**BOWLING GREEN:** SNOW IS MELTING FASTER IN KENTUCKY AS

WARMER AVERAGE WINTERS BRING ABOUT FEWER DAYS OF

SNOW COVER, ACCORDING TO STATE CLIMATOLOGIST STUART

FOSTER. FOSTER, WITH THE KENTUCKY CLIMATE CENTER AT

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, ANALYZED DECADES OF

WINTER WEATHER DATA ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH LOOKING

AT HOW LONG SNOW STICKS AROUND.

IN THREE OF FOUR CITIES, HE FOUND A DEFINED

DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF DAYS WHEN SNOW

COVERED THE GROUND. AND ACROSS THE STATE, HE’S SEEN

FEWER WINTERS WHERE COLD TEMPERATURES MAINTAINED THE

SNOW COVER FOR WEEKS ON END.

THE STATE’S LAST WINTER WITH UNRELENTING SNOW, WIND

AND COLD OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1978 WHEN LOUISVILLE

RECORDED MORE THAN 15.7 INCHES OF SNOW, ACCORDING TO

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. SNOW ACCUMULATED AFTER

SEVERAL SMALL STORMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH,

ONLY TO BE MET WITH A BLIZZARD TOWARD JANUARY’S END.

SOME RESIDENTS WERE TRAPPED IN THEIR HOMES WHILE

KENTUCKY ISSUED A STATE OF EMERGENCY ACROSS MOST OF

THE COMMONWEALTH.

BUT THAT DOESN’T MEAN THE STATE HASN’T SEEN ITS

SHARE OF COLD SNAPS AND WINTER WEATHER. IN 1994,

SHELBYVILLE SET THE RECORD LOW TEMPERATURE FOR THE

STATE AT -37 DEGREES. IN 2009, A WINTRY MIX BROUGHT

FREEZING RAIN THAT KNOCKED OUT POWER FOR MORE THAN

600,000 HOMES.

RATHER, KENTUCKY WINTERTIME TEMPERATURES ARE

HIGHLY VARIABLE FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT, FOSTER SAID.

SOME WINTERS IT SNOWS QUITE A BIT, OTHERS NOT AT ALL.

THAT’S IN PART DRIVEN BY THE STATE’S WINTERTIME

PROXIMITY TO THE POLAR JET STREAM – THE SWIFTLY-MOVING

BAND OF WIND CAUSED BY THE EARTH’S ROTATION.

BUT OVERALL, THE WINTERS ARE GETTING WARMER, AND AS A

RESULT, THE SNOW MELTS MORE QUICKLY. DURING THE LAST 30

YEARS, LOUISVILLE, LEXINGTON AND PADUCAH HAVE SEEN THE

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH SNOW COVER DECLINE BY

ABOUT 10 PERCENT, FOSTER SAID.

**(HONOLULU)**

THE PINEAPPLE ISN’T JUST FOR PINA COLADAS – THANKS TO ITS MUCH-HYPED SKINCARE ABILITIES, IT’S HAVING A MOMENT IN THE BEAUTY WORLD. AND WHILE PINEAPPLE IS PRIMARILY MADE OF WATER, 87 PER CENT IN FACT, THERE’S ACTUALLY MORE TO THIS UNASSUMING FRUIT THAN YOU MAY HAVE REALIZED.

WHILE IT’S JAM-PACKED WITH H2O TO HYDRATE YOUR SKIN, IT ALSO BOASTS AN IMPRESSIVE COCKTAIL OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS IDEAL FOR TACKLING DULL, WINTRY COMPLEXIONS. ACCORDING TO DR ANIL BUDH-RAJA, A LEADING DERMATOLOGIST SPECIALISING IN ANTI-AGEING TREATMENTS, PINEAPPLE CONTAINS SOME PRETTY IMPRESSIVE BEAUTY

CREDENTIALS, INCLUDING ALPHA-HYDROXY ACIDS (AHA) AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, A BETA-HYDROXY-ACID (BHA) CALLED BROMELAIN, MAKING IT AN EXCELLENT NATURAL EXFOLIANT.

THE REASON PINEAPPLE IS HAILED FOR ITS EXFOLIATING ABILITIES IS BECAUSE IT’S ONE OF THE ONLY INGREDIENTS THAT COMBINES BOTH NATURAL AHAS AND BHAS, MEANING IT HELPS TO SMOOTH THE SKIN’S SURFACE AND PROMOTE GLOW ALL AT THE SAME TIME. SO THAT OLD SAYING, *IF YOU HAVE TO BE AN APPLE, BE A PINEAPPLE,* SUDDENLY SEEMS EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN BEFORE!

**(LOCAL WEATHER TODAY)**

HIGH: 56 DEGREES LOW:43 SKIES WILL BE PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20% CHANCE OF RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON.