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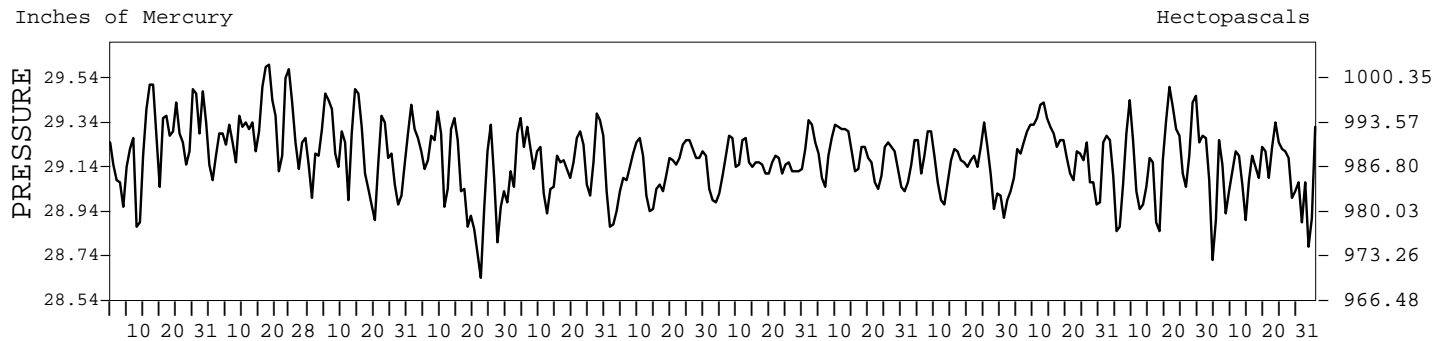
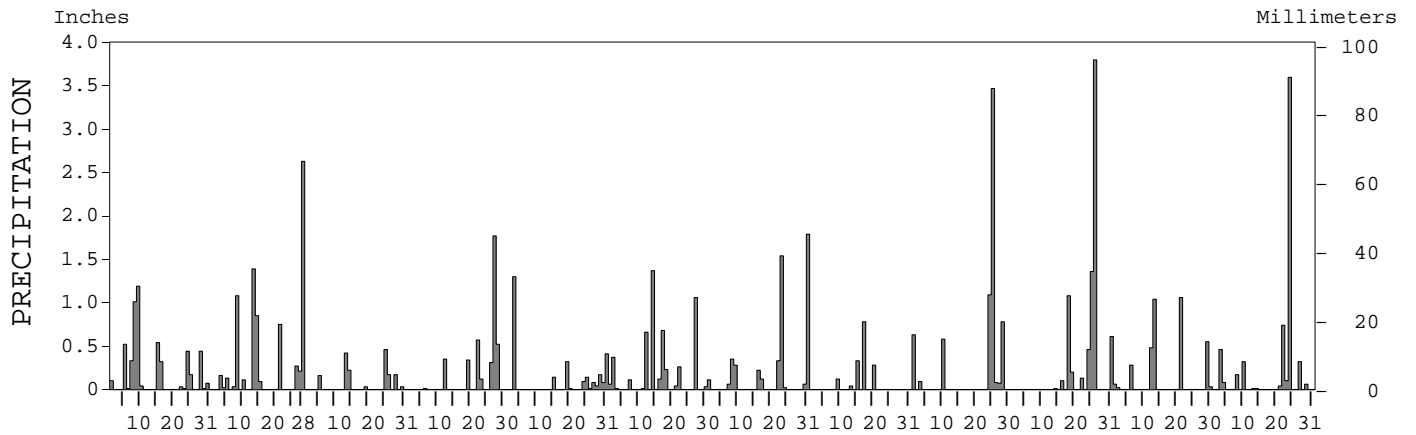
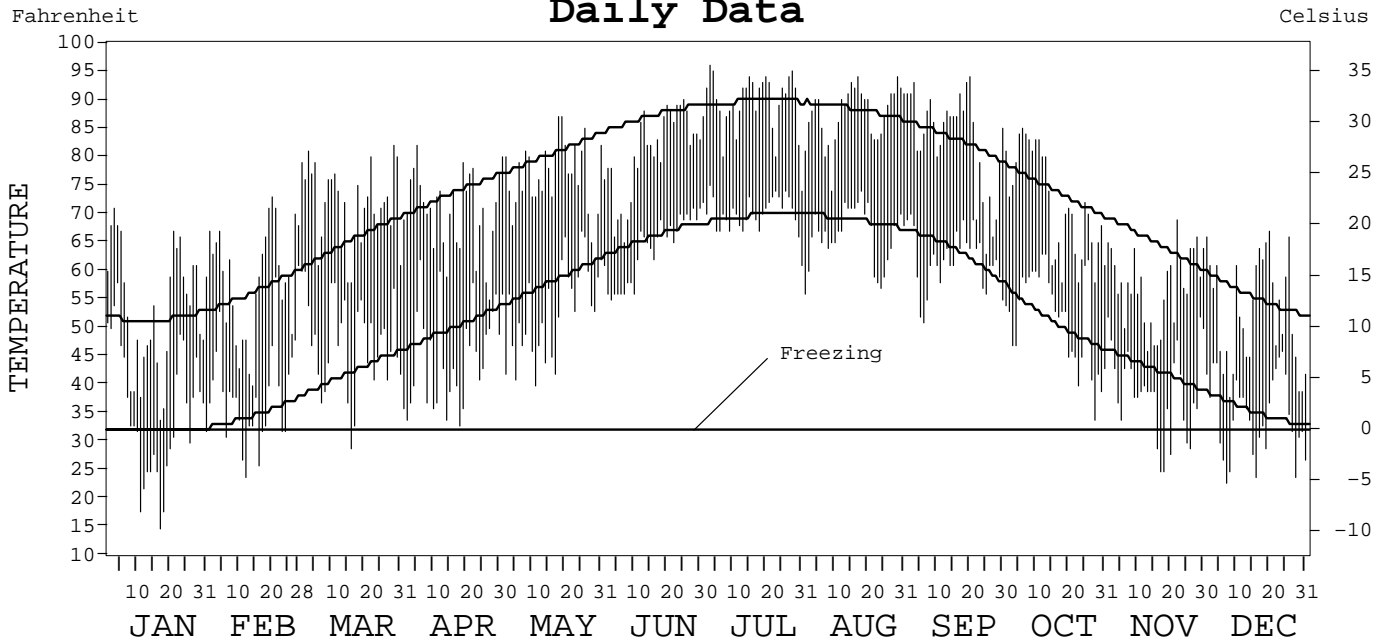
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR ATHENS, GA (AHN)

