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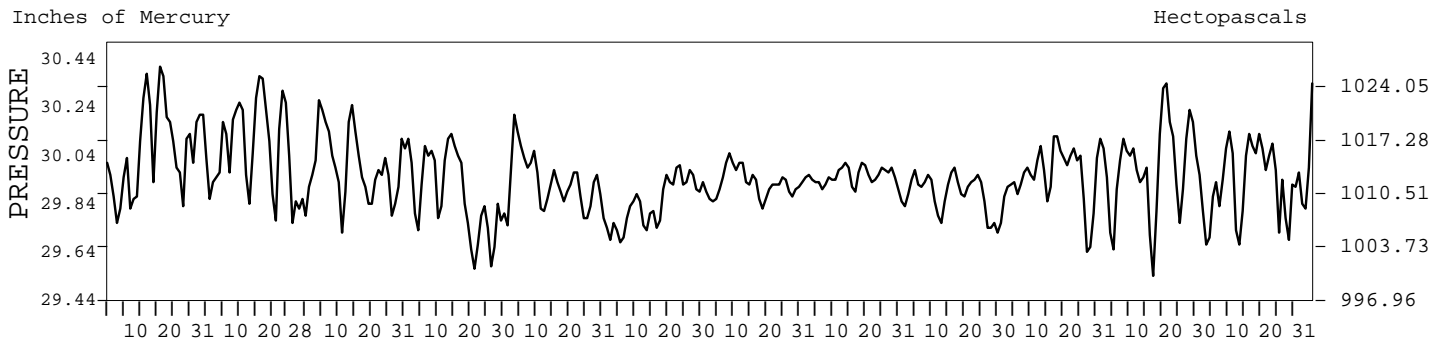
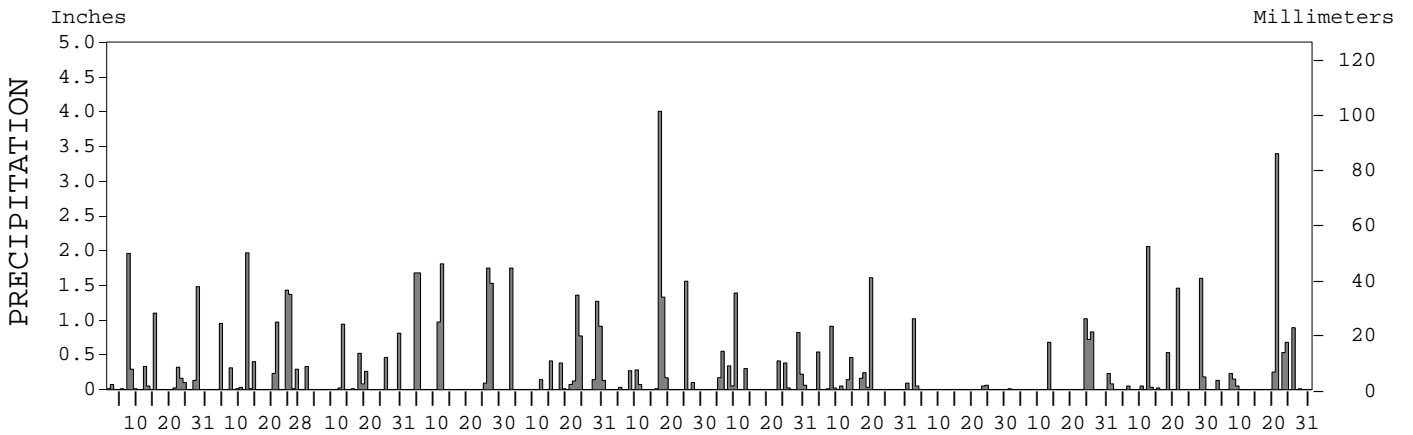
