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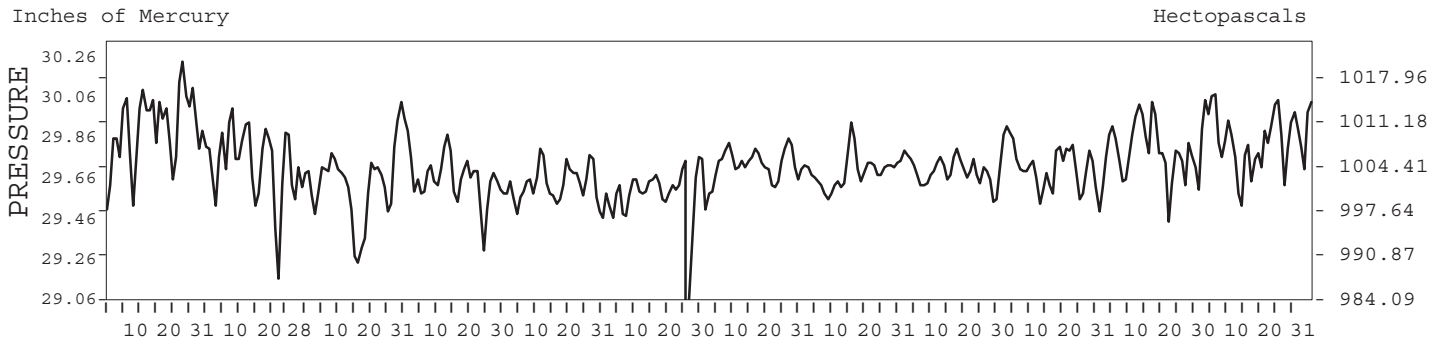
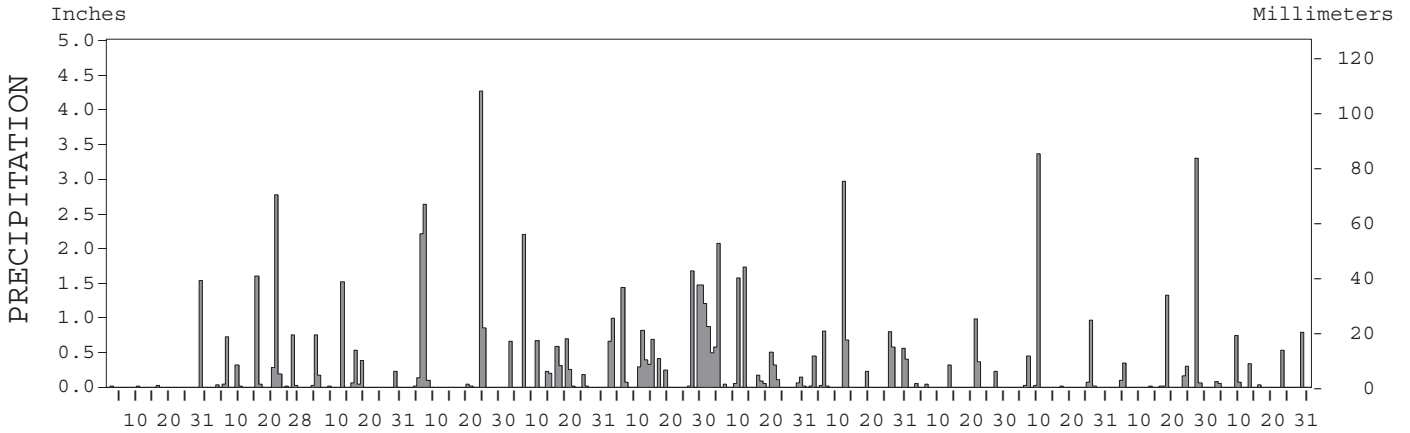
