

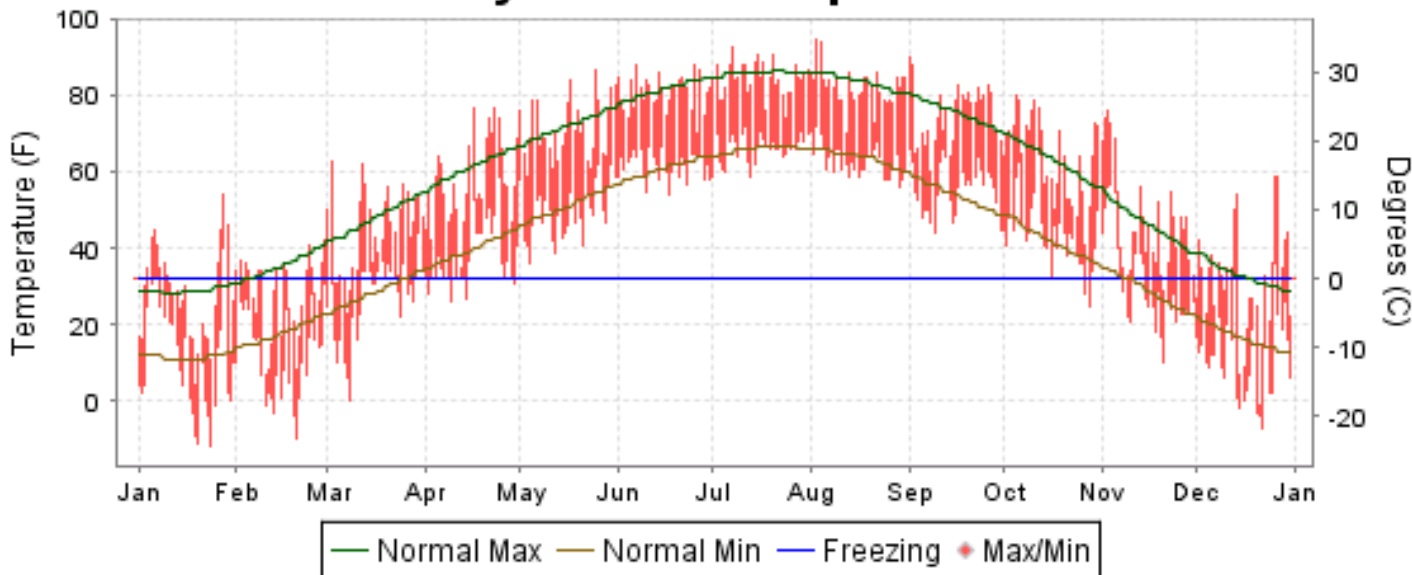


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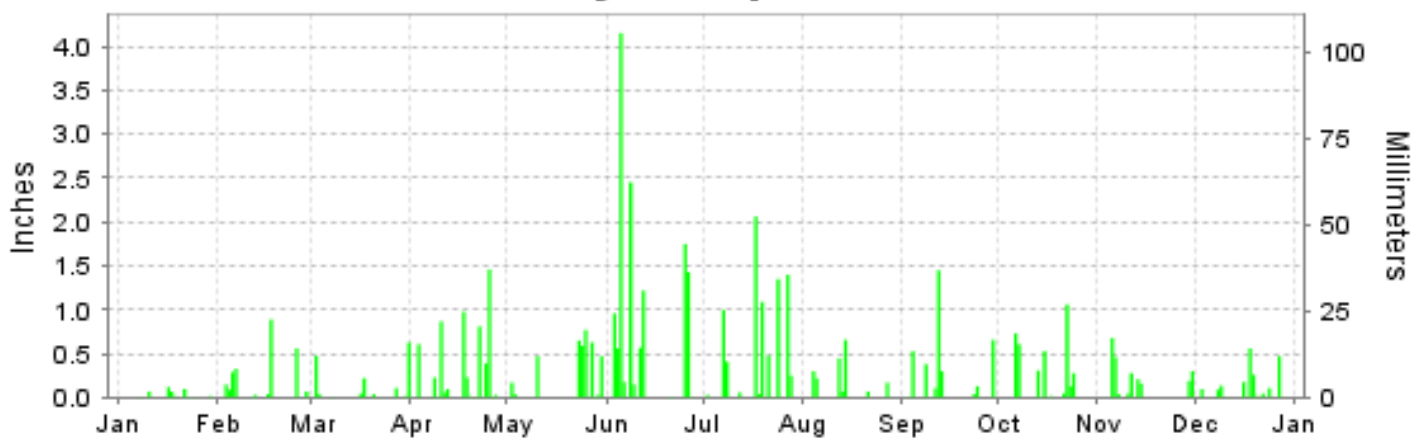
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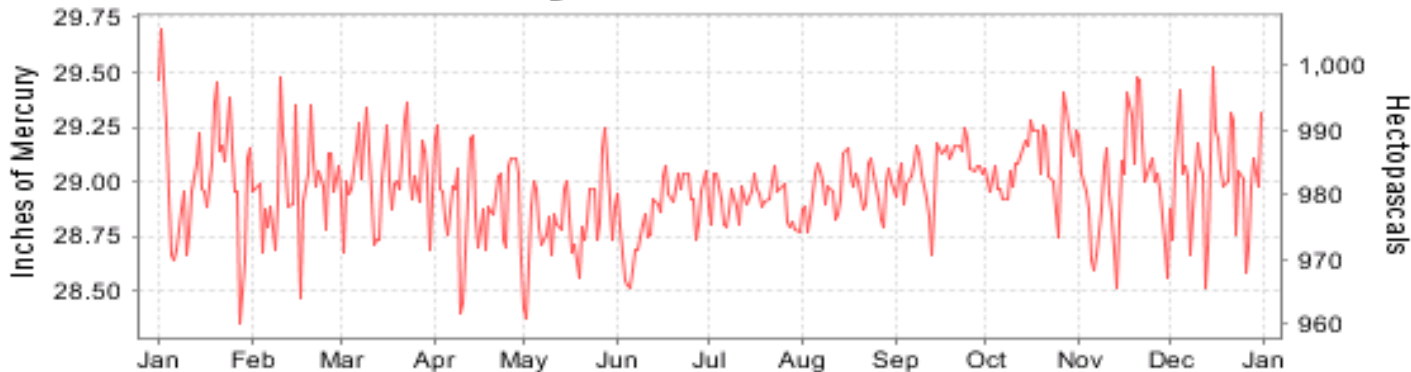
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2008

## DES MOINES (KDSM)

LATITUDE: 41 ° 32'N      LONGITUDE: -93 ° 39'W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 910    BARO: 971      TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC -6)      WBAN: 14933

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	27.6	27.9	44.5	57.9	71.2	80.9	84.5	82.4	75.1	64.1	47.1	31.5	57.9	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	54	42	63	77	87	88	93	95	90	80	76	59	95	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	28	29	02	23+	25	25+	07	03	01	05	03	27+	AUG 03	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	11.2	11.6	26.7	37.8	49.6	61.8	66.3	62.9	55.8	43.7	30.8	11.4	39.1	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-12	-10	0	26	36	54	59	56	44	25	10	-7	-12	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	24	20	08	09	04	17	13+	29	09	28	21	22	JAN 24	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	19.4	19.8	35.6	47.9	60.4	71.4	75.4	72.7	65.5	53.9	39.0	21.5	48.5	
	MEAN WET BULB	17.8	18.5	31.5	42.5	52.1	63.5	68.2	65.3	59.6	47.7	35.1	19.1	43.4	
	MEAN DEW POINT	12.5	13.7	25.1	36.1	44.1	58.2	64.1	60.6	55.5	41.3	29.4	13.1	37.8	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 90°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
	MAXIMUM <= 32°	20	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	55	
MINIMUM <= 32°	30	29	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	29	139		
MINIMUM <= 0°	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	18		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1409	1306	901	506	173	0	0	0	73	355	775	1344	6842	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	2	37	199	329	246	95	19	1	0	928	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	74	76	68	68	58	66	70	67	73	65	70	70	69	
	HOUR 00 LST	75	78	74	74	63	74	79	77	81	71	75	72	74	
	HOUR 06 LST	78	80	78	79	72	80	83	82	87	78	78	73	79	
	HOUR 12 LST	70	73	60	61	51	57	60	56	62	55	61	67	61	
	HOUR 18 LST	71	74	61	57	46	55	59	55	63	58	65	68	61	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	49	51		43	63	68		91	60	56				
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	4	6	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	22	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	1	2	5	7	13	10	6	3	4	1	0	52	