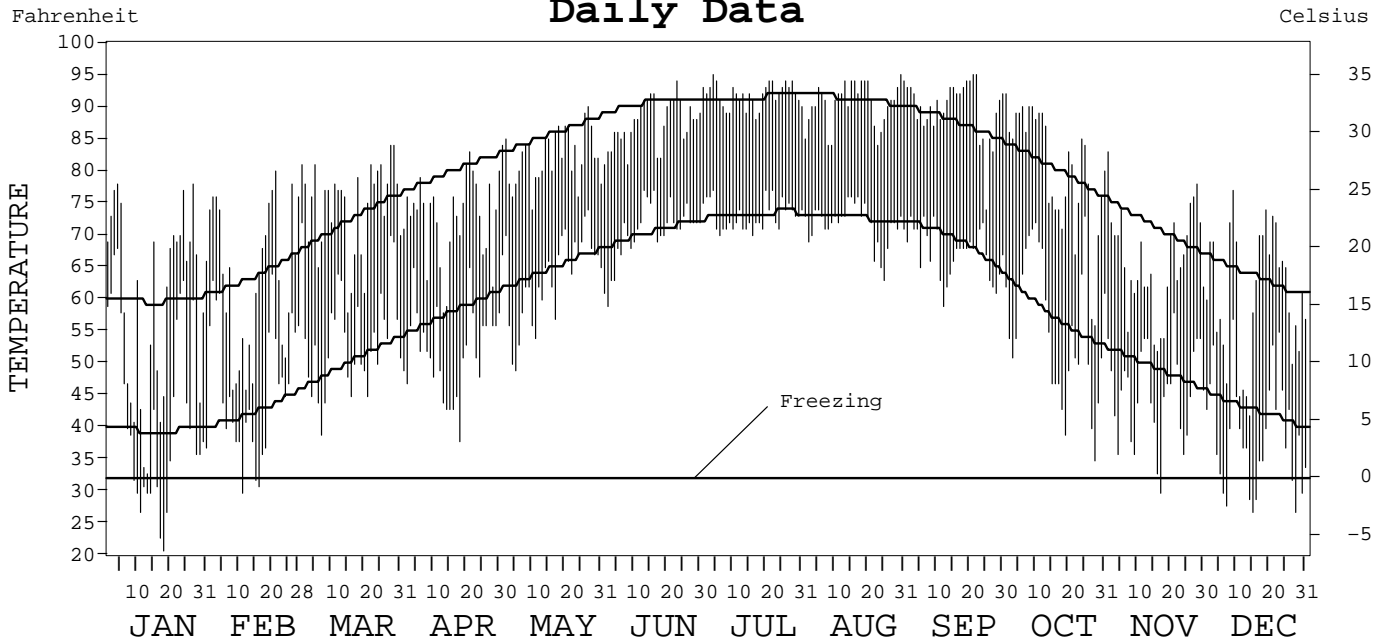
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