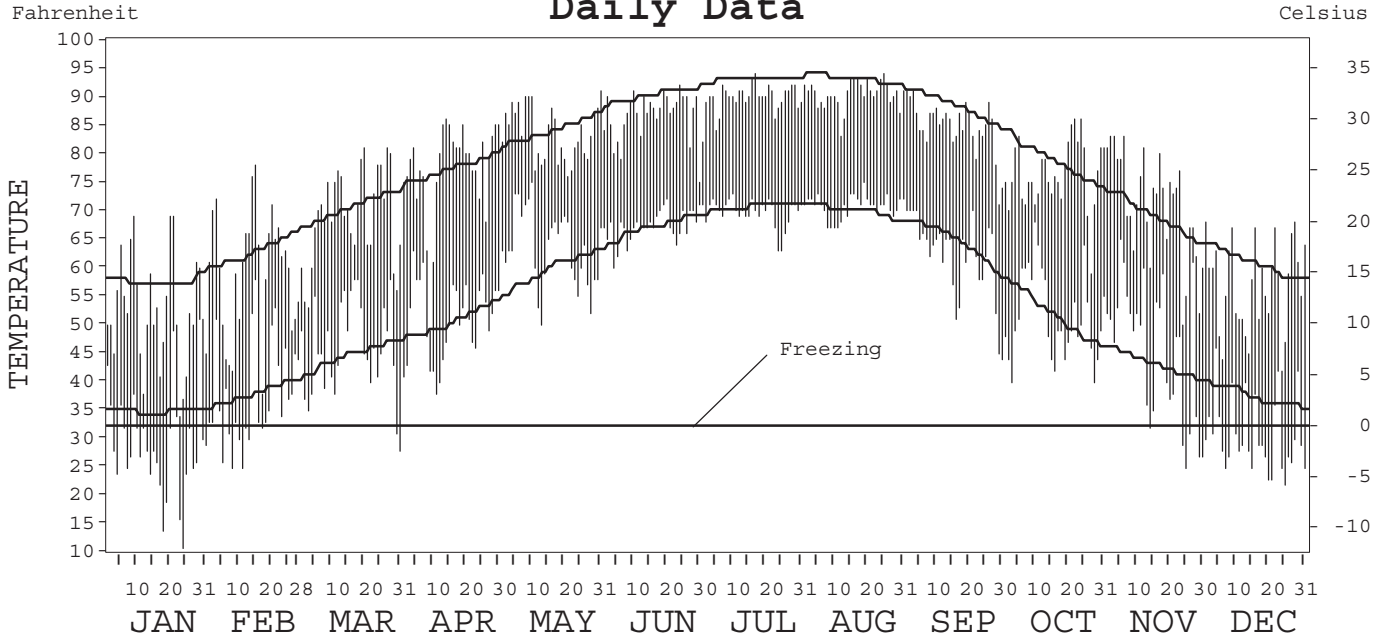
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2003

MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

LATITUDE: 32° 19' 59" N LONGITUDE: 88° 45' 04" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 289 BARO: 292 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 13865

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	52.3	59.5	69.1	77.2	83.6	86.7	89.7	90.4	84.6	76.4	70.8	57.0	74.8	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	69	78	81	86	91	92	94	94	91	86	83	68	94	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09+	15	27+	14	31	24	17	25	03+	24+	06+	28+	AUG 25	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	29.0	37.7	45.8	50.9	63.4	67.2	69.7	70.7	62.0	51.5	45.4	30.6	52.0	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	11	25	28	38	50	60	63	67	44	40	25	22	11	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	24	11+	31	11	13	04	25+	11+	30	28+	25	25	JAN 24	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	40.7	48.6	57.5	64.1	73.5	77.0	79.7	80.6	73.3	64.0	58.1	43.8	63.4	
	MEAN WET BULB	36.1	44.6	52.7	58.6					67.7	59.3	53.2	39.9		
	MEAN DEW POINT	29.0	40.2	48.6	54.3					64.9	56.7	49.1	35.2		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	4	9	20	23	3	0	0	0	0	59
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	24	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	22	62	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	747	455	231	78	1	0	0	0	13	72	230	649	2476	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	3	5	60	271	364	464	493	271	48	29	0	2008	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	68	77	78	74	79	82	84	83	80	83	78	77	79	
	HOUR 00 LST	78	88	89	91	91	95	98	96	92	96	90	87	91	
	HOUR 06 LST	82	90	93	95	94	94	99	98	97	97	91	90	93	
	HOUR 12 LST	53	63	60	53	62	68	65	65	57	60	56	58	60	
	HOUR 18 LST	63	69	65	56	68	74	77	77	75	85	80	76	72	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	3	6	3	4	7	6	4	3	11	3	3	55	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	4	8	4	4	9	12	13	6	2	1	1	64	
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.)	29.90	29.73	29.63	29.67	29.62		29.71	29.69	29.70	29.70	29.80	29.84		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.23	30.06	29.95	29.99					30.02	30.03	30.13	30.17		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	2.2	0.6	0.9	1.8			1.1	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.9		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	24	34	27			22	05	05	29	25	29		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	7.0	7.4	5.9	6.0	6.7	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.4	4.3	6.2	6.0	5.6	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	33	15	01	20	19	20	20	20	36	20	20	31	20	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	26	28	29	26	30	29	32	26	28	28	36	28	36	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	27	05	17	16	20	26	33	20	27	17	24	27	24	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	16	21+	20	06	05	02	21	31+	13+	25	18	09	NOV 18	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	32	38	38	32	45	41	38	35	37	37	47	35	47	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	25	18	30	33	27	34	16	26	17	23	27	23		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	16	03	20	06	07	02	21	30	13	25	18	09	NOV 18		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.58	6.78	3.71	10.25	6.01	10.94	10.05	7.52	1.98	4.90	5.62	2.63	71.97	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.54	2.94	1.52	5.12	2.20	1.67	2.07	3.13	1.31	3.38	3.35	0.81	5.12	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	20-21	13	24-25	07	27	05	12-13	21-22	09-10	27-28	09-10	APR 24-25	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	4	13	10	9	12	15	18	12	6	8	10	8	125	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	1	7	6	6	10	13	12	9	4	3	6	4	81		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	1	2	1	3	1	4	4	1	0	1	2	0	20		
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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LATITUDE: 32° 19' 59" N LONGITUDE: 88° 45' 04" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 289 BARO: 292 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 13865

ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	57.5	62.6	70.3	77.1	83.9	90.1	92.9	92.9	88.0	78.3	68.5	60.5	76.9
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	56	57.2	62.0	69.1	77.2	84.2	90.1	92.5	92.1	86.9	78.0	67.9	59.8	76.4
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	58	83	85	90	95	99	104	107	106	105	97	87	84	107
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1982	1974	1987	1951	1988	1980	2000	1990	1954	1946	1998	JUL 1980
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	56	74.6	78.4	83.5	87.7	92.4	96.6	98.4	97.5	95.1	88.8	81.9	76.2	87.6
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	34.7	37.7	44.3	50.4	59.5	66.8	70.5	69.8	64.2	51.3	42.8	37.2	52.4
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	56	34.5	37.6	43.6	51.3	59.7	66.7	70.2	69.4	64.0	51.0	41.7	36.6	52.2
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	58	0	8	15	28	38	42	55	53	34	24	16	2	0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1962	1996	1980	1987	1971	1984	1967	1952	1967	1952	1976	1989	JAN 1962
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	56	16.7	20.4	26.8	34.7	44.8	55.3	63.7	61.5	49.3	34.0	25.4	19.4	37.7
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	46.1	50.2	57.3	63.8	71.7	78.5	81.7	81.4	76.1	64.8	55.7	48.9	64.7
	MEAN DRY BULB	56	45.9	49.8	56.4	64.2	71.9	78.5	81.3	80.8	75.7	64.5	54.9	48.2	64.3
	MEAN WET BULB	18	41.3	45.7	50.9	57.7	65.4	71.1	74.0	73.3	68.4	58.8	50.7	41.4	58.2
	MEAN DEW POINT	18	36.2	40.3	45.2	53.0	61.4	68.0	71.4	70.4	65.0	55.0	46.3	37.1	54.1
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM \geq 90°	30	0.0	0.0	*	0.3	4.2	16.4	24.4	24.2	12.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	83.4
MAXIMUM \leq 32°	30	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	
MINIMUM \leq 32°	30	15.1	10.0	4.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	6.1	12.8	49.0	
MINIMUM \leq 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	598	434	274	111	14	0	0	0	6	106	303	506	2352
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	4	6	26	70	213	400	509	495	331	91	20	8	2173
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	74	72	70	72	74	75	77	76	75	75	75	75	74
	HOUR 00 LST	30	83	82	82	87	89	90	91	91	89	89	87	83	87
	HOUR 06 LST	30	86	86	88	91	92	91	93	93	92	91	89	86	90
	HOUR 12 LST	30	61	56	53	51	55	56	58	55	55	51	55	59	55
	HOUR 18 LST	30	69	60	56	55	60	62	67	65	68	73	73	71	65
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY \leq 1/4 MI)	58	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.8	3.5	3.0	29.4
	THUNDERSTORMS	58	1.9	2.7	4.9	5.4	6.2	7.5	11.3	8.2	3.7	1.7	2.3	1.9	57.7
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	50	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.3	3.6	4.4	4.9	4.6
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	31	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.4	4.1	4.7	4.3
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	50	7.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	8.5	8.0	5.7	9.5	10.5	14.2	10.2	8.7	107.6
PARTLY CLOUDY	50	6.5	6.3	7.4	8.1	10.6	12.8	15.3	13.0	9.1	7.2	7.1	6.7	110.1	
CLOUDY	50	17.1	14.5	15.4	12.7	11.9	9.2	10.0	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.7	15.6	148.2	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	29	29.83	29.78	29.71	29.70	29.66	29.68	29.71	29.71	29.71	29.77	29.80	29.83	29.74
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	17	30.16	30.12	30.05	30.03	30.00	30.01	30.04	30.02	30.03	30.10	30.12	30.17	30.07
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	37	7.1	7.6	7.8	7.2	6.0	5.2	5.0	4.7	5.4	5.4	6.4	7.1	6.2
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	29	36	18	18	18	18	20	20	20	36	36	36	18	18
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	8	41	33	39	48	31	36	51	38	31	30	37	37	51
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		33	18	18	19	22	31	04	34	02	20	19	08	04
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2002	1998	1996	1996	1998	1998	2002	2000	1998	2001	2001	2002	JUL 2002
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	8	58	43	52	57	45	52	67	52	40	40	47	48	67
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		32	09	25	18	33	03	04	09	06	13	23	08	04	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2002	1998	2000	1996	2003	1997	2002	1998	1998	2002	2003	2002	JUL 2002	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	5.92	5.35	6.93	5.62	4.87	3.99	5.45	3.34	3.64	3.28	4.95	5.31	58.65
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	58	13.19	15.95	16.47	16.82	9.79	10.94	15.29	10.28	10.78	10.65	13.93	14.79	16.82
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1998	1990	1976	1964	1980	2003	1959	1992	2002	1970	1948	1973	APR 1964
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	58	1.21	1.46	1.27	0.97	0.27	0.71	1.06	0.72	0.10	0.00	0.38	1.10	0.00
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1986	2000	1955	1987	1951	1968	2000	1989	1982	1963	1956	1980	OCT 1963
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	58	5.74	9.23	7.00	6.36	5.84	3.12	6.95	5.29	5.21	6.04	4.93	8.13	9.23
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1987	1990	1979	1964	1952	1992	1959	1992	1988	1970	2001	1973	FEB 1990
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION \geq 0.01	30	11.1	9.0	10.1	8.9	9.1	9.3	11.3	8.6	7.8	6.2	8.4	10.0	109.8
PRECIPITATION \geq 1.00	30	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.7	18.9	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.4	0.*	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.*	0.7
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	5.8	3.1	5.7	2.7	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	17.6	17.6
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1948	1960	1993	1987	1991		1989				1976	1963	DEC 1963
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	51	4.7	3.1	5.7	2.7	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	15.0	15.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1948	1960	1993	1987	1991		1989				1976	1963	DEC 1963
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	48	15	10	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	15
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1964	1963	1993	1987								1963	JAN 1964
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL \geq 1.0	30	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2003 MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	7.74	5.28	3.68	10.06	3.53	5.72	1.16	4.21	8.11	0.61	5.26	6.47	61.83
1975	8.39	6.30	7.16	7.68	5.12	5.49	6.77	3.82	3.64	4.30	2.84	4.05	65.56
1976	3.00	1.72	16.47	1.01	6.31	3.72	3.09	2.36	1.87	2.54	3.55	4.28	49.92
1977	5.61	4.80	12.63	7.58	3.39	1.56	10.13	4.71	6.60	6.48	5.89	1.68	71.06
1978	5.78	2.55	2.98	3.70	5.76	2.77	3.83	1.61	0.54	0.08	3.10	6.07	38.77
1979	8.72	7.45	8.44	10.73	5.46	3.24	6.48	1.46	8.15	3.19	7.41	2.33	73.06
1980	7.49	3.39	13.87	10.21	9.79	3.30	4.03	1.15	3.62	6.80	3.72	1.10	68.47
1981	1.59	4.65	11.81	1.18	3.66	2.55	3.15	2.21	0.98	3.30	2.60	5.79	43.47
1982	3.16	6.73	4.50	6.52	2.57	4.53	10.18	3.90	0.10	1.69	9.82	9.08	62.78
1983	4.54	9.44	6.62	10.33	7.85	6.71	2.33	3.16	3.45	0.97	8.67	6.62	70.69
1984	2.86	4.83	3.92	5.58	5.06	1.64	6.20	4.83	0.81	9.43	4.87	3.58	53.61
1985	2.45	6.84	3.10	4.57	1.83	2.76	5.29	7.41	5.41	7.46	0.81	4.33	52.26
1986	1.21	2.19	3.67	1.65	7.34	2.21	3.63	5.52	2.54	5.02	10.24	4.16	49.38
1987	8.76	11.33	3.96	0.91	5.73	7.60	1.25	2.69	4.41	0.01	4.05	4.49	55.19
1988	3.14	3.80	4.96	6.33	1.12	0.87	4.62	3.48	9.32	4.29	7.56	7.47	56.96
1989	3.94	3.07	9.82	3.01	7.37	8.91	11.08	0.72	7.10	2.68	5.97	6.68	70.35
1990	11.23	15.95	6.83	4.72	3.77	4.00	3.20	1.61	1.72	0.74	5.14	3.65	62.56
1991	5.78	7.41	6.52	11.78	9.02	3.57	3.80	6.65	6.04	1.13	5.03	6.83	73.56
1992	5.06	5.98	4.30	5.48	1.66	7.48	5.62	10.28	0.89	2.07	10.68	5.94	65.44
1993	11.37	3.11	7.30	4.20	2.91	3.50	2.80	3.52	1.75	5.67	5.01	3.29	54.43
1994	8.25	6.46	6.24	5.43	3.99	5.98	10.62	1.69	2.27	4.76	2.87	6.91	65.47
1995	3.60	3.80	5.24	7.71	5.85	2.29	1.89	4.91	1.44	7.17	4.84	4.83	53.57
1996	5.19	4.12	8.61	4.55	3.12	1.76	9.33	3.75	4.01	2.14	3.45	2.70	52.73
1997	4.44	6.12	3.73	7.82	8.24	5.15	4.84	1.32	1.94	3.68	3.02	4.69	54.99
1998	13.19	5.72	4.22	4.24	1.10	5.33	6.61	3.82	2.40	0.77	3.54	3.82	54.76
1999	7.78	2.34	6.06	1.42	3.80	3.42	2.91	1.39	2.35	4.25	0.65	3.61	39.98
2000	3.11	1.46	3.82	4.45	3.53	4.21	1.06	1.79	3.50	1.39	6.16	4.04	38.52
2001	5.98	4.26	7.92	4.51	4.00	6.39	3.45	9.32	6.14	5.32	6.40	5.33	69.02
2002	5.96	2.84	4.54	1.56	1.95	2.81	4.31	2.34	10.78	10.31	3.34	8.22	58.96
2003	1.58	6.78	3.71	10.25	6.01	10.94	10.05	7.52	1.98	4.90	5.62	2.63	71.97
POR= 114 YRS	5.13	5.23	5.94	5.14	4.38	4.30	5.43	3.93	3.28	2.63	3.84	5.34	54.57

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2003 MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	57.2	51.1	64.3	64.9	74.5	75.7	82.3	81.2	73.4	63.0	55.7	50.0	66.1
1975	50.4	51.7	55.2	60.9	75.7	79.1	81.1	81.1	73.2	63.1	53.9	45.7	64.3
1976	42.6	53.8	58.2	63.2	65.0	73.8	77.9	77.3	72.0	57.8	46.4	43.9	61.0
1977	34.7	47.4	58.0	64.6	72.7	82.0	83.7	82.6	79.2	63.2	58.9	48.2	64.6
1978	38.8	39.3	50.1	62.5	70.1	78.7	81.6	80.8	77.8	62.5	59.1	47.6	62.4
1979	38.0	45.7	56.8	64.4	69.7	75.1	81.7	80.7	75.1	63.8	52.4	47.5	62.6
1980	49.0	46.8	54.7	62.4	72.3	79.0	84.5	83.6	81.1	61.7	54.1	47.4	64.7
1981	43.0	50.7	55.8	70.0	70.0	82.1	84.6	83.4	74.2	64.9	58.5	47.4	65.4
1982	48.2	51.2	61.5	63.6	73.6	79.2	82.3	82.0	75.1	66.9	58.8	56.7	66.6
1983	44.9	48.2	53.9	59.7	69.6	74.8	80.4	81.1	72.3	64.2	53.4	43.8	62.2
1984	40.1	47.9	54.2	60.8	67.9	75.0	78.0	79.5	74.5	71.5	54.5	57.3	63.4
1985	40.2	47.5	62.2	65.5	72.2	79.2	80.7	79.9	74.1	68.4	61.2	42.6	64.5
1986	44.0	52.4	56.5	62.8	72.5	79.6	83.2	79.7	78.3	65.1	59.4	46.5	65.0
1987	44.0	51.0	56.7	62.7	74.8	77.6	81.5	82.0	74.5	58.3	56.0	52.8	64.3
1988	41.7	46.9	55.0	64.5	68.7	78.3	80.1	81.6	76.2	59.7	58.5	48.3	63.3
1989	52.2	49.0	58.1	62.3	70.4	78.1	80.6	80.9	74.6	62.9	56.2	40.1	63.8
1990	50.9	56.6	60.5	63.9	71.7	79.9	81.0	82.5	78.6	64.4	58.1	53.0	66.8
1991	47.2	52.3	59.0	68.3	76.0	79.1	82.1	80.9	76.4	66.9	51.7	51.9	66.0
1992	45.8	53.5	57.1	64.1	70.7	77.9	82.3	78.8	76.4	64.7	53.5	49.9	64.6
1993	50.4	49.1	53.5	60.7	70.8	80.2	83.5	83.5	76.5	64.7	54.1	48.0	64.6
1994	43.0	51.5	57.9	68.1	71.9	81.1	80.5	80.9	75.7	67.0	60.4	52.7	65.9
1995	48.2	50.5	60.2	66.3	75.0	77.9	82.2	82.7	75.0	63.0	50.8	46.6	64.9
1996	44.9	48.4	52.3	60.6	74.4	77.5	80.6	78.5	73.1	64.2	55.1	50.3	63.3
1997	46.8	51.9	61.6	59.7	69.4	76.5	81.1	78.8	75.9	63.2	50.2	44.9	63.3
1998	48.0	49.9	55.2	61.9	73.1	80.4	82.1	80.9	78.5	67.3	58.1	51.4	65.6
1999	50.7	53.0	53.9	67.7	70.4	77.7	81.7	83.5	73.6	64.5	55.3	47.5	65.0
2000	47.9	54.2	59.4	61.1	74.5	77.7	83.0	83.2	75.3	64.9	52.5	39.1	64.4
2001	42.0	53.2	51.6	65.9	71.2	76.3	81.0	79.6	73.4	61.2	58.5	51.5	63.8
2002	48.7	45.9	56.7	66.9	71.1	77.9	81.3	80.8	78.7	69.3	52.7	47.4	64.8
2003	40.7	48.6	57.5	64.1	73.5	77.0	79.7	80.6	73.3	64.0	58.1	43.8	63.4
POR= 114 YRS	46.8	49.6	56.8	64.2	71.6	78.5	80.7	80.3	76.3	65.3	55.3	48.4	64.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	0	0	8	103	295	461	449	370	317	164	0	0	2167
1975-76	0	0	22	108	349	589	686	323	236	80	51	0	2444
1976-77	0	0	3	235	553	649	932	487	231	53	4	0	3147
1977-78	0	0	0	108	200	517	808	714	457	111	26	0	2941
1978-79	0	0	0	110	178	547	830	536	261	69	15	0	2546
1979-80	0	0	0	93	374	536	489	540	325	106	3	0	2466
1980-81	0	0	0	143	325	539	677	398	290	21	15	0	2408
1981-82	0	0	9	96	221	545	541	381	198	108	1	0	2100
1982-83	0	0	8	79	226	318	616	461	340	170	15	0	2233
1983-84	0	0	21	92	350	658	766	490	344	173	42	3	2939
1984-85	0	0	8	30	323	251	764	488	137	80	2	0	2083
1985-86	0	0	11	53	154	689	644	359	274	100	9	0	2293
1986-87	0	0	0	99	196	566	644	385	258	142	0	0	2290
1987-88	0	0	0	215	282	387	714	517	308	73	10	0	2506
1988-89	0	0	1	179	223	511	401	469	248	148	40	0	2220
1989-90	0	0	11	125	282	765	433	255	185	110	12	0	2178
1990-91	0	0	7	121	219	391	543	349	223	27	1	0	1881
1991-92	0	0	3	65	414	411	587	327	246	111	21	0	2185
1992-93	0	0	0	50	351	461	444	441	353	153	7	0	2260
1993-94	0	0	3	125	350	521	676	379	239	64	2	0	2359
1994-95	0	0	1	55	161	379	520	401	187	50	12	0	1766
1995-96	0	0	3	122	422	568	613	492	408	181	6	0	2815
1996-97	0	0	11	98	314	458	568	372	141	173	18	0	2153
1997-98	0	0	0	151	435	615	519	419	335	130	3	1	2608
1998-99	0	0	0	56	209	443	444	340	336	68	6	0	1902
1999-00	0	0	12	103	284	537	527	324	187	126	0	0	2100
2000-01	0	0	7	74	398	796	704	337	411	82	1	0	2810
2001-02	0	0	21	170	208	416	523	528	315	67	34	0	2282
2002-03	0	0	0	38	374	540	747	455	231	78	1	0	2464
2003-	0	0	13	72	230	649							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	27	6	106	79	301	329	542	507	269	49	22	3	2240
1975	4	1	23	50	342	430	507	506	274	57	22	0	2216
1976	0	8	33	36	57	268	409	389	220	18	0	0	1438
1977	0	0	23	50	250	517	584	554	433	59	24	4	2498
1978	1	0	0	44	193	418	522	498	390	40	9	15	2130
1979	0	0	13	57	168	309	526	493	307	63	6	0	1942
1980	0	16	10	35	233	425	612	586	487	45	4	0	2453
1981	0	1	12	178	175	517	612	576	292	100	33	5	2501
1982	28	0	94	73	274	434	541	532	317	146	46	70	2555
1983	0	0	1	18	163	297	484	505	248	73	9	5	1803
1984	0	1	17	51	142	310	411	456	299	237	14	19	1957
1985	0	5	56	102	233	435	494	472	289	165	47	4	2302
1986	0	13	14	39	247	444	573	460	405	111	38	1	2345
1987	0	0	6	76	310	388	514	533	289	14	16	13	2159
1988	0	2	7	66	131	408	475	519	345	20	35	0	2008
1989	9	26	42	75	215	399	493	500	305	67	26	0	2157
1990	3	29	51	85	226	454	502	549	423	112	19	26	2479
1991	0	2	47	131	349	430	537	502	352	129	21	13	2513
1992	0	0	6	88	208	392	542	434	349	50	13	0	2082
1993	0	4	2	32	193	459	581	581	356	121	27	0	2356
1994	1	10	23	165	222	491	486	498	331	126	29	5	2387
1995	5	2	41	94	329	393	542	556	308	68	6	4	2348
1996	0	21	19	56	302	384	491	427	261	78	24	6	2069
1997	10	12	43	19	163	354	505	433	334	104	0	0	1977
1998	0	0	38	46	265	470	538	499	413	132	6	30	2437
1999	10	12	0	157	179	389	529	584	275	93	0	1	2229
2000	6	16	20	19	304	389	564	573	321	79	31	0	2322
2001	0	13	0	117	200	346	504	462	280	61	17	3	2003
2002	21	0	68	134	231	391	513	497	418	175	12	0	2460
2003	0	3	5	60	271	364	464	493	271	48	29	0	2008

