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Mark Seeley joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota Department of Soil, Water, and Climate in 1978. Since that time he has served as Extension Climatologist and Meteorologist, working closely with the National Weather Service, the Minnesota State Climatology Office, and various state agencies, as well as regional Extension Offices around the state.

He has served as a weekly commentator on Minnesota Public Radio's "Morning Edition" news program and written the weekly newsletter "Minnesota WeatherTalk" since 1992. Dr. Seeley has edited numerous children's books on weather and climate, and he is author of *Minnesota Weather Almanac* published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press and nominated for the Minnesota Book Awards in 2006. He is also co-author of *Voyageur Skies* (with Don Breneman), published by Afton Press in 2010.

His honors and awards include: the only two-time recipient of the Sigma Xi Scientific Communication and Education Award in 2001 and 2008; recipient in 2003 of the Mn/DOT Research Partnership Award, as leader of a project dedicated to the design and deployment of living snow fences; in 2006 he received the Extension Dean and Director's Award for Distinguished Extension Faculty; in 2007 he received the University of Minnesota Alumni Association Faculty Volunteer Award and the Career Achievement Award from Minneapolis/St Paul Magazine; and in 2009 he received a USDA Extension Award for most effective public program associated with his work as a team member on the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN).

Dr. Seeley's great-great-grandfather, Ira Seeley, founded the town of Mazeppa, Minn. (Wabasha County) and was a member of the first Minnesota Territorial Legislature (1854-1858) and State Legislature (1858-1862). Dr. Seeley loves to share stories and lessons from Minnesota's weather history, and discuss the management and preservation of Minnesota's natural resources in the context of a changing climate.