

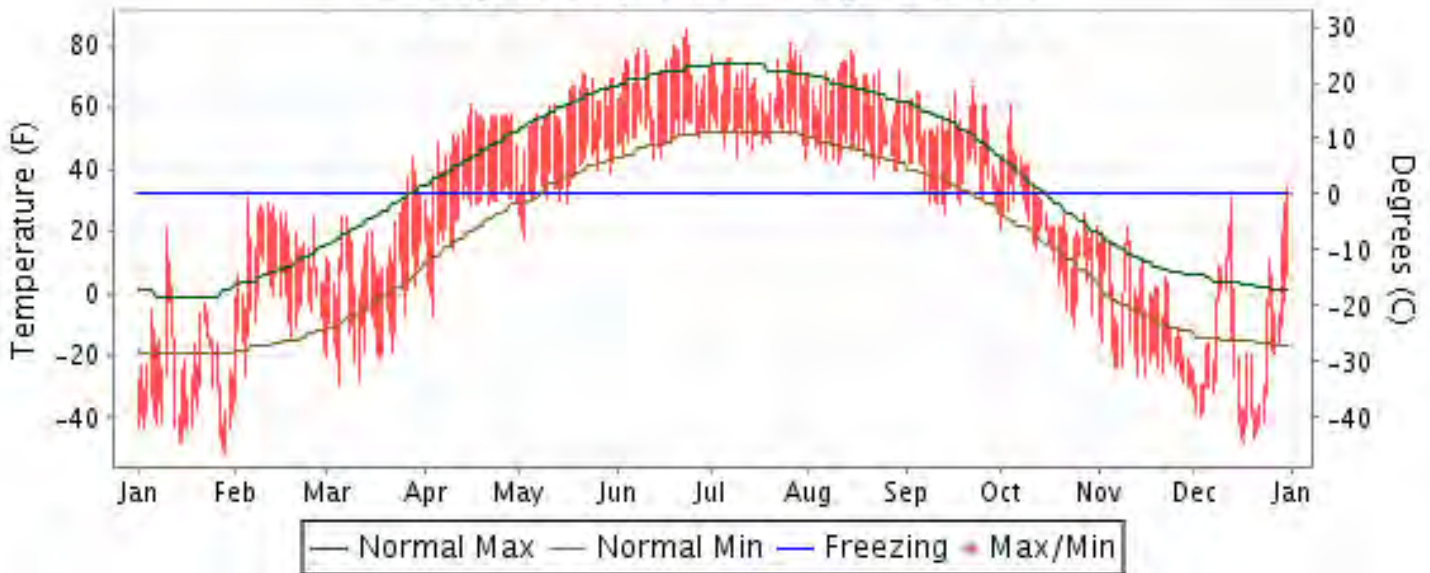


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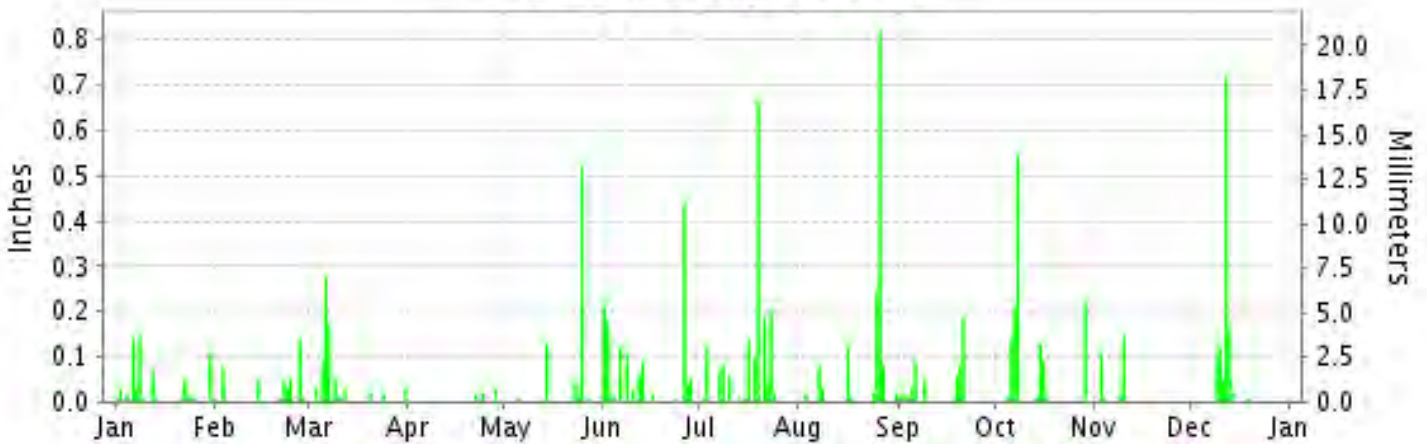
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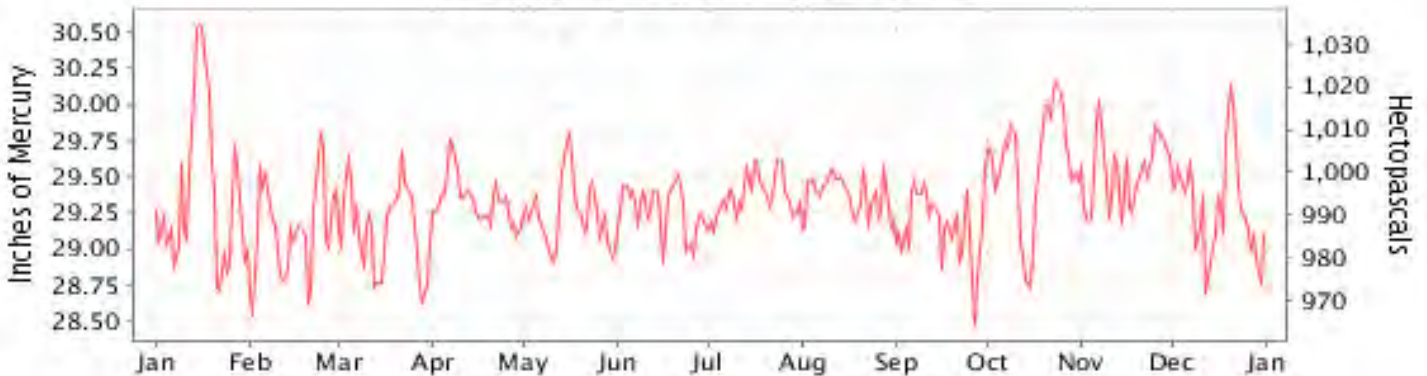
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2012

FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

LATITUDE: 64° 48'N LONGITUDE: 147° 52'W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 432 BARO: 464 TIME ZONE: ALASKA (UTC -9) WBAN: 26411

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	-18.2	16.6	17.6	49.7	59.2	72.2	69.7	66.5	54.8	30.3	0.4	-8.9	34.2	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	21	31	44	61	71	86	81	78	67	61	22	34	86	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	10	05	28	16	22	23	26	14	22	04	10	31	JUN 23	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	-35.5	-4.8	-8.7	24.1	36.6	51.0	52.0	46.0	36.3	14.7	-17.9	-25.6	14.0	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-51	-35	-30	-8	18	43	43	37	26	-11	-31	-48	-51	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	01	05	04	03	13	31	22	30+	24	30	17	JAN 29	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	-26.9	5.9	4.5	36.9	47.9	61.6	60.9	56.3	45.6	22.5	-8.8	-17.3	24.1	
	MEAN WET BULB		5.9	4.2	31.8	40.7	53.7	54.2	50.8	41.1	20.7	-7.8			
	MEAN DEW POINT		2.3	-2.6	22.8	29.3	46.8	48.2	45.5	35.5	16.3	-13.4			
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 70	0	0	0	0	2	21	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	51
MAXIMUM <= 32°	31	29	27	3	1	0	0	0	0	20	30	30	30	171	
MINIMUM <= 32°	31	29	31	25	10	0	0	0	11	28	30	31	31	226	
MINIMUM <= 0°	31	21	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	27	27	27	135	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	2839	1707	1870	834	522	115	135	263	576	1311	2204	2539	14915	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	21	13	0	0	0	0	0	34	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	73	81	69	59	50	62	66	69	70	78	73	78	69	
	HOUR 03 LST	72	84	76	76	73	81	84	87	78	84	73	78	79	
	HOUR 09 LST	73	83	76	64	48	64	70	74	75	80	73	78	72	
	HOUR 15 LST	73	75	58	40	34	47	50	50	53	66	72	78	58	
	HOUR 21 LST	72	84	71	55	47	57	62	68	73	80	74	78	68	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	7	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	29.38	29.15	29.15	29.33	29.24	29.26	29.37	29.37	29.15	29.59	29.55	29.29	29.32	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	29.95	29.68	29.68	29.85	29.75	29.76	29.87	29.87	29.66	30.12	30.09	29.85	29.84	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	2.1	2.3	0.7	1.0	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	36	02	03	01	04	33	25	25	05	02	03	02	02	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	2.3	2.5	3.9	4.2	5.1	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.9	2.9	2.5	1.1	3.3	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	36	04	20	36	03	04	24	24	04	36	03	03	36	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	20	17	17	22	26	25	22	26	22	23	21	20	26	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	03	20	03	28	18	03	26	26	26	04	04	25	26	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	22	02	21	30	11	16	23	27	23	31	19	13	AUG 27	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
SPEED (MPH)	23	23	23	32	33	39	29	33	31	28	24	26	39		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	03	20	25	32	14	11	26	26	24	06	03	27	11		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	22	02	06	24	11	05	23	27	23	31	19	13	JUN 05		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.69	0.42	0.74	0.07	0.73	1.39	1.72	1.45	0.55	1.38	0.29	1.19	10.62	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.18	0.14	0.28	0.03	0.54	0.44	0.70	0.83	0.27	0.76	0.15	0.72	0.83	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	07-08	27	06	28	24-25	26	18-19	26-27	20-21	07-08	10	12	AUG 26-27	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION 0.01	16	8	11	3	6	14	14	10	10	9	4	7	112		
PRECIPITATION 0.10	3	1	2	0	2	5	6	3	1	5	2	4	34		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SNOWFALL	SNOW,ICE PELLETS,HAIL	9.6	7.5	14.7	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.1	4.2	18.6	61.7	
	TOTAL (IN.)	2.4	2.4	6.9	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.9	2.6	9.5	9.5	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	08	27	06	07+	14+				30+	29	10	12	DEC 12	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	20	21	29	22	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	20	29	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	09	29+	08	06+						31+	13+	13	MAR 08	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	20		

NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

LATITUDE: 64° 48'N **LONGITUDE:** 147° 52'W **ELEVATION (FT):** GRND: 432 BARO: 464 **TIME ZONE:** ALASKA (UTC -9) **WBAN: 26411**

ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	1.1	10.0	25.4	44.5	61.0	71.6	72.7	65.9	54.6	31.9	10.9	4.8	37.9
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	64	-0.5	9.0	23.8	42.7	60.1	70.4	72.2	66.3	54.7	32.3	11.4	1.7	37.0
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	61	52	47	56	76	89	96	94	93	84	72	49	47	96
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2009	1987	1994	2009	1960	1969	1975	1994	1957	2003	1997	2011	JUN 1969
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	64	28.9	33.5	44.2	60.2	75.0	83.5	85.1	80.7	68.8	52.3	33.5	30.2	56.3
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	-16.9	-12.7	-2.5	20.6	37.8	49.3	52.3	46.4	35.1	16.5	-5.7	-12.9	17.3
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	64	-17.4	-12.3	-2.8	20.3	37.8	49.0	51.9	46.7	35.6	17.4	-4.2	-14.2	17.3
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	61	-61	-58	-49	-24	-1	29	35	27	3	-27	-46	-62	-62
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1969	1993	1956	1986	1964	2006	1959	1987	1992	1992	1990	1961	DEC 1961
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	64	-40.7	-35.0	-25.4	-3.1	26.1	38.5	43.1	35.0	22.6	-4.7	-25.4	-37.1	-0.4
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	-7.9	-1.3	11.4	32.5	49.4	60.4	62.5	56.1	44.9	24.2	2.6	-4.1	27.6
	MEAN DRY BULB	64	-8.9	-1.6	10.5	31.5	48.9	60.0	62.1	56.5	45.1	24.9	3.6	-6.2	27.2
	MEAN WET BULB	22	-2.3	-0.3	8.0	26.0	39.4	50.8	54.2	50.4	39.7	21.8	1.1	-2.1	23.9
	MEAN DEW POINT	22	-6.4	-4.6	3.8	20.8	33.7	46.5	51.2	47.9	37.3	19.7	-0.8	-4.5	20.4
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: MAXIMUM >= 70	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	MAXIMUM <= 32	30	29.6	25.8	20.3	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	15.0	28.0	29.5	152.6
MINIMUM <= 32	30	31.0	28.0	30.9	27.3	5.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	9.6	29.3	30.0	31.0	223.4	
MINIMUM <= 0	30	25.5	21.6	17.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	19.6	25.3	115.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	2260	1858	1660	974	485	160	108	281	605	1265	1872	2141	13669
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	1	23	31	6	0	0	0	0	61
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	72	70	63	54	49	57	65	72	71	76	75	74	67
	HOURLY 03 LST	30	71	71	70	68	67	76	82	86	82	79	75	74	75
	HOURLY 09 LST	30	71	71	68	56	50	59	68	76	76	79	76	74	69
	HOURLY 15 LST	30	71	66	52	41	35	42	49	55	55	66	74	75	57
	HOURLY 21 LST	30	71	71	65	53	46	52	61	73	74	77	76	75	66
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: HEAVY FOG (VISIB <= 1/4 MI)	49	3.5	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.6	0.6	1.8	13.1
	THUNDERSTORMS	64	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.1	2.9	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	8.4
CLOUDINESS	MEAN: SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	46	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.6	5.6
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	33	4.8	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.4	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: CLEAR	46	9.1	8.1	9.9	6.7	4.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	4.1	3.8	6.8	6.7	68.9
	PARTLY CLOUDY	46	5.9	6.0	7.0	7.9	11.0	10.4	8.9	6.8	6.1	4.9	5.0	5.7	85.6
	CLOUDY	46	16.0	14.2	14.1	15.4	15.4	16.6	18.2	20.9	19.3	21.5	17.6	18.0	207.2
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	29	29.34	29.38	29.37	29.33	29.36	29.35	29.40	29.37	29.29	29.27	29.29	29.26	29.33
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	29	29.87	29.92	29.89	29.84	29.86	29.85	29.89	29.87	29.79	29.78	29.82	29.79	29.85
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	29	2.5	3.1	4.8	5.7	6.6	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.0	4.1	2.8	2.2	4.5
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)	40	04	04	04	36	36	24	24	36	36	36	03	03	36
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE: SPEED (MPH)	15	29	37	32	31	30	31	31	31	24	25	22	33	37
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		18	27	05	25	36	09	01	26	04	26	05	26	27
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2005	2011	2005	2002	2004	2005	2002	2003	2010	2002	1999	2011	FEB 2011
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND SPEED (MPH)	15	40	53	40	59	37	39	40	37	31	36	30	51	59
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		19	28	28	05	11	11	27	26	24	26	28	26	05
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2005	2011	2009	2003	1998	2012	1999	2003	2012	2002	2011	2011	APR 2003	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.58	0.42	0.25	0.31	0.60	1.37	2.16	1.88	1.10	0.83	0.67	0.64	10.81
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	61	2.40	1.75	2.24	3.06	1.96	3.52	5.96	6.20	3.05	2.19	3.32	3.23	6.20
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1991	2002	2004	1955	2003	1967	1960	1983	1970	1984	AUG 1967
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	61	0.01	0.01	T	T	0.04	0.19	0.06	.24	0.15	0.08	T	T	0.01
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1966	2000	1987	1991	2011	1966	2009	2005	1968	1954	1953	1969	FEB 2000
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	61	0.75	0.97	1.17	1.06	0.88	1.52	2.56	3.42	1.21	2.22	0.84	1.25	3.42
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1991	2002	1955	1955	2003	1967	1954	1976	1970	1968	AUG 1967
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: PRECIPITATION >= 0.01	30	8.5	6.6	4.8	3.6	7.1	10.9	12.9	13.3	10.4	11.2	10.3	9.0	108.6
	PRECIPITATION >= 1.00	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	10.3	8.1	4.9	2.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	10.8	13.2	12.1	65.0
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	61	40.2	43.1	30.4	15.4	14.1	T	T	0.1	24.4	25.9	54.0	50.7	54.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1991	2002	1992	2006	2010	1995	1992	1982	1970	1984	NOV 1970
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	61	10.1	20.1	12.6	6.3	9.4	T	T	0.1	9.0	10.4	14.6	14.7	20.1
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1963	1992	1992	1993	2010	1995	1992	1974	1970	1968	FEB 1966
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	63	46	52	54	49	14	0	0	0	12	16	42	46	54
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1966	1991	1991	1991				1992	1982	1970	1990	MAR 1991
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: SNOWFALL >= 1.0	30	3.2	2.4	1.3	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.2	4.6	4.0	21.3

