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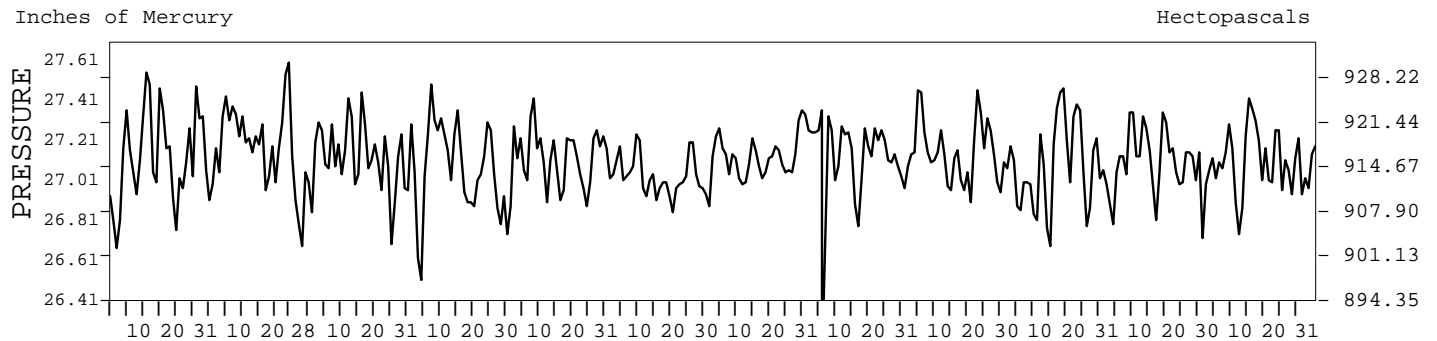
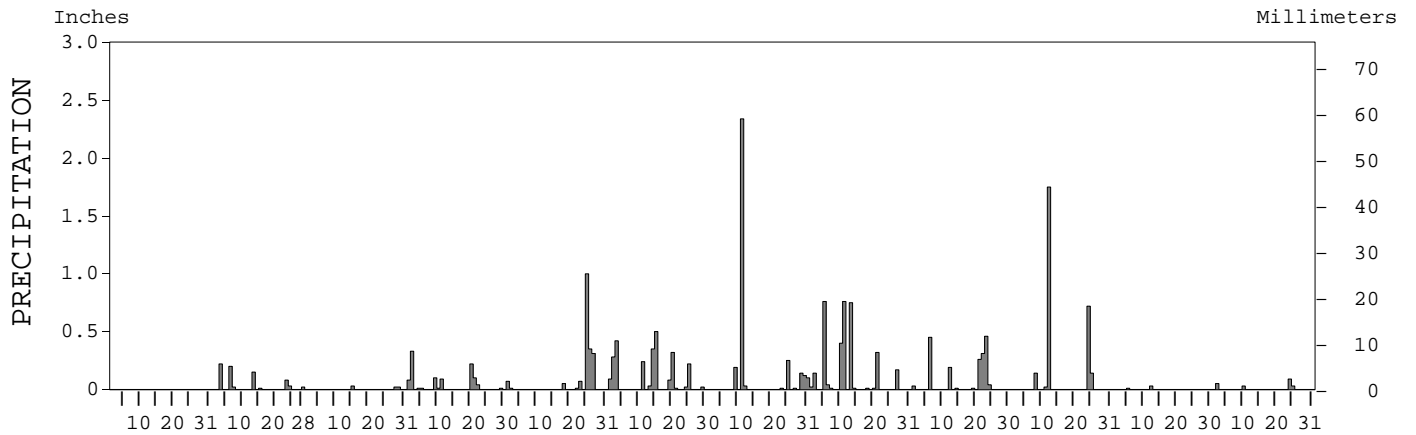
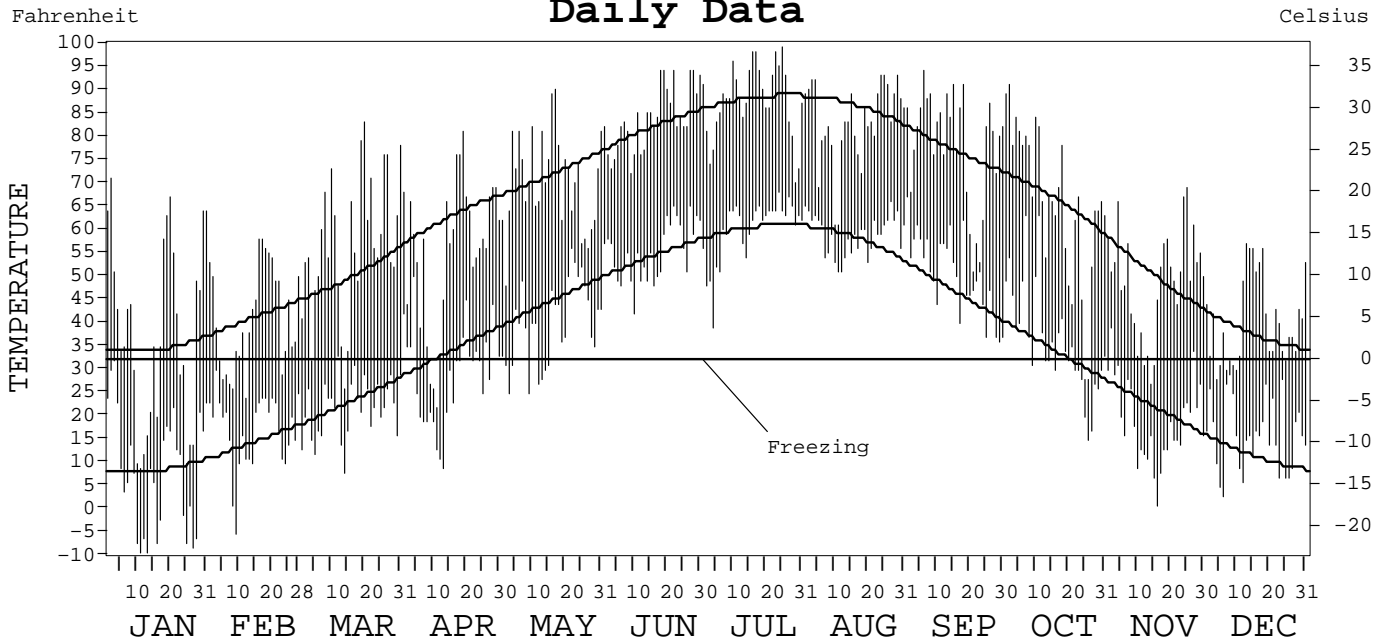
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NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

LATITUDE: 41° 07' 19" N LONGITUDE: 100° 40' 06" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 2779 BARO: 2782 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC+ 6) WBAN: 24023

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	38.1	41.0	57.1	55.5	70.4	83.7	87.7	82.9	78.1	65.9	48.9	40.5	62.5	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	71	58	83	81	90	94	99	93	94	91	69	57	99	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	02	17+	20	19	17	28+	25	29+	06	02	25	13	JUL 25	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	8.5	17.1	21.9	29.1	39.7	55.2	60.0	58.8	50.3	36.3	18.9	15.9	34.3	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-9	-5	8	9	25	42	39	51	36	15	1	3	-9	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13+	09	14	13	09+	10	04	12+	29	26	16	06	JAN 13+	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	23.3	29.1	39.5	42.3	55.1	69.5	73.9	70.9	64.2	51.1	33.9	28.2	48.4	
	MEAN WET BULB	18.7	26.4	32.5	37.3	48.3	62.0	66.0	64.7	57.2	44.9	29.2	25.4	42.7	
	MEAN DEW POINT	10.5	21.6	21.9	30.5	41.1	57.6	61.2	61.5	52.5	39.6	22.2	20.4	36.7	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	1	7	13	7	3	1	0	0	0	32
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	12	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	36	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	31	28	30	18	8	0	0	0	0	14	28	31	188	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1284	1001	782	673	306	14	10	17	113	452	926	1133	6711	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	5	156	295	206	96	29	0	0	787	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	64	76	56	67	63	69	68	76	71	70	67	75	68	
	HOUR 00 LST	73	83	66	79	74	84	78	85	82	81	76	86	79	
	HOUR 06 LST	78	85	80	83	83	92	91	93	88	88	84	86	86	
	HOUR 12 LST	51	64	39	54	49	53	54	63	55	51	51	63	54	
	HOUR 18 LST	52	67	33	50	47	51	50	61	55	57	57	71	54	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	85	83	90	83	77	86	83	80	77		73			
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	0	6	1	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	0	24	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	2	1	12	7	8	5	2	0	0	37	
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.)	27.12	27.18	27.12	27.08	27.11	27.03	27.13	27.16	27.15	27.06	27.11	27.10	27.11	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.12	30.16	30.05	29.99	29.98	29.85	29.95	29.99	30.00	29.95	30.07	30.08	30.02	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	5.5	2.2	4.1	3.3	1.7	1.3	3.0		1.5	0.2	4.6	5.2		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	32	33	31	36	34	15	14		10	30	31	31		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	9.0	8.2	10.8	11.5	9.5	8.7	9.0	6.9	7.8	10.6	9.1	9.1	9.2	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	31	32	34	11	34	17	11	10	11	16	31	30	31	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	44	36	44	44	38	37	52	32	43	45	41	38	52	