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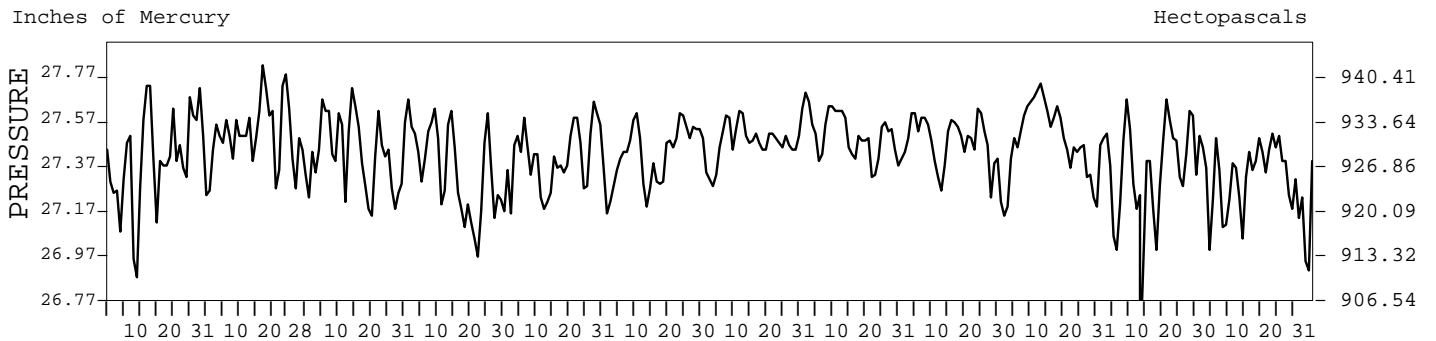
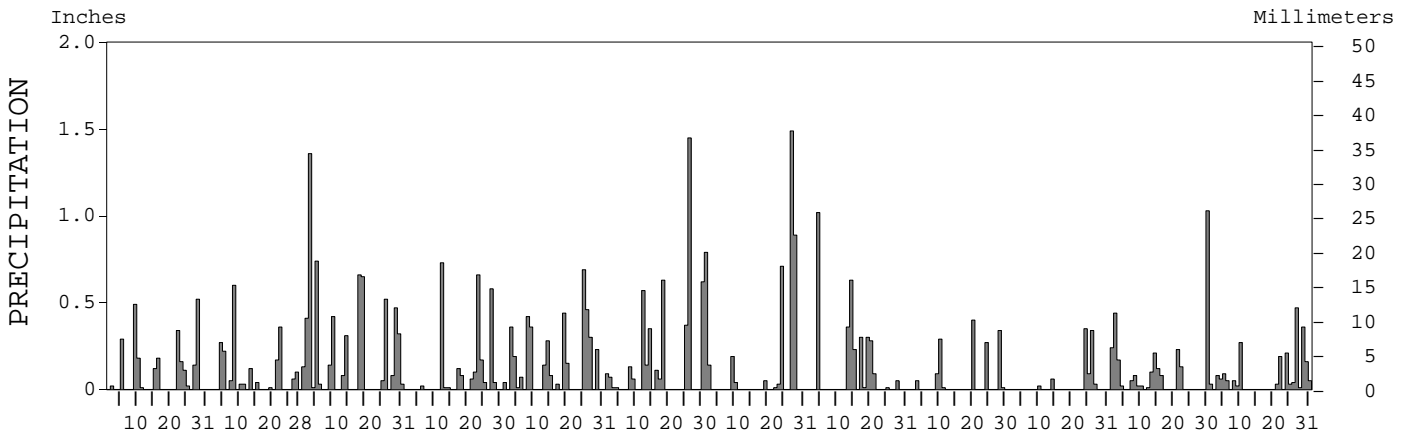
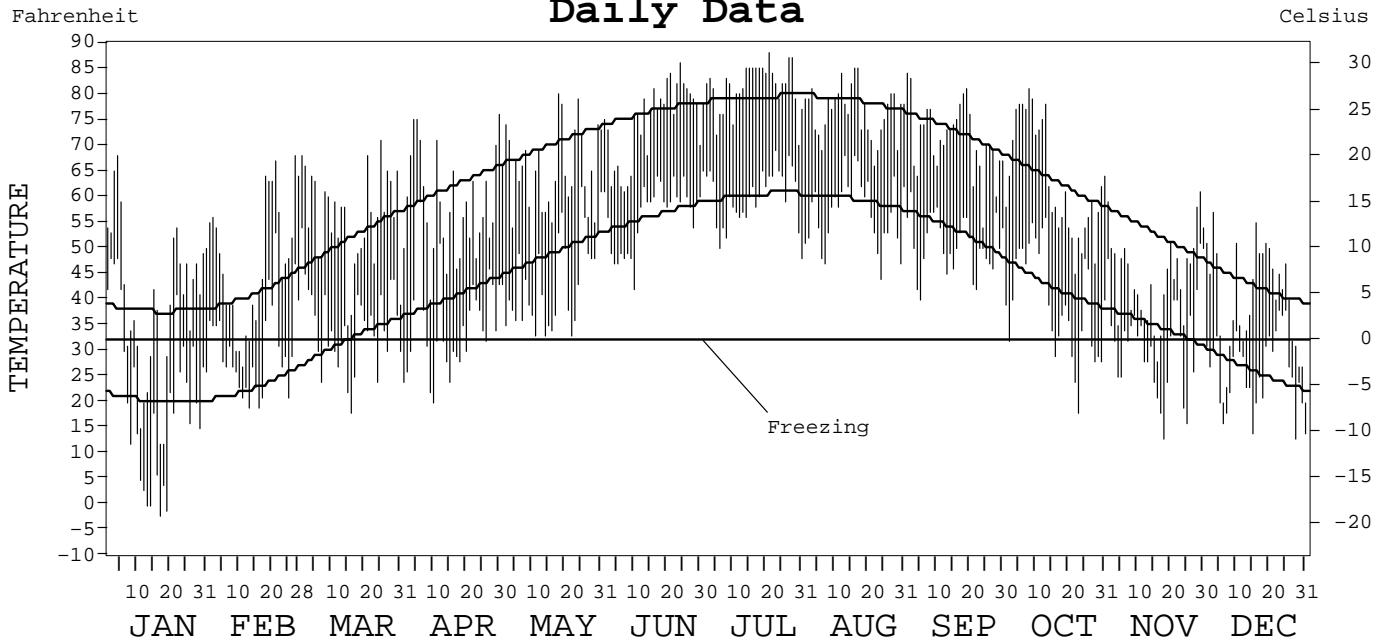
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR BECKLEY, WV (BKW)

LATITUDE: 37° 47' 42" N LONGITUDE: 81° 07' 29" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 2504 BARO: 2512 TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC+ 5) WBAN: 03872

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	39.9	47.3	55.7	58.4	64.9	74.5	81.3	76.5	71.3	63.2	44.4	39.6	59.8	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	68	68	71	76	80	86	88	85	84	81	61	57	88	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	4	27	25	30	18	24	21	17+	01	08	29	03	JUL 21	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	21.3	30.5	34.6	35.3	43.4	56.3	60.0	56.8	50.6	39.5	31.5	26.1	40.5	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-2	19	18	20	33	42	48	44	40	18	13	13	-2	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	17	16+	16	10	22+	10	31	24	05	23	18	28	JAN 17	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	30.6	38.9	45.2	46.9	54.2	65.4	70.7	66.7	61.0	51.4	38.0	32.9	50.2	
	MEAN WET BULB	27.6	35.3	39.9	40.1	48.8	60.1	65.3	62.5	56.9	46.8	35.2	30.0	45.7	
	MEAN DEW POINT	20.9	30.5	33.3	30.9	42.6	57.1	62.7	60.0	53.8	42.0	30.9	25.9	40.9	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	23	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	25	18	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	24	118	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1059	724	609	541	337	70	9	37	137	421	806	987	5737	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	2	9	90	191	97	22	5	0	0	416	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	68	75	68	59	67	78	79	81	80	73	78	79	74	
	HOUR 01 LST	74	77	76	67	75	87	93	92	92	83	82	83	82	
	HOUR 07 LST	80	83	80	72	77	88	92	93	92	87	83	85	84	
	HOUR 13 LST	57	70	55	50	59	65	59	64	65	57	68	71	62	
	HOUR 19 LST	62	71	61	48	62	72	73	79	77	71	80	79	70	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	0	0	6	3	1	4	11	2	8	5	5	3	48	
	THUNDERSTORMS	1	0	3	1	2	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	24	
CLOUDINESS	SUNRISE-SUNSET: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)															
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
CLEAR															
PARTLY CLOUDY															
CLOUDY															
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	27.38	27.51	27.41	27.35	27.39	27.41	27.47	27.48	27.44	27.49		27.29		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.09	30.19	30.06	29.98	29.99	29.97	30.01	30.04	30.02	30.11		29.98		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.9	3.8	2.8	1.2	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	2.0	1.0	1.7	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	24	22	24	29	24	15	06	22	14	16	21	23	22	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	8.2	8.0	8.1	6.6	7.6	5.8	3.8	3.8	4.5	4.7	6.2	6.1	6.1	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	15	28	33	21	15	36	20	01	15	22	28		