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2012 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1983	0.24	0.18	0.09	0.27	0.14	0.57	1.71	3.33	0.92	2.19	0.08	0.65	10.37
1984	0.89	0.64	0.03	0.47	1.17	0.48	2.95	1.15	0.22	0.70	0.42	3.23	12.35
1985	0.52	0.48	0.57	0.36	0.41	1.80	1.13	1.88	2.59	1.00	0.90	0.08	11.72
1986	0.13	0.19	0.32	0.07	0.54	0.87	2.12	2.36	0.65	1.79	0.48	0.34	9.86
1987	0.68	0.10	T	0.05	0.21	1.02	1.70	0.56	0.57	0.39	0.64	0.51	6.43
1988	0.32	0.13	0.13	0.21	1.51	2.26	1.02	1.95	0.73	1.07	0.68	0.46	10.47
1989	0.52	0.98	0.13	0.05	0.99	2.53	0.91	0.78	0.72	1.28	0.97	0.57	10.43
1990	0.52	0.72	0.11	0.07	0.40	1.73	4.87	3.60	1.74	0.31	1.51	2.94	18.52
1991	1.17	0.17	2.24	T	0.10	0.36	0.81	1.18	1.16	0.71	0.48	1.02	9.40
1992	0.85	0.66	0.07	0.47	1.23	2.15	2.32	0.59	1.34	0.91	0.93	1.21	12.73
1993	2.40	0.31	0.26	0.03	0.63	1.24	0.35	1.58	2.63	0.61	0.86	0.43	11.33
1994	0.47	0.32	0.17	0.07	0.22	2.41	1.11	1.38	0.61	0.82	1.67	0.48	9.73
1995	0.25	0.29	0.18	0.17	0.73	1.91	1.32	2.10	1.33	0.31	0.20	0.06	8.85
1996	0.32	1.40	0.53	0.05	0.14	1.56	1.07	2.83	1.06	1.13	.81	.46	11.36
1997	0.25	0.34	0.06	0.01	0.07	1.03	1.08	1.70	0.48	0.94	0.26	0.52	6.74
1998	0.08	0.11	T	0.05	0.41	1.33	3.35	3.18	1.19	0.27	0.21	0.56	10.74
1999	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.04	0.31	1.30	2.11	1.85	1.83	0.90	0.58	0.73	10.27
2000	1.97	T	0.10	T	0.74	0.72	1.29	3.04	1.48	0.91	0.37	0.16	10.78
2001	0.40	0.66	0.43	0.16	0.62	0.65	2.45	2.01	0.25	0.55	0.06	0.24	8.48
2002	0.54	0.18	0.14	3.06	0.38	0.78	2.63	3.02	1.09	1.05	0.05	0.41	13.33
2003	0.28	0.89	0.02	0.05	0.27	0.61	5.96	1.89	1.27	0.34	1.68	0.59	13.85
2004	0.33	0.33	0.29	0.03	1.96	0.31	1.13	0.37	1.34	1.12	0.63	0.75	8.59
2005	1.17	0.25	0.26	0.18	1.26	1.93	3.44	0.24	1.72	0.45	0.75	0.15	11.80
2006	0.22	0.76	0.22	0.40	0.18	0.71	2.24	2.16	0.56	0.56	0.09	0.48	8.58
2007	0.50	0.12	0.20	0.10	0.86	1.88	3.67	1.52	1.58	0.51	0.11	0.31	11.36
2008	0.93	0.18	0.10	1.27	0.50	2.08	4.12	2.66	0.64	0.76	0.28	0.50	14.02
2009	0.52	0.59	1.09	0.09	0.05	1.55	0.06	2.72	0.53	0.50	0.31	0.36	8.37
2010	0.03	0.15	0.09	0.29	0.24	1.36	3.11	1.46	1.19	0.45	1.71	0.23	10.31
2011	0.19	1.62	0.15	0.07	0.04	1.77	1.70	1.60	0.65	0.32	0.46	0.95	9.52
2012	0.69	0.42	0.74	0.07	0.73	1.39	1.72	1.45	0.55	1.38	0.29	1.19	10.62
POR= 64 YRS	0.58	0.45	0.35	0.28	0.57	1.38	2.04	1.86	1.04	0.77	0.66	0.70	10.68

WBAN : 26411

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2012 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1983	-11.0	3.4	13.8	37.4	50.4	62.3	64.2	53.5	41.2	23.6	8.6	-3.7	28.6
1984	-5.9	-13.3	21.6	30.3	47.2	61.6	60.9	53.8	46.8	25.9	0.1	-3.1	27.2
1985	11.1	-9.4	14.6	20.8	46.7	57.8	63.1	56.3	42.9	18.8	-4.7	7.7	27.1
1986	-2.1	4.7	6.0	24.0	47.8	62.6	63.6	54.7	46.3	27.1	0.2	7.3	28.5
1987	0.7	1.5	13.5	35.0	50.9	61.9	64.2	57.7	44.1	33.0	6.0	-3.2	30.4
1988	-5.3	3.9	17.8	33.6	52.8	62.9	65.8	58.4	44.4	17.4	-3.1	4.2	29.4
1989	-21.3	3.4	6.7	36.2	47.8	60.1	64.6	60.8	48.6	26.2	-7.1	4.5	27.5
1990	-12.9	-21.7	18.5	38.1	55.1	61.6	65.3	60.0	44.8	24.1	-4.9	-6.3	26.8
1991	-4.7	-1.2	11.9	35.4	51.2	63.8	60.6	54.4	48.0	24.9	0.6	-2.9	28.5
1992	-4.7	-8.7	14.0	26.1	41.8	60.0	64.1	56.5	31.7	17.5	10.4	-7.6	25.1
1993	-3.9	2.4	17.2	41.1	53.7	62.0	65.6	56.1	44.1	29.3	8.4	0.6	31.4
1994	-1.5	-6.4	10.5	34.7	51.6	58.4	64.7	59.6	43.7	21.0	0.3	-8.5	27.3
1995	-9.4	-0.2	3.8	40.1	53.5	60.9	63.1	57.3	52.8	28.0	-2.7	-9.0	28.2
1996	-16.8	-2.6	15.5	33.3	49.1	59.5	63.4	53.4	42.0	13.2	-1.9	-13.4	24.6
1997	-16.2	13.0	4.7	35.4	49.0	63.1	64.9	58.7	49.7	17.5	10.6	-7.0	28.6
1998	-13.6	2.1	18.4	38.6	50.0	58.8	62.7	53.0	46.1	26.1	5.0	-5.8	28.5
1999	-17.0	-16.7	7.2	32.7	46.9	61.4	61.5	58.0	45.2	19.5	-4.7	-12.8	23.4
2000	-9.9	6.7	17.6	31.9	44.4	61.5	59.6	51.7	41.7	22.3	8.7	.3	28.0
2001	7.8	7.0	9.9	33.3	44.5	61.1	60.0	57.3	47.5	22.0	.6	-10.5	28.4
2002	3.5	-5	9.9	23.2	50.4	58.2	61.8	54.6	47.4	31.7	19.2	4.9	30.4
2003	-3.3	11.0	8.6	33.1	47.2	60.2	60.7	56.2	41.8	32.0	9.2	-9.1	29.0
2004	-15.9	1.1	6.0	35.1	52.3	66.9	64.5	62.2	38.8	29.7	7.1	-3.3	28.7
2005	-9.1	-2.3	19.6	32.2	55.6	61.5	62.2	57.3	46.3	27.4	-5.1	.9	28.9
2006	-22.0	5.6	3.0	29.5	49.7	58.1	61.3	54.4	49.5	31.7	-9.8	-1.9	25.8
2007	-6.5	-6.6	-6.4	37.6	51.1	61.6	64.4	60.5	47.1	21.2	11.5	-3.2	27.7
2008	-9.1	-5.8	15.4	29.5	49.9	60.2	60.6	55.0	46.7	15.1	-1.3	-7.7	25.7
2009	-11.8	-1.4	5.6	31.2	51.6	60.3	66.5	54.5	48.5	30.7	-1.1	-2.7	27.7
2010	-13.6	2.9	10.8	39.5	54.0	59.8	62.7	59.9	47.1	27.5	11.9	-17.9	28.7
2011	-6.0	-6.6	7.3	31.8	52.4	60.5	61.8	57.2	49.0	28.9	-8.2	4.0	27.7
2012	-26.9	5.9	4.5	36.9	47.9	61.6	60.9	56.3	45.6	22.5	-8.8	-17.3	24.1
POR= 64 YRS	-8.9	-1.6	10.5	31.5	48.9	60.0	62.1	56.5	45.1	24.9	3.6	-6.2	27.2

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2012 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1983-84	62	351	705	1280	1688	2126	2201	2277	1338	1035	549	120	13732
1984-85	140	344	538	1205	1950	2111	1666	2086	1558	1321	558	215	13692
1985-86	72	267	654	1430	2095	1776	2079	1686	1825	1224	527	113	13748
1986-87	110	312	559	1169	1943	1787	1994	1776	1594	893	428	128	12693
1987-88	61	218	620	987	1768	2111	2185	1768	1455	934	371	96	12574
1988-89	39	202	611	1469	2045	1883	2676	1722	1804	859	529	149	13988
1989-90	73	134	484	1195	2164	1875	2420	2433	1431	798	310	127	13444
1990-91	74	178	600	1261	2097	2212	2161	1849	1640	877	421	130	13500
1991-92	143	321	504	1234	1935	2105	2163	2140	1577	1160	711	157	14150
1992-93	45	259	995	1463	1636	2253	2134	1751	1478	711	343	103	13171
1993-94	43	273	620	1099	1694	1995	2061	2002	1689	900	408	210	12994
1994-95	56	217	634	1357	1941	2280	2310	1827	1896	739	354	143	13754
1995-96	92	235	365	1141	2033	2299	2541	1962	1528	946	486	171	13799
1996-97	71	353	681	1600	2010	2424	2509	1450	1862	880	485	106	14431
1997-98	40	204	453	1467	1624	2224	2429	1755	1437	786	460	199	13078
1998-99	103	365	563	1200	1793	2188	2535	2282	1784	963	553	131	14460
1999-00	147	221	584	1403	2084	2403	2315	1680	1467	987	631	112	14034
2000-01	165	407	693	1318	1682	2001	1764	1616	1701	940	629	126	13042
2001-02	164	231	521	1326	1926	2333	1899	1828	1700	1246	453	197	13824
2002-03	121	324	524	1023	1366	1857	2110	1505	1742	950	547	141	12210
2003-04	154	265	689	1015	1667	2289	2502	1847	1823	889	388	44	13572
2004-05	49	125	780	1085	1730	2112	2290	1876	1401	977	283	127	12835
2005-06	81	248	554	1158	2093	1981	2692	1658	1914	1058	464	202	14103
2006-07	118	323	458	1026	2241	2067	2215	2003	2208	816	427	113	14015
2007-08	44	144	533	1351	1597	2111	2293	2050	1529	1057	460	146	13315
2008-09	158	305	544	1538	1986	2248	2380	1856	1832	1008	409	144	14408
2009-10	27	323	488	1055	1979	2096	2435	1733	1673	758	342	150	13059
2010-11	85	185	529	1157	1587	2558	2193	1996	1783	990	397	140	13600
2011-12	107	233	475	1114	2186	1886	2839	1707	1870	834	522	115	13888
2012-	135	263	576	1311	2204	2539							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2012 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1983	0	0	0	0	5	61	40	0	0	0	0	0	106
1984	0	0	0	0	0	22	21	2	0	0	0	0	45
1985	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	4	0	0	0	0	32
1986	0	0	0	0	0	46	74	0	0	0	0	0	120
1987	0	0	0	0	0	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	84
1988	0	0	0	0	0	41	72	2	0	0	0	0	115
1989	0	0	0	0	0	10	67	11	0	0	0	0	88
1990	0	0	0	0	11	32	91	35	0	0	0	0	169
1991	0	0	0	0	0	100	13	0	0	0	0	0	113
1992	0	0	0	0	0	17	21	4	0	0	0	0	42
1993	0	0	0	0	0	18	70	3	0	0	0	0	91
1994	0	0	0	0	0	19	55	55	0	0	0	0	129
1995	0	0	0	0	5	24	41	0	4	0	0	0	74
1996	0	0	0	0	0	11	29	0	0	0	0	0	40
1997	0	0	0	0	0	56	46	15	0	0	0	0	117
1998	0	0	0	0	0	18	37	1	0	0	0	0	56
1999	0	0	0	0	0	27	45	11	0	0	0	0	83
2000	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	21
2001	0	0	0	0	0	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	29
2002	0	0	0	0	8	0	30	7	0	0	0	0	45
2003	0	0	0	0	0	3	27	1	0	0	0	0	31
2004	0	0	0	0	0	108	40	45	0	0	0	0	193
2005	0	0	0	0	0	27	5	18	0	0	0	0	50
2006	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	12
2007	0	0	0	0	3	19	32	12	0	0	0	0	66
2008	0	0	0	0	0	10	30	0	0	0	0	0	40
2009	0	0	0	0	0	6	79	3	0	0	0	0	88
2010	0	0	0	0	7	1	22	36	0	0	0	0	66
2011	0	0	0	0	15	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	39
2012	0	0	0	0	0	21	13	0	0	0	0	0	34