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	31	31	30	29	34	27	27	29	33	31	32	30	27	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	15	27	06	02	14	25	14	06	13	02	27	JUL 25	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	55	45	52	54	46	43	60	54	49	61	53	46	61	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	32	01	28	29	36	27	27	26	33	31	32	30	31		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	22	03	06	02	14	25	13	06	13	02	27	OCT 13		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	T	0.73	0.07	1.00	1.87	2.58	3.19	3.40	1.76	2.77	0.04	0.20	17.61	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	T	0.22	0.03	0.41	1.00	0.85	2.34	0.76	0.46	1.77	0.03	0.09	2.34	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26	06-07+	15	01-02	25	14-15	11	11+	23	11-12	12	24	JUL 11	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	0	8	3	11	8	13	9	13	9	5	2	4	85	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	0	3	0	4	3	7	6	7	5	4	0	0	39		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.9	12.1	0.5	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	5.7	1.6	3.2	28.4	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.7	3.9	0.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	3.2	1.6	1.6	3.9	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	14	06	15	09				13		24	12	24	FEB 06	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	T	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	6	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26+	07	15+	11						26+	12	25	FEB 07	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	10		

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	34.6	40.9	49.9	62.5	71.8	81.7	87.8	86.0	76.6	65.7	49.5	37.2	62.0
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	50	35.3	41.1	49.3	61.7	71.4	81.6	87.4	86.1	77.3	66.1	49.4	39.0	62.1
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	46	73	79	86	98	97	107	112	105	102	94	82	75	112
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1990	1962	1986	1992	1953	1952	1954	1954	1990	1990	1980	1980	JUL 1954
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	50	58.8	64.9	75.7	85.1	89.2	96.0	99.7	98.6	94.3	86.6	72.7	62.4	82.0
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	8.6	14.3	23.0	33.9	44.6	54.1	60.1	57.6	46.2	33.5	21.3	11.2	34.0
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	50	9.2	14.7	22.5	33.6	45.1	55.0	60.4	58.5	47.0	33.9	21.2	12.7	34.5
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	46	-23	-22	-22	7	19	29	39	35	17	10	-13	-34	-34
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1979	1981	1962	1975	1989	1969	1997	1976	1984	1993	1976	1989	DEC 1989
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	50	-11.5	-6.5	2.2	17.5	29.4	41.5	48.2	45.7	29.6	17.4	3.9	-7.9	17.5
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	21.6	27.6	36.5	48.2	58.2	67.9	74.0	71.8	61.4	49.7	35.4	24.2	48.0
	MEAN DRY BULB	50	22.2	27.8	35.8	47.7	58.2	68.3	73.9	72.4	62.0	50.0	35.2	25.8	48.3
	MEAN WET BULB	14	21.1	24.3	32.6	40.8	52.0	60.8	64.2	63.6	54.0	42.1	27.9	20.9	42.0
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	15.2	18.1	24.9	32.5	46.1	55.5	59.0	58.9	48.0	35.0	21.9	15.5	35.9
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	6.0	13.6	11.3	3.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	36.3
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	12.1	8.3	4.1	0.2	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.6	10.8	39.2
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	31.0	27.7	26.9	13.1	2.3	*	0.0	0.0	2.2	14.0	27.7	30.8	175.7
	MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	8.5	3.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	5.1	18.5
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1345	1047	884	504	234	49	0	11	158	474	888	1265	6859
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	23	136	282	222	50	0	0	0	713
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	69	68	64	60	63	64	63	64	64	62	67	70	65
	HOUR 00 LST	30	75	76	73	70	73	74	73	75	74	72	75	76	74
	HOUR 06 LST	30	78	79	79	79	82	83	83	84	83	80	80	78	81
	HOUR 12 LST	30	61	59	53	46	50	51	50	50	49	45	54	60	52
	HOUR 18 LST	30	62	56	48	42	47	47	46	46	46	46	56	62	50
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	45	63	61	62	64	65	71	77	75	72	70	60	61	67
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	45	1.4	2.3	2.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.6	18.9
	THUNDERSTORMS	45	0.0	0.1	0.8	2.6	6.5	9.9	10.1	8.1	3.9	1.3	0.2	0.0	43.5
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	44	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.7	4.5	4.5
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	32	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.3	4.1	4.2
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
CLEAR	44	8.4	7.2	7.5	7.0	6.8	10.1	12.1	11.7	12.8	12.5	8.8	9.8	114.7	
PARTLY CLOUDY	44	8.7	7.5	7.7	9.0	10.0	10.7	12.0	11.4	8.4	8.4	8.0	7.8	109.6	
CLOUDY	44	13.9	13.6	15.8	14.0	14.3	9.2	6.9	8.0	8.8	10.1	13.2	13.4	141.2	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	25	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.10	26.06	26.06	26.90
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.12	30.11	30.00	29.93	29.91	29.89	29.93	29.95	29.99	30.02	27.91	27.98	29.65
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	42	9.4	9.8	11.8	12.6	11.5	10.4	9.6	9.2	9.7	9.7	10.0	9.3	10.2
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	26	30	31	36	36	16	18	18	18	18	30	31	30	18
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	1	44	36	44	44	38	37	52	32	43	45	41	38	52
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		31	31	30	29	34	27	27	29	33	31	32	30	27
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	JUL 1997
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	1	55	45	52	54	46	43	60	54	49	61	53	46	61	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		32	10	28	29	36	27	27	26	33	31	32	30	31	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	OCT 1997	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.36	0.43	1.20	1.99	3.43	3.37	3.06	1.74	1.61	0.98	0.66	0.47	19.30
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	46	1.12	1.98	2.98	5.01	8.01	6.81	7.05	6.30	6.03	2.91	2.89	1.22	8.01
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1960	1978	1992	1984	1962	1965	1979	1992	1963	1969	1979	1977	MAY 1962
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	45	T	T	0.05	0.10	0.77	0.33	0.42	0.06	T	0.05	0.02	T	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1964	1996	1994	1989	1966	1952	1955	1967	1953	1988	1989	1988	FEB 1996
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	46	0.75	1.15	2.26	2.42	2.95	3.80	3.15	2.93	2.53	1.77	1.48	0.79	3.80
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1992	1971	1959	1971	1962	1965	1964	1957	1963	1997	1979	1978	JUN 1965
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	5.0	5.0	6.8	7.9	11.3	9.2	10.0	7.6	7.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	84.2
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.0	*	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	*	0.0	3.8
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	5.3	4.2	6.6	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	4.1	5.2	29.6
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	46	17.1	20.6	21.9	14.5	3.6	T	T	T	3.1	15.7	17.5	14.1	21.9
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1976	1978	1980	1984	1967	1995	1996	1992	1985	1969	1979	1973	MAR 1980
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	46	11.9	9.7	15.1	8.5	2.3	T	T	T	3.1	8.8	8.8	8.6	15.1
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1976	1955	1980	1984	1967	1995	1995	1992	1985	1969	1979	1968	MAR 1980
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	49	18	13	18	9	1	0	0	0	3	5	13	10	18
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1949	1993	1980	1949	1967				1985	1969	1979	1968	MAR 1980
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	1.7	1.4	1.7	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.5	1.1	1.4	8.7	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	0.12	0.36	0.11	3.04	1.72	2.25	1.82	3.97	0.82	1.50	0.46	0.87	17.04
1969	0.94	0.26	0.17	0.15	1.35	4.20	2.52	1.61	0.80	2.91	0.18	0.10	15.19
1970	0.23	0.28	0.97	2.46	1.31	4.33	1.68	0.28	2.27	1.27	0.91	0.22	16.21
1971	0.47	1.28	0.97	3.94	2.54	5.84	3.48	0.91	2.01	1.75	0.90	0.16	24.25
1972	0.16	0.08	0.65	1.19	3.18	2.96	3.58	0.95	1.46	0.62	1.12	0.42	16.37
1973	0.40	0.10	2.45	1.45	3.85	0.88	2.87	2.82	3.98	1.26	0.54	1.13	21.73
1974	0.27	0.08	0.42	1.17	1.64	3.86	2.27	1.15	0.24	0.61	0.04	0.42	12.17
1975	0.26	0.17	0.92	1.77	2.12	6.12	2.51	0.25	0.56	0.14	1.15	0.22	16.19
1976	0.99	0.14	2.03	2.80	2.88	2.43	0.92	2.87	2.03	1.18	0.08	0.01	18.36
1977	0.18	0.27	2.89	4.85	5.90	1.31	4.41	1.79	1.48	0.18	0.39	1.22	24.87
1978	0.52	1.98	0.40	1.96	4.84	1.75	3.70	1.92	0.33	0.43	1.03	0.99	19.85
1979	0.86	0.09	2.78	1.46	2.96	3.37	7.05	1.49	0.45	1.32	2.89	0.28	25.00
1980	0.52	0.82	2.56	0.77	2.59	1.89	0.64	3.04	0.34	1.00	0.13	0.02	14.32
1981	0.07	0.05	2.72	2.47	5.37	2.32	5.09	2.48	0.25	0.60	1.94	0.43	23.79
1982	0.20	0.15	0.99	1.42	6.32	2.35	1.78	1.18	1.26	2.44	0.73	1.08	19.90
1983	0.33	0.25	1.54	2.12	3.20	3.32	3.74	1.98	0.14	0.56	1.56	0.46	19.20
1984	0.36	0.87	1.20	5.01	2.82	4.37	0.94	1.38	0.39	2.41	0.69	0.72	21.16
1985	0.55	0.14	0.44	1.84	4.01	0.87	3.98	1.16	3.23	1.24	1.09	0.79	19.34
1986	0.02	1.10	0.70	3.77	2.80	1.70	2.57	1.22	1.02	1.58	0.19	0.27	16.94
1987	0.16	1.55	1.65	1.01	3.19	3.95	2.81	1.19	1.16	1.67	1.26	0.81	20.41
1988	0.72	0.03	0.37	2.02	3.59	3.12	3.03	3.93	1.59	0.05	0.40	T	18.85
1989	0.55	0.73	0.38	0.10	3.02	3.51	1.86	2.37	1.11	0.08	0.02	0.28	14.01
1990	0.27	0.18	1.75	1.52	3.65	1.90	1.99	1.79	0.31	1.48	0.87	0.09	15.80
1991	0.35	0.21	1.00	3.00	5.39	2.78	1.81	0.53	1.75	2.14	0.92	0.67	20.55
1992	0.89	1.42	2.98	0.18	3.18	2.61	3.75	6.30	0.25	0.92	0.20	0.33	23.01
1993	0.74	1.37	0.61	1.80	2.47	6.12	5.47	3.78	0.71	1.59	1.32	0.22	26.20
1994	0.53	0.29	0.05	1.47	1.16	4.92	4.52	1.24	0.60	2.63	0.78	0.66	18.85
1995	0.12	0.09	1.21	3.09	4.51	2.59	2.01	0.73	1.98	0.87	0.08	0.02	17.30
1996	0.50	T	0.33	0.84	4.12	3.87	5.57	3.25	5.55	0.33	0.40	0.03	24.79
1997	T	0.73	0.07	1.00	1.87	2.58	3.19	3.40	1.76	2.77	0.04	0.20	17.61
POR= 123 YRS	0.41	0.50	0.96	2.03	3.02	3.24	2.72	2.12	1.53	1.00	0.50	0.40	18.43

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	22.2	27.1	39.9	46.2	53.3	69.5	72.6	71.6	61.1	51.1	34.4	19.0	47.3
1969	16.2	24.2	29.0	51.4	61.0	62.8	73.0	73.6	65.8	41.7	38.3	28.4	47.1
1970	22.3	31.8	31.3	45.6	61.9	68.1	74.3	75.6	60.8	45.4	34.8	26.8	48.2
1971	22.1	24.5	33.4	48.0	54.7	70.2	69.8	72.2	59.7	49.5	37.1	27.6	47.4
1972	20.7	29.9	40.7	46.6	58.1	68.4	70.4	70.8	61.2	46.4	29.8	17.2	46.7
1973	21.5	30.3	40.4	45.8	56.0	67.7	72.8	73.7	58.4	51.7	35.0	23.2	48.0
1974	16.0	33.0	40.1	50.0	59.5	66.5	77.5	67.1	57.5	52.9	34.8	24.2	48.3
1975	25.7	23.4	31.5	46.6	57.1	65.7	74.6	73.2	58.5	50.9	30.2	26.4	47.0
1976	17.8	32.7	34.0	47.4	53.1	64.6	72.8	70.6	59.8	45.2	30.5	28.2	46.4
1977	16.6	32.0	37.0	51.7	63.1	70.5	74.5	68.5	63.8	50.0	35.8	24.9	49.0
1978	11.2	14.7	35.1	48.4	56.6	68.2	74.5	71.0	65.4	49.2	32.1	14.6	45.1
1979	6.0	17.2	37.0	48.4	57.4	68.1	74.1	72.9	67.1	53.8	32.2	34.0	47.4
1980	25.1	26.8	35.5	50.5	60.2	72.5	78.0	74.0	63.7	48.9	38.5	32.0	50.5
1981	29.7	29.1	40.2	55.8	54.8	68.6	73.8	70.1	63.0	49.0	39.9	26.7	50.1
1982	17.1	28.1	36.3	44.8	57.3	63.4	75.0	73.1	61.7	49.2	33.3	28.1	47.3
1983	27.1	35.1	37.2	42.3	54.0	65.2	75.3	78.0	64.8	51.3	36.7	7.5	47.9
1984	20.4	33.2	34.1	43.3	58.1	68.0	73.7	75.5	58.4	48.0	37.2	22.5	47.7
1985	18.3	23.1	40.5	52.2	60.8	65.4	75.3	70.1	59.8	48.6	24.6	19.2	46.5
1986	31.6	27.0	44.3	48.9	58.0	71.4	75.6	71.3	63.0	50.4	35.5	30.2	50.6
1987	29.5	35.8	36.7	51.3	63.1	70.2	75.7	70.3	61.3	47.0	38.2	27.7	50.6
1988	16.4	26.5	37.8	48.5	60.7	74.6	74.5	73.4	62.0	48.7	38.0	30.3	49.3
1989	30.2	17.8	35.7	51.1	59.0	65.8	74.3	71.7	61.0	50.7	37.6	20.6	48.0
1990	30.6	30.9	40.0	48.5	56.7	71.1	73.7	74.0	67.6	50.2	38.1	21.9	50.3
1991	23.1	37.5	40.5	49.3	61.8	71.0	74.9	73.7	63.6	48.4	32.2	33.4	50.8
1992	32.1	37.3	41.8	50.6	58.7	65.7	68.5	66.5	63.0	49.9	32.4	22.5	49.1
1993	18.5	18.0	37.0	45.5	58.7	65.3	71.5	70.3	58.3	48.5	32.7	30.4	46.2
1994	24.0	23.7	41.5	47.8	62.6	71.7	70.5	72.6	65.4	52.0	37.4	29.1	49.9
1995	26.8	34.0	37.8	43.8	52.6	66.7	73.8	79.3	62.6	48.2	38.6	28.8	49.4
1996	20.9	30.1	31.3	47.3	56.6	68.5	71.2	70.0	59.1	48.6	30.7	25.0	46.6
1997	23.3	29.1	39.5	42.3	55.1	69.5	73.9	70.9	64.2	51.1	33.9	28.2	48.4
POR= 123 YRS	23.3	27.7	36.5	48.6	58.7	68.5	74.6	72.9	63.3	51.0	36.5	27.0	49.0

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HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	17	18	150	428	911	1421	1509	1133	1106	399	178	122	7392
1969-70	1	0	45	716	795	1129	1315	923	1041	582	136	55	6738
1970-71	2	1	214	600	899	1177	1320	1127	974	501	311	13	7139
1971-72	12	0	210	472	829	1157	1368	1013	745	549	250	32	6637
