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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
Secretary, American Meteorological Society,
tells about:

FLORIDA'S WINTER WEATHER

Florida's mild winter climate owes as much to its peninsular character as to its sub-tropical latitude. Flanked by the Gulf of Mexico on the one side and the warm waters of the Gulf stream on the other, it possesses the elements of a marine climate. In the summer it has the trade winds, and is not subjected to the passing highs and lows which traverse the continent west to east usually much farther north. But in winter its weather passes in much the same succession as in the rest of the United States but on a milder, sunnier plane.

Florida does not wholly escape the influences of the northern winter. On occasion snow falls. Once in many years a north wind descends with a cold so intense as to cause a great freeze, which is the nightmare of the owners of orange and grapefruit orchards and the market gardeners. Only the southwestern keys at the very tip of the peninsula can boast of never having had a frost. But the state suffers far less from winter weather than do the sister states bordering on the Gulf to the westward, chiefly because of the warming influence of the sea.

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