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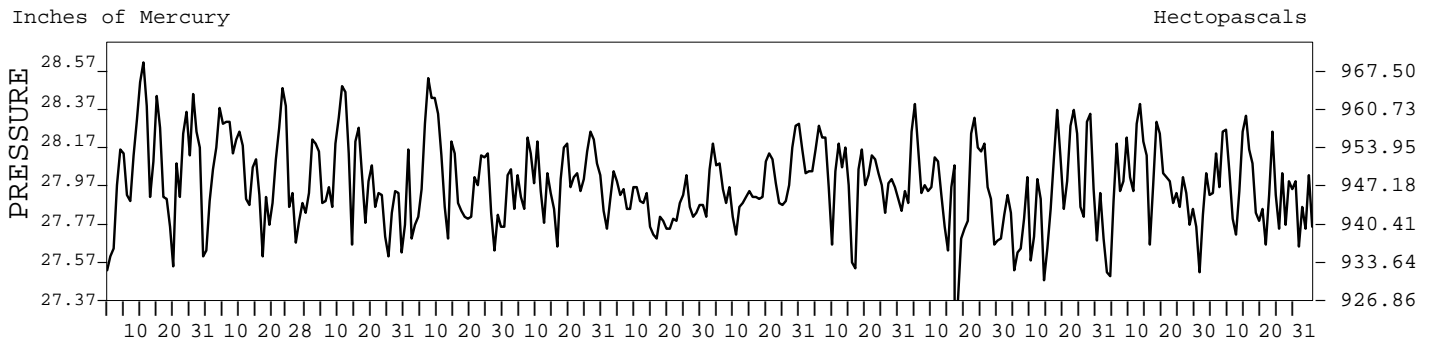
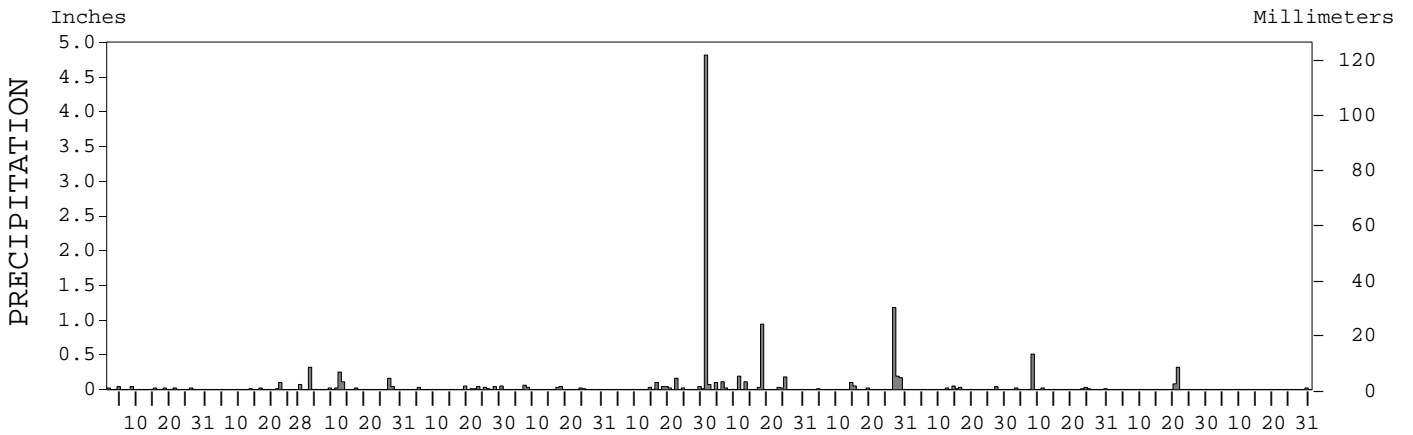
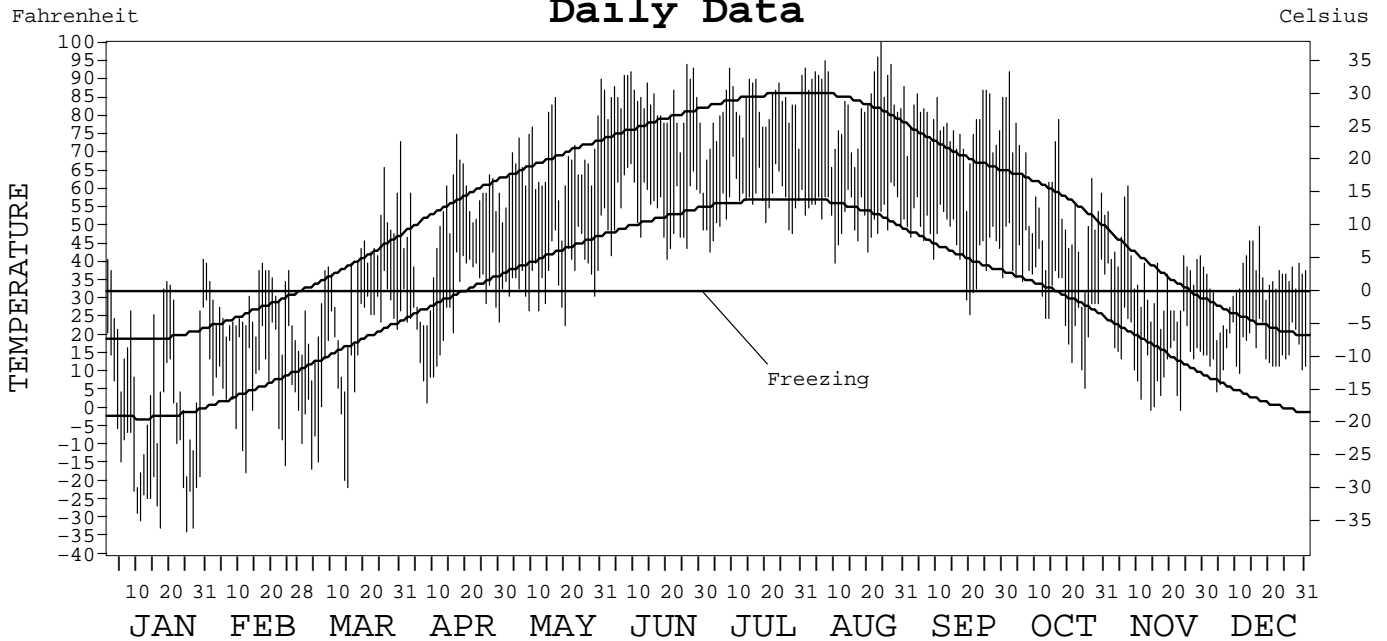
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WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