LATITUDE: 33° 56' 54" N      LONGITUDE: 83° 19' 36" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 802      BARO: 803      TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC+ 5)      WBAN: 13873

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE ° F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	53.7	58.4	71.6	70.2	76.7	80.7	89.3	87.5	83.0	71.7	57.5	52.7	71.1	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	71	73	82	82	87	90	96	94	94	85	69	67	96	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	3	20	29	5	19+	25	3	29+	20	06	22	20	JUL 3	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	35.5	38.9	47.4	44.7	53.2	63.7	70.1	66.2	61.8	51.8	38.8	34.6	50.6	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	15	24	29	33	40	55	61	56	51	34	25	23	15	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	17	12	16	18	11	3	31	01	06	28	18+	07	JAN 17	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	44.6	48.7	59.5	57.5	65.0	72.2	79.7	76.9	72.4	61.8	48.2	43.7	60.9	
	MEAN WET BULB	40.6	45.6	53.0	51.6	59.5	67.1	73.4	69.7	65.1	57.2	43.8	39.6	55.5	
	MEAN DEW POINT	34.0	41.4	46.3	44.6	54.9	65.4	70.9	66.3	61.1	54.1	38.8	34.5	51.0	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	15	7	0	0	0	40	
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13	41	
	MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	626	450	182	231	64	13	0	0	6	157	499	651	2879	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	22	12	71	236	465	376	235	64	0	0	1481	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	70	78	65	65	72	85	79	74	73	80	75	74	74	
	HOUR 01 LST	76	85	73	77	81	93	91	88	84	91	83	83	84	
	HOUR 07 LST	81	92	84	83	89	95	93	91	89	93	89	87	89	
	HOUR 13 LST	59	66	54	51	58	77	64	54	55	62	60	61	60	
	HOUR 19 LST	63	71	51	56	63	76	67	67	66	79	70	67	66	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	3	5	4	2	1	2	5	4	4	4	4	3	41	
	THUNDERSTORMS	3	2	2	5	7	11	9	4	3	2	3	0	51	
CLOUDINESS	SUNRISE-SUNSET: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
CLEAR															
PARTLY CLOUDY															
CLOUDY															
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	29.25	29.32	29.20	29.11	29.17	29.12	29.15	29.19	29.14	29.22	29.16	29.11	29.18	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.13	30.20	30.07	29.98	30.02	29.97	30.00	30.03	29.99	30.08	30.03	29.98	30.04	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	3.0	0.5	3.2	2.8	1.5	1.7	0.3	0.7	1.1	1.3	2.1	2.5	1.2	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	36	28	29	25	19	27	24	04	05	30	29	29	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	7.8	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	5.4	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.8	6.2	6.7	5.9	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	10	30	29	26	06	27	06	06	05	26	26	06	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	29	24	31	26	23	28	21	34	28	24	25	25	34	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	29	32	29	27	32	21	21	32	28	26	28	21	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	10	22+	05	17	15+	14	23	17	03	27	21	31+	AUG 17	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	38	36	43	37	31	36	30	46	36	31	32	34	46	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	22	32	21	29	31	19	23	32	25	25	27	23		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	10	21	05	22	09+	14	23	17	03	27	21	31	AUG 17		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	5.23	7.72	1.66	3.99	2.79	5.01	4.88	1.55	6.79	7.75	3.52	5.91	56.80	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	2.20	2.63	0.63	2.04	1.30	1.37	1.85	0.78	4.27	4.80	1.06	3.70	4.80	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	8-9	28	25-26	27-28	3	14	30-31	17	24-25	25-26	21-22	23-24	OCT 25-26	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	16	13	8	8	12	14	11	5	8	9	8	12	124	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	10	10	6	7	6	9	8	4	5	8	5	7	85		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	2	3	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	2	1	19		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)														
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0															

