

EDITORIAL

This special issue of the *Monthly Weather Review* on the hurricanes of 1995 was proposed by Dr. Jack Beven of the Tropical Prediction Center in Miami.

The year 1995 was noted for the excessive number of storms (19) that formed during the season. Eleven of these storms were hurricanes. It was in 1933 when we last saw such an excessive number of storms (21 storms, 10 of which were hurricanes).

Improved datasets from satellites (polar orbiters and geostationary), Doppler radar, and research aircraft (the NOAA P3) helped to provide unique observations during 1995. Furthermore, the improved global data assimilations from the operational centers have provided better and more useful datasets. This is reflected in the papers in this issue.

This special issue includes 19 papers, all of which were put through the formal review and acceptance process. The papers cover observational and modeling research, as well as operational analysis and predictive summaries.

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