LATITUDE: 30° 32' 14" N      LONGITUDE: 91° 08' 49" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 64      BARO: 73      TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC+ 6)      WBAN: 13970

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	59.9	63.2	74.5	72.6	82.3	87.4	91.8	90.6	89.7	80.3	65.9	60.7	76.6	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	78	80	84	83	90	94	95	95	95	92	83	77	95	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27+	21	29+	21	27	23	04	30	22+	01	01	09	SEP 22+	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	42.5	46.5	53.8	52.2	63.4	70.5	73.1	71.7	67.3	55.7	45.4	38.9	56.8	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	21	30	39	38	49	59	70	63	59	35	30	27	21	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	18	11	07	18	05	02	16+	25	12	28	17	28+	JAN 18	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	51.2	54.9	64.2	62.4	72.9	79.0	82.5	81.2	78.5	68.0	55.7	49.8	66.7	
	MEAN WET BULB	47.0	51.2	60.0	57.4	67.4	73.4	76.3	74.8	71.7	61.4	51.5	45.8	61.5	
	MEAN DEW POINT	42.5	47.7	56.8	52.8	64.4	71.3	74.3	72.4	68.4	57.0	47.7	41.5	58.1	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	1	11	26	23	18	4	0	0	0	83
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	22	2	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	450	300	91	105	3	0	0	0	0	79	277	464	1769	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	29	23	72	32	255	426	548	510	414	180	5	2	2496	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	76	80	79	74	79	81	82	79	76	74	79	76	78	
	HOUR 00 LST	82	86	88	87	91	91	93	91	90	86	88	88	88	
	HOUR 06 LST	85	90	91	87	93	96	96	95	95	92	91	91	92	
	HOUR 12 LST	66	69	66	62	62	66	64	60	55	53	62	61	62	
	HOUR 18 LST	73	72	69	60	68	72	75	69	62	65	74	66	69	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	6	2	6	1	2	5	3	0	0	2	2	2	31	
	THUNDERSTORMS	5	3	6	8	13	13	16	11	1	6	4	3	89	
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.)	30.07	30.07	29.99	29.88	29.92	29.84	29.92	29.95	29.88	29.96	29.97	29.95	29.95	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.15	30.15	30.06	29.96	30.00	29.92	30.00	30.02	29.96		30.05	30.03		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	0.4	3.3	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	16	08	17	11	15	15	31	34	12	12	06	29	12	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	8.1	8.2	7.2	7.5	5.8	5.1	4.2	3.9	4.3	6.3	5.3	6.1	6.0	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	04	06	11	11	11	19	06	09	05	11	05	33		
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	28	30	26	32	29	28	37	29	22	23	32	26	37	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	21	20	16	23	17	07	28	27	21	23	22	29	28	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	21+	01	05	02	24	10	08	24	24	21	24	JUL 10	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	34	37	33	39	38	37	47	36	26	31	44	32	47	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	21	20	15	23	19	07	28	27	21	23	22	28	28		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	21+	01	05	02	24	10	08	24	24	21	29	JUL 10		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	6.04	7.98	3.43	9.51	7.46	7.83	4.71	4.26	1.18	3.49	6.06	6.32	68.27	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.96	2.72	0.95	3.34	1.75	5.30	1.39	1.61	1.02	1.55	2.06	3.65	5.30	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	07-08	24-25	12-13	04-05	03	17-18	10	20	02	25-26	12	20-21	JUN 17-18	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	15	13	9	7	13	10	12	12	4	6	10	10	121	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	9	9	6	6	11	7	9	7	1	5	5	8	83		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	3	3	0	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	25		
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