CLOUDNESS	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.)	29.02	28.98	29.02	28.91	28.82	28.85	28.91	28.96	29.06	29.09	28.99	29.02	28.97	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.10	30.06	30.07	29.95	29.84	29.87	29.91	29.98	30.08	30.13	30.04	30.09	30.01	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	2.9	2.9	2.1	0.6	0.5	2.8	3.6	2.1	1.3	1.8	3.2	3.2	0.8	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	33	01	29	09	22	18	12	17	15	27	29	26	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	10.0	9.7	9.5	11.3	10.1	8.8	7.4	6.4	7.5	9.0	10.3	11.6	9.3	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	32	32	32	33	15	16	18	14	15	14	17	32	32	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	40	36	35	32	53	40	45	40	28	45	31	38	53	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	30	30	29	22	27	22	32	30	31	30	24	31	27	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	09	25	16	25	05	19	04	14	26	06	30	MAY 25	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	48	44	41	41	77	62	53	55	38	60	40	47	77	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	31	32	28	19	27	36	30	30	31	31	20	32	27		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	17	25	16	25	25	21	04	05	26	06	30	MAY 25		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.44	2.46	1.61	5.82	3.84	13.45	8.18	1.94	3.62	3.73	2.37	1.99	49.45	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.19	0.89	0.65	1.65	0.77	4.29	2.10	0.71	1.75	1.34	1.03	0.82	4.29	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	16-17	17	30-31	24-25	25	05-06	17-18	13-14	12-13	06-07	05-06	18-19	JUN 05-06	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION 0.01	10	10	10	15	11	13	12	7	10	10	9	11	128	
PRECIPITATION 0.10	2	5	4	9	7	10	8	5	7	7	7	7	78		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	13		
SNOWFALL	SNOW,ICE PELLETS,HAIL														
	TOTAL (IN.)	11.0	22.7	4.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	11.6	55.3	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	3.0	5.7	3.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.4	5.7	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	17	17	02	12		25					30	24	FEB 17	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	6	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	8	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	22+	07	04+	12							30	25+	FEB 07	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	20		

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES DES MOINES (KDSM)

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	ELEMENT	POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
<b>TEMPERATURE °F</b>	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	29.1	35.4	48.2	61.3	72.3	81.8	86.0	83.9	75.9	63.5	46.7	33.1	59.8
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	63	29.3	34.6	46.3	61.4	72.2	81.5	86.0	84.0	75.9	64.4	47.5	34.0	59.8
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	69	67	73	91	93	98	103	105	108	101	95	81	69	108
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2003	1972	1986	1980	1967	1988	1955	1983	1939	1963	1999	1984	AUG 1983
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	71	51.9	56.8	73.0	83.5	87.8	93.2	96.9	95.7	90.9	83.5	69.0	56.8	78.3
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	11.7	17.8	28.7	39.9	51.4	61.0	66.1	63.9	54.3	42.2	29.0	16.7	40.2
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	63	12.1	16.8	27.4	40.1	51.3	61.1	66.0	63.9	54.3	43.0	29.5	17.6	40.3
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	69	-24	-26	-22	9	30	38	47	40	0	14	-4	-22	-26
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1970	1996	1962	1975	2005	1945	1971	1950	1996	1972	1991	1989	FEB 1996
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	71	-10.5	-5.1	7.2	23.6	36.4	48.4	55.2	52.4	37.8	26.3	11.2	-3.4	23.3
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	20.4	26.6	38.4	50.6	61.9	71.4	76.1	73.9	65.1	52.8	37.9	24.9	50.0
	MEAN DRY BULB	63	20.7	25.7	36.9	50.7	61.8	71.4	76.0	74.0	65.1	53.8	38.5	25.8	50.0
	MEAN WET BULB	25	20.4	23.8	33.6	44.1	54.4	63.5	68.3	66.8	58.1	46.5	33.9	23.6	44.8
	MEAN DEW POINT	25	16.5	19.8	28.4	38.3	50.0	60.1	65.6	64.1	54.5	42.1	30.0	20.2	40.8
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 90	30	0.0	0.0	*	0.1	0.3	4.5	9.6	6.9	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	23.6
	MAXIMUM <= 32	30	16.8	12.1	3.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	13.4	50.2
MINIMUM <= 32	30	30.0	24.6	19.4	6.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.7	19.0	28.7	132.9	
MINIMUM <= 0	30	7.3	3.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.0	15.1	
<b>H/C</b>	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1385	1090	826	439	153	16	1	6	103	386	804	1227	6436
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	1	12	60	219	353	285	110	12	0	0	1052
<b>RH</b>	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	72	71	67	63	64	66	69	72	70	67	72	76	69
	HOUR 00 LST	30	75	76	72	69	71	73	77	80	78	74	76	79	75
	HOUR 06 LST	30	77	78	78	77	78	80	83	86	85	81	80	81	80
	HOUR 12 LST	30	67	65	58	54	55	56	58	60	58	56	65	70	60
	HOUR 18 LST	30	70	67	58	52	53	54	57	60	59	58	67	73	61
<b>S</b>	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	54	51	54	57	56	61	68	72	70	66	62	49	45	59
<b>W/O</b>	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	45	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6	3.0	17.8
	THUNDERSTORMS	63	0.3	0.4	2.0	4.3	7.0	8.7	8.1	7.1	4.9	2.6	1.1	0.3	46.8
<b>CLOUDNESS</b>	MEAN:							4.8							
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)														
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	1	1.0	1.0	6.0		3.0	10.0							
	PARTLY CLOUDY	1	2.0		3.0		2.0	1.0							
	CLOUDY	1	3.0	3.0	7.0		12.0	10.0							
<b>PR</b>	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	25	29.06	29.06	28.99	28.91	28.92	28.92	28.96	28.99	29.00	29.01	29.01	29.05	28.99
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	25	30.13	30.12	30.04	29.94	29.93	29.93	29.96	30.00	30.02	30.04	30.06	30.12	30.02
<b>WINDS</b>	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	25	10.7	10.4	11.3	11.5	10.2	9.2	8.4	7.9	8.9	9.8	10.6	10.3	9.9
	PREVAIL.DIR(TENS OF DEGS)	37	33	33	33	33	15	19	19	16	17	19	33	33	33
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	13	44	41	48	51	53	56	49	53	52	46	52	44	56
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		32	30	27	29	27	31	02	28	29	26	25	31	31
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2005	1999	2002	1996	2008	2007	2000	1998	2001	2004	1998	2004	JUN 2007
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND														
	SPEED (MPH)	13	53	51	59	64	77	75	61	70	60	60	62	52	77
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		32	29	26	28	27	29	01	29	28	31	26	31	27	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2006	1996	2002	1996	2008	2007	2000	1998	2001	2008	1998	2004	MAY 2008	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>	NORMAL (IN)	30	1.03	1.19	2.21	3.58	4.25	4.57	4.18	4.51	3.15	2.62	2.10	1.33	34.72
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	69	4.38	2.99	5.82	7.76	12.13	14.19	10.51	13.68	10.19	7.29	6.52	3.43	14.19
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1960	1951	1990	1976	1996	1947	1958	1977	1961	1941	1983	1982	JUN 1947
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	69	0.04	0.13	0.17	0.23	1.23	1.02	0.04	0.25	0.41	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1968	1994	1985	1949	1992	1975	1984	1950	1952	1969	2002	DEC 2002
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	69	2.97	1.77	2.42	3.80	3.23	5.50	5.14	6.18	4.47	2.81	3.55	1.69	6.18
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1960	1961	1945	1974	1996	1947	1958	1975	1961	1947	2003	1982	AUG 1975
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION >= 0.01	30	7.6	7.7	9.5	11.0	12.0	11.0	9.9	9.4	8.5	8.1	8.6	8.5	111.8
PRECIPITATION >= 1.00	30	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	8.2	
<b>SNOWFALL</b>	NORMAL (IN)	30	8.8	8.2	4.1	2.7	0.*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.4	4.5	7.7	36.4
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	65	22.3	22.7	18.8	15.6	0.2	T	T	0.0	T	7.4	14.7	23.9	23.9
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1996	2008	1948	1982	1944	1993	1992		1992	1980	1991	1961	DEC 1961
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	64	19.8	12.1	15.6	10.4	0.2	T	T	0.0	T	7.4	11.8	11.0	19.8
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1942	1950	2004	1973	1944	1993	1992		1992	1980	1968	1961	JAN 1942
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	58	16	17	18	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	30	30
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2001	1979	1960	1973						1980	1968	1962	DEC 1962
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	30	2.5	2.5	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	2.3	10.5	

