

CLIMATE FACT CHECK: JUNE 2023 EDITION

June 23, 2023 marked the 35th anniversary of Dr. James Hansen's front-page Senate testimony formally launching climate idiocy.

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Global Warming Has Begun, Expert Tells Senate

By PHILIP SHABECOFF

WASHINGTON, June 23 — The earth has been warmer in the first five months of this year than in any comparable period since measurements began 136 years ago, and the higher temperatures are now being attributed to a long-expected global warming trend linked to pollution, a space agency scientist reported today.

Until now, scientists have been cautious about attributing rising global temperatures of recent years to the predicted global warming caused by pollutants in the atmosphere, known as the "greenhouse effect." But today Dr. James E. Hansen of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told a Congressional committee that it was so precise certain that the warming trend was not a natural variation but was caused by a buildup of carbon dioxide and other artificial gases in the atmosphere.

Global Warming: Greenhouse Effect?
Average global temperatures through the first five months of 1988. As a baseline, scientists use the global average from 1950 to 1980.

Drought Raising Food Prices; Inflation Effect Seems Minor

By ROBERT D. HERSEY Jr.

WASHINGTON, June 23 — The severe drought gripping the farm belt has begun to raise the supermarket price of such items as corn, mayonnaise and spaghetti, and the list of affected products will inevitably broaden to include such items as rice and...

Immigration Law Is Failing to Cut Flow from Mexico

ECONOMIC FACTORS CITED

Illegal Entries Are on the Rise as More Come From Large Cities and Stay Longer

By LARRY ROFFER

TIJUANA, Mexico, June 18 — The 1986 immigration law is failing to stem the illegal flow of Mexicans into the United States and may be creating new problems on both sides of the border by deterring traditional immigration patterns, Mexican and American researchers say.

Studies by immigration specialists at the College of the Northern Border in Tijuana and the Center for United States-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego, indicate that the number of Mexicans illegally seeking work in the United States has actually increased in recent months.

The data also show that these illegal immigrants are staying in the United States longer, are increasingly arriving in family groups and are coming in growing numbers from parts of Mexico that have not sent many migrants in the past.

High Court Getting Unusual Plea Not to Reverse Key Rights Ruling

By CHADYAVAND 1

But Hansen's predictions haven't panned out so well. A point-by-point fact check of it is [here](#).

Ten more false climate claims from June have already gone bust and are presented below.

CANADIAN FOREST FIRES CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE?

Numerous media outlets cynically tried to link the month's wildfires in Canada, which caused the skies across America to turn yellow-orange, with climate. *The Washington Post*, for example, [reported](#): "The power of direct experience can change attitudes on climate change, researchers say"

The Washington Post

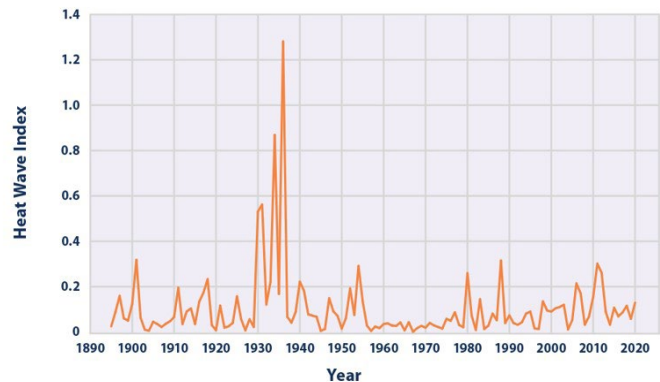
Fact Check. Smoky American skies caused by Canadian wildfires are not new. The historical record shows Canadian wildfires have darkened U.S. skies repeatedly since 1706. Since 1980, Canadian wildfires have generally been on the decline with occasional spikes. [Read more...](#)

TEXAS HEAT WAVE CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Washington Post tried to make the link in "[The troubling heat in Texas and its ties to climate change in 5 maps.](#)"

The Washington Post

Fact Check. Texas has suffered extreme and extended heat waves before, most recently in the June-August 1980 heat wave that resulted in 2,000 deaths. Moreover, heat wave frequency and intensity have dramatically declined in the US over the past 90 years. [Read more...](#)

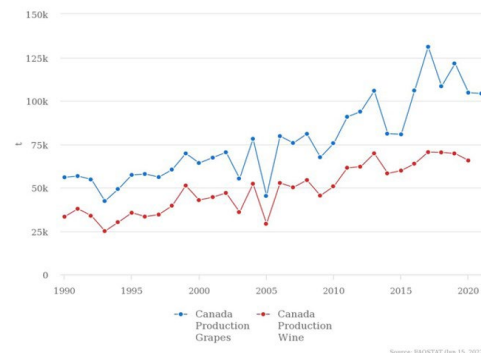


WINE PRODUCTION DECLINING BECAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Canadian Public Broadcasting company reported in "[Vintners warn a wine shortage could be coming, as they try to adapt to climate change.](#)" that: "Sweltering summers and bitterly cold winters have been hindering wine production in British Columbia, with one winemaker warning that climate change might be cultivating a crisis in the industry."

