Tornadoes: Are They Becoming More Frequent and Severe?

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UNITED STATES

January-December Number of Tornadoes 1960-2012

Tornado frequency and severity records have been affected by:

ILLINOIS

Inconsistent Tornado Records

Weather Spotters

Consistent Tornado Records 1980-2012

What about global warming?

At the present time, most scientists don’t support the belief that global warming has had an effect on the frequency and severity of tornadoes. According to Illinois State Climatologist, Jim Angel, the number of observed tornadoes in Illinois has increased over time, but without an indication of any underlying climate change.