**PRECIPITATION (inches) 2008 DES MOINES (KDSM)**

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1979	1.72	0.52	4.23	3.23	2.50	5.78	2.96	5.07	0.97	3.23	1.43	0.20	31.84
1980	1.80	0.64	1.15	0.86	1.94	5.56	1.52	7.24	1.03	1.90	0.45	1.00	25.09
1981	0.25	0.97	0.39	2.00	2.46	5.02	5.76	6.32	2.30	2.06	2.63	1.14	31.30
1982	2.63	0.78	3.30	5.03	5.79	2.59	7.00	5.25	2.94	3.44	2.62	3.43	44.80
1983	1.17	1.95	3.72	3.80	3.93	3.65	2.44	3.01	3.87	5.54	6.52	1.57	41.17
1984	0.99	0.82	1.65	5.85	5.58	7.81	6.22	0.25	2.76	6.28	1.16	2.41	41.78
1985	0.64	1.98	3.37	0.23	1.56	3.72	2.04	2.83	5.42	3.75	1.65	1.31	28.50
1986	0.12	1.76	2.92	5.66	4.35	7.08	3.90	4.52	6.41	3.89	0.99	0.98	42.58
1987	0.42	1.38	2.99	2.92	3.75	2.10	5.08	10.04	1.40	1.03	3.27	2.59	36.97
1988	0.37	0.59	0.66	0.75	1.46	2.75	4.78	3.05	2.89	0.59	3.38	0.84	22.11
1989	1.30	1.05	0.37	1.95	3.62	2.22	3.65	6.53	5.41	2.28	0.19	0.57	29.14
1990	1.43	0.89	5.82	3.43	4.36	9.52	8.75	1.83	1.40	1.80	2.52	2.18	43.93
1991	0.95	0.17	3.90	7.54	7.88	2.87	1.14	3.65	0.90	4.96	3.61	2.20	39.77
1992	0.97	2.12	2.13	3.99	1.45	1.02	7.76	1.39	4.99	0.51	5.20	1.98	33.51
1993	1.59	1.52	3.22	2.96	7.51	7.68	9.75	12.24	5.79	1.70	1.06	0.86	55.88
1994	1.22	1.71	0.17	2.71	1.76	5.29	4.30	2.81	3.11	1.02	1.68	2.42	28.20
1995	0.98	0.68	2.75	6.04	6.29	2.88	4.36	1.04	3.12	1.24	1.57	0.08	31.03
1996	2.99	0.57	1.38	2.12	12.13	2.95	4.02	2.54	4.05	2.87	2.40	.52	38.54
1997	0.04	0.77	0.85	4.11	3.95	4.90	2.89	2.36	2.14	4.62	1.13	0.77	28.53
1998	0.60	1.23	3.03	1.79	4.97	9.95	4.28	5.65	0.69	3.39	2.09	0.03	37.70
1999	0.26	0.63	0.90	4.43	5.82	3.46	2.78	4.56	2.32	0.36	1.28	0.35	27.15
2000	0.27	1.32	0.35	2.36	3.37	7.60	4.12	1.71	1.84	1.07	1.57	0.56	26.14
2001	1.31	2.08	1.08	2.20	7.46	2.61	1.04	2.22	4.77	2.12	0.86	0.70	28.45
2002	0.82	0.82	1.13	3.93	3.39	2.70	3.80	3.51	1.09	3.11	0.23	T	24.53
2003	0.49	1.69	0.96	6.09	5.31	4.21	4.06	0.31	2.15	1.16	5.30	1.18	32.91
2004	1.20	1.77	3.48	4.21	9.07	2.46	4.06	4.92	1.77	1.60	2.53	0.60	37.67
2005	0.84	1.79	1.61	4.73	5.17	4.68	3.28	1.33	1.41	0.92	1.34	0.95	28.05
2006	0.75	0.22	4.10	4.30	1.41	1.83	4.35	5.82	3.98	1.55	2.55	2.53	33.39
2007	0.74	2.42	3.16	4.59	5.94	3.02	2.56	7.08	3.53	5.49	0.28	2.90	41.71
2008	0.44	2.46	1.61	5.82	3.84	13.45	8.18	1.94	3.62	3.73	2.37	1.99	49.45
POR= 71 YRS	1.05	1.20	2.22	3.39	4.30	4.53	3.68	3.90	2.97	2.34	1.76	1.22	32.56

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**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2008 DES MOINES (KDSM)**