LATITUDE: 48° 11' 41" N LONGITUDE: 103° 38' 31" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 1900 BARO: 1903 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC+ 6) WBAN: 94014

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	12.3	27.7	34.8	50.5	67.5	84.2	81.2	84.4	77.0	57.4	37.0	34.7	54.1	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	41	40	73	75	90	94	93	100	87	92	61	50	100	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	30+	17	31	17	31	26	09	24	25+	02	07	17	AUG 24	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	-9.5	6.9	13.1	26.9	37.1	54.7	56.2	53.0	45.4	32.1	15.0	15.9	28.9	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-33	-17	-21	2	23	41	43	40	26	6	0	5	-33	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	25	12	15	08	20	20	03	10	20	25	23	04	JAN 25	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	1.4	17.3	24.0	38.7	52.3	69.5	68.7	68.7	61.2	44.8	26.0	25.3	41.5	
	MEAN WET BULB		17.5	22.3	33.5	44.4	57.6	61.9	59.0		38.6	24.3	23.4		
	MEAN DEW POINT		14.8	18.0	25.4	34.1	48.0	57.1	52.0		30.9	19.8	18.7		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	12	0	1	0	0	0	24
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	24	20	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	9	83	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	31	28	29	18	8	0	0	0	3	14	29	31	191		
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	22	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	40		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1961	1330	1266	781	396	20	34	37	130	630	1167	1223	8975	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	9	164	157	157	22	10	0	0	519	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	78	85	78	62	52	50	68	59	56	63	77	76	67	
	HOUR 00 LST	79	88	83	71	63	60	79	68	65	71	82	78	74	
	HOUR 06 LST	81	88	84	80	76	70	89	84	78	76	84	82	81	
	HOUR 12 LST	78	82	73	49	39	38	56	43	41	53	69	71	58	
	HOUR 18 LST	77	83	71	46	34	32	49	40	34	54	73	74	56	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	65	56	69	67	75	86	81	86	85	71	68	52	72	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	16	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	1	1	5	10	7	3	2	0	0	29	
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.)	28.02	28.03	27.97	27.97	27.98	27.84	27.96	27.98		27.87	27.97	27.93		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.19	30.15	30.07	30.03	30.00	29.81		29.96		29.90	30.06	30.03		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.8	4.2	2.5	3.2	2.4	1.2	0.3	1.5		4.0	2.6	4.4		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	28	30	34	02	16	31	26		30	31	26		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	9.3	8.3	9.8	11.5	11.5	10.5	8.1	8.0	9.3	10.0	8.0	8.8	9.4	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	22	21	27	01	36	14	36	36	22	29	36	21	36	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	38	37	40	44	39	31	33	39	40	36	32	31	44	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	33	31	28	34	32	08	35	08	27	32	32	33	34	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	15+	25	21	06+	07	22	01	27+	28	12+	01	27	APR 06+	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	44	41	48	51	45	37	40	46	49	46	38	37	51	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	33	30	27	34	32	23	35	02	28	32	32	34	34		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	15	25	21	06	07	20+	01	27	28	12	01	27	APR 06		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.18	0.21	0.94	0.27	0.19	0.46	6.62	1.72	0.15	0.61	0.40	0.02	11.77	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.04	0.10	0.32	0.05	0.06	0.16	4.89	1.37	0.05	0.51	0.32	0.02	4.89	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08+	22	03	30+	07	22	01-02	27-28	14	08	21	30	JUL 01-02	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	7	5	8	9	6	9	12	7	5	7	2	1	78	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	0	1	4	0	0	2	7	4	0	1	1	0	20		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	3.2	2.6	12.3	0.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.7	0.1	23.7	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.0	1.0	4.7	0.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.8	0.1	4.7	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	22	12	05	18+					24	21	30	MAR 12	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	18	6	14	T	0	0	0	0	0	T	5	T	18	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	17+	16+	07+						25+	23+	31+	JAN 01	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6		

