Woman, I can make wind and I can make water but I can't make the weather!"

And so it goes. But out ancestors were none the less pretty sharp about weather prediction. Here thanks to the Carlton town historian are a few of their observations:

"A full moon in April brings frost.

Plant your beans when it is light and you will find that it is right; plant potatoes

gray, two sure signs of one fine day.

Cold is the night when the stars shine bright.

Rain long foretold, long last. Short notice, soon will pass.

A rainbow afternoon, good weather coming soon.

When the chairs squeak, it's of rain they speak.

Sunsets Friday clear as bell, rain on Monday sure as hell.

When down the chimney falls the soot, mud will soon be underfoot.

When the sun shines while raining, it will rain the same time tomorrow.

The more cloud types present, the greater chance of rain or snow.

When clouds appear like rocks and towers, the earth's refreshed by frequent



when it is dark — to this rule you must always hark.

Don't shed a thread until May is dead.

Chimney smoke descends, our nice weather ends.

The first and last frosts are the worst.

Ring around the sun or moon means rain or snow coming soon.

When grass is dry at morning light — look for rain before the night.

Dew on the grass, rain won't come to pass.

Evening red and morning