SNOWFALL (inches) 2012 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.4	17.3	2.4	14.4	13.8	11.1	0.8	6.7	T	0.0	66.9
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	8.5	50.7	8.1	8.0	7.4	5.9	1.0	0.0	100.9
1985-86	0.0	0.0	2.1	5.4	14.7	1.8	2.3	2.6	3.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	33.6
1986-87	0.0	0.0	T	11.8	7.4	6.0	12.0	1.5	T	1.0	T	0.0	39.7
1987-88	0.0	0.0	T	3.5	14.1	10.4	6.3	2.5	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	39.9
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.9	15.2	10.5	10.8	13.4	3.9	0.4	0.8	0.0	68.1
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.5	19.7	18.1	11.1	10.4	16.0	2.6	T	0.0	T	78.4
1990-91	T	0.0	1.6	6.9	37.3	47.5	20.6	3.0	30.4	T	0.0	0.0	147.3
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	9.7	18.9	15.5	15.0	1.8	11.5	14.1	0.0	98.7
1992-93	0.0	0.0	24.4	16.7	18.7	28.5	40.2	5.4	5.2	T	0.0	T	139.1
1993-94	0.0	0.0	7.5	7.3	16.3	8.5	11.2	8.1	4.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	64.2
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	35.3	13.1	5.9	7.4	3.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	81.4
1995-96	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.1	3.2	0.8	5.4	29.3	9.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	56.2
1996-97	0.0	T	7.1	16.2	18.4	9.4	4.9	8.8	2.3	0.4	0.0	T	67.5
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.3	7.6	13.1	1.3	3.2	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.0	46.0
1998-99	0.0	0.0	T	6.2	4.6	8.5	4.2	2.7	3.5	0.9	0.4	0.0	31.0
1999-00	0.0	0.0	3.0	11.1	11.2	13.8	27.9	0.2	3.0	T	T	0.0	70.2
2000-01	0.0	0.0	1.4	9.8	7.5	2.7	6.7	10.7	8.6	2.2	7.0	0.0	56.6
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.4	2.8	4.6	11.4	4.2	2.2	15.4	1.8	0.0	49.1
2002-03	0.0	T	T	14.7	1.6	9.6	6.9	7.8	0.8	T	T	0.0	41.4
2003-04	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	27.6	9.6	8.5	7.8	5.2	0.2	T	0.0	61.6
2004-05	0.0	0.0	1.8	17.0	11.9	15.0	17.8	4.5	5.2	4.5	0.0	0.0	77.7
2005-06	0.0	T	0.3	6.4	14.3	4.2	4.0	13.2	4.7	3.3	0.0	T	50.4
2006-07	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.6	1.4	7.8	8.9	1.6	3.3	T	0.0	0.0	28.0
2007-08	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	4.2	6.0	14.4	5.4	1.4	14.7	0.0	0.0	55.6
2008-09	0.0	T	1.8	12.2	6.5	12.2	9.2	14.1	15.5	T	0.0	0.0	71.5
2009-10	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.3	7.4	6.8	1.0	2.5	1.6	T	0.1	0.0	24.9
2010-11	T	0.0	0.0	T	11.6	4.1	3.1	30.3	2.9	1.7	T	0.0	53.7
2011-12	0.0	0.0	T	4.2	9.2	12.2	9.6	7.5	14.7	T	T	0.0	57.4
2012-	0.0	0.0	T	7.1	4.2	18.6							
POR= 65 YRS	T	T	1.3	10.2	12.4	12.4	10.5	8.8	6.0	3.1	0.7	0.1	65.5

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REFERENCE NOTES :

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).

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).

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.

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

CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES

3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS.

GENERAL CONTINUED:

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.

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.

STATION HISTORY STOPPED WITH THE 2009 ANNUAL. IF YOU NEED STATION HISTORY INFORMATION GO TO "Historical Observing Metadata Repository", URL IS:

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/homr/>

SNOWFALL STOPPED MONTH & YEAR INDICATED ABOVE. NO FURTHER YEARS INCLUDED UNLESS RESTARTED.

NOTE:

The "Period of Record:(POR)" for all "averages" is based on "Summary of the Day First Order Station" and "Cooperative Summary of the Day" archives.

The 2012 Annual Publications were reproduced on 6/05/13 to correct two problems that occurred when the Publications were first produced on 02/28/13.

- 1) A small number of stations did not correctly show number of days with thunderstorms and heavy fog.
- 2) Climate Normals in the Annual Publications were based on a first edition of the 1981-2010 Normals release. With the release of Service Pack 1 (SP1) new normals for 83 stations are available and now included. Additional information on SP1 is available at:
<http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/normals/1981-2010/status.txt>.