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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	59.8	63.6	72.3	79.8	85.7	90.5	91.4	91.1	87.4	80.0	70.9	63.3	78.0
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	43	60.3	64.2	71.5	78.9	84.9	90.1	91.4	90.9	87.5	79.9	70.5	63.7	77.8
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	46	82	85	91	92	98	103	101	102	99	94	87	85	103
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1989	1989	1963	1987	1953	1954	1960	1962	1990	1986	1986	1982	JUN 1954
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	49	77.0	79.0	83.8	87.4	92.0	95.5	96.1	96.1	93.7	89.1	83.4	79.0	87.7
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	39.6	42.5	50.2	57.9	64.8	70.4	73.2	72.6	68.8	57.1	49.0	42.5	57.4
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	43	40.1	43.2	49.6	57.3	64.4	70.4	73.0	72.3	68.3	57.0	48.0	42.5	57.2
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	46	9	15	20	32	44	53	58	59	43	30	21	8	8
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1996	1980	1987	1954	1984	1967	1992	1967	1993	1976	1989	DEC 1989
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	49	23.2	26.4	32.6	41.7	52.3	62.0	68.4	66.1	55.2	41.1	30.9	24.6	43.7
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	49.8	53.1	61.3	68.9	75.3	80.5	82.3	81.9	78.1	68.6	60.0	52.9	67.7
	MEAN DRY BULB	49	50.8	54.1	60.6	67.8	74.7	80.4	82.1	81.7	77.7	68.4	59.0	53.1	67.5
	MEAN WET BULB	46	46.6	49.0	54.4	61.2	67.7	72.9	74.8	74.4	70.7	61.6	53.8	48.7	61.3
	MEAN DEW POINT	46	41.8	43.7	49.1	56.7	64.1	69.8	72.3	72.0	67.9	57.5	49.4	44.0	57.4
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	5.5	18.5	23.4	21.7	11.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	83.0	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.2	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	9.3	5.1	1.1	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	6.4	23.5	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	490	345	170	27	0	0	0	0	0	48	197	392	1669
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	19	12	55	144	319	465	536	524	393	159	47	17	2690
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	74	71	70	71	72	74	77	78	77	73	75	75	74
	HOUR 00 LST	30	81	78	79	82	84	86	87	88	87	85	85	82	84
	HOUR 06 LST	30	85	84	86	88	90	91	91	92	91	88	88	86	88
	HOUR 12 LST	30	64	59	57	55	56	59	62	62	60	54	58	62	59
	HOUR 18 LST	30	66	60	58	58	60	64	69	70	70	65	68	68	65
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	45	4.3	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8	1.0	1.7	1.5	2.7	3.9	4.0	4.0	34.7
	THUNDERSTORMS	45	2.0	3.4	4.1	5.4	6.4	9.8	15.0	12.2	6.8	2.4	2.5	2.2	72.2
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	1	6.4	6.4		5.6	5.6	4.4	4.8	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.8	6.4	
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	1	6.4	6.4		5.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	2.8	3.2	4.0	5.6	6.4	
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	1	10.0	9.5	8.0	7.0	13.0	7.0	9.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	89.5
PARTLY CLOUDY	2	3.5	5.5	3.0	6.0	6.5	17.5	7.0	8.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	67.0	
CLOUDY	2	14.5	15.0	7.5	9.0	16.5	10.0	9.0	4.0		8.0	7.0	5.0		
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	24	30.09	30.04	29.96	29.94	29.90	29.92	29.96	29.95	29.94	30.00	30.04	30.07	29.98
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	46	30.16	30.11	30.04	30.01	29.98	29.99	30.03	30.01	30.00	30.06	30.11	30.14	30.05
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	41	8.7	9.1	9.2	8.7	7.5	6.5	5.8	5.5	6.4	6.6	7.7	8.2	7.5
	PREVAIL.DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	26	12	36	12	18	18	18	27	06	05	36	12	12	12
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	4	31	30	38	32	29	36	37	29	28	32	32	26	38
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		21	20	27	23	30	21	28	27	28	28	22	21	27
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1994	1997	1996	1997	1994	1996	1997	1997	1996	1996	1997	1996	MAR 1996
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	4	37	37	49	39	38	46	47	36	34	41	44	32	49
