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CHRISTMAS WEATHER SUPERSTITIONS

According to superstitious weather lore, Christmas is one of the principal "key" days of the year, from which one may obtain indications of the weather that is to prevail in subsequent months. Some of these alleged indications are furnished by the state of the weather on Christmas; others by the phase of the moon on that day, or by the day of the week on which Christmas falls, etc. Here are a few old weather proverbs and sayings about this festival; all of them scientifically on a par with Santa Claus and his reindeer:

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

Easter in snow, Christmas in mud;
Christmas in snow, Easter in mud.

Snow on Christmas night, good hop crop next year.

A windy Christmas and a calm Candlemas are signs of a good year

If windy on Christmas day, trees will bear much fruit.

If the sun shine through the apple trees on Christmas day, there will be an abundant crop in the following year.

A clear and bright sun on Christmas day foretells a peaceable year and plenty; but if the wind grow stormy before sunset, it betokens sickness in spring and autumn.

Light Christmas, light wheatsheaf.
Dark Christmas, heavy wheatsheaf.
(This refers to the light and dark of the moon.)

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