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	19.6	26.8	39.4	55.8	68.3	78.0	84.8	83.3	70.1	58.1	38.0	23.6	53.8
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	36	19.0	27.0	39.5	55.8	68.2	77.7	83.9	83.1	70.5	57.8	37.2	24.2	53.7
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	36	53	66	78	92	106	106	109	107	104	93	73	58	109
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1981	1992	1978	1980	1980	1988	1980	1983	1983	1963	1981	1979	JUL 1980
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	36	42.3	48.7	64.3	79.2	88.8	94.0	98.4	98.4	91.5	79.9	60.6	45.8	74.3
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	-1.8	5.3	17.4	30.5	42.2	51.4	56.5	54.1	42.4	31.4	16.3	2.8	29.0
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	36	-2.5	5.5	17.4	30.4	41.9	51.5	56.3	54.3	43.0	31.6	16.5	3.5	29.1
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	36	-40	-41	-28	-15	17	30	34	34	17	-3	-27	-50	-50
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1966	1962	1962	1975	1980	1969	1967	1994	1974	1991	1996	1983	DEC 1983
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	36	-28.6	-21.0	-7.0	12.7	26.5	38.5	44.1	40.6	27.8	14.4	-5.9	-24.0	9.8
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	8.9	16.1	28.4	43.2	55.3	64.7	70.7	68.7	56.3	44.8	27.2	13.2	41.5
	MEAN DRY BULB	36	8.2	16.2	28.4	43.1	55.0	64.5	70.1	68.7	56.8	44.7	26.9	13.9	41.4
	MEAN WET BULB	13	11.3	16.0	26.9	37.0	47.8	56.3	59.4	57.9	48.0	37.4	23.0	13.4	36.2
	MEAN DEW POINT	13	6.8	11.2	21.0	27.7	39.2	48.8	52.1	50.0	40.6	29.8	18.3	9.3	29.6
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	3.2	8.6	9.0	1.9	*	0.0	0.0	23.8	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	22.7	16.5	9.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	9.8	20.7	80.9	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	30.8	27.6	29.0	17.9	3.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.7	15.8	28.4	31.0	187.3	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	16.6	11.3	3.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	3.5	13.4	48.7	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1739	1369	1135	654	316	115	26	76	294	626	1134	1606	9090
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	15	106	203	191	33	0	0	0	548
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	76	76	72	61	58	60	56	55	61	65	75	77	66
	HOUR 00 LST	30	78	80	79	70	67	70	66	63	69	72	79	80	73
	HOUR 06 LST	30	78	80	82	80	78	80	79	78	80	79	81	79	80
	HOUR 12 LST	30	72	71	64	51	47	48	45	44	50	54	68	73	57
	HOUR 18 LST	30	74	71	61	46	42	43	38	36	43	51	70	76	54
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	34	51	58	61	60	62	67	74	73	67	59	44	48	60
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	33	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.8	1.4	10.5
	THUNDERSTORMS	33	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	3.2	7.7	18.8	17.4	2.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	50.6
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	35	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.7	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.8
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	30	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.4
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	35	6.2	5.7	6.9	6.0	6.4	7.7	11.6	11.4	9.8	8.8	6.3	6.7	93.5
PARTLY CLOUDY	35	8.3	7.5	8.2	9.1	11.3	11.0	12.4	11.9	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.4	111.5	
CLOUDY	35	16.5	15.1	15.9	14.8	13.3	11.3	6.9	7.7	11.3	14.1	16.3	16.9	160.1	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	25	28.00	28.01	27.93	27.94	27.90	27.89	27.94	27.95	27.98	27.97	27.96	27.98	27.95
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.12	30.14	30.05	29.97	29.92	29.89	29.94	29.95	30.00	30.01	30.05	30.11	30.01
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	21	9.8	9.7	10.4	10.9	10.8	10.4	9.3	9.4	9.9	9.9	9.1	9.3	9.9
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	22	22	21	36	36	36	14	36	14	36	21	21	21	36
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	1	38	37	40	44	39	31	33	39	40	36	32	31	44
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		33	31	28	34	32	08	35	08	27	32	32	33	34
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	APR 1997
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	1	44	41	48	51	45	37	40	46	49	46	38	37	51	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		33	30	27	34	32	23	35	02	28	32	32	34	34	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	APR 1997	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.53	0.42	0.69	1.28	1.99	2.28	2.10	1.25	1.33	0.77	0.45	0.58	13.67
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	36	1.42	1.48	2.26	3.31	7.38	6.16	6.62	4.66	3.11	3.56	1.27	1.43	7.38
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1967	1967	1975	1967	1965	1991	1997	1993	1986	1971	1996	1982	MAY 1965
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	36	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.15	0.46	0.31	0.07	0.11	T	0.04	0.02	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973	1990	1966	1983	1980	1997	1994	1971	1963	1965	1969	1997	OCT 1965
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	36	0.77	0.43	0.92	2.04	2.05	2.29	5.03	3.11	2.24	2.21	0.80	0.88	5.03
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1995	1962	1985	1967	1965	1994	1963	1993	1971	1971	1974	1982	JUL 1963
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	8.2	6.4	7.7	7.7	9.7	10.2	8.7	6.9	7.0	5.2	6.2	8.5	92.4	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	7.3	4.7	6.8	5.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.5	4.5	7.3	38.3	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	36	24.3	21.7	30.9	22.2	15.5	T	T	T	4.0	14.2	16.4	19.8	30.9
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1982	1994	1975	1970	1983	1994	1995	1993	1984	1985	1993	1996	MAR 1975
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	36	12.6	9.2	9.7	15.0	14.6	T	T	T	4.0	10.5	7.9	10.1	15.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1995	1994	1985	1986	1983	1994	1995	1993	1984	1985	1975	1978	APR 1986
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	35	18	20	22	17	12	0	0	0	2	4	10	17	22
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1979	1975	1975	1983				1984	1991	1993	1978	MAR 1975
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	2.3	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	1.6	2.5	12.4	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	0.53	0.16	0.10	0.78	1.05	3.68	0.63	3.38	0.85	0.31	0.37	1.09	12.93
1969	1.03	0.60	0.45	0.93	0.42	2.73	3.47	0.54	1.14	0.79	0.04	0.48	12.62
1970	0.56	0.10	0.59	3.20	3.00	2.07	3.11	0.53	2.16	0.56	0.81	0.49	17.18
1971	0.79	0.15	0.45	0.91	2.28	3.88	1.92	0.07	2.48	3.56	0.40	0.42	17.31
1972	0.43	1.37	0.91	1.91	4.10	1.18	2.14	3.21	1.32	0.43	0.15	0.80	17.95
1973	0.03	0.12	0.52	1.79	1.06	2.30	1.01	0.64	3.06	0.28	0.75	0.56	12.12
1974	0.47	0.32	0.91	0.77	3.73	1.88	1.29	2.46	0.17	1.08	0.13	0.30	13.51
1975	0.14	0.13	2.26	2.81	0.86	3.41	2.35	1.50	1.77	1.29	1.14	1.20	18.86
1976	0.58	0.21	0.74	1.08	0.51	2.45	0.49	1.06	0.96	0.28	0.31	0.49	9.16
1977	0.97	0.30	0.02	0.53	2.94	1.30	1.28	1.55	2.30	0.41	0.97	0.86	13.43
1978	0.30	0.52	0.44	0.65	4.17	2.53	2.62	0.51	2.09	0.18	0.89	0.98	15.88
1979	0.12	0.81	1.01	1.69	1.82	2.93	1.78	0.33	0.38	0.23	0.06	0.09	11.25
1980	0.58	0.28	0.16	0.40	0.15	1.80	0.54	1.83	2.24	1.62	0.48	0.72	10.80
1981	0.08	0.21	0.18	0.39	1.18	3.58	2.47	0.87	0.57	0.51	0.51	0.36	10.91
1982	1.28	0.45	1.34	1.02	1.79	2.77	1.17	1.96	1.86	1.91	0.07	1.43	17.05
1983	0.35	0.07	1.07	0.03	1.98	0.87	2.12	0.87	0.51	0.30	0.78	0.57	9.52
1984	0.81	0.12	0.90	1.48	0.47	1.87	0.93	0.65	2.24	0.49	0.33	0.27	10.56
1985	0.13	0.24	1.07	1.53	1.08	1.12	1.40	1.96	1.08	1.86	0.58	0.64	12.69
1986	0.35	0.62	0.83	2.57	3.39	2.19	5.70	1.06	3.11	0.78	1.15	0.09	21.84
1987	0.32	0.19	1.70	0.29	2.02	0.71	4.97	0.47	0.65	0.11	0.18	0.07	11.68
1988	0.75	0.28	0.63	0.15	1.39	3.46	0.52	0.39	1.49	0.28	0.51	0.79	10.64
1989	1.00	0.39	0.53	1.44	1.68	1.48	0.87	1.01	0.54	1.75	0.44	0.41	11.54
1990	0.36	0.04	0.44	0.61	2.08	1.77	1.32	1.73	0.31	0.10	0.14	0.40	9.30
1991	0.18	0.37	0.44	1.60	2.60	6.16	1.04	1.46	2.74	0.38	0.46	0.18	17.61
1992	0.48	0.10	0.56	2.28	1.44	1.92	1.04	2.18	0.76	0.52	0.77	0.44	12.49
1993	0.23	0.23	0.88	0.41	0.81	3.76	6.28	4.66	0.28	0.09	0.95	0.38	18.96
1994	0.96	0.89	0.22	1.37	2.70	3.94	0.31	1.78	0.69	1.73	0.25	1.04	15.88
1995	0.91	0.21	1.11	0.87	2.11	1.36	3.49	2.49	0.54	0.39	0.79	0.67	14.94
1996	0.79	0.18	0.75	0.54	1.08	2.01	3.37	0.52	2.07	0.82	1.27	1.29	14.69
1997	0.18	0.21	0.94	0.27	0.19	0.46	6.62	1.72	0.15	0.61	0.40	0.02	11.77
POR= 119 YRS	0.54	0.43	0.69	1.15	1.85	3.06	1.92	1.39	1.10	0.70	0.51	0.51	13.85