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1979	7.5	13.8	35.2	47.0	61.1	70.9	74.5	74.3	66.8	54.3	38.0	31.6	47.9
1980	23.4	21.3	34.7	52.0	63.5	71.2	79.9	76.2	66.8	49.6	41.6	26.6	50.6
1981	25.7	29.8	42.7	57.6	60.4	72.9	76.1	72.4	66.0	51.7	42.8	25.5	52.0
1982	9.6	22.9	35.4	46.9	64.7	67.1	76.9	73.2	64.9	54.6	38.4	31.6	48.9
1983	27.3	32.3	39.4	45.4	58.4	73.2	80.9	83.3	67.7	52.6	40.7	9.8	50.9
1984	19.7	35.5	31.1	48.8	58.7	73.2	75.9	77.5	62.4	52.8	39.5	27.6	50.2
1985	15.8	22.2	42.0	55.2	65.1	68.4	76.5	71.9	64.8	52.6	30.0	13.4	48.2
1986	26.9	21.7	42.5	53.9	62.6	73.3	77.2	69.3	67.4	52.6	33.3	28.8	50.8
1987	26.6	35.7	42.7	54.6	66.8	74.7	78.5	72.1	65.2	48.2	43.1	30.0	53.2
1988	19.6	21.6	40.2	51.4	67.4	75.6	78.5	78.8	66.9	47.9	39.8	28.8	51.4
1989	32.5	15.4	37.1	52.3	61.0	68.9	77.1	73.3	62.2	54.1	36.0	16.9	48.9
1990	31.7	31.1	42.0	50.0	57.9	71.6	73.8	74.4	68.1	52.4	43.7	22.9	51.6
1991	16.8	33.5	42.5	53.6	66.7	74.8	76.1	73.7	65.0	52.5	30.9	30.6	51.4
1992	30.7	34.9	42.4	48.9	62.0	70.3	71.2	68.3	63.1	53.4	34.9	27.1	50.6
1993	21.3	21.5	34.1	47.1	61.0	69.0	73.8	73.8	59.2	50.4	36.4	28.4	48.0
1994	13.0	21.3	40.5	50.9	62.5	72.4	73.0	71.3	66.4	55.5	42.1	30.3	49.9
1995	20.8	28.8	39.8	47.4	58.9	71.0	76.4	79.1	63.2	52.9	33.3	26.0	49.8
1996	17.3	25.0	32.5	47.8	57.7	70.9	72.7	72.3	.0	53.4	32.1	22.2	42.0
1997	17.5	27.6	40.0	45.9	55.9	72.1	75.6	72.1	66.4	53.7	34.5	28.8	49.2
1998	25.9	36.3	33.6	50.8	66.5	68.1	75.4	75.2	70.4	54.0	42.4	30.3	52.4
1999	20.2	35.2	38.7	51.4	61.3	70.7	79.7	72.4	62.9	53.7	47.4	29.9	52.0
2000	25.4	36.5	45.1	52.0	64.8	69.3	73.8	75.5	67.2	57.7	33.9	11.6	51.1
2001	23.6	20.3	32.2	56.2	61.7	70.6	78.0	75.2	63.5	52.2	49.8	32.4	51.3
2002	31.0	32.0	34.4	50.6	59.3	74.5	78.2	72.8	68.1	47.4	36.2	31.4	51.3
2003	21.1	21.8	37.5	52.7	61.3	70.8	76.6	77.8	63.4	55.0	37.9	30.9	50.6
2004	19.9	25.3	42.5	53.9	63.7	68.8	72.3	68.8	68.4	53.5	42.3	29.5	50.7
2005	21.5	33.2	39.6	56.0	60.2	74.6	77.6	75.5	70.1	54.7	42.1	23.6	52.4
2006	35.6	27.7	39.4	56.6	63.5	73.5	79.1	74.6	62.8	50.2	42.0	34.7	53.3