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

ATHENS, GA (AHN)

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ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	51.6	56.3	65.1	73.4	80.5	87.0	89.6	88.1	82.7	73.6	64.4	55.1	72.3
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	43	51.7	56.3	64.6	73.6	80.8	87.0	89.9	88.4	82.9	73.5	63.8	54.9	72.3
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	54	80	81	88	93	97	104	104	107	99	98	86	79	107
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1975	1996	1974	1986	1962	1954	1977	1983	1957	1954	1961	1984	AUG 1983
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	43	69.5	73.6	80.5	86.7	90.8	95.9	97.2	95.7	92.8	85.2	78.1	71.9	84.8
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	32.0	34.7	42.1	49.8	58.1	65.8	69.5	68.7	63.0	50.7	42.3	35.1	51.0
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	43	32.3	35.1	41.7	49.5	58.1	65.8	69.4	68.5	62.9	51.0	41.7	35.1	50.9
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	54	-4	5	11	26	37	45	55	54	36	24	7	2	-4
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1958	1980	1992	1989	1972	1967	1968	1967	1952	1950	1962	JAN 1985
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	43	14.4	18.3	25.6	34.2	43.7	55.5	63.1	61.6	49.9	35.6	26.1	18.3	37.2
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	41.8	45.5	53.6	61.6	69.3	76.4	79.6	78.5	72.9	62.2	53.4	45.1	61.7
	MEAN DRY BULB	43	42.0	45.8	53.2	61.6	69.5	76.4	79.7	78.6	72.9	62.2	52.8	45.0	61.6
	MEAN WET BULB	14	38.3	41.9	47.5	53.5	62.1	69.0	72.2	71.6	66.1	56.4	47.8	40.9	55.6
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	31.1	34.1	39.7	46.0	57.1	65.1	68.8	68.7	62.5	51.6	42.0	34.4	50.1
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.7	10.6	16.4	13.1	4.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	47.8	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	1.0	0.1	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.3	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	16.7	12.4	4.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.2	13.6	53.7	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	719	546	359	131	27	0	0	0	0	140	354	617	2893
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	6	29	161	342	453	419	240	53	6	0	1709
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	68	64	64	63	70	71	75	77	76	71	69	70	70
	HOUR 01 LST	30	74	70	71	71	81	83	86	88	86	82	78	76	79
	HOUR 07 LST	30	80	78	80	82	86	87	90	92	91	88	85	82	85
	HOUR 13 LST	30	58	54	52	49	54	55	59	60	59	53	54	58	55
	HOUR 19 LST	30	63	57	55	53	60	62	67	70	72	67	64	65	63
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	58	49	54	58	66	68	67	63	75	64	63	58	50	61
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	43	4.8	4.0	3.3	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.7	3.6	4.8	38.0
	THUNDERSTORMS	55	1.1	1.3	3.1	4.0	6.1	9.1	11.4	8.1	3.4	1.0	1.1	0.6	50.3
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	48	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.5
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	32	4.6	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.8	4.3	4.1
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	54	8.7	8.6	9.2	10.3	8.7	8.1	6.6	8.0	9.5	13.3	11.5	9.4	111.9
PARTLY CLOUDY	54	6.9	6.3	7.4	8.4	10.5	11.8	12.8	12.5	9.1	7.1	5.9	6.0	104.7	
CLOUDY	54	15.4	13.3	14.5	11.3	11.8	10.2	11.1	10.1	10.9	10.0	12.1	15.0	145.7	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	25	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.10	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.29	29.29	29.21
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.12	30.09	30.04	29.99	30.00	29.99	30.03	30.03	30.05	30.09	30.12	30.15	30.06
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	42	8.4	8.7	8.8	8.3	7.0	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.5	6.9	7.6	8.1	7.4
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	18	29	29	29	29	24	24	24	06	06	06	29	29	06
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	1	29	24	31	26	23	28	21	34	28	24	25	25	34
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		29	29	32	29	27	32	21	21	32	28	26	28	21
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	AUG 1997
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	1	38	36	43	37	31	36	30	46	36	31	32	34	46	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		29	22	32	21	29	31	19	23	32	25	25	27	23	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	AUG 1997	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	4.60	4.42	5.46	3.99	4.37	3.93	4.88	3.70	3.36	3.28	3.66	4.09	49.74
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	54	9.47	9.24	10.93	9.54	11.34	13.25	10.53	7.43	10.30	7.75	14.98	8.45	14.98
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1960	1961	1964	1964	1959	1994	1964	1961	1989	1997	1948	1945	NOV 1948
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	54	0.64	0.75	1.15	0.69	0.41	0.87	0.93	0.09	0.52	T	0.33	0.81	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1981	1978	1985	1950	1988	1958	1947	1951	1954	1963	1950	1988	OCT 1963
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	54	3.86	3.58	4.89	3.87	5.54	9.93	4.14	4.43	5.34	7.61	4.05	4.33	9.93
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1969	1981	1990	1979	1959	1967	1964	1995	1956	1989	1948	1972	JUN 1967
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	11.2	9.5	10.6	8.3	9.0	8.9	10.9	9.3	7.7	6.2	8.5	10.0	110.1	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	14.8	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	2.7
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	53	7.1	4.7	8.7	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.0	8.7
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1987	1979	1983		1995						1968	1971	MAR 1983
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	53	7.1	4.6	8.7	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.0	8.7
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1987	1989	1983		1995						1968	1971	MAR 1983
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	41	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1982	1980	1983									1971	MAR 1983
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.1	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 ATHENS, GEORGIA (AHN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	5.26	1.45	4.34	4.60	6.39	4.94	8.50	3.25	1.94	3.06	6.57	5.94	56.24
1969	4.95	3.38	4.86	5.69	4.61	1.49	2.28	5.92	5.19	1.98	2.02	3.88	46.25
1970	2.28	2.06	6.35	1.70	3.77	1.36	4.07	3.04	7.09	5.54	1.28	2.87	41.41
1971	4.06	5.62	7.91	4.17	3.05	4.40	3.27	4.56	2.75	2.95	4.02	2.81	49.57
1972	6.46	2.94	3.89	1.55	6.02	5.72	4.69	2.64	0.69	2.43	3.57	8.42	49.02
1973	4.28	2.68	9.86	3.58	8.02	3.18	2.15	3.09	4.09	0.66	1.78	6.97	50.34
1974	3.68	4.98	2.32	3.81	9.73	5.04	5.03	5.99	1.32	0.40	3.11	4.58	49.99
1975	5.55	6.43	10.12	2.80	7.21	3.18	6.55	3.66	6.09	3.83	3.86	2.76	62.04
1976	4.06	2.07	8.55	0.74	8.50	2.47	2.97	5.31	3.01	6.22	5.25	5.28	54.43
1977	4.14	1.79	5.99	1.86	0.88	1.76	5.58	6.33	3.35	7.41	4.86	2.19	46.14
1978	6.92	0.75	3.48	2.78	4.82	2.39	6.41	4.35	1.15	0.97	2.50	3.52	40.04
1979	6.54	6.21	2.72	8.10	3.68	2.51	5.94	3.45	2.44	2.56	3.50	1.38	49.03
1980	6.76	1.84	10.00	2.68	7.52	3.43	1.69	2.55	5.55	1.48	2.66	1.90	48.06
1981	0.64	6.73	2.45	2.10	3.67	1.50	2.32	1.00	1.04	2.06	1.81	7.57	32.89
1982	4.83	7.07	1.88	5.74	4.33	3.65	3.13	3.10	2.19	4.56	5.56	3.56	49.60
1983	3.19	5.42	6.10	5.17	2.30	3.17	1.99	2.06	5.62	3.64	6.90	8.22	53.78
1984	4.50	5.94	5.18	4.84	3.40	3.79	10.20	3.59	0.72	2.75	2.32	2.62	49.85
1985	4.11	4.62	1.15	1.73	3.81	2.08	6.36	2.39	0.62	5.15	4.99	1.39	38.40
1986	0.76	1.65	3.27	1.22	2.20	2.13	3.63	3.76	1.94	7.65	4.77	3.03	36.01
1987	6.29	5.17	4.29	0.89	2.30	3.34	4.83	0.98	2.39	0.36	2.61	2.39	35.84
1988	5.35	2.88	2.53	3.39	0.41	0.91	1.67	2.52	5.37	2.33	4.19	0.81	32.36
1989	2.10	3.21	3.96	4.20	3.99	6.21	6.20	1.97	10.30	5.85	3.51	5.29	56.79
1990	5.74	7.47	8.17	2.15	1.96	1.93	6.13	6.21	3.15	5.17	1.38	3.28	52.74
1991	6.32	3.32	6.07	4.52	5.78	10.94	6.17	5.19	2.22	0.12	1.58	3.19	55.42
1992	3.34	4.75	4.14	1.08	1.48	4.39	4.17	6.19	5.72	2.80	8.25	5.71	52.02
1993	4.40	5.01	7.35	2.73	3.24	1.36	1.54	2.03	3.23	3.85	3.43	2.83	41.00
1994	3.91	3.25	5.88	3.03	1.96	13.25	8.77	7.37	4.28	6.68	3.52	1.94	63.84
1995	4.88	6.39	2.61	3.02	4.33	6.54	2.28	7.22	3.41	7.29	5.03	2.52	55.52
1996	6.71	3.20	6.90	3.35	2.08	2.99	4.53	3.88	3.76	0.81	3.95	3.34	45.50
1997	5.23	7.72	1.66	3.99	2.79	5.01	4.88	1.55	6.79	7.75	3.52	5.91	56.80
POR= 53 YRS	4.72	4.52	5.25	3.84	4.08	4.06	4.79	3.57	3.56	3.15	3.61	3.93	49.08

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 ATHENS, GEORGIA (AHN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	39.6	39.3	52.8	61.3	66.9	75.4	77.9	79.3	70.5	62.0	50.7	40.1	59.7
1969	41.6	43.5	47.4	62.7	69.0	78.4	82.6	76.2	70.7	63.1	50.0	42.3	60.6
1970	36.9	44.7	52.6	63.7	70.2	76.1	80.0	78.4	76.2	64.7	50.0	47.5	61.8
1971	42.8	44.3	47.9	60.9	66.8	77.9	77.3	77.1	74.3	67.1	51.5	52.6	61.7
1972	48.1	43.3	53.4	61.8	66.9	72.6	77.5	78.1	75.6	62.3	51.0	49.7	61.7
1973	43.2	44.0	57.2	57.9	65.4	75.8	79.3	77.4	75.4	63.8	55.2	44.3	61.6
1974	52.6	46.5	57.6	60.9	70.1	72.5	77.5	77.5	70.7	61.3	52.4	45.3	62.1
1975	47.9	48.9	51.3	61.2	71.7	75.1	78.8	79.8	72.0	64.8	54.9	44.4	62.6
1976	39.7	52.4	57.2	62.6	66.2	74.0	77.9	76.9	70.4	57.9	47.1	41.2	60.3
1977	31.2	43.3	56.9	64.4	71.4	78.6	81.8	78.2	74.4	59.5	55.0	43.4	61.5
1978	35.3	39.0	51.7	63.2	68.5	77.8	80.0	78.4	74.9	61.3	57.7	46.1	61.2
1979	38.8	42.1	55.9	62.6	69.9	74.3	77.6	79.0	72.0	61.7	55.1	46.5	61.3
1980	45.0	42.0	51.0	61.0	69.8	76.5	83.2	81.7	76.5	59.5	50.9	45.4	61.9
1981	39.8	46.1	52.2	67.3	67.9	82.1	83.1	77.6	73.0	60.6	53.0	39.7	61.9
1982	38.1	48.4	56.9	60.5	74.7	78.5	82.3	79.8	74.0	63.5	54.7	51.5	63.6
1983	42.1	46.1	53.7	58.3	70.2	75.1	82.3	83.4	72.7	63.7	54.2	42.9	62.1
1984	42.5	48.8	54.0	59.5	69.2	79.7	76.9	79.2	73.1	69.7	50.8	53.9	63.1
1985	37.8	45.8	56.3	64.2	70.2	77.7	78.0	77.3	72.2	65.9	61.8	41.0	62.4
1986	42.0	49.7	54.4	62.8	70.3	79.4	83.9	77.7	74.2	63.5	57.0	44.6	63.3
1987	41.8	45.5	52.5	59.4	72.7	77.9	81.3	81.9	73.8	57.7	55.2	47.9	62.3
1988	39.2	44.7	53.9	61.8	69.4	77.6	80.5	80.5	72.8	57.9	54.0	45.3	61.5
1989	48.1	47.9	55.4	61.2	67.1	76.5	79.3	78.7	71.9	63.0	53.0	38.4	61.7
1990	48.5	53.0	56.4	60.7	69.2	78.0	80.6	79.6	73.9	63.6	55.7	49.0	64.0
1991	43.9	49.3	55.8	64.1	71.8	75.3	80.0	77.3	73.0	63.8	51.3	48.5	62.8
1992	45.2	50.3	52.7	60.5	66.9	74.6	80.6	76.5	73.3	60.7	51.5	43.8	61.4
1993	46.8	44.0	50.1	58.0	69.8	78.8	85.3	81.1	75.4	61.9	52.3	43.7	62.3
1994	39.0	48.3	55.8	64.6	67.7	77.8	77.8	77.1	71.9	61.9	56.3	49.0	62.3
1995	44.3	44.6	57.1	63.0	71.2	75.0	82.1	81.0	72.0	63.8	49.7	43.8	62.3
1996	41.2	46.1	48.6	59.6	71.7	76.3	79.4	77.3	71.4	61.0	49.3	46.4	60.7
1997	44.6	48.7	59.5	57.5	65.0	72.2	79.7	76.9	72.4	61.8	48.2	43.7	60.9
POR= 53 YRS	42.7	46.1	53.0	61.5	69.5	76.6	79.6	78.6	72.9	62.4	52.4	44.7	61.7

