

Anyone who is at all acquainted with me knows that I never complain about winter. It is my favorite season of the year. I like snow, cold, wood fires, cross country skiing, ice skating, snowdrifts and snowbanks, sitting in a warm cabin with a book on a stormy winter evening, and on and on. Going to a warm climate during the winter months—even for a short trip—does not appeal to me at all. I don't gripe about a long winter. I love the season.

However, I am beginning to be much less positive about the season we call "Spring." Two below zero in April is just not right. Having to thaw out every water pail for sheep and chickens and seeing ice accumulate on the young cattle's water tub—that is normal in December through March, but we should not still be required to perform that task as the calendar moves toward mid April.

August and September were reversed—weather wise—last year. February was the maple syrup month, not March and early April. Snow came in December, but left—twice—in massive "January thaws." March—well, March is always unpredictable—but now, April is full winter.

Still, the only comment from many of the ignoramuses who voted for the regime now in power in this country is, "Where's your global warmin' now?" Unaccepted by them, the words "climate change" explain much of the present situation.

While it is true that no particular year or notable storm can be labeled "climate change," since there have always been great seasonal variations from time to time, it should be obvious to all of us by now that the experts are right. Scientists know that more and more frequent deviations from what we considered to be normal will be the new "norm."

What will that mean for those of us who grow food—either animal products or fruits, grains, and vegetables? And, if it becomes unpredictable for us, what will that mean for the world's food supply?

As we move into a new, unknown world of huge weather variables, we should be led by people who have an understanding—and acceptance—of scientific facts. We should not have to put up with incompetence, greed, and denial of basic facts. There is no way to excuse the behavior that is prevalent in our government these days. And the people who put these incompetents there are responsible. It won't matter how people feel about God, gays, abortion, guns, corporate profits, military might, or anything else when food becomes scarce, clean water is a war and peace issue, clean air is something of the past, and this nation—that used to have leaders—becomes a poor, used-up country to rival any on Earth. We might still be able to at least ameliorate some of these problems, but time is short, and there is no room in leadership for the money-grabbing idiots that are running the U.S.A. now.