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	28	32	32	23	25	25	31	22	23	23	23	26	32	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	14	18	28	17	28	22	01	01	36	16	30	14	28	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	21	02	05	03	18	28	04	20	26	26	24	MAR 02	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	37		46	32	38	36	41	30	31	31	32	40		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	14		29	33	28	21	01	36	02	16	30	15			
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09		02	18+	03	18	28	04	20	26	26	24			
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	2.58	2.06	6.41	2.62	4.25	4.67	4.34	3.28	1.46	0.89	2.95	2.20	37.71	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.66	0.63	1.47	0.74	1.10	1.62	1.49	1.02	0.40	0.42	1.03	0.48	1.62	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27-28	07-08	02-03	12-13	25-26	25-26	27	04	20	24-25	30	29-30	JUN 25-26	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	13	13	18	13	17	15	10	11	8	6	16	18	158	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	10	7	12	6	12	9	6	7	4	2	9	6	90		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	5		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	10.0	7.5	0.1	1.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.9	18.6	40.3	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	4.8	4.4	0.1	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	7.0	7.0	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	08	06	17-18	15					27	16	29-30	DEC 29-30	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	13	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13+	10+		18							17	31	DEC 31	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	11		

NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

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ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	37.9	41.2	51.8	61.8	70.1	76.4	79.2	78.4	72.4	62.6	52.3	42.4	60.5
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	34	38.5	41.8	51.7	62.4	70.0	76.6	79.7	78.5	72.3	62.7	52.0	42.6	60.7
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	34	69	74	81	86	89	90	94	96	89	81	78	73	96
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1977	1989	1976	1996	1964	1988	1988	1973	1997	1993	1971	AUG 1988
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	34	60.3	63.5	72.8	80.0	82.3	85.4	87.2	86.2	83.1	76.7	70.4	63.1	75.9
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	20.4	22.9	32.1	40.4	48.9	56.1	60.1	59.1	53.0	42.1	34.4	25.6	41.3
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	34	21.4	23.6	32.0	40.7	48.9	56.5	60.7	59.3	53.0	42.1	34.3	26.2	41.6
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	34	-22	-16	-5	11	23	32	41	36	30	18	4	-18	-22