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		21	70	29	23	19	16	28	27	29	28	22	28	29	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1994	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1996	1997	1997	MAR 1996	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	4.91	5.52	4.81	5.37	4.89	4.48	6.74	6.00	4.85	3.48	4.31	5.53	60.89
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	46	13.35	14.51	12.73	14.84	14.67	23.18	10.98	14.48	13.95	14.48	13.55	15.94	23.18
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1973	1980	1989	1989	1963	1987	1977	1984	1989	1982	JUN 1989
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	46	1.15	0.70	0.54	0.38	0.63	0.12	2.05	1.32	0.09	T	0.25	1.83	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1971	1962	1955	1976	1963	1979	1962	1980	1953	1978	1967	1996	OCT 1978
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	46	9.02	4.72	6.07	12.08	4.96	9.73	4.26	8.31	6.31	8.38	7.29	8.28	12.08
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1979	1973	1967	1954	1989	1969	1987	1973	1964	1989	1982	APR 1967
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	10.2	8.7	8.9	7.1	7.7	9.9	13.2	12.4	9.3	5.3	7.7	9.7	110.1	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.9	19.7	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.*	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.2	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	46	0.6	3.2	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	3.2	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973	1988	1993		1989					1976	1989	FEB 1988	
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	45	0.5	3.2	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	3.2	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973	1988	1993		1989					1976	1989	FEB 1988	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	46	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	T	0	2	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1949	1988								1976			FEB 1988
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	3.59	2.72	3.34	2.67	2.63	1.90	3.52	9.19	1.68	0.06	6.81	7.04	45.15
1969	1.34	5.44	5.42	10.25	2.92	0.76	9.85	3.74	2.99	6.04	0.52	3.79	53.06
1970	2.20	2.20	7.02	3.52	5.21	3.68	5.96	6.21	4.34	6.19	1.34	6.69	54.56
1971	1.15	4.39	5.22	0.75	3.71	2.32	9.59	5.13	10.94	2.65	3.17	10.04	59.06
1972	8.25	3.43	5.97	1.44	9.15	2.43	6.34	1.98	4.12	3.69	4.75	8.22	59.77
1973	4.01	3.64	12.73	10.10	5.60	2.99	4.34	4.92	13.08	1.89	7.44	8.29	79.03
1974	8.33	6.66	5.66	5.59	5.23	1.11	5.89	6.45	2.19	1.61	4.55	3.70	56.97
1975	7.77	1.42	4.49	10.18	5.49	5.11	9.30	11.69	3.54	2.58	2.16	2.37	66.10
1976	3.72	4.67	5.18	0.38	4.92	4.90	7.63	2.31	1.46	3.10	5.00	5.80	49.07
1977	6.50	3.89	4.85	7.10	3.97	1.46	6.35	13.31	13.95	3.05	10.35	2.92	77.70
1978	6.55	2.24	1.86	2.92	7.43	2.94	7.14	7.54	3.83	-.01	4.94	1.94	49.32
1979	6.25	10.83	4.26	11.48	5.37	0.12	8.76	4.94	3.55	2.47	5.06	2.82	65.91
1980	4.67	3.56	8.25	14.84	7.28	5.35	7.68	1.32	7.74	5.66	5.57	2.38	74.30
1981	1.20	7.07	1.74	3.09	4.47	4.70	4.25	4.46	3.95	1.42	1.51	5.35	43.21
1982	3.35	6.48	2.81	4.60	4.05	2.91	5.18	3.93	2.47	2.42	3.05	15.94	57.19
1983	6.25	4.63	5.39	12.75	6.17	12.25	3.39	8.39	4.47	1.55	4.33	8.06	77.63
1984	2.77	6.63	1.20	1.79	3.82	3.00	4.95	3.92	2.37	14.48	2.74	3.76	51.43
1985	4.56	5.95	4.15	1.61	2.72	4.13	8.85	6.92	6.31	10.08	0.42	4.68	60.38
1986	1.53	3.50	2.71	2.94	8.21	6.10	3.31	6.38	1.91	4.40	8.52	6.19	55.70
1987	7.04	7.97	6.02	1.40	4.23	4.48	6.42	14.48	0.78	1.54	3.78	3.89	62.03
1988	3.98	12.49	9.00	4.66	0.95	4.16	6.45	11.02	9.48	2.80	2.88	8.17	76.04
1989	4.02	1.51	4.64	2.34	14.67	23.18	6.25	5.16	4.51	2.18	13.55	6.31	88.32
1990	11.41	7.91	5.84	2.71	3.61	7.15	7.37	4.35	5.06	3.15	2.12	4.77	65.45
1991	9.69	7.85	3.21	9.18	10.63	5.21	5.29	10.67	6.31	4.64	2.70	2.36	77.74
1992	9.70	7.53	4.46	2.29	2.16	14.45	6.52	7.64	1.50	1.21	8.09	4.70	70.25
1993	13.35	2.82	5.36	11.58	2.18	3.14	4.48	4.29	1.46	5.49	3.76	3.29	61.20
1994	6.66	2.98	3.75	8.75	5.81	6.99	10.32	3.05	4.13	5.13	1.24	3.07	61.88
1995	7.27	3.56	10.70	9.55	10.82	2.34	2.36	5.34	2.70	3.10	8.16	8.99	74.89
1996	6.41	3.27	6.21	5.92	3.14	5.04	2.52	5.94	6.57	10.17	2.30	1.83	59.32
1997	6.04	7.98	3.43	9.51	7.46	7.83	4.71	4.26	1.18	3.49	6.06	6.32	68.27
POR= 105 YRS	5.16	4.84	5.01	5.02	5.01	4.60	6.42	5.58	4.21	3.24	3.97	5.22	58.28