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	8.8	15.6	35.7	42.0	52.0	61.4	69.4	64.8	58.0	45.3	30.6	7.9	41.0
1969	-4.2	12.0	20.8	49.0	55.0	57.8	67.9	72.8	60.8	39.4	32.5	18.6	40.2
1970	3.6	16.9	21.6	37.9	52.5	67.9	72.5	70.0	56.4	41.6	25.3	10.4	39.7
1971	1.6	14.9	28.2	43.1	54.9	64.8	66.3	73.1	56.0	43.0	29.3	9.6	40.4
1972	3.3	8.2	25.9	41.3	56.3	65.8	64.0	69.3	52.6	39.4	28.5	6.7	38.4
1973	16.9	21.5	37.2	41.2	54.8	64.6	68.4	72.8	55.5	47.2	20.2	13.0	42.8
1974	6.8	19.9	26.0	43.0	50.3	65.1	74.3	63.2	53.0	47.0	29.7	23.0	41.8
1975	12.0	12.3	21.9	34.7	52.9	62.1	73.0	65.3	55.0	44.4	28.4	15.7	39.8
1976	10.8	22.6	24.6	46.2	56.3	65.0	70.5	70.5	59.2	40.9	24.3	14.5	42.1
1977	-3	25.1	33.9	49.1	62.3	66.4	71.1	61.6	56.1	46.2	24.4	8.3	42.0
1978	-2.4	7.7	27.8	43.0	57.2	63.8	68.6	67.5	60.2	46.4	20.8	8.3	39.1
1979	-2.2	1.7	23.0	34.6	49.2	65.0	70.3	66.9	61.1	46.7	25.1	23.8	38.8
1980	7.7	14.9	25.6	49.7	60.6	67.1	73.2	65.7	58.1	46.6	33.2	16.2	43.2
1981	21.8	23.3	38.1	49.1	59.2	63.8	73.8	74.3	61.8	45.4	34.6	16.1	46.8
1982	-5.8	11.8	26.3	41.8	54.9	64.3	71.7	70.3	56.4	44.4	24.0	16.0	39.7
1983	20.0	25.0	30.0	41.2	51.1	63.7	74.9	78.0	56.3	47.2	30.3	-4.5	42.8
1984	15.2	30.9	28.3	47.4	54.5	63.4	73.0	73.7	50.2	41.0	27.2	5.5	42.5
1985	7.0	13.2	32.4	47.0	58.9	58.8	71.2	64.6	51.2	42.8	13.2	11.2	39.3
1986	22.2	13.3	39.8	41.9	55.8	66.8	67.3	66.8	52.0	45.0	22.6	22.1	43.0
1987	20.7	29.2	32.1	51.6	59.8	68.7	70.0	63.7	59.5	42.3	34.2	22.9	46.2
1988	7.6	15.1	33.2	45.3	61.6	77.3	72.9	69.3	55.7	44.2	27.7	17.1	43.9
1989	12.9	2.2	23.2	43.7	56.3	63.2	75.7	70.2	58.0	45.1	29.3	10.5	40.9
1990	22.9	20.5	34.9	43.2	54.5	65.5	69.9	71.4	61.9	44.6	30.3	9.1	44.1
1991	7.7	29.1	32.6	47.0	57.4	66.4	70.5	73.6	57.3	40.8	25.2	23.3	44.2
1992	22.7	28.2	36.2	43.2	55.6	63.4	64.0	63.9	55.4	44.0	27.6	9.9	42.8
1993	5.7	9.6	33.4	43.9	56.1	58.8	62.3	63.9	52.3	42.1	24.9	20.5	39.5
1994	2.2	3.2	34.2	43.4	56.7	62.4	67.7	68.2	61.1	46.6	29.0	15.7	40.9
1995	9.4	19.9	28.3	38.7	52.1	66.0	68.5	70.2	55.8	43.8	24.9	11.8	40.8
1996	-1	19.5	18.8	39.0	49.6	65.0	68.4	71.6	55.2	42.1	15.5	5.3	37.5
1997	1.4	17.3	24.0	38.7	52.3	69.5	68.7	68.7	61.2	44.8	26.0	25.3	41.5
POR= 119 YRS	8.1	12.6	25.6	42.8	54.4	63.6	69.2	67.9	56.5	44.6	27.4	14.7	40.6

