

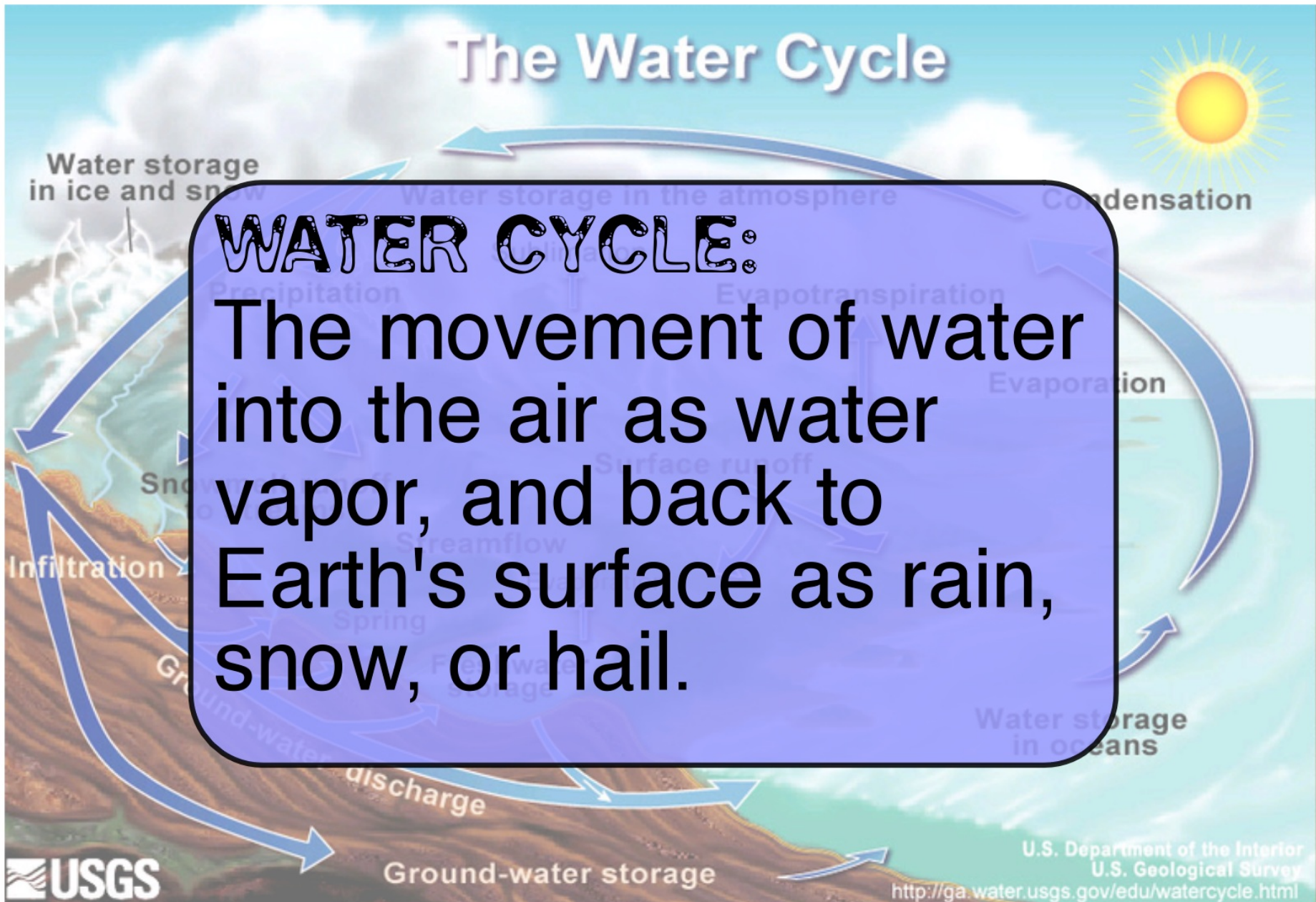
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The movement of water into the air as water vapor, and back to Earth's surface as rain, snow, or hail.



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Drops of water in clouds become heavier and fall as precipitation.

Water vapor in air condenses and forms clouds.

The Sun warms bodies of water, causing them to release water vapor into the air.

Water from precipitation flows to bodies of water.

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**Evaporation:** When water turns from a liquid into a gas (water vapor)



**Condensation:** When water turns from vapor into liquid water



**Cloud: Billions of tiny drops of water that are condensed in the air.**



**Fog: A cloud that touches Earth's surface**



**Precipitation: any form of water that falls from the sky.**





**Rain Gauge:  
Used to  
measure rain  
fall.**



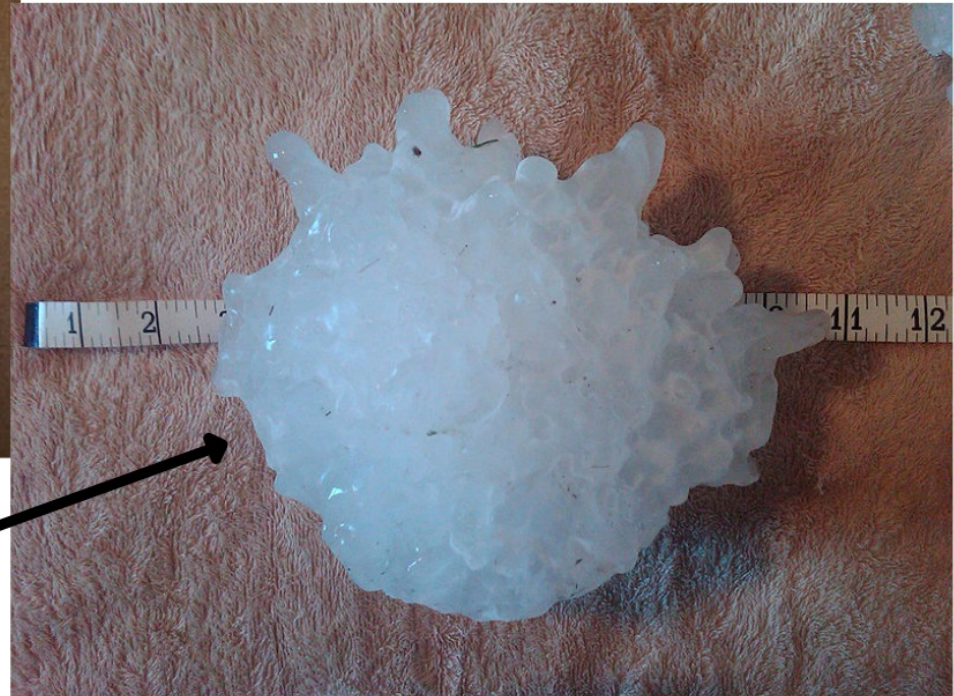


**Humidity: The amount of water vapor in the air**

**Which is more humid?**



# Hail



**Largest hailstone in  
the U.S.**