1972-73	24	15	169	567	1047	1479	1343	967	756	567	283	34	7251
1973-74	10	0	219	407	892	1290	1518	889	765	445	190	62	6687
1974-75	0	40	256	373	900	1262	1216	1160	1032	558	247	62	7106
1975-76	6	0	228	437	1035	1191	1460	929	956	521	363	70	7196
1976-77	0	13	178	608	1028	1133	1493	920	858	395	81	2	6709
1977-78	2	34	96	458	869	1236	1662	1400	924	491	275	71	7518
1978-79	5	24	99	488	982	1560	1828	1335	862	491	259	56	7989
1979-80	4	11	52	341	975	957	1233	1102	909	439	166	10	6199
1980-81	0	6	107	491	790	1019	1089	1000	762	283	318	26	5891
1981-82	9	4	101	492	749	1179	1479	1030	885	601	239	111	6879
1982-83	0	18	160	484	946	1138	1167	833	854	672	343	90	6705
1983-84	2	0	128	419	840	1780	1379	915	953	647	236	33	7332
1984-85	0	0	247	519	829	1312	1440	1168	752	393	156	83	6899
1985-86	0	23	252	502	1205	1416	1029	1060	634	479	219	2	6821
1986-87	0	14	98	446	878	1074	1093	810	868	420	102	15	5818
1987-88	13	36	139	551	796	1152	1501	1109	839	490	170	3	6799
1988-89	0	13	128	498	803	1067	1072	1316	902	430	211	67	6507
1989-90	2	7	180	437	815	1374	1061	948	771	502	259	15	6371
1990-91	15	1	84	457	797	1331	1290	762	754	466	149	5	6111
1991-92	3	1	148	508	977	971	1010	797	714	436	219	45	5829
1992-93	18	60	113	466	970	1310	1436	1311	862	578	204	73	7401
1993-94	2	24	218	513	965	1066	1263	1151	724	517	131	5	6579
1994-95	3	8	90	395	820	1106	1180	863	840	631	377	67	6380
1995-96	17	2	167	517	786	1116	1359	1004	1037	527	283	40	6855
1996-97	3	1	214	503	1021	1233	1284	1001	782	673	306	14	7035
1997-	10	17	113	452	926	1133							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	0	58	63	257	276	76	0	0	0	730
1970	0	0	0	4	48	155	300	341	96	0	0	0	944
1971	0	0	0	0	1	177	167	229	59	1	0	0	634
1972	0	0	0	0	43	137	199	202	64	0	0	0	645
1973	0	0	0	0	11	121	260	278	29	3	0	0	702
1974	0	0	0	5	24	117	394	115	40	3	0	0	698
1975	0	0	0	10	11	89	311	260	39	7	0	0	727
1976	0	0	0	0	5	62	247	192	27	0	0	0	533
1977	0	0	0	2	26	174	305	149	64	0	0	0	720
1978	0	0	0	1	21	174	307	218	117	5	0	0	843
1979	0	0	0	0	27	156	294	262	123	0	0	0	862
1980	0	0	0	10	27	243	411	289	74	0	0	0	1054
1981	0	0	0	10	9	141	288	168	47	1	0	0	664
1982	0	0	0	0	8	70	314	276	68	0	0	0	736
1983	0	0	0	0	8	103	331	412	128	1	0	0	983
1984	0	0	0	0	27	129	281	331	55	2	0	0	825
1985	0	0	0	14	32	100	326	189	100	0	0	0	761
1986	0	0	0	3	11	201	334	217	43	0	0	0	809
1987	0	0	0	16	48	176	352	208	35	0	0	0	835
1988	0	0	0	1	41	293	301	282	46	0	0	0	964
1989	0	0	0	21	35	99	295	220	67	2	0	0	739
1990	0	0	0	15	10	205	291	289	165	5	0	0	980
1991	0	0	0	3	59	194	317	276	112	2	0	0	963
1992	0	0	0	13	31	68	135	116	60	1	0	0	424
1993	0	0	0	0	15	88	212	194	24	6	0	0	539
1994	0	0	0	10	63	213	183	251	111	0	0	0	831
1995	0	0	0	0	0	125	298	449	103	4	0	0	979
1996	0	0	0	0	33	149	204	165	44	3	0	0	598
1997	0	0	0	0	5	156	295	206	96	29	0	0	787

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 NORTH PLATTE, NE (LBF)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	10.3	12.4	3.2	1.8	T	T	0.0	28.0
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7	0.8	1.8	3.6	4.0	18.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	44.7
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	3.6	1.8	5.6	2.7	19.0	0.8	T	0.0	42.5
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.6	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	11.3