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## HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 ATHENS, GEORGIA (AHN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0	2	1	152	424	764	717	597	535	100	26	0	3318
1969-70	0	0	13	112	447	699	865	564	379	117	14	0	3210
1970-71	0	0	5	81	443	538	678	573	521	156	50	0	3045
1971-72	0	0	0	33	415	381	519	622	352	152	17	5	2496
1972-73	0	0	3	113	420	472	669	583	248	224	65	0	2797
1973-74	0	0	0	94	295	634	377	515	249	159	19	0	2342
1974-75	0	0	22	142	381	600	528	445	418	162	2	0	2700
1975-76	0	0	14	85	323	635	778	360	245	116	44	5	2605
1976-77	0	0	6	234	532	735	1040	604	248	86	10	0	3495
1977-78	0	0	2	187	298	663	913	721	410	99	38	0	3331
1978-79	0	0	1	132	218	581	804	635	289	92	22	0	2774
1979-80	0	0	6	134	295	567	609	664	430	143	12	0	2860
1980-81	0	0	21	193	413	601	777	525	395	42	40	0	3007
1981-82	0	0	7	171	358	779	824	457	268	166	3	0	3033
1982-83	0	0	3	127	311	428	706	526	350	212	10	0	2673
1983-84	0	0	17	90	315	676	689	460	338	191	30	0	2806
1984-85	0	0	5	23	428	340	838	533	276	107	13	0	2563
1985-86	0	0	20	80	120	736	708	424	329	130	13	0	2560
1986-87	0	8	2	123	257	628	713	541	383	204	5	0	2864
1987-88	0	0	0	224	289	526	795	583	341	123	12	0	2893
1988-89	0	0	0	230	321	602	518	477	312	190	64	0	2714
1989-90	0	0	25	124	357	817	504	333	276	162	25	0	2623
1990-91	0	0	15	111	275	489	648	433	289	82	10	0	2352
1991-92	0	0	12	93	412	513	609	420	379	174	64	4	2680
1992-93	0	0	13	130	397	650	558	581	455	214	17	0	3015
1993-94	0	0	10	140	394	655	799	466	288	87	35	0	2874
1994-95	0	0	2	121	266	490	637	564	252	105	22	0	2459
1995-96	0	0	21	96	457	651	732	539	500	184	26	1	3207
1996-97	0	0	7	148	466	572	626	450	182	231	64	13	2759
1997-	0	0	6	157	499	651							

