

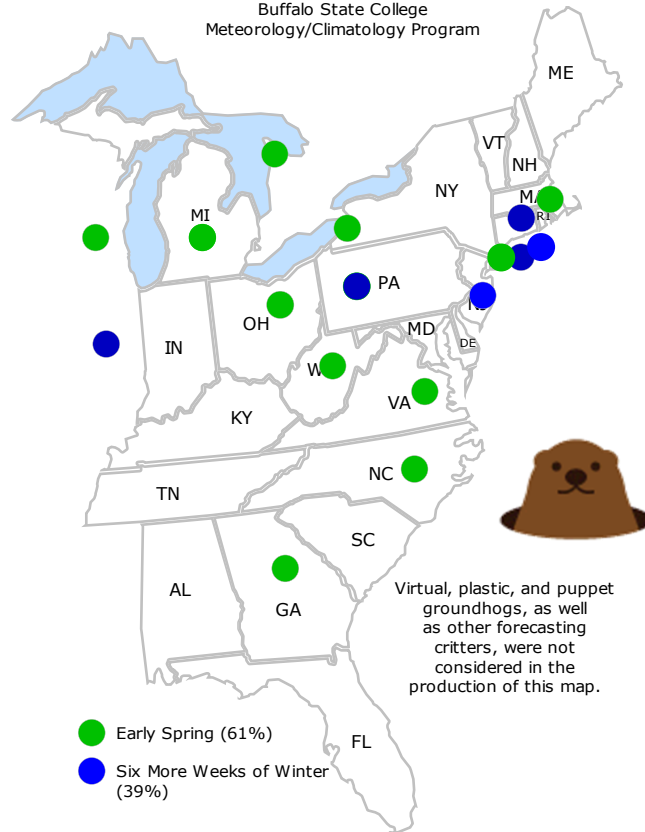


Groundhog Network

The Groundhog Network is a tongue-in-cheek look at weather folklore and long-range seasonal forecasting. Since 2005-2006 Students from our Meteorology & Climatology Program have travelled to Punxsutawney, PA to stand on Gobbler’s knob to witness Punxsutawney’s yearly prognostication. Each year, whether or not we make it to the knob, a Groundhog Network mapped is produced to compare groundhog forecasts, as well as a ‘Scoring Chart’ that compares the accuracy of Punxsutawney Phil and Dunkirk Dave (closest forecasting groundhog to Buffalo, NY) on their forecast for Buffalo, NY’s second half of winter. While Punxsutawney Phil is considered the bellwether of groundhog forecasting, how does his forecasts stalk up to the local groundhog - Dunkirk Dave? Earlier posters and maps can be found by clicking on the [Archive Page](#).

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Year	Actual Conditions	Punxsey Phil	Dunkirk Dave
2005-2006	6 more weeks	correct	correct
2006-2007	6 more weeks	wrong	correct
2007-2008	6 more weeks	correct	wrong
2008-2009	early spring	wrong	correct
2009-2010	early spring	wrong	correct
2010-2011	6 more weeks	wrong	wrong
2011-2012	early spring	wrong	correct
2012-2013	6 more weeks	wrong	wrong
2013-2014	6 more weeks	correct	wrong
2014-2015	6 more weeks	correct	wrong
Accuracy		40%	50%