CBC  Radio-Canada

Fact Check. Since 1990, Canadian grape and wine production has dramatically increased. [Read more...](#)

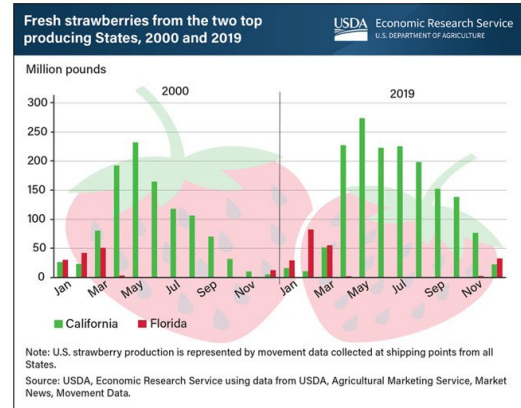


FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES SUFFERING FROM CLIMATE CHANGE?

Axios reported in "[Florida's strawberry industry threatened by climate change](#)" that warmer temperatures are reducing the amount of time that Florida strawberries are experiencing ideal growing temperatures.



Fact Check. As shown in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) chart below, Florida's strawberry harvests increased nearly 50 percent between 2001 and 2019. [Read more...](#)

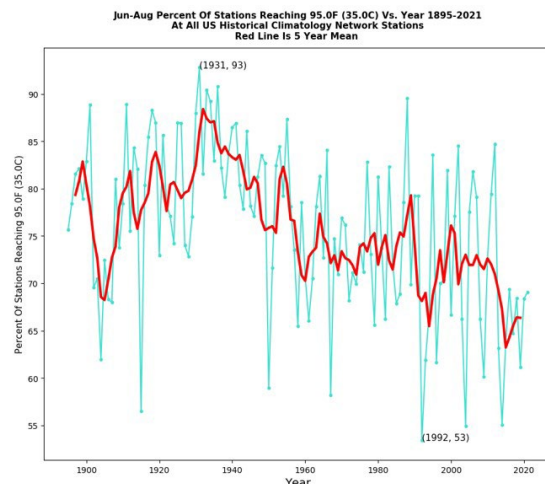


SUMMERS GETTING HOTTER?

The New York Times reported in "[Tracking Dangerous Heat in the U.S.](#)" that: "Summer temperatures have become hotter and more extreme in recent decades."



Fact Check. The New York Times uses the 1951-1980 global cooling period as the baseline temperature and ignores hot summers before 1940. As shown below, hot summers have decline in the US since the 1930s. [Read more...](#)



INDIAN HEAT WAVE A SIGN OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

About a 115°F heat wave, Bloomberg reported in "[India's June Heat Wave Deaths Are a Harbinger of Worse to Come](#)" that: "Scientists estimate climate change has made extreme heat 30 times more likely in India and the World Bank has flagged India is likely to be one of the first places in the world where heat waves breach the human survivability threshold."

Bloomberg

Fact Check. India is no stranger to heat waves. A June 1960 heat wave, for example, hit 116°F. Further, claims that climate change has made extreme weather events more likely are based on computer models that assume emissions make extreme weather more likely, an assumption that has no basis in fact.

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**India Heat Wave
Death Total at 395**
NEW DELHI, India (UPI) —
A killer heat wave with temperatures up to 116 degrees has brought death to at least 395 persons in Northern India since June 1, the all India Medical and Health Association reported today.
The reports said another 800 had been hospitalized with heat stroke.
One report said an elephant toppled over and died from heat stroke in Barabanki, 45 miles from Lucknow.
The Weather Bureau reported the monsoon is advancing into central India with cooling showers and is expected to reach the stricken areas within a few days.

CLIMATE CHANGE INTENSIFYING RAIN?

The *New York Times* report in "[Intensifying Rains Pose Hidden Flood Risks Across the U.S.](#)" that: "One in nine residents of the lower 48 states, largely in populous regions including the Mid-Atlantic and the Texas Gulf Coast, is at significant risk of downpours that deliver at least 50 percent more rain per hour than local pipes, channels and culverts might be designed to drain."

Fact Check. A new study in the *Journal of Hydrology reports* that the intensity of small rain systems declined during the period 2011-2020 as compared to 2001-2010 and that there is no significant trend in larger systems over the period 2001-2020.



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BEES DYING FROM CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Associated Press reported in "[Nearly half of US honeybee colonies died last year. Struggling beekeepers stabilize population](#)" that climate change was a factor, such as an 80°F-day in Washington DC in January.