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	8.0	8.7	3.8	0.4	1.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	25.0
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.3	14.1	4.2	1.0	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	26.6
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.5	2.2	2.6	3.9	3.0	0.0	0.0	16.2
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	10.9	1.2	17.1	1.6	5.2	T	0.0	0.0	36.8
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6	T	2.5	2.2	9.9	8.1	0.0	0.0	24.3
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	6.4	6.2	20.6	2.0	T	T	0.0	35.5
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.6	10.3	6.3	0.3	5.9	2.3	T	0.0	32.7
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	17.5	2.3	5.2	9.1	21.9	7.4	0.0	0.0	66.3
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.2	T	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.9
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.3	6.4	4.4	1.7	6.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	25.1
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	9.7	1.6	0.1	5.9	5.4	0.0	0.0	25.7
1983-84	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	12.1	7.3	5.3	9.6	8.8	14.5	0.2	0.0	57.8
1984-85	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	0.9	8.7	8.5	0.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3
1985-86	0.0	0.0	3.1	T	13.0	8.1	0.2	8.7	3.8	T	0.0	0.0	36.9
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	2.6	1.6	9.2	7.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	23.7
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	8.2	7.2	12.6	0.6	3.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	35.8
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.5	T	6.1	10.6	4.3	0.3	T	0.0	23.8
1989-90	T	0.0	T	T	T	2.2	5.9	1.9	5.3	0.3	T	T	15.6
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	9.7	0.8	4.1	1.1	5.6	T	T	0.0	23.3
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	1.6	1.8	5.4	1.2	5.1	0.3	T	0.0	22.7
1992-93	T	T	0.0	T	2.2	3.9	10.1	17.2	2.7	2.0	T	T	38.1
1993-94	T	0.0	T	T	3.9	3.3	10.6	6.0	0.4	11.5	T	T	35.7
1994-95	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	9.0	0.1	2.7	7.4	9.6	0.0	T	33.4
1995-96	T	0.0	0.7	4.1	0.8	0.5	4.9	T	3.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	18.4
1996-97	T		0.0	T	5.2	1.0	0.9	12.1	0.5	4.4	0.0	0.0	
1997-	0.0	T	0.0	5.7	1.6	3.2							
POR= 45 YRS	T	T	0.1	1.5	3.8	4.7	5.3	5.1	6.4	3.1	0.2	T	30.2

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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
NORTH PLATTE,
NEBRASKA (LBF)

The climate of North Platte is characterized throughout the year by frequent rapid changes in the weather. During the winter, most North Pacific lows cross the country north of North Platte. The passage usually brings little or no snowfall, and only a moderate drop in temperature. Only when there is a major outbreak of cold air from Canada does the temperature fall to zero or below. The duration of below-zero temperature is hardly more than two mornings, and by the third or fourth day the temperature is ordinarily rising to the 40s or higher. Snowfall at the onset of a cold outbreak is usually less than 2 inches.