SNOWFALL (inches) 2003 MERIDIAN, MS (MEI)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	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	1.8	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	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	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	5.0
1987-88	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
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T
1989-90	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	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	T	T	0.0	T
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.8
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T						
1996-97													
1997-98													
1998-99													
1999-00													
2000-01													
2001-02													
2002-03													
2003-													
POR= 50 YRS	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	T	0.0	1.2

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<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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2003 MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI (MEI)

Mild winters and warm summers describe the general temperature pattern for Meridian. However, the terrain features exert a pronounced influence, particularly during the winter months. The hills to the north, east, and west leave Meridian in a valley. During periods of near calm winds, cold air drainage brings temperatures which may be as much as 10 degrees lower than for other locations in the area. January is usually the coldest month, followed closely by December and February. Sub-zero temperatures are very rare. Summer temperatures are consistently warm. Prolonged periods with above 100 degrees readings are rare.

Precipitation is distributed evenly throughout the year. The widespread rains of the winter months reach a maximum in March. Spring showers reach a minimum in May, followed by localized summer thunderstorms in July and August. The driest period of the year is in late September and October, followed by the onset of winter-type precipitation in late November. This pattern is ideally suited to agricultural operations since the spring rains are conducive to crop growth in the early stages and the dry period in the fall is ideal for harvesting operations. Summer thunderstorms are highly localized and occur on one in three days during July and August.

The long growing season averages 235 days, nearly eight months. The average date of the first occurrence of a temperature as low as 32 degrees in autumn is November 7, and the occurrence of 32 degrees before October 20 is very rare. The average date of the last occurrence of 32 degrees in spring is March 19, although 32 degrees has been recorded in late April. Some portions of the area not affected by cold air drainage may have slightly longer average growing seasons.

The nearby Gulf of Mexico provides an abundant supply of moisture to the Meridian area and results in high humidities for prolonged periods.

Humidities of greater than 90 percent occur nightly during every month except for short periods during the autumn and winter when cool continental air is flowing from the north. Lowest humidities are observed during the early afternoons, but seldom reach below 40 percent except for short periods.

March is generally the windiest month of the year due to the frequent occurrence of late winter and spring storms across the Gulf States. October has the lowest average wind speed. Prevailing winds are from the north and northeast during the autumn and winter months, and from the south and southwest during the spring and summer. Local thunderstorms produce short periods of high winds during the spring and summer months and can be quite destructive. Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes have caused considerable loss of life and property in this area. The highest sustained wind speed recorded was 50 mph, but there have been short periods with winds in excess of 50 mph.

Fifty years of record show that December, January, and February receive the smallest amount of possible sunshine. About 40 to 45 percent of the days during these months are cloudy. Sunshine reaches a maximum during the dry period in the fall, September and October. These months are characterized by long periods of cloudless skies.

Thunderstorms normally occur during every month in the year, but most occur during the summer months. These summer thunderstorms provide most of the precipitation during the crop growing season. Cloudiness associated with these thunderstorms brings relief from the oppressive heat. Although thunderstorm occurrence is high, hail damage is infrequent and usually confined to a small area.

STATION LOCATION

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT * REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND										HYGROMETER
							GROUND	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING BUCKET	RAIN GAUGE	WINDHOLE	8 INCH RAIN GAUGE		
*NOTE:																	
<u>AIRPORT</u>																	
Administration Building Key Field	4/01/38	3/26/45		32°20'	88°45'	294	42	22	22				3	NA	CAA observations through 2/29/44.		
Administration Building Key Field	3/26/45	6/29/59	60 ft.S	32°20'	88°45'	294	42	5	4			3	3	NA			
Administration Bldg. + Key Field	6/30/59	07/01/95	1/4 mi.S	32°20'	88°45'	292 b290	20 g40	5 d5	5 h5	NA	NA e5	3 c4 d4	3 d4	NA a5 f5 j5	New Administration Building. a. Commissioned 1400 feet SSW of thermometer site 6/1/64; moved 1450 feet NW 8/24/67. b. Effective 6/1/64. c. Effective 6/11/65. d. Minor relocation 7/22/76. e. Added 7/22/76. f. Type change 7/18/85. g. Raised & type change 4/1/87. h. type change 6/18/87. j. Minor relocation 10/24/90.		
+ Nat. Weather Service Bldg (150' N of terminal) eff. 11/76.																	
NWS/FAA Building eff. 6/79.																	
Key Field	07/01/95	Present	NA	32°20'	88°45'	k289								S	ASOS Commissioned 07/01/95 k. Ground elevation.		

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