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## COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 ATHENS, GEORGIA (AHN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	33	156	408	553	353	193	60	0	0	1756
1970	0	0	0	83	183	340	474	424	347	80	0	1	1932
1971	0	0	0	39	111	394	389	385	286	105	18	5	1732
1972	0	0	0	60	81	239	395	413	329	37	9	4	1567
1973	0	0	13	15	87	332	450	393	320	62	11	0	1683
1974	0	0	25	42	183	231	392	392	199	32	11	0	1507
1975	6	0	3	55	218	312	433	466	232	88	24	0	1837
1976	0	2	11	50	89	282	410	376	177	18	0	0	1415
1977	0	0	6	74	215	415	524	417	292	24	5	1	1973
1978	0	0	3	52	154	392	473	423	306	24	4	1	1832
1979	0	0	15	25	180	286	398	443	221	40	6	0	1614
1980	0	2	1	30	170	354	573	525	373	32	1	0	2061
1981	0	0	5	116	138	517	569	398	256	40	4	0	2043
1982	0	1	28	36	308	413	545	463	279	85	11	15	2184
1983	0	0	8	17	175	312	543	578	256	58	0	0	1947
1984	0	0	4	31	167	450	375	446	254	174	7	2	1910
1985	3	0	14	89	181	391	411	388	242	117	29	0	1865
1986	0	0	8	70	185	441	592	408	283	85	25	0	2097
1987	0	0	2	44	252	395	514	530	273	3	4	2	2019
1988	0	0	4	34	157	387	487	490	239	17	0	0	1815
1989	0	7	23	81	136	352	451	432	238	70	1	0	1791
1990	0	0	16	39	162	397	491	460	290	76	2	0	1933
1991	0	0	11	62	228	315	472	391	259	63	8	11	1820
1992	0	0	3	45	132	297	489	362	269	7	0	0	1604
1993	0	0	3	12	174	421	634	504	330	52	18	0	2148
1994	0	4	11	83	127	392	401	382	214	32	11	0	1657
1995	0	0	10	51	222	304	535	503	239	67	4	0	1935
1996	0	0	0	30	239	346	453	389	206	34	3	0	1700
1997	0	0	22	12	71	236	465	376	235	64	0	0	1481

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 ATHENS, GEORGIA (AHN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1967-68	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	T	2.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.7	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.0	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.1	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.1	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.1
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.9					
1997-													
POR= 53 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.0	T	0.0	2.4

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REFERENCE NOTES:

<p>PAGE 1: THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).</p> <p>PAGE 2 AND 3: H/C INDICATES HEATING AND COOLING DEGREE DAYS. RH INDICATES RELATIVE HUMIDITY W/O INDICATES WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS S INDICATES SUNSHINE. PR INDICATES PRESSURE. CLOUDINESS ON PAGE 3 IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT EIGHTHS(OKTAS).</p> <p>GENERAL: T INDICATES TRACE PRECIPITATION, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN THE LOWEST REPORTABLE VALUE. + INDICATES THE VALUE ALSO OCCURS ON EARLIER DATES. BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING OR UNREPORTED DATA. NORMALS ARE 30-YEAR AVERAGES (1961 - 1990). ASOS INDICATES AUTOMATED SURFACE OBSERVING SYSTEM. PM INDICATES THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. POR (PERIOD OF RECORD) BEGINS WITH THE JANUARY DATA MONTH AND IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS USED TO COMPUTE THE MEAN. INDIVIDUAL MONTHS WITHIN THE POR MAY BE MISSING. WHEN THE POR FOR A NORMAL IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS, THE NORMAL IS PROVISIONAL AND IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED. 0.* OR * INDICATES THE VALUE OR MEAN-DAYS-WITH IS BETWEEN 0.00 AND 0.05. CLOUDINESS FOR ASOS STATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE NON-ASOS OBSERVATION TAKEN BY A HUMAN OBSERVER. ASOS STATION CLOUDINESS IS BASED ON TIME-AVERAGED CEILOMETER DATA FOR CLOUDS AT OR BELOW 12,000 FEET AND ON SATELLITE DATA FOR CLOUDS ABOVE 12,000 FEET. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS FOR ASOS STATIONS IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA FOR THE SUNRISE TO SUNSET PERIOD.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTINUED: CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS. WHEN AT LEAST ONE OF THE ELEMENTS (CEILOMETER OR SATELLITE) IS MISSING, THE DAILY CLOUDINESS IS NOT COMPUTED. WIND DIRECTION IS RECORDED IN TENS OF DEGREES (2 DIGITS) CLOCKWISE FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM. "36" INDICATES TRUE NORTH. RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR AVERAGE OF THE SPEED AND DIRECTION. AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS THE SUM OF THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DIVIDED BY 2. SNOWFALL DATA COMPRISE ALL FORMS OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION, INCLUDING HAIL. A HEATING (COOLING) DEGREE DAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE AND 65° F. DRY BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE AMBIENT AIR. DEW POINT IS THE TEMPERATURE TO WHICH THE AIR MUST BE COOLED TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY. WET BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE THE AIR WOULD HAVE IF THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS INCREASED TO 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY.</p> <p>ON JULY 1, 1996, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BEGAN USING THE "METAR" OBSERVATION CODE THAT WAS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE THE CHANGE IN UNITS FROM TENTHS TO EIGHTHS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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ATHENS,  
GEORGIA (AHN)

Athens is located in northeast Georgia, in the Piedmont Plateau section of the state. The terrain is rolling to hilly with the elevation within the city averaging about 700 feet above sea level, and that of the county ranging mostly between 600 and 850 feet. The Atlantic Ocean 200 miles to the southeast, the Gulf of Mexico 275 miles to the south, and the southern Appalachian Mountains to the north and northwest, all exert some influence on the climate of Athens, with the total effect being a moderation of both summer and winter weather.

