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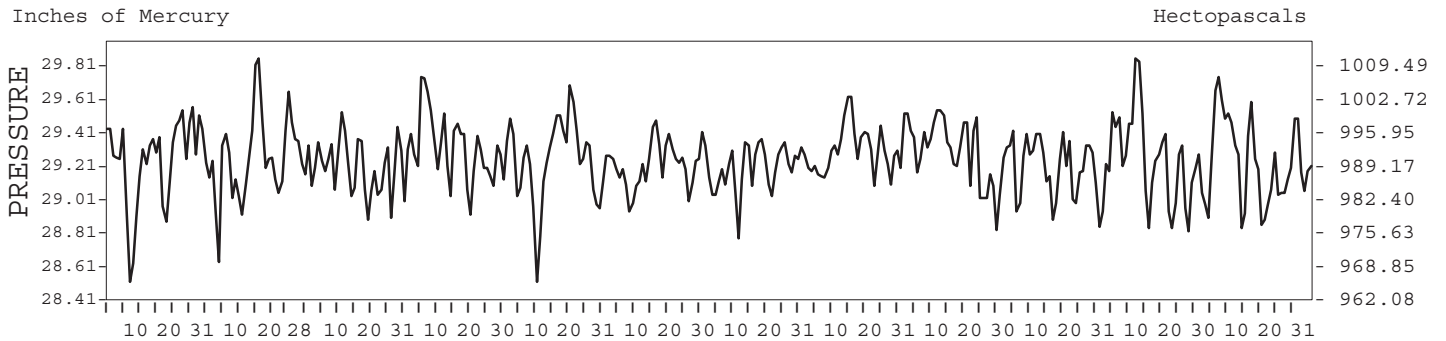
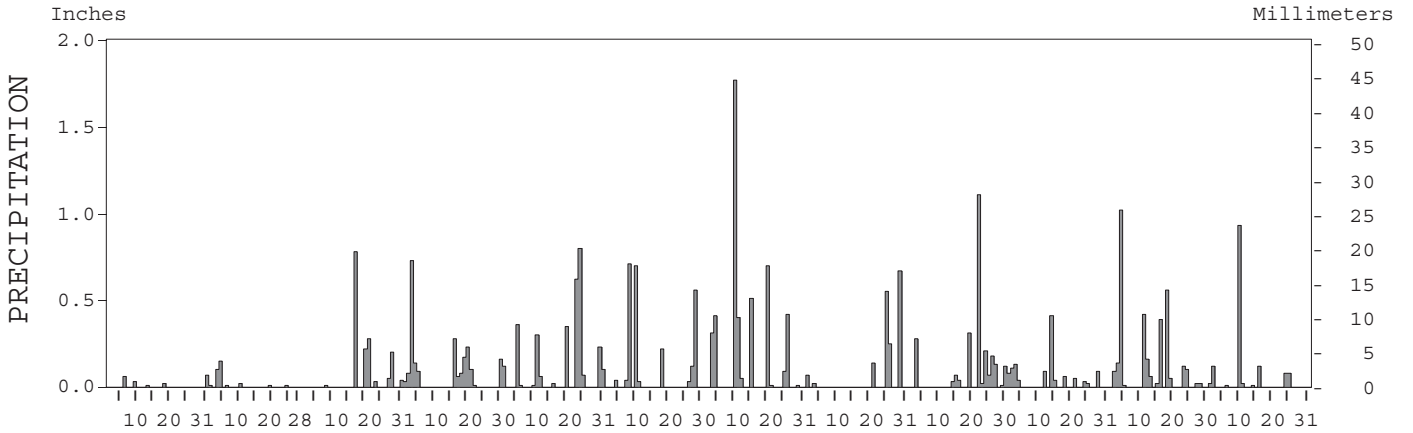
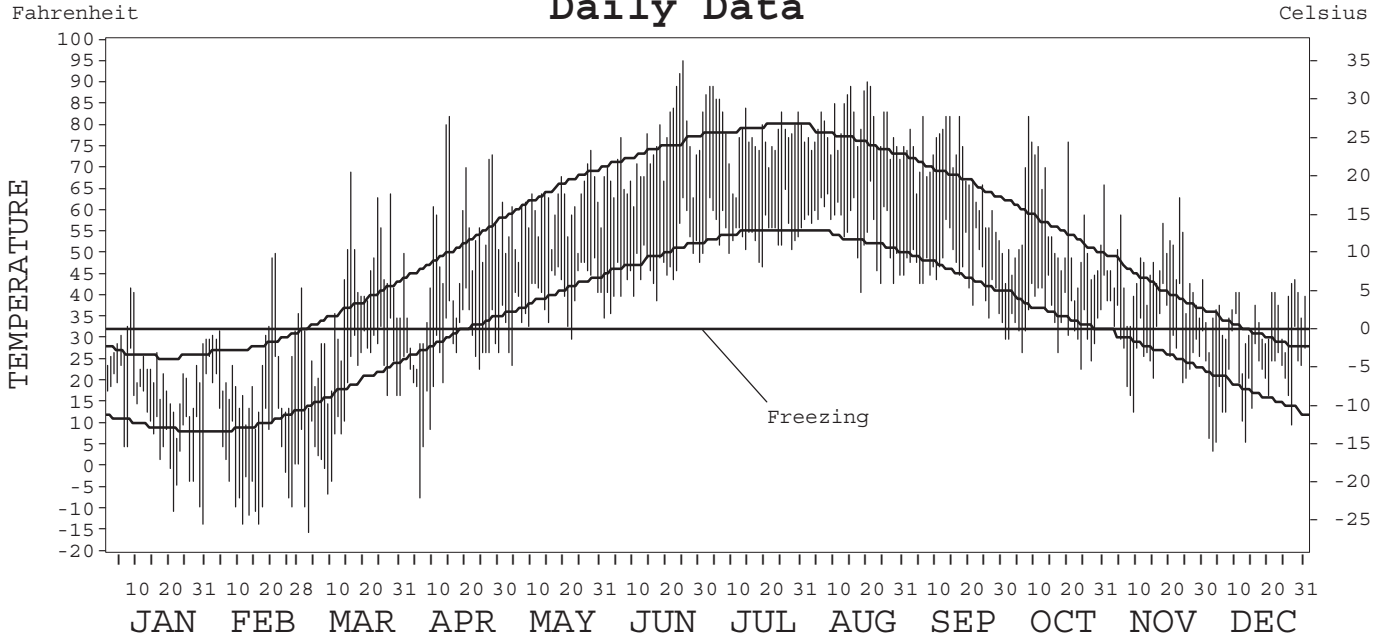
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2003

ALPENA, MI (APN)

LATITUDE: 45° 04' 18" N LONGITUDE: 83° 34' 52" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 683 BARO: 686 TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC + 5) WBAN: 94849

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	23.2	23.7	38.3	49.2	60.2	73.7	78.5	79.6	69.0	55.5	45.4	34.9	52.6	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	42	50	69	82	74	95	89	90	82	63	44	44	95	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	21	16	15	28	25	04+	20	17+	08	23	28	JUN 25	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	9.3	3.0	15.5	25.7	39.8	46.8	54.7	55.3	46.2	34.6	29.2	20.1	31.7	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-13	-13	-15	-7	24	35	47	41	34	23	13	4	-15	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	30	16+	03	06	04	01	19	18	30	24	09	03	MAR 03	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	16.3	13.4	26.9	37.5	50.0	60.3	66.6	67.5	57.6	45.1	37.3	27.5	42.2	
	MEAN WET BULB	15.6	13.0	24.2	33.5	45.9	54.6	61.3	62.4	54.1	42.0		26.2		
	MEAN DEW POINT	10.6	7.5	17.8	26.1	40.7	49.7	57.2	58.8	51.1	38.5		22.8		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	28	24	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	80	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	31	28	29	23	3	0	0	0	0	13	20	29	176	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	7	13	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1503	1439	1173	819	455	167	23	40	223	608	824	1153	8427	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	33	83	122	9	0	0	0	247	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	75	74	71	66	74	71	74	76	80	80	80	82	75	
	HOUR 01 LST	78	81	78	77	86	88	87	90	91	90	87	87	85	
	HOUR 07 LST	83	82	84	77	84	82	86	92	93	91	86	85	85	
	HOUR 13 LST	68	65	58	53	60	51	56	56	63	63	70	73	61	
	HOUR 19 LST	76	72	66	62	65	60	63	68	78	82	80	82	71	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	0	4	5	5	2	4	7	4	1	5	4	43	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	2	4	1	3	7	8	2	1	0	0	28	
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.)	29.24	29.25	29.20	29.30	29.23	29.21	29.19	29.30	29.27	29.18	29.23	29.24	29.24	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.02	30.03	29.97	30.07	29.98	29.95	29.93	30.04	30.02	29.94		30.01		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.9	3.1	1.4	2.7	2.8	0.4	1.6	1.3	2.6	2.6	3.0			
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	28	26	06	06	05	28	31	20	25	24			
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	9.0	7.9	8.1	9.5	7.9	5.8	6.7	5.9	6.5	6.5	8.2	7.3	7.4	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	25	25	07	11	11	23	22	13	21	23	31	31	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	24	25	29	28	28	22	25	26	24	22	29	29	29	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	32	33	33	20	22	01	33	01	32	21	32	26	26	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	23	02	20	11	19+	03	21	30	20+	13	31	DEC 31	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	38	35	37	37	37	29	31	38	32	32	38	43	43	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	30	29	33	23	22	10	12	28	33	21	31	30	30		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	04	02	20	11	12	10+	26	30	20	13+	31	DEC 31		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.19	0.31	1.61	2.16	3.05	2.45	4.68	1.70	2.58	1.15	3.18	1.39	24.45	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.07	0.25	0.78	0.74	1.31	0.73	1.98	0.80	1.12	0.41	1.08	0.95	1.98	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	31	03-04	17	03-04	23-24	10-11	10-11	25-26	22-23	14	03-04	10-11	JUL 10-11	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	5	7	8	13	13	9	11	6	13	12	15	9	121	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	0	2	4	7	8	5	7	4	7	3	8	3	58		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3		
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

ALPENA, MI (APN)

LATITUDE: 45° 04' 18" N LONGITUDE: 83° 34' 52" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 683 BARO: 686 TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC + 5) WBAN: 94849

ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	26.1	28.2	37.3	50.3	64.3	73.8	79.0	76.1	67.4	55.6	42.2	31.2	52.6
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	44	26.8	28.8	37.8	51.6	64.7	74.7	79.6	77.1	68.7	56.7	43.0	31.8	53.4
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	45	52	65	80	90	94	103	102	102	94	88	76	65	103
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1998	1984	2000	2002	1962	1995	1983	1988	1983	1971	1978	2001	JUN 1995
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	44	43.4	46.8	61.0	76.4	85.0	91.1	92.9	90.2	84.8	77.1	62.2	49.9	71.7
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	9.5	9.7	18.7	30.2	40.0	48.8	54.5	52.9	45.2	35.6	27.0	16.9	32.4
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	44	9.8	9.4	17.9	30.1	39.8	48.7	54.3	52.9	45.8	36.4	27.8	17.3	32.5
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	45	-2.8	-3.7	-2.7	-7	2.0	28	34	30	25	16	-6	-1.8	-3.7
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1994	1979	1962	2003	1966	1966	1965	1982	1993	1997	1995	1985	FEB 1979
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	44	-13.0	-14.3	-5.5	15.0	26.3	34.9	41.1	39.3	30.5	22.3	10.8	-4.7	15.2
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	17.8	19.0	28.0	40.3	52.2	61.3	66.7	64.5	56.3	45.6	34.6	24.0	42.5
	MEAN DRY BULB	44	18.2	19.0	27.9	40.9	52.3	61.6	66.9	65.0	57.2	46.6	35.2	24.5	42.9
	MEAN WET BULB	20	19.2	19.6	26.3	36.6	47.4	56.7	61.6	61.0	53.8	43.1	33.0	23.1	40.1
	MEAN DEW POINT	20	15.2	14.7	20.5	29.9	41.4	52.0	57.7	57.5	50.5	39.0	29.0	19.3	35.6
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.2	1.7	2.8	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	21.9	18.0	8.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.3	15.6	69.5	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	30.2	27.1	27.8	18.3	5.7	0.3	0.0	*	2.0	10.6	21.6	28.7	172.3	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	7.2	7.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	19.6	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1448	1285	1133	729	394	150	46	82	267	587	897	1256	8274
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	3	13	54	115	82	22	1	0	0	290
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	78	76	73	67	68	71	73	77	79	77	78	80	75
	HOUR 01 LST	30	81	80	80	77	81	86	88	90	89	84	82	83	83
	HOUR 07 LST	30	82	82	84	80	79	82	86	91	92	87	84	84	84
	HOUR 13 LST	30	72	67	61	53	52	54	54	59	61	62	69	73	61
	HOUR 19 LST	30	77	73	68	60	58	61	62	69	76	76	78	80	70
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	37	36	45	53	53	59	63	63	57	50	41	27	27	48
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	43	1.6	1.7	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.1	3.1	2.5	2.8	2.2	1.6	28.4
	THUNDERSTORMS	43	0.1	0.1	1.0	2.1	3.9	5.1	6.8	5.9	3.7	1.5	0.3	0.1	30.6
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	37	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.5	5.1	5.5	6.4	6.5	5.4
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	32	6.3	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.6	5.3	6.2	6.4	5.2
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
CLEAR	38	3.1	4.1	6.4	6.3	7.5	7.6	7.6	8.4	6.0	4.8	2.3	1.8	65.9	
PARTLY CLOUDY	38	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.6	9.6	10.6	12.9	10.5	9.3	8.1	5.8	6.3	103.0	
CLOUDY	38	20.6	17.1	16.6	16.2	14.0	11.7	9.7	11.4	13.8	17.3	21.0	22.0	191.4	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	31	29.20	29.30	29.21	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.30	29.30	29.21	29.30	29.24	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	20	30.00	30.06	30.05	29.97	29.97	29.94	29.97	30.03	30.01	30.03	30.02	30.05	30.01
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	27	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.3	8.4	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	8.3
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	28	29	30	30	30	11	13	24	24	24	24	24	24	30
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	7	30	33	35	38	33	31	34	31	38	31	38	33	38
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		33	24	20	16	18	01	18	22	19	33	20	26	20
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2000	2001	2002	1997	2001	1997	1997	2001	2002	2001	1998	2001	NOV 1998
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	7	41	49	47	52	40	39	41	39	46	44	56	45	56	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		09	22	20	28	06	27	18	33	30	32	22	23	22	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1999	2001	2002	2002	1997	2000	1997	1998	1998	2001	1998	2001	NOV 1998	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	1.76	1.35	2.13	2.31	2.61	2.53	3.17	3.50	2.80	2.33	2.08	1.83	28.40
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	45	4.12	3.88	7.37	4.15	8.29	8.37	7.17	6.26	7.12	6.53	7.45	5.07	8.37
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1998	1980	1983	1969	1975	1994	1986	1991	1966	1996	JUN 1969
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	45	0.16	0.12	0.34	1.18	0.99	0.20	0.22	0.92	0.28	0.61	0.61	0.39	0.12
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1961	1982	1993	1978	1988	1991	1989	1970	1979	1971	1986	1994	FEB 1982
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	45	1.83	1.51	1.97	1.20	2.50	2.65	3.15	3.18	3.02	3.56	1.93	1.63	3.56
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1978	1997	1998	1991	1973	1969	1974	1968	1968	1998	1966	1971	OCT 1998
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	15.3	11.6	12.7	11.5	11.1	10.3	10.6	10.6	12.2	12.5	13.5	14.8	146.7	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	3.7	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	21.8	16.5	12.9	5.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.4	8.5	19.6	85.8
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	39	43.5	33.4	35.8	12.7	3.7	0.0	0.0	T	T	4.3	34.8	46.3	46.3
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1978	1967	1971	1992	1974			1996	1995	1969	1995	1970	DEC 1970
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	39	16.3	13.7	17.3	12.2	4.2	0.9	T	T	T	3.8	16.1	16.4	17.3
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1978	1994	1985	1992	1994	1994	1996	1991	1995	1969	1966	1989	MAR 1985
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	37	610	632	566	59	3	0	0	0	0	3	111	451	632
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1979	1985	1962	1972	1994					1969	1995	1989	FEB 1985
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	6.1	4.6	3.6	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.5	5.8	24.7	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2003 ALPENa, MI (APN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	3.04	1.38	0.64	2.97	2.61	3.15	5.17	2.03	2.18	1.43	1.42	1.04	27.06
1975	2.14	1.26	2.26	1.70	4.45	3.23	7.17	5.76	1.97	0.91	2.51	0.93	34.29
1976	1.73	2.24	4.44	1.33	2.43	2.82	2.03	2.54	1.30	2.14	0.79	0.61	24.40
1977	0.72	2.19	2.49	2.15	1.85	1.38	3.38	4.75	4.01	1.22	2.33	2.28	28.75
1978	3.31	0.60	1.07	1.18	2.69	1.13	2.96	2.65	6.09	1.26	1.55	2.26	26.75
1979	1.79	1.06	2.13	3.02	2.50	2.76	4.54	2.14	0.28	2.58	1.94	2.09	26.83
1980	0.95	0.47	1.22	4.15	1.87	3.34	2.11	3.29	2.51	0.99	1.03	2.19	24.12
1981	0.46	1.93	1.01	3.41	1.14	2.11	1.50	2.20	2.38	2.98	1.12	1.17	21.41
1982	2.06	0.12	2.33	1.62	1.68	3.37	1.65	3.07	3.61	1.45	2.73	2.81	26.50
1983	1.80	1.48	2.82	2.70	8.29	1.76	2.48	2.62	3.50	3.90	1.74	1.92	35.01
1984	0.89	0.81	2.22	2.89	1.89	2.88	2.35	5.92	3.76	2.79	2.01	2.22	30.63
1985	1.71	2.77	2.77	2.63	2.70	1.00	3.80	4.74	3.07	2.80	3.24	2.60	33.83
1986	1.04	1.06	2.30	1.86	2.41	3.36	5.28	1.83	7.12	2.83	0.61	0.95	30.65
1987	0.94	0.87	0.94	1.20	1.75	3.38	1.17	4.77	3.29	2.00	2.21	2.17	24.69
1988	1.51	1.04	2.72	3.25	0.99	0.84	2.61	4.48	1.50	3.43	3.54	1.24	27.15
1989	1.42	0.61	2.68	2.20	1.89	2.67	0.22	2.29	1.90	2.20	2.27	1.53	21.88
1990	2.44	1.17	2.89	2.32	2.88	4.18	3.69	2.35	1.58	3.07	2.89	1.79	31.25
1991	0.96	0.49	3.04	2.57	6.26	0.20	5.16	3.38	2.24	6.53	1.50	1.44	33.77
1992	1.70	1.70	1.50	2.61	1.10	1.69	3.37	2.65	2.53	2.34	4.01	1.24	26.44
1993	1.33	0.81	0.34	3.16	2.49	4.00	1.71	5.67	1.51	1.98	2.56	0.41	25.97
1994	1.95	1.04	1.29	2.64	1.58	3.23	5.53	6.26	1.61	1.38	2.90	0.39	29.80
1995	1.77	0.84	0.99	3.16	1.29	2.01	2.96	2.34	1.72	1.89	4.17	1.36	24.50
1996	1.42	1.51	0.49	2.78	1.20	2.29	4.06	1.75	6.16	2.37	0.76	5.07	29.86
1997	4.12	3.88	2.49	1.77	2.66	0.42	3.05	5.83	2.86	1.82	1.31	0.73	30.94
1998	3.73	0.82	7.37	1.24	2.36	2.91	1.09	2.47	2.92	4.61	2.24	1.41	33.17
1999	2.32	1.39	0.73	1.39	1.56	3.32	2.07	1.32	2.30	1.39	0.78	1.64	20.21
2000	1.69	2.05	0.92	1.65	3.82	2.75	1.34	1.38	3.60	0.87	3.22	0.67	23.96
2001	0.78	1.37	0.36	2.46	4.19	2.01	0.39	2.74	6.46	3.32	1.48	1.46	27.02
2002	0.39	1.82	2.11	2.66	3.87	2.95	3.72	1.99	1.24	2.20	1.32	0.53	24.80
2003	0.19	0.31	1.61	2.16	3.05	2.45	4.68	1.70	2.58	1.15	3.18	1.39	24.45
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WBAN : 94849

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2003 ALPENa, MI (APN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	20.8	14.1	27.8	41.7	48.2	60.5	67.1	64.8	53.1	44.5	36.5	28.0	42.3
1975	22.4	21.9	25.0	35.8	58.0	63.7	68.7	65.7	53.6	49.0	40.7	23.8	44.0
1976	12.6	23.6	30.6	45.0	50.9	65.8	67.5	66.1	57.0	43.4	30.4	15.0	42.3
1977	10.2	19.4	35.9	43.3	56.5	59.2	67.2	61.3	58.2	45.7	34.7	22.4	42.8
1978	16.2	14.1	24.5	36.0	55.4	60.7	65.9	65.6	58.5	46.3	36.0	23.7	41.9
1979	13.9	8.6	31.3	41.1	50.8	60.8	66.9	63.1	59.0	44.7	33.9	28.4	41.9
1980	19.8	16.8	26.1	40.4	53.7	56.8	67.6	68.6	57.2	43.7	33.6	18.6	41.9
1981	14.7	24.5	32.1	44.3	52.0	62.4	67.5	64.9	54.1	41.4	35.8	26.3	43.3
1982	11.2	17.3	25.4	37.5	56.9	56.4	67.9	61.6	57.4	48.7	36.0	31.4	42.3
1983	22.2	25.1	30.8	39.8	47.0	61.9	72.2	68.5	59.8	45.6	35.0	18.7	43.9
1984	13.1	28.4	24.6	43.3	48.5	63.2	66.4	67.5	54.4	48.6	35.3	27.9	43.4
1985	16.3	17.6	30.5	44.8	53.7	58.5	65.8	63.9	59.1	46.8	35.3	19.6	42.7
1986	18.3	19.3	30.1	45.0	54.6	58.7	68.2	62.4	57.2	45.9	33.3	29.2	43.5
1987	23.2	22.4	32.5	44.9	55.5	65.3	70.4	65.6	59.8	43.4	38.0	29.4	45.9
1988	18.6	15.4	27.6	41.6	56.0	64.8	71.6	68.1	58.0	43.1	37.4	23.9	43.8
1989	25.7	16.8	23.9	39.2	53.7	60.8	68.7	64.8	56.2	47.8	31.1	12.5	41.8
1990	26.9	22.1	31.1	44.3	50.4	61.9	66.8	65.8	57.1	45.4	38.5	26.7	44.8
1991	18.6	26.2	31.2	45.4	58.4	65.6	67.7	68.3	55.5	47.9	33.9	25.0	45.3
1992	22.3	23.5	26.8	38.5	52.6	58.5	61.3	62.0	55.7	44.3	34.1	27.9	42.3
1993	21.5	16.1	26.8	39.1	51.4	59.8	69.5	67.8	52.2	43.7	34.6	25.9	42.4
1994	8.1	11.6	28.9	43.1	53.1	64.1	66.9	63.5	59.9	49.0	38.9	32.1	43.3
1995	24.0	16.8	32.0	37.9	53.1	65.6	68.6	68.5	55.2	49.0	29.4	20.6	43.4
1996	15.8	17.5	24.7	36.9	48.4	62.0	64.2	66.4	59.6	46.5	31.4	26.0	41.6
1997	17.4	20.7	26.1	39.1	46.0	64.4	66.1	62.0	57.6	46.0	33.0	29.4	42.3
1998	24.3	29.7	29.9	43.4	58.1	62.0	67.4	67.2	59.9	47.9	38.4	29.0	46.4
1999	18.1	24.6	28.9	43.2	54.4	65.0	70.1	63.3	58.4	45.8	40.5	26.5	44.9
2000	19.5	24.1	36.8	40.7	54.4	60.9	64.8	63.8	56.6	48.8	35.9	16.6	43.6
2001	23.6	20.5	27.4	44.1	56.9	64.5	67.0	69.3	57.2	47.2	42.8	32.2	46.1
2002	26.3	24.9	25.5	41.6	48.0	62.7	71.1	65.9	63.2	42.1	33.0	26.3	44.2
2003	16.3	13.4	26.9	37.5	50.0	60.3	66.6	67.5	57.6	45.1	37.3	27.5	42.2
POR= 129 YRS	19.3	19.0	27.0	39.8	51.2	61.0	66.6	64.8	57.2	47.2	35.4	24.8	42.8