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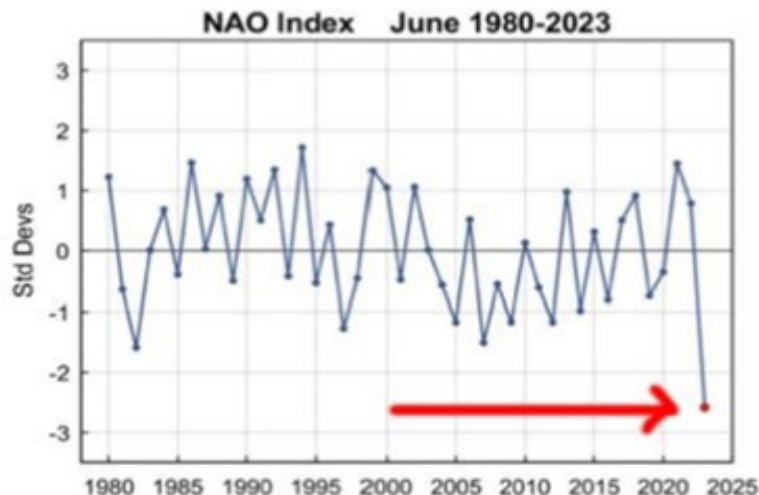
Fact Check. First, honeybee colony survival depends on a number of things, especially beekeeper hygiene. Next, [Washington, DC has never had an 80°F day in January](#), per the National Weather Service. While Washington DC has had January days in the 70s, they date as far back as 1907.

NORTH ATLANTIC HEAT WAVE DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE?

The Washington Post reported in "[Beyond extreme ocean heat wave in North Atlantic is worst in 170 years](#)" that: "Last month was the warmest May since 1850 for the Atlantic Ocean around the United Kingdom."

The Washington Post

Fact Check. First, it curious that the Washington Post failed to ask the question: Why was the North Atlantic so warm before the industrial era? Next, the explanation for the warming is a dramatic change in the Atlantic current (as measured by the North Atlantic Oscillation Index) that is explained by natural factors other than emissions. [Read more...](#)



YOSEMITE WILDFIRE CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE?

In July 2022, the *Guardian* [blamed](#) the large wildfire in Yosemite on climate change.



Fact Check. In June 2023, the cause of the Yosemite fire was determined as follows:

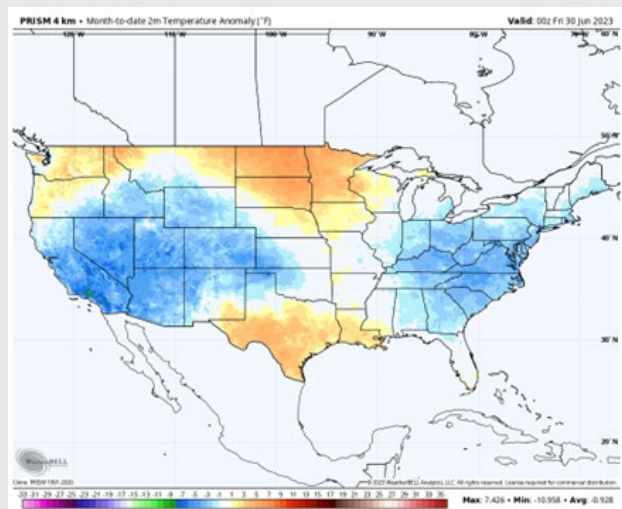
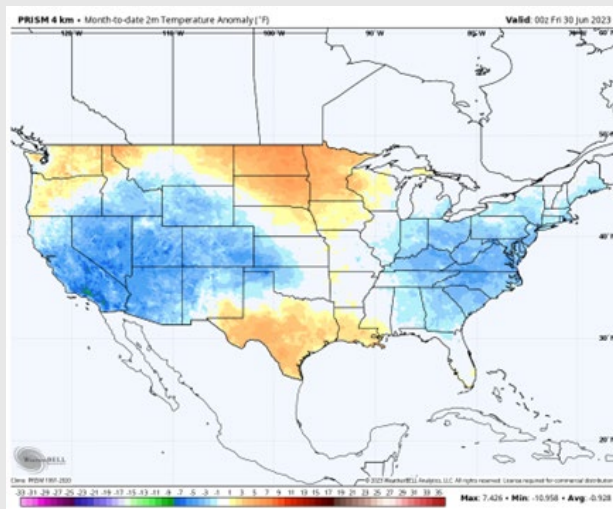
Democrat Donor Arrested for Starting Massive Fire Democrats Blamed on Climate Change

Several firefighters injured in 'ginormous' blaze; suspect also donated to the Lincoln Project



Andrew Stiles
June 18, 2023

We'll close out by returning to James Hansen's June 1988 testimony. As it turns out, June 2023 was 1.53°F *cooler* in the U.S. than June 1988.



It would be interesting to hear Dr. Hansen explain how June 2023 could possibly so much cooler than June 1988 despite a doubling of industrial era atmospheric CO2. Though pinged for a response via Twitter, so far not a peep from him.

Until next month...