Summers are warm and somewhat humid in Athens, but there is a noticeable absence of prolonged periods of extreme heat. The maximum temperature reaches 90 degrees or higher on about one-half the days during the three months, June through August, but a temperature of 100 degrees or higher occurs during fewer than one-half the years.

With the mountains to the north serving as a partial barrier to the flow of extremely cold air into the area, winters in Athens are not severe. Cold spells are usually short-lived, interspersed with periods of warm southerly air flow, making normal outside activities possible throughout most years.

Average annual precipitation in Athens is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, with slight maxima in winter, early spring, and in

midsummer. In spite of what appears to be an abundant supply of moisture, dry spells of more or less serious consequence occur during most years. Fortunately, they are more frequent in autumn when long periods of clear, mild, weather not only are pleasant, but offer ideal conditions for harvesting operations.

Snowfall is not of much importance in the area. Measurable amounts occur rather infrequently, but occasionally there is sufficient fall to cause some accumulation on the ground.

The average length of the freeze-free growing season in Athens is 220 days, from early April, the average occurrence of the last spring freeze, to early November, the average occurrence of the first fall freeze.

Thunderstorms occur in all months of the year but are most frequent in June and July. Severe thunderstorms are infrequent, but may occur as isolated summer storms, or in squall lines of winter and spring. A few tornadoes have crossed the city and county since 1930, causing several deaths.

# STATION LOCATION

ATHENS, GEORGIA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE											* Type	REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND												A T M O S P H E R E
							W I N D S P E E D	E M P T Y	P R E S S U R E	S U R F A C E	T E M P E R A T U R E	R A I N	W E T N E S S	8 I N C H	H O U R S	H O U R S			
<b>COOPERATIVE</b>																			
Exact Location Unknown	1/1849	U/1890	NA	33° 58'	83° 23'	690		5									Gaps in records. Several locations. Dr. H.N. Harris, observer from 2/1883.		
Observer's Home	U/1890	2/1893	Unk	33° 58'	83° 23'	690		5									W.P. Briggs, Observer. Exact time W.P. Briggs succeeded Dr. Harris is unknown.		
Observer's Home	3/1893	4/1898	Unk	33° 58'	83° 23'	690		5									W.D. Hammet, Observer		
Observer's Home 397 Church Street	5/1898	3/1911	0.75 mi. NW of Post Office	33° 58'	83° 24'	690		5									Charles D. Cox, Observer		
Observer's Home Jefferson Road	3/1911	7/1918	1.25 mi. NW	33° 58'	83° 24'	690		5									Charles D. Cox, Observer		
Observer's Home	8/1918	6/1920	1.25 mi. SE	33° 58'	83° 24'	690		5									E.C. Cox, Observer		
Observer's Home	7/1920	1/1929	1.5 mi. SSE	33° 57'	83° 23'	680		5									J.W. Davis (7/20 - 5/25) Mrs. J.W. Davis (6/25 - 1/29) Observers		
Georgia State Teachers College Campus	1/1929	5/1934	4 mi. NNW	33° 58'	83° 23'	690		5									Prof. E.S. Sell, Observer		
Observer's Home	6/1934	Present	0.5 mi. SE	33° 58'	83° 23'	700	5	5									Prof. E.S. Sell, Observer		
<b>AIRPORT</b>																			
Administration Building Clarke County Airport 4 miles east of P. O.	7/20/43	2/7/46	NA	33° 58'	83° 19'	798	56	5	5								WBAS established 7/20/43, precipitation records began 4/44, temperature records 6/44.		
Clarke County Airport	2/7/46	9/1/55	600 ft. S	33° 57'	83° 19'	798	36	5	5								a - Added 4/11/58.		
Clarke County Airport	9/1/55	9/23/59	150 ft. SE	33° 57'	83° 19'	798	36	6	5				a4				b - Commissioned 750 feet NE of thermometer site 2/1/64.		
Administration Building Municipal Airport (Also known as Clarke County Airport and Ben Epps Field)	9/24/59	Present	800 ft. E	33° 57'	83° 19'	801 c802	20 f25	5 g5	5 g5	NA	NA e4 g4	3 d4 g4	3 d4 g4	NA b4 f4 h4	NA	NA	c - Effective 2/1/64. d - Moved 125' NW 8/26/65. e - Installed 9/24/76. f - Minor relocation 9/1981. g - Minor relocation 9/1983. h - Type change 7/1/85.		
																S	ASOS Commissioned 02/01/96		

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