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	26	90	225	603	1028	1769	2149	1480	1361	475	326	223	9755
1969-70	25	10	166	786	966	1431	1903	1340	1337	807	382	30	9183
1970-71	2	17	286	719	1182	1689	1964	1400	1135	649	310	62	9415
1971-72	42	5	283	674	1063	1713	1913	1644	1209	702	291	50	9589
1972-73	75	25	380	789	1089	1805	1488	1213	855	708	316	78	8821
1973-74	14	1	291	546	1338	1608	1801	1258	1204	653	448	80	9242
1974-75	1	100	354	553	1052	1294	1635	1470	1329	904	371	117	9180
1975-76	1	60	299	632	1092	1522	1675	1226	1247	556	267	87	8664
1976-77	10	11	203	740	1215	1563	2024	1112	959	469	149	46	8501
1977-78	8	131	267	577	1212	1759	2091	1600	1148	655	252	91	9791
1978-79	21	39	213	569	1322	1756	2085	1774	1294	906	495	76	10550
1979-80	7	42	145	560	1190	1272	1775	1447	1216	460	237	43	8394
1980-81	5	52	221	567	947	1511	1330	1162	825	473	205	70	7368
1981-82	4	9	149	600	903	1509	2198	1485	1191	692	322	79	9141
1982-83	2	46	278	633	1223	1516	1389	1115	1076	708	436	101	8523
1983-84	1	1	300	544	1031	2158	1538	983	1131	520	343	92	8642
1984-85	0	25	444	741	1128	1845	1793	1446	1001	535	210	201	9369
1985-86	21	73	415	683	1553	1664	1321	1446	775	685	303	35	8974
1986-87	14	48	386	612	1266	1324	1369	997	1012	402	190	33	7653
1987-88	31	88	183	698	920	1301	1781	1444	980	585	175	8	8194
1988-89	1	35	279	637	1114	1479	1613	1757	1292	640	275	115	9237
1989-90	0	35	225	609	1065	1690	1294	1241	927	649	333	88	8156
1990-91	19	7	166	626	1034	1728	1775	999	997	533	253	20	8157
1991-92	5	8	262	744	1188	1289	1306	1058	887	649	313	112	7821
1992-93	75	111	296	644	1116	1704	1838	1551	973	630	277	203	9418
1993-94	100	87	377	704	1197	1376	1945	1727	945	638	257	103	9456
1994-95	19	63	138	563	1072	1524	1719	1259	1136	784	396	101	8774
1995-96	24	16	290	648	1197	1644	2023	1315	1427	776	470	84	9914
1996-97	23	6	293	702	1480	1844	1961	1330	1266	781	396	20	10102
1997-	34	37	130	630	1167	1223							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	0	23	14	119	258	50	0	0	0	464
1970	0	0	0	0	3	123	244	176	34	0	0	0	580
1971	0	0	0	0	3	62	90	262	23	0	0	0	440
1972	0	0	0	0	28	80	52	167	15	0	0	0	342
1973	0	0	0	0	7	72	125	250	13	0	0	0	467
1974	0	0	0	2	0	92	295	51	0	0	0	0	440
1975	0	0	0	0	2	39	253	77	5	0	0	0	376
1976	0	0	0	0	4	95	185	185	37	1	0	0	507
1977	0	0	0	0	74	96	204	30	6	0	0	0	410
1978	0	0	0	0	19	60	142	125	75	0	0	0	421
1979	0	0	0	0	12	83	180	107	33	0	0	0	415
1980	0	0	0	7	107	114	265	84	22	4	0	0	603
1981	0	0	0	2	31	41	285	301	60	0	0	0	720
1982	0	0	0	0	13	64	217	215	29	0	0	0	538
1983	0	0	0	0	8	68	314	413	45	0	0	0	848
1984	0	0	0	0	21	54	251	304	8	0	0	0	638
1985	0	0	0	0	26	21	218	68	6	0	0	0	339
1986	0	0	0	0	27	96	94	110	0	0	0	0	327
1987	0	0	0	6	37	150	192	53	22	0	0	0	460
1988	0	0	0	0	75	383	253	175	4	0	0	0	890
1989	0	0	0	5	9	68	338	202	22	0	0	0	644
1990	0	0	0	4	17	110	175	211	75	0	0	0	592
1991	0	0	0	0	25	68	182	282	40	0	0	0	597
1992	0	0	0	3	29	71	50	87	13	2	0	0	255
1993	0	0	0	0	8	28	22	58	2	0	0	0	118
1994	0	0	0	0	5	31	110	169	27	0	0	0	342
1995	0	0	0	0	3	137	137	183	22	0	0	0	482
1996	0	0	0	0	0	89	137	215	7	0	0	0	448
1997	0	0	0	0	9	164	157	157	22	10	0	0	519