2007	23.7	18.7	45.3	49.0	66.4	72.7	76.8	77.4	66.7	57.2	39.0	23.4	51.4
2008	19.4	19.8	35.6	47.9	60.4	71.4	75.4	72.7	65.5	53.9	39.0	21.5	48.5
POR= 63 YRS	20.7	25.7	36.9	50.7	61.8	71.4	76.0	74.0	65.1	53.8	38.5	25.8	50.0

**HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2008 DES MOINES (KDSM)**

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1979-80	1	10	57	339	801	1031	1281	1263	932	408	124	9	6256
1980-81	0	0	77	473	695	1182	1214	979	684	241	177	0	5722
1981-82	6	2	57	406	660	1218	1713	1175	911	536	73	30	6787
1982-83	0	6	113	326	791	1026	1162	908	787	587	219	17	5942
1983-84	0	0	96	394	720	1709	1401	851	1043	488	217	1	6920
1984-85	0	0	172	376	759	1154	1520	1192	707	335	59	27	6301
1985-86	0	0	172	378	1046	1596	1181	1208	702	344	116	2	6745
1986-87	0	25	51	378	941	1114	1184	813	687	336	58	6	5593
1987-88	0	24	54	513	648	1083	1399	1254	764	400	33	3	6175
1988-89	0	6	35	524	749	1114	1002	1384	866	417	170	31	6298
1989-90	0	6	140	345	865	1489	1025	943	703	469	221	21	6227
1990-91	3	0	85	394	633	1301	1491	875	699	355	112	0	5948
1991-92	0	1	144	395	1019	1058	1054	868	691	486	152	9	5877
1992-93	0	26	135	363	897	1169	1344	1210	953	528	151	42	6818
1993-94	0	2	185	460	851	1129	1606	1221	751	437	132	17	6791
1994-95	0	11	74	292	681	1071	1363	1007	774	521	191	20	6005
1995-96	3	0	136	381	945	1201	1471	1155	1002	514	264	31	7103
1996-97		0		364	982	1322	1468	1043	764	568	288	0	
1997-98	4	0	52	409	908	1118	1207	799	967	419	45	67	5995
1998-99	0	0	26	339	674	1067	1384	824	808	402	147	27	5698
1999-00	0	2	130	355	522	1080	1218	821	615	388	90	20	5241
2000-01	0	0	85	241	930	1647	1274	1244	1009	286	154	33	6903
2001-02	0	0	105	399	449	1005	1044	918	941	449	220	2	5532
2002-03	0	5	54	544	858	1033	1354	1203	843	389	139	17	6439
2003-04	0	2	135	320	808	1052	1395	1148	693	350	127	21	6051
2004-05	1	27	28	352	673	1093	1342	882	781	282	180	0	5641
2005-06	0	0	42	357	681	1275	908	1036	788	262	139	12	5500
2006-07	0	1	108	486	685	931	1274	1289	618	491	58	0	5941
2007-08	0	0	71	277	774	1281	1409	1306	901	506	173	0	6698
2008-	0	0	73	355	775	1344							

