

# **Prediction for the Year 2006**

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## **Forecast**

Storminess levels will fall very dramatically from 2004 & 2005 levels. The year 2006 will not produce an extreme in either the number of major Atlantic hurricanes (Category 3 or greater) or in the number of major U.S. tornados (F4 or F5). I predict 0-2 major Atlantic hurricanes for 2006.

## **Rationale**

The years 2004/2005 were a double peak producing a total of 13 major Atlantic hurricanes and 9 major U.S. tornados.

Only four double peaks have occurred in the past 56 years.

After the double peak of 1964/1965, the storminess index dropped 6.032. In spite of this dramatic drop in storminess, the levels did not fall below the lower threshold. In 1966 there were 3 major Atlantic hurricanes.

After the double peak of 1984/1985, the storminess index dropped 6.347. 1986 produced 0 major Atlantic hurricanes and the storminess index dropped below the lower threshold.

After the double peak of 1995/1996, the storminess index dropped 4.196. 1997 produced only 1 major Atlantic hurricane and the storminess index dropped below the lower threshold.

The storminess index for 2005 was 7.134.

## **Definition for Storminess**

The storminess index is the sum of (the number of major Atlantic hurricanes for a given year) combined with (the sum of the number of major U.S. tornados for that year divided by the weighting factor 7.47).