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

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1968	49.6	45.2	57.5	69.8	74.6	80.6	81.8	81.7	76.7	70.4	54.4	50.8	66.1
1969	53.4	53.5	53.8	68.8	74.6	81.8	83.5	80.9	77.3	70.2	57.6	52.4	67.3
1970	46.2	51.2	59.1	70.8	73.4	79.4	81.1	82.0	79.3	66.4	54.4	56.1	66.6
1971	52.8	53.3	57.3	66.4	72.7	80.8	81.9	81.7	78.7	72.0	57.9	62.7	68.2
1972	56.6	55.3	62.2	69.9	74.7	82.0	81.2	82.8	81.7	72.2	57.9	54.9	69.3
1973	49.3	51.2	65.2	65.5	74.1	81.0	84.4	80.9	79.9	73.3	66.2	52.9	68.7
1974	60.8	55.4	67.1	68.5	76.9	77.8	81.3	80.4	75.8	67.2	58.5	54.1	68.7
1975	55.7	57.1	60.5	66.5	75.4	79.6	81.4	81.0	74.7	69.0	59.7	51.0	67.6
1976	48.6	59.1	63.6	68.4	71.1	77.9	81.1	80.9	76.9	61.9	51.4	49.9	65.9
1977	41.8	53.1	62.7	67.9	75.6	82.5	83.3	81.3	79.7	66.8	61.4	52.7	67.4
1978	42.6	45.3	57.1	68.0	76.6	81.8	83.1	81.7	78.8	68.0	63.4	52.2	66.6
1979	42.7	50.1	60.5	68.8	72.1	79.1	81.5	80.9	76.0	68.0	54.9	50.0	65.4
1980	52.6	50.3	58.8	66.2	76.2	82.0	83.7	82.2	80.2	64.1	55.9	50.7	66.9
1981	46.2	52.8	59.1	72.0	71.9	81.7	83.6	82.6	76.3	68.4	62.2	51.8	67.4
1982	52.7	51.8	63.1	67.9	76.3	82.6	82.3	82.4	77.0	68.6	60.9	57.0	68.6
1983	48.7	51.4	57.3	62.6	72.6	77.0	82.0	82.2	75.2	68.0	58.9	46.5	65.2
1984	45.4	53.4	59.9	68.0	73.8	78.9	80.3	79.8	75.9	73.5	57.3	61.3	67.3
1985	43.8	50.4	64.9	68.7	74.0	80.2	80.7	82.0	76.5	72.1	66.3	48.6	67.4
1986	50.7	57.8	60.5	68.5	76.4	81.6	83.8	82.1	82.0	69.1	63.8	51.0	68.9
1987	49.0	55.0	58.7	65.7	76.9	79.7	82.4	83.1	77.5	64.3	60.5	57.4	67.5
1988	47.0	51.9	60.2	68.0	73.7	80.3	82.7	83.0	79.0	66.9	63.9	55.0	67.6
1989	58.7	53.7	63.2	67.4	76.5	79.9	82.0	82.5	77.2	67.9	60.9	44.6	67.9
1990	56.9	60.6	63.2	68.1	76.6	83.9	82.2	82.9	79.6	66.5	61.5	56.3	69.9
1991	50.9	56.7	63.1	70.9	77.2	81.6	83.5	82.1	77.6	70.7	55.7	57.1	68.9
1992	50.8	58.2	61.8	67.0	73.3	80.3	84.0	79.8	78.5	68.9	55.3	56.3	67.9
1993	54.3	54.4	58.9	63.8	71.0	79.9	82.3	82.8	78.0	67.0	55.6	50.3	66.5
1994	47.9	53.7	59.9	68.6	73.3	80.5	80.3	80.6	76.5	69.0	62.8	54.8	67.3
1995	51.3	55.0	61.8	68.2	76.9	78.7	83.1	83.5	78.9	68.7	57.8	53.1	68.1
1996	51.4	54.1	56.6	64.9	76.6	79.0	81.9	80.0	76.2	67.7	60.0	55.2	67.0
1997	51.2	54.9	64.2	62.4	72.9	79.0	82.5	81.2	78.5	68.0	55.7	49.8	66.7
POR= 105 YRS	52.1	53.9	61.2	66.7	73.7	80.4	82.0	81.8	78.1	69.0	58.4	52.7	67.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0	0	0	44	330	437	369	325	345	13	0	0	1863
1969-70	0	0	0	35	240	382	591	379	198	31	14	0	1870
1970-71	0	0	0	64	320	289	392	333	250	85	3	0	1736
1971-72	0	0	0	11	242	142	284	288	123	32	0	0	1122
1972-73	0	0	0	19	252	338	479	384	77	91	0	0	1640
1973-74	0	0	0	18	86	384	179	285	70	28	0	0	1050
1974-75	0	0	0	27	236	361	308	250	202	74	0	0	1458
