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Hail in winter! We do have occasionally thunderstorms in winter. Why then, it is asked, does not hail fall then, since its frozen nature is more indicative of winter than of summer? Hail forms only when there are strong updrafts needed to carry the hailstone up. It falls when the draft becomes weak, and is then carried up by another. Strong vertical currents are common in summer due to the heated ground, a condition not met with in winter. Also, hail falls mostly ~~early~~ in summer because the freezing level is not so high then as in middle and late summer. It is believed that if hail does form in midsummer, it melts before reaching the surface.