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 WILLISTON, ND (ISN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.6	11.6	10.7	6.0	4.5	T	T	0.0	35.4
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	T	5.3	5.9	1.0	7.6	22.2	0.0	0.0	43.5
1970-71	0.0	0.0	T	T	6.4	5.6	10.5	2.5	1.6	1.9	0.7	0.0	29.2
1971-72	0.0	0.0	T	1.8	4.3	5.4	6.5	16.5	6.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	43.6
1972-73	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.9	1.5	11.5	0.6	1.8	2.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	26.2
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	6.4	5.5	3.4	5.7	9.3	1.4	T	0.0	31.7
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	4.4	3.6	1.3	30.9	10.3	0.0	0.0	52.8
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	14.1	14.1	10.3	2.0	14.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	60.0
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.9	6.9	11.1	3.1	T	2.0	0.0	0.0	27.9
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	8.4	10.0	3.9	5.7	4.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	34.0
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	9.4	15.2	2.9	14.1	10.3	10.1	T	0.0	62.0
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.2	0.3	10.4	7.9	2.1	3.5	0.0	0.0	25.4
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.3	10.4	1.2	3.1	T	0.0	T	0.0	19.1
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.6	5.7	24.3	8.2	17.0	9.8	0.5	0.0	70.4
1982-83	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.8	13.4	1.7	1.6	9.2	0.1	15.5	0.0	42.3
1983-84	0.0	0.0	1.0	T	6.0	9.2	7.2	0.5	7.9	13.5	0.3	0.0	45.6
1984-85	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.5	3.5	6.5	1.8	3.1	11.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	36.3
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.1	14.2	11.3	9.2	3.6	8.7	4.4	17.6	T	0.0	69.1
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	13.4	1.2	4.2	1.8	14.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	35.2
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	T	1.2	8.9	3.4	3.7	T	0.0	0.0	17.4
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.2	13.3	22.8	6.2	1.8	1.3	0.0	T	49.6
1989-90	T	0.0	T	2.2	4.6	5.5	6.0	0.8	4.3	2.4	2.1	T	27.9
1990-91	T	T	0.0	T	1.6	8.7	4.4	5.2	7.2	1.8	2.7	T	31.6
1991-92	T	T	T	5.3	3.3	2.7	6.3	2.2	0.9	3.5	0.0	0.0	24.2
1992-93	0.0	T	0.0	3.8	8.5	10.7	7.3	4.1	2.6	T	0.0	0.0	37.0
1993-94	T	T	T	0.4	16.4	5.2	21.6	21.7	2.4	4.5	0.0	T	72.2
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.6	14.0	16.1	2.6	9.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	47.3
1995-96	T	0.0	T	0.2	8.2	15.6	18.0	3.7	16.5	1.3	T	0.0	63.5
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	15.6	19.8	3.2	2.6	12.3	0.5	T	0.0	59.8
1997-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.7	0.1							
POR= 35 YRS	T	T	0.3	1.6	5.0	7.5	7.9	5.0	6.8	4.4	1.1	T	39.6