Only when a low moves from the middle Rockies through Nebraska, allowing easterly winds to draw moist air into the low circulation, does snowfall of appreciable amounts occur. Few of these storms move slowly enough, or are intense enough, to deposit much precipitation in the North Platte area. However, during some winters the cold outbreak and intense low from the mid-Rockies combine to produce severe cold and snow several inches in depth, with blizzard conditions following. During and after these snowfalls and blizzards, rail and highway traffic may be stalled until the snow is cleared. Widespread loss of unsheltered livestock and wild life results from such conditions.

The sudden and frequent weather changes of the winter continue through spring with decreasing intensity of temperature changes but increasing precipitation. The summer and fall months bring frequent changes from hot to cool weather. Most summer and fall precipitation is associated with thunderstorms, so the amounts are extremely variable. The surrounding area is occasionally damaged by locally severe winds and hailstorms.

Temperatures may reach into the upper 90s and lower 100s frequently during the summer months, but the elevation and clear skies bring rapid cooling after sunset to lows in the 60s or below by daybreak. Since the humidity is generally low, the extremely hot days of summer are not uncomfortable.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is September 24 and the average last occurrence in the spring is May 11.

STATION LOCATION

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATED STATION	* Type M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND												
							WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND				WIND
<u>CITY</u>																			
Fort McPherson	11/?/66	4/?/80		41° 03'	100°31'	2695											Break in record March-October 1867.		
North Platte Public School Building	9/18/74	6/20/76	13 mi. WNW	41° 08'	100°45'		17	28	27										
Court House	6/21/76	2/10/82	300 ft. W	41° 08'	100°45'		71	a18	a18								a - 51 ft. to 10/29/77. b - 3 ft. to 6/23/77.		
Odd Fellows Hall, Corner 5th and Spruce Streets	2/11/82	11/30/05	500 ft. N	41° 08'	100°45'	2821	d52	c43	c43								c - 21 ft. to 6/1/87. d - 43 ft. to 1/1/82. e - 35 ft. to 1/1/03.		
214 West Fifth Street	12/01/05	6/30/50	800 ft. W	41° 08'	100°45'	2806	51	11	11		f4						f - Added 4/15/06, removed 9/21/48.		
<u>AIRPORT</u>																			
"Old Hangar" Municipal Airport	9/08/30	10/15/30		41° 08'	100°42'	2783	45	5	5										
CAA Building Municipal Airport	10/15/30	1/04/40	100 ft. NE	41° 08'	100°42'	2783	46	5	5								CAA 5/28/35 to 8/1/39.		
New CAA Building	1/04/40	1/15/52	200 ft. S	41° 08'	100°42'	2783	48	5	5		3	4	3				Ground instruments moved 60 ft. south 2/28/45. Triple register from WBO 9/21/48.		
Administration Building Lee Bird Field	1/15/52	Present	5/8 mi. E	41° 08'	100°41'	c2775 j2779	a20	6 d5	6 d5	17 f23	e5	4 d5	4 d4 15	b5 g5 H5	NA		a - 32 ft. to 8/12/64. b - Commissioned 1550 ft. SSE of thermometer site 8/12/64. c - 2779 ft. to 8/12/64. d - Relocated about 165 ft. WSW of previous location 7/12/68 and moved 200 ft. NNE 12/17/74. e - Commissioned 4/21/75. f - Effective 11/22/71. g - Effective 11/21/80. h - Type change 7/1/80. i - Type change 1/9/86. j - Moved 20' SSW 5/4/87. k - Changed 06/06/95		
																	S ASOS Commissioned 02/01/96		

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