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 ALPENA, MI (APN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	46	63	358	628	849	1140	1312	1198	1234	868	251	103	8050
1975-76	43	72	334	488	724	1267	1621	1197	1061	612	430	68	7917
1976-77	27	70	270	663	1031	1547	1696	1270	892	643	294	206	8609
1977-78	49	156	206	587	902	1317	1506	1421	1245	860	331	191	8771
1978-79	63	48	212	577	862	1270	1580	1576	1038	712	443	164	8545
1979-80	45	107	217	630	929	1128	1396	1390	1201	729	352	281	8405
1980-81	25	15	248	652	937	1430	1551	1129	1013	616	397	115	8128
1981-82	43	62	325	725	868	1193	1663	1330	1219	819	249	250	8746
1982-83	29	145	258	501	864	1034	1319	1112	1053	748	551	154	7768
1983-84	24	32	216	600	893	1427	1605	1054	1247	644	505	105	8352
1984-85	42	39	314	502	884	1144	1502	1321	1060	613	353	197	7971
1985-86	50	88	217	554	885	1401	1441	1272	1075	594	338	209	8124
1986-87	43	105	240	588	945	1100	1289	1188	1002	594	332	75	7501
1987-88	45	64	164	660	805	1096	1431	1433	1151	697	290	112	7948
1988-89	8	77	213	673	824	1269	1211	1342	1268	769	345	147	8146
1989-90	16	90	272	525	1010	1621	1173	1194	1045	639	443	131	8159
1990-91	39	38	259	600	787	1181	1433	1080	1040	595	262	63	7377
1991-92	34	40	304	525	927	1233	1317	1197	1177	784	392	213	8143
1992-93	123	136	286	639	919	1144	1341	1362	1178	772	418	170	8488
1993-94	9	39	378	655	902	1207	1767	1491	1114	655	376	105	8698
1994-95	37	90	177	488	774	1014	1264	1344	1018	805	369	74	7454
1995-96	25	21	303	490	1059	1369	1518	1373	1243	839	521	137	8898
1996-97	53	32	191	564	1004	1202	1469	1231	1198	771	584	85	8384
1997-98	73	125	225	583	952	1097	1255	984	1081	640	235	156	7406
1998-99	24	36	171	525	790	1109	1448	1125	1110	645	339	100	7422
1999-00	18	89	208	586	727	1188	1404	1180	867	725	347	157	7496
2000-01	76	80	267	495	863	1493	1276	1242	1161	620	254	100	7927
2001-02	55	20	255	543	661	1011	1192	1115	1219	710	520	144	7445
2002-03	21	45	132	709	950	1192	1503	1439	1173	819	455	167	8605
2003-	23	40	223	608	824	1153							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 ALPENA, MI (APN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	0	0	0	4	3	24	118	64	8	0	0	0	221
1975	0	0	0	0	39	71	167	102	1	0	0	0	380
1976	0	0	0	18	0	96	113	112	36	0	0	0	375
1977	0	0	0	0	36	39	125	48	9	0	0	0	257
1978	0	0	0	0	39	68	99	73	26	0	0	0	305
1979	0	0	0	0	10	47	112	55	41	7	0	0	272
1980	0	0	0	0	9	43	114	133	19	0	0	0	318
1981	0	0	0	3	1	44	124	65	3	0	0	0	240
1982	0	0	0	0	6	1	125	43	37	0	0	0	212
1983	0	0	0	0	0	68	254	144	67	3	0	0	536
1984	0	0	0	0	0	58	92	123	5	0	0	0	278
1985	0	0	0	14	9	8	81	61	46	0	0	0	219
1986	0	0	0	0	24	26	150	34	10	0	0	0	244
1987	0	0	0	0	46	91	218	88	13	0	0	0	456
1988	0	0	0	0	18	113	217	179	9	0	0	0	536
1989	0	0	0	0	1	26	134	89	16	0	0	0	266
1990	0	0	0	25	0	45	101	70	30	0	0	0	271
1991	0	0	0	11	65	88	125	150	25	2	0	0	466
1992	0	0	0	0	13	25	14	51	16	4	0	0	123
1993	0	0	0	0	3	21	153	130	5	0	0	0	312
1994	0	0	0	2	17	83	107	51	30	0	0	0	290
1995	0	0	0	0	7	99	146	136	15	2	0	0	405
1996	0	0	0	0	10	51	36	82	36	0	0	0	215
1997	0	0	0	0	0	75	114	41	9	1	0	0	240
1998	0	0	0	0	28	71	105	111	26	0	0	0	341
1999	0	0	0	0	18	108	185	41	14	0	0	0	366
2000	0	0	0	0	28	42	75	49	22	0	0	0	216
2001	0	0	0	0	13	94	125	161	28	0	0	0	421
2002	0	0	0	16	2	82	218	83	85	10	0	0	496
2003	0	0	0	0	0	33	83	122	9	0	0	0	247

SNOWFALL (inches) 2003 ALPENA, MI (APN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	7.7	12.6	14.0	13.0	17.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	66.4
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.9	16.0	34.3	18.0	18.9	3.5	0.1	0.0	101.7
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	8.0	13.8	17.3	11.3	3.4	4.6	0.0	0.0	60.9
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	19.5	26.1	43.5	16.8	8.5	0.1	T	0.0	114.5
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.8	29.1	23.3	13.5	4.8	9.1	2.2	0.0	89.8
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.2	20.0	12.0	11.8	15.7	12.3	0.0	0.0	78.2
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.6	32.2	14.0	20.5	9.3	T	0.0	0.0	82.1
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.9	18.0	39.8	3.6	20.1	3.6	0.0	0.0	89.3
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.7	4.7	22.4	18.3	16.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	73.7
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.5	22.1	21.2	8.8	9.2	7.4	0.3	0.0	74.5
1984-85	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	4.5	15.3	40.6	30.7	26.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	122.7
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	15.4	27.7	17.2	16.0	12.6	3.6	T	0.0	92.5
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.1	11.1	12.3	17.2	3.5	7.9	0.0	0.0	56.2
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	6.6	16.2	13.6	22.7	21.5	5.2	0.0	0.0	86.5
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.3	15.3	17.0	12.7	29.8	8.0	0.1	0.0	87.1
1989-90	0.0	0.0	T	0.7	19.1	41.3	25.0	16.4	2.8	10.3	0.3	0.0	115.9
1990-91	0.0	T	0.0	0.3	10.2	19.7	17.1	12.8	6.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	68.3
1991-92	0.0	T	T	T	2.7	26.6	16.5	21.3	5.3	12.7	0.0	0.0	85.1
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	10.2	8.1	16.3	19.3	7.9	12.5	T	0.0	77.1
1993-94	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	2.7	4.7	43.0	21.3	9.4	4.8	0.2	0.0	86.3
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	11.9	1.8	18.1	18.5	8.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	61.9
1995-96	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	34.8	25.0	20.8	15.8	8.4	8.1	0.9	0.0	114.0
1996-97	T	T	0.0	0.2	6.6								
1997-98					4.7								
1998-99													
1999-00					2.2	6.5	19.4	15.6	2.0				
2000-01													
2001-02													
2002-03													
2003-													
POR= 37 YRS	0.0	T	T	0.6	8.6	19.7	21.8	16.0	12.7	4.9	0.5	0.0	84.8

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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 (1971 - 2000). 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 EIGHTS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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ALPENA,
MICHIGAN (APN)

The city of Alpena lies on the northwest shore of Thunder Bay, 8 miles from the open waters of Lake Huron. Lake Huron and Thunder Bay lie at an elevation of 580 feet above sea level. Generally, the land slopes up westward from the lakeshore to 689 feet at the airport. Farther to the west and southwest the land becomes higher and more rolling. A range of hills with tops 1,000 to 1,350 feet lies northwest to southeast about 25 miles southwest of the station.

Summer showers moving from the southwest weaken and sometimes dissipate as they approach Alpena. Winter storms often bring winds with an easterly component. Precipitation from these is increased by moisture and instability picked up from Lake Huron and by forced upslope flow.

The climate of Alpena is influenced by its location with respect to major storm tracks and the effects of the Great Lakes. The normal wintertime storm track is south of the city, and most passing storms bring snow. Rain, freezing rain, and sleet are uncommon, but not unknown, in winter. In summer, most storms pass to the north, often bringing brief showers to the area, but occasionally, heavy thunderstorms with damaging winds occur. The Great Lakes modify most climatic extremes. Precipitation amounts are distributed evenly throughout the year. The lake effect is most pronounced in early winter, before ice forms. Minimum temperatures during this season are higher than would be expected at this latitude. But as nearby waters, particularly the Straits of Mackinac, freeze over, sub-zero temperatures become fairly common by February.

Summers in Alpena are warm and sunny. Brief showers usually occur every few days, often falling on only part of the area. Hailstorms average less than one a year. During prolonged heat waves the highest temperatures in Michigan often occur in the forest area southwest of Alpena. Winter months are cloudy and marked by frequent snow flurries. Storms bring heavier snowfall. Snow cover is sufficiently deep and persistent to provide good protection for grasses and winter grains.

The climate along the immediate Lake Huron shore is semi-maritime and lacks the temperature extremes experienced just a few miles inland. Maximum temperatures near the lake shore average 1.6 degrees lower than those at the airport, minimum temperatures average 5 degrees higher. Afternoon lake breezes which are strongest in the late spring and early summer cause lake shore maximum temperatures to average 3.6 degrees lower during the month of May.

Freezing temperatures have occurred as late as late June and as early as late August. Principal crops in the area are hay, potatoes, berries, and apples.

Prevailing winds are from the northwest except during May and June when southeast winds predominate. Southeast winds are common in the afternoon during all the summer months.

STATION LOCATION

ALPENA, MICHIGAN

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	* TYPE M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND											
							GROUND	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING BUCKET	WEIGHING RAIN GAGE	8 INCH RAIN GAGE	HYGROMETER			
*NOTE: <u>AIRPORT</u> Terminal Building Phelps Collins Field	8/25/59	04/01/96	7 mi. W	45°04'	83°34'	689	33g22	5j5		18	3f4 i4 j5	5f4 j5	3j4	h5 k5	f. Effective 6/20/62. g. Effective 7/26/74. h. Commissioned 950' NE of thermometer site 10/2/75. i. Minor move 7/25/78. j. Relocated 5/22/80 k. Type change 11/16/84.			
Phelps Collins Airport	04/01/96	Present	NA	45°04'	83°35'	1683								S	ASOS Commissioned 04/01/96 l. Ground elevation.			

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