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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
WILLISTON,
NORTH DAKOTA (ISN)

Williston lies in a flat valley at the junction of the Missouri River and Little Muddy Creek. The surrounding country is rolling. Hills to the east are highest, ranging from 250 to 300 feet in height at a distance of 5 to 7 miles. Across the Missouri River to the south, the bluffs are about 225 feet high at 4 miles distance.

Great extremes of temperatures are encountered, winters being cold, while summer days are usually warm. In winter, temperatures below zero are common and lows of -50 degrees have been recorded. When temperatures are lowest, however, the air is generally dry, with little or no wind and the weather is fine and invigorating. At the other extreme, temperatures above 100 degrees have been reached in all months from May to September. The low humidity that generally prevails on the hottest summer days keeps them from becoming oppressive.

The climate of Williston and vicinity is continental, semi-arid, characterized by marked season changes. Winter is the relatively dry season, with only about 1/2 inch of monthly precipitation occurring from November to February. There is considerably less than the average amount of snowfall for similar locations in the United States. Ice crystals, which rarely yield more than a trace of precipitation, are common in the cold months. Although snow has been observed every month except July and August, there is usually very little from April to November. Accumulated winter snow remains unmelted on the ground until about March. Summer precipitation is variable from year to year. The amount of rain occurring during the growing period is the most important element of climate for agricultural interests in the vicinity of Williston. Generally, considerably more precipitation occurs in the spring and summer months than in winter, but even so, the rainfall is just adequate for successful farming operations in normal years. A series of dry years, in addition to causing failure of crops, may result in erosion of the fertile topsoil by winds.

The growing season averages 131 days. It has ranged from 94 to 172 days during the period of record.

Clear and partly cloudy skies, nearly equally distributed, occur about 70 percent of the time. Heavy fog occurs on the average about ten times a year. Because of the northern latitude of Williston, it enjoys long hours of daylight in the spring and summer. Relatively little cloudiness occurs then, so that the duration of sunshine averages about two-thirds of the possible amount. These conditions are conducive to rapid growth of vegetation, making successful agricultural pursuits possible in spite of the relatively short growing season.

Summer storms are generally in the form of thunderstorms or rain showers, occasionally accompanied by hail and squally winds. Tornadoes are rare in this area. In the winter, cold waves and occasionally blizzard conditions occur. Cold waves result when extremely cold air advances southward from northwestern Canada. In blizzard conditions the advancing cold wave is accompanied by winds of gale force and the air is filled with fine, wind-driven snow. In extreme instances in the country, it becomes impossible for persons to ascertain their bearings or to remain alive many hours without shelter in such storms.

STATION LOCATION

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE											AUGUST 1980	* Type M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND												
							WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND			
<u>FORT BUFORD</u>																			
Fort Buford Military Post	1/08/79	11/22/83		48°00'	103°58'														
Fort Buford Officers' Quarters	11/23/83	9/15/91		48°00'	103°56'		24												
Fort Buford Schneider Building	9/16/91	11/15/93		48°00'	103°56'		27												
<u>CITY</u>																			
215 Main Street Williston	11/23/93	9/30/94	20 mi. ENE	48°09'	103°57'	1874	28												
NW Corner Main Street & Broadway (3rd Street)	10/01/94	8/15/98	200 ft. N	48°09'	103°37'	1872	31												
Main Street & Broadway	8/15/98	9/08/02	#	48°09'	103°37'	1872	31											# - Building moved across street.	
Baldwin Cottage 7th & Main Streets +	9/09/02	11/02/10	1400 ft. N	48°09'	103°37'	1875	44				4							+ - 623 Main Street	
242 Main Street	11/07/10	2/24/16	1500 ft. SSE	48°09'	103°37'	1872	47				29								
322 Main Street	2/26/16	1/19/62	400 ft. N	48°09'	103°37'	1877	50	42	42		34	34	34						
<u>AIRPORT</u>																			
Administration Building Sloulin Field *	1/19/62	8/21/81	2 mi. NNW	48°11'	103°38'	1899	a20	5	5	22	NA	5	3	NA b5	NA			a - 35 feet to 8/23/67. b - Installed on field 5/1/80.	
* Designated Sloulin Field International Airport in 1968.																			
NWS Building Sloulin International AP	8/21/81	Present	250 ft. N	48°11'	103°38'	1900	c20	5	5	15 f15	NA h4	5 d5	4 e4	c5 g5 i5	NA			c - Not moved 8/21/81. d - Weighing rain gage decommissioned 8/22/83 and recommissioned 10/6/83. e - Minor adjustment 5/14/84. f - Moved from tower to roof 3/26/84. g - Type change 5/14/84. h - Installed 6/15/84 i - Type change 9/3/85. S ASOS Commissioned 04/01/96	

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