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Lakes cause late springs! Spring near large bodies of water always lags behind that of the interior parts of the country at the same latitude. This is because the water at the close of the winter has reached its lowest temperature, and the subsequent warming is a slow process. The surface water of 32 degrees gets constantly warmer until it reaches 39 degrees, which is near the temperature and density of the lower layers. With further warming it gets lighter and therefore can not sink. The interchange between the top and lower layers is very slow as the lower layers become warmer due to warmth from the earth's interior and rise very slowly.
