Prior Studies
- 65 references in accompanying paper to U.S. lightning climatologies with NLDN
- None of these papers show U.S. lightning maps by month

Period of record
- NLDN -- 2004-2008
- GLD360 -- 2010

RESULTS
Months with Most Frequent Lightning During Year
- Winter – S. California
- March – Central California valley
- April – West Coast mountains
- May and June – W. Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska
- June – Montana, northern California
- June, July, and August – Florida, Gulf Stream, and New England
- July and August – Arizona, New Mexico, W. Colorado, Nevada, Utah
- August – Oregon, Mexican coast

Lightning All Year
- S. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi
- GLD360 Lightning Maximum
  - Pacific and Gulf coasts of Mexico
  - Central America, Cuba, northern South America