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Spring? What spring? Michigan's official groundhog issues apology for bad call

By [RINA MILLER](#) ([PEOPLE/RINA-MILLER](#))

Woody says she's sorry.

She got it wrong.

Woody lives at the Howell Conference & Nature Center and is Michigan's official groundhog. She predicted an early spring back on Groundhog Day. Spring arrived today -- with snow flurries and temperatures in the 20s.

Dick Grant is Woody's interpreter.

"It takes a big woodchuck to admit th she's wrong," says Woody's interpreter, Dick Grant. "And Woody came out today and said 'I'm sorry. I missed it. We all make mistakes.' And it looks like we have gone through six more weeks of winter."



<http://mediad.publicbroadcasting.net/michigan/files/201303/Woody.png>

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Credit Howell Conference & Nature Center
An embarrassed Woody, Michigan's official woodchuck, offers an apology for her way-off-the-mark prediction of an early spring.

In her defense, Grant says Woody is right 75 percent of the time.

"She is 10 for 15 even with this miss this year," Grant says. "So that's still not too shabby."

Woody correctly predicted the Baltimore Ravens would win the Super Bowl.

However, Grant says Woody will not venture into March Madness territory.

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