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**COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2008 DES MOINES (KDSM)**

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1979	0	0	0	0	48	194	304	305	118	15	0	0	984
1980	0	0	0	22	83	200	469	353	138	2	0	0	1267
1981	0	0	1	27	42	243	358	239	95	2	0	0	1007
1982	0	0	0	0	71	101	374	269	120	11	0	0	946
1983	0	0	0	4	20	272	502	574	183	19	0	0	1574
1984	0	0	0	8	27	254	345	397	101	2	0	0	1134
1985	0	0	0	46	69	134	361	221	174	0	0	0	1005
1986	0	0	11	17	46	258	386	162	130	0	0	0	1010
1987	0	0	0	31	121	304	426	250	65	0	0	0	1197
1988	0	0	0	1	112	329	425	444	101	3	0	0	1415
1989	0	0	6	44	53	156	379	269	61	15	0	0	983
1990	0	0	1	26	5	226	283	297	184	11	2	0	1035
1991	0	0	9	19	172	302	349	279	150	14	0	0	1294
1992	0	0	0	10	64	174	197	134	86	10	0	0	675
1993	0	0	0	0	31	167	281	280	19	15	0	0	793
1994	0	0	0	22	65	245	253	213	125	4	0	0	927
1995	0	0	0	0	9	206	361	440	90	11	0	0	1117
1996	0	0	0	4	44	212	245	231		10	0	0	
1997	0	0	0	0	14	223	338	228	101	65	0	0	969
1998	0	0	2	1	99	165	330	323	190	3	0	0	1113
1999	0	0	0	0	40	204	463	236	72	11	1	0	1027
2000	0	0	3	4	90	156	278	334	157	25	0	0	1047
2001	0	0	0	28	61	207	409	322	67	6	0	0	1100
2002	0	0	0	25	52	295	416	253	151	6	0	0	1198
2003	0	0	0	23	28	199	367	404	91	18	0	0	1130
2004	0	0	1	23	92	142	236	151	139	3	0	0	787
2005	0	0	0	19	37	295	399	332	203	44	0	0	1329
2006	0	0	0	18	97	276	444	304	48	33	0	0	1220
2007	0	0	12	18	106	238	374	391	129	40	0	0	1308
2008	0	0	0	2	37	199	329	246	95	19	1	0	928