1975-76	0	0	6	24	246	446	507	189	118	13	0	0	1549
1976-77	0	0	0	140	401	464	710	331	141	18	0	0	2205
1977-78	0	0	0	56	144	387	694	546	258	29	2	0	2116
1978-79	0	0	0	32	104	427	687	418	178	19	5	0	1870
1979-80	0	0	0	44	308	465	379	433	225	44	0	0	1898
1980-81	0	0	0	96	279	448	576	345	192	10	6	0	1952
1981-82	0	0	4	64	132	410	425	366	181	59	0	0	1641
1982-83	0	0	3	51	184	297	499	375	249	114	2	0	1774
1983-84	0	0	8	51	216	571	598	338	188	46	5	0	2021
1984-85	0	0	8	16	248	179	648	413	72	33	2	0	1619
1985-86	0	0	0	23	76	509	433	230	169	25	0	0	1465
1986-87	0	0	0	31	118	431	490	280	201	90	0	0	1641
1987-88	0	0	0	66	181	264	559	378	186	25	1	0	1660
1988-89	0	0	0	20	129	325	230	357	170	68	0	0	1299
1989-90	0	0	0	62	177	626	258	153	126	57	0	0	1459
1990-91	0	0	1	94	147	311	432	238	146	15	0	0	1384
1991-92	0	0	1	25	332	273	433	207	130	56	12	0	1469
1992-93	0	0	0	6	297	271	329	299	214	104	0	0	1520
1993-94	0	0	1	83	314	455	527	328	203	64	0	0	1975
1994-95	0	0	0	40	117	315	423	280	158	31	0	0	1364
1995-96	0	0	1	31	232	410	423	365	293	95	3	0	1853
1996-97	0	0	5	49	182	312	450	300	91	105	3	0	1497
1997-	0	0	0	79	277	464							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	20	10	2	133	305	509	579	501	375	202	26	0	2662
1970	16	1	22	211	281	438	507	531	435	111	8	20	2581
1971	21	12	21	132	249	481	530	523	421	236	35	77	2738
1972	31	15	44	183	307	519	507	558	506	250	46	33	2999
1973	0	2	92	113	292	486	607	499	455	282	128	15	2971
1974	57	21	142	141	380	390	511	485	329	103	49	33	2641
1975	30	36	68	126	329	446	515	500	302	156	94	16	2618
1976	2	25	82	123	195	394	506	501	367	51	2	0	2248
1977	0	4	77	111	337	535	573	513	447	121	42	12	2772
1978	8	0	18	129	371	512	567	526	424	131	63	32	2781
1979	1	6	44	141	233	430	521	501	338	144	14	6	2379
1980	0	15	40	84	352	514	586	539	461	75	15	10	2691
1981	0	7	17	227	226	509	581	553	350	176	56	4	2706
1982	49	1	130	152	359	536	546	547	370	170	66	56	2982
1983	0	0	14	48	243	368	533	538	325	152	39	4	2264
1984	0	7	38	141	286	423	480	468	343	286	22	69	2563
1985	0	10	76	148	291	459	492	533	352	248	121	11	2741
1986	0	35	36	136	359	503	592	536	517	164	89	5	2972
1987	3	4	14	116	376	447	548	568	384	53	51	33	2597
1988	7	4	44	121	275	467	555	564	428	88	102	21	2676
1989	42	47	119	148	365	453	534	550	373	157	62	0	2850
1990	17	36	81	155	366	572	543	563	445	150	52	46	3026
1991	2	12	92	201	386	504	577	537	385	209	59	36	3000
1992	0	17	38	126	274	463	593	469	412	135	11	9	2547
1993	6	5	33	75	192	452	543	560	398	152	41	5	2462
1994	4	19	52	180	263	472	482	488	352	170	62	5	2549
1995	8	9	68	137	377	418	572	583	425	159	29	52	2837
1996	8	54	40	101	370	428	529	472	344	135	41	14	2536
1997	29	23	72	32	255	426	548	510	414	180	5	2	2496