2012 FAIRBANKS ALASKA (PAFA)

Fairbanks is located in the Tanana Valley, in the interior of Alaska. It has a distinctly continental climate, with large variation of temperature from winter to summer.

The climate in Fairbanks is conditioned mainly by the response of the land mass to large changes in solar heat received by the area during the year. The sun is above the horizon from 18 to 21 hours during June and July. During this period, daily average maximum temperatures reach the lower 70s. Temperatures of 80 degrees or higher occur on about 10 days each summer. In contrast, from November to early March, when the period of daylight ranges from 10 to less than 4 hours per day, the lowest temperature readings normally fall below zero quite regularly. Low temperatures of -40 degrees or colder occur each winter. The range of temperatures in summer is comparatively low, from the lower 30s to the mid 90s. In winter, this range is larger, from about 65 below to 45 degrees above. This large winter range of temperature reflects the great difference between frigid weather associated with dry northerly airflow from the Arctic to mild temperatures associated with southerly airflow from the Gulf of Alaska, accompanied by chinook winds off the Alaska Range, 80 miles to the south of Fairbanks.

Snow cover is persistent in Fairbanks, without interruption, from October through April. Snowfalls of 4 inches or more in a day occur only three times during winter. Blizzard conditions are almost never seen, as winds in Fairbanks are above 20 miles an hour less than 1 percent of the time. Precipitation normally reaches a minimum in spring, and a maximum in August, when rainfall is common. During summer, thunderstorms occur in Fairbanks on an average of about eight days. Thunderstorms are about three times more frequent over the hills to the north and east of Fairbanks. Damaging hail or wind rarely accompany thunderstorms around Fairbanks.

There are rolling hills reaching elevations up to 2,000 feet above Fairbanks to the north and east of the city. During winter, the uplands are often warmer than Fairbanks, as cold air settles into the valley. In some months, temperatures in the uplands will average more than 10 degrees warmer than Fairbanks. During summer, the uplands are a few degrees cooler than the city. Precipitation in the uplands around Fairbanks is heavier than it is in the city by roughly 20 to 50 percent. Fairbanks exhibits an urban heat island, especially during winter. Low lying areas nearby, such as the community of North Pole, are often colder than the city, sometimes by as much as 15 degrees.

During winter, with temperatures of -20 degrees or colder, ice fog frequently forms in the city. Cold snaps accompanied by ice fog generally last about a week, but can last three weeks in unusual situations. The fog is almost always less than 300 feet deep, so that the surrounding uplands are usually in the clear, with warmer temperatures. Visibility in the ice fog is sometimes quite low, and this can hinder aircraft operations for as much as a day in severe cases. Aside from the low visibility in winter ice fog, flying weather in Fairbanks is quite favorable, especially from February through May, when crystal clear weather is common and the length of daylight is rapidly increasing.

Hardy vegetables and grains grow luxuriantly. Freezing of local rivers normally begins in the first week of October. The date when ice will normally support a persons weight is October 27. Rivers remain frozen and safe for travel until early April. Breakup of the river ice usually occurs in the first week of May.

Station History

FAIRBANKS, AK

NAME	Begin Date	End Date	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation Feet	Relocation	Platform
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	2010-01-25	Present	64° 48'	-147° 52'	432		ASOS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1997-12-01	2010-01-25	64° 48'	-147° 52'	432	1.2 MI SSW	ASOS, COOP
FAIRBANKS WEEKS FIELD	1943-05-01	1946-09-01	64° 49'	-147° 43'			AIRWAYS
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1955-04-13	1970-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	440		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1970-01-01	1973-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	456		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1979-01-01	1981-12-31	64° 49'	-147° 52'	436		COOP, WXSVC
FAIRBANKS WEEKS FIELD	1946-09-01	1951-08-22	64° 49'	-147° 43'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS AP	1951-08-22	1952-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 43'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1973-01-01	1979-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	456		COOP, WXSVC
FAIRBANKS AP	1955-01-01	1955-04-13	64° 49'	-147° 52'	440		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1981-12-31	1997-12-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	436		COOP
FAIRBANKS	1929-07-15	1942-07-21	64° 49'	-147° 43'			WXSVC
FAIRBANKS AP	1952-01-01	1955-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS LADD FIELD	1942-07-21	1942-12-31	64° 49'	-147° 43'			WXSVC

Element History

Element	Begin Date	End Date	Frequency	Time Of Observation	Equipment *	Equipment * Modifications	Equipment Exposure
TEMP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	DAILY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	2004-06-01	2010-01-25	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	HOURLY	VAR	AWPAG	RCRD;HTD	
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	HOURLY	2400	AWPAG	RCRD;HTD	
PRECIP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	2004-06-01	2010-01-25	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	DAILY	2400	PLASTIC		
TEMP	2010-01-25	Present	DAILY	2400	ATEMP		
TEMP	1929-07-15	1997-01-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1929-07-15	1997-01-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	2004-06-01	2010-01-25	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		

* For explanation of codes and abbreviations see Station Metadata link below.

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