**SNOWFALL (inches) 2008 DES MOINES (KDSM)**

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.7	0.4	7.9	5.7	5.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	23.3
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	T	2.7	3.7	6.6	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.4
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.2	10.7	18.5	2.6	11.9	15.6	0.0	0.0	62.9
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3	3.6	4.2	16.8	13.2	12.6	0.0	0.0	51.5
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	9.8	19.6	12.5	1.3	13.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	57.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.7	7.6	7.7	6.9	6.7	T	0.0	0.0	31.6
1985-86	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	8.1	15.9	1.3	6.7	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	32.3
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.1	2.9	5.1	2.8	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.4
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.1	13.0	1.2	7.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.7
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.0	0.1	16.3	1.2	0.6	T	0.0	20.3
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.7	6.6	11.3	7.4	0.1	T	0.0	0.0	27.1
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.3	12.1	9.9	0.4	0.2	T	T	0.0	23.9
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	14.7	1.2	1.9	4.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	22.6
1992-93	T	0.0	T	T	10.0	3.7	11.1	10.1	5.1	1.5	T	T	41.5
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	2.0	8.8	15.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	28.3
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.4	8.7	2.0	5.3	0.4	T	0.0	29.0
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	6.5	6.7	22.3	3.0	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	42.1
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.9	11.4	15.7	T	9.6	0.0	0.0	43.6
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	3.6	11.7	8.3	4.3	13.3	T	0.0	0.0	47.8
1998-99	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	7.8	10.5	9.3	12.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	43.8
1999-00	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	6.4	5.7	8.9	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	22.8
2000-01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	26.9	7.1	9.7	5.2	T	0.0	0.0	49.3
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.0	9.1	0.9	6.8	T	0.0	0.0	17.8
2002-03	0.0	0.0	T	1.1	1.7	0.1	4.7	14.4	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.0	32.6
2003-04	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	11.4	14.5	15.0	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.4
2004-05	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	10.1	6.3	1.2	0.0	T	0.0	19.8
2005-06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	11.0	1.3	3.3	5.0	T	T	0.0	25.3
2006-07	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	1.1	11.5	14.4	7.9	4.1	0.0	0.0	39.3
2007-08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	14.1	11.0	22.7	4.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	58.5
2008-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	11.6							
POR= 64 YRS	T	0.0	T	0.4	2.9	6.9	8.3	8.0	6.1	1.9	T	T	34.5

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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> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The "Period of Record:(POR) for all "averages" is based on the "Summary of the Day First Order Station" and "Cooperative Summary of the Day" archives.</p>
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# 2008 DES MOINES IOWA (KDSM)

Located in the heart of North America, Des Moines has a climate which is continental in character. This results in a marked seasonal contrast in both temperature and precipitation. There is a gently rolling terrain in and around the Des Moines metropolitan area. Drainage of the area is generally to the southeast to the Des Moines River and its tributaries.

Since agriculture and services for it are the mainstay of the area, it is convenient to separate the year into arbitrary seasons corresponding to the growing seasons of the principal crops of the section. The winter season, when most plant life is dormant, is from mid-November to late March. The summer season, when corn and soybeans can be grown, lasts from early May to early October. The spring growing season, including part of the growing season of oats and forage crops, and the fall harvest season, each runs about 6 weeks. There is a large variation in annual precipitation from a minimum of about 17 inches to a maximum of about 56 inches. The average annual snowfall is 32 inches. Annual variation of snowfall is also large, ranging from a minimum of about 8 inches to as much as 72 inches.

The winter is a season of cold dry air, interrupted by occasional storms of short duration. At the beginning and the end of the season, the precipitation may occur as rain, but during the major portion of the season it falls as snow. Drifting snow may be extensive and impede transportation. The average precipitation for this season is approximately 20 percent of the annual amount. Although occasional cold waves follow the storms, bitterly cold days on which the temperatures fail to rise above zero occur on an average of only 3 days in 4 years.

The average growing season with temperatures above 32 degrees normally spans 160 to 165 days between late April and mid-October. The growing season is characterized by prevailing southerly winds and precipitation falling primarily as showers and thunderstorms, occasionally with damaging wind, erosive downpours or hail. Some 60 percent of the annual precipitation falls during the crop season with the maximum rate normally in late May and June. The autumn is characteristically sunny with diminishing precipitation, a condition favorable for drying and harvesting crops.

# Station Location

DES MOINES

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	Latitude		Longitude		ELEVATION ABOVE										REMARKS
				NORTH	WEST	GROUND TEMPERATURE SITE	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING BUCKET RAIN GAUGE	WEIGHING RAIN GAUGE	8 INCH RAIN GAUGE	HYGROTHERMOMETER	AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *			
																SEA LEVEL	GROUND	
*NOTES																		
AIRPORT																		
Administration Building Fleur Drive & Army Post Rd., Municipal Airport+	10/16/50	12/01/95	1400ft N	41° 32'	93° 39'	948 1938	63 d6 f2	21 m q18	21 m q18	Unk e36 s34	17 d15 g31 s16	17 d16 j3 k5 n17 p17	16 d14 j3 k3 n15	NA h5 r5	NA	d. Effective 6/17/55. e. Effective 7/21/60. f. Minor move 6/30/61. g. Minor move 7/12/61. h. Commissioned 1500' WNW of temperature site 7/18/61. i. Effective 7/18/61. j. Minor move 7/18/61. k. Moved to a location 600' E of office 12/3/69. m. Removed 6/9/80. n. Moved to roof 6/9/80. p. Type change 9/1/80. q. Installed on roof 3/12/81. r. Type change 10/01/85. s. Minor move 8/15/87.		
International Airport	12/01/95	Present	NA	41° 32'	93° 40'	t968								S	ASOS Commissioned 12/01/95 t. Ground elevation.			

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