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 BATON ROUGE, LA (BTR)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	T	0.0	T
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0			
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0						
1996-97													
1997-													
POR= 47 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0

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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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1997  
BATON ROUGE,  
LOUISIANA (BTR)

Baton Rouge, the capital city, is located on the east side of the Mississippi River in the southeast section of the state, some 65 miles inland from the coast. The area is near the first evident relief north of the deltaic coastal plains. The NOAA National Weather Service Office is located at Ryan Airport, some 8 miles north of the downtown area. Elevations in East Baton Rouge Parish range from near 25 feet to more than 100 feet above sea level.

The general climate of Baton Rouge is humid subtropical, but the city is subject to significant polar influences during winter. Prevailing wind flow is from the southerly direction during much of the year. This maritime air from the Gulf of Mexico helps to temper summer heat, shorten winter cold spells, and provides abundant moisture and rainfall. Winds are usually rather light.

Rainfall is heavy and amounts are substantial in all seasons, with an early autumn low in September and October. Almost all rainfall is from brief convective showers. Occasionally during winter, slow moving cold fronts may produce rains lasting for a few days. Extremes of precipitation may occur in all seasons.

The winter months are normally mild with short cold spells. The typical pattern is, turning cold with rain on the first day, colder with clear skies on the second day, and warming on the third day. Freezing or sub-freezing temperatures occur several times annually, but temperatures nearly always rise above freezing during the day. The average date of the first freeze in the autumn is late November, and the average date of the last freeze in spring is late February, producing a mean freeze-free period of 273 days. Annual total snowfall averages only a fraction of an inch and many years pass with no measurable snow.

The summer months are consistently quite warm, but high temperatures rarely exceed 100 degrees. This is because of the high humidity of the maritime tropical air mass, the effects of cloudiness, and the scattered showers and thunderstorms which are a primary feature of the weather during these months. Scattered showers normally fall in the area on about one-half of the days in June, July, and August.

Except for three or four days per month, point rainfall totals are usually less than 0.5 inch. Summer relative humidity exceeds 80 percent for about 12 hours per day. High humidity may be experienced at any hour, but occurs mainly at night. Readings of 50 percent or less occur about two hours per day, usually in the afternoons. Temperatures in the spring are usually mild and pleasant and in the autumn they are generally delightful for outdoor activities.

Thunderstorms occur each month, most frequently in July and August. Severe local storms, including hailstorms, tornadoes, and local wind storms, are most frequent during the spring months. Large damaging hail very rarely occurs and tornadoes are unusual. Hurricane centers have occasionally passed very near Baton Rouge.

# STATION LOCATION

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE											* Type	REMARKS						
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND																	
							WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND			WIND					
COOPERATIVE Old LSU campus (now State Capitol grounds)	2/1888	9/1908	NA	30° 27'	91° 11'	55																		
Bluff overlooking river/ South end of business District	10/1908	5/1922	0.8 mi. SSE	30° 27'	91° 11'	60																		
Statehouse grounds; 3rd Street & North Blvd.	6/1922	1933	1 block NE	30° 27'	91° 11'	60																		Thermometers at Statehouse; rain gage at observers' homes.
Richland & Government Streets	1933	6/1946	3.5 mi. E	30° 27'	91° 09'	56																		Moved by observer for his convenience in observing.
AIRPORT Administration Building Municipal Airport	6/4/32	9/14/41	NA	30° 27'	91° 07'	56	60				4													Operated on scheduled flight basis to 9/15/41. Operated jointly by CAA and Army Air Force 9/15/41-5/11/42.
Harding Field	4/12/42	2/25/45	8 mi. N	30° 32'	91° 09'	64																		USAF station established 5/12/42.
Harding Field Building 173	2/25/45	5/26/45	Unknown	30° 32'	91° 09'	68	25	4	4															USAF station closed and Weather Bureau office opened.
Harding Field Building 103	5/26/45	1/12/48	0.75 mi. E	30° 32'	91° 09'	64	28	6	6															
Harding Field, Hangar	1/12/48	5/15/51	800 ft. S	30° 32'	91° 09'	64	69	55	55					46	46									
Terminal Building Harding Field + + Ryan Airport (Effective 3/10/54)	5/15/51	10/20/78	1000 ft. N	30° 32'	91° 09'	64	70 a20	19 f	19	NA	NA d4 g18	18 c4 g18	18 c4 g18	NA b4 e5	NA	NA								a - Moved 1300' ESE 2/15/59. b - Commissioned 1300' ESE of thermometer site 8/4/59. c - Effective 2/10/67. d - Installed 2/25/67. e - Effective 4/67. f - Removed 1/7/70. g - Moved to roof 8/4/73.
Nat. Wea. Service Bldg. Ryan Airport	10/20/78	Present	3960 ft. ESE	30° 32'	91° 08'	64	h20 133	NA	5	NA	4	4	4	5 j6	NA									h - Not moved 10/20/78. i - Relocated 10/2/85. j - Minor move & type change 10/2/85. S ASOS commissioned 05/01/93

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