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1996	1980	1985	1966	1972	1988	1986	1983	1997	1970	1989	JAN 1985
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	34	-2.5	1.2	11.4	22.6	32.8	42.1	48.5	47.3	37.2	25.9	15.3	4.7	23.9
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	29.2	32.1	42.0	51.2	59.5	66.2	69.7	68.8	62.8	52.4	43.4	34.0	50.9
	MEAN DRY BULB	34	29.9	32.7	41.8	51.6	59.5	66.6	70.1	68.9	62.7	52.5	43.1	34.5	51.2
	MEAN WET BULB	14	28.5	31.3	37.0	44.5	53.6	61.9	65.6	59.4	57.8	48.0	39.0	31.9	46.5
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	22.8	24.9	29.6	36.5	48.5	58.4	62.6	61.1	54.6	42.6	32.7	26.3	41.7
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	10.7	7.1	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	6.6	28.5	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	25.5	21.8	16.6	7.0	1.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.4	13.8	22.4	113.7	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	2.4	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	4.5	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1110	921	713	414	198	47	10	19	117	400	648	961	5558
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	28	83	156	136	51	9	0	0	463
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	74	72	67	62	68	75	78	80	80	72	70	74	73
	HOUR 01 LST	30	77	75	72	70	79	87	90	90	90	82	76	77	80
	HOUR 07 LST	30	80	79	78	75	80	86	89	92	92	86	80	79	83
	HOUR 13 LST	30	67	64	58	52	54	59	62	63	63	57	60	66	60
	HOUR 19 LST	30	71	68	61	54	61	68	72	76	79	70	68	73	68
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	34	4.2	3.6	3.9	2.5	3.1	4.1	4.9	5.6	5.7	3.7	3.1	3.2	47.6
	THUNDERSTORMS	34	0.4	0.7	2.0	3.4	6.3	8.4	9.6	6.9	3.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	42.4
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	33	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.2	4.7	5.6	6.0	5.7
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	30	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.3	5.8	5.2
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	34	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.2	4.9	3.4	3.2	3.9	6.1	8.5	5.0	4.5	58.9
PARTLY CLOUDY	34	5.2	5.4	5.8	7.3	8.6	10.4	11.5	11.2	8.3	7.7	6.9	5.5	93.8	
CLOUDY	34	21.2	18.4	20.1	17.5	17.5	16.2	15.4	15.0	14.7	13.9	17.3	20.1	207.3	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	24	27.40	27.40	27.40	27.40	27.40	27.50	27.50	26.40	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.40	27.36
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.14	30.12	30.06	30.00	30.03	30.02	30.05	27.92	30.10	30.14	30.16	30.16	29.91
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	21	10.0	9.8	10.2	9.8	8.4	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.9	7.9	9.2	9.7	8.5
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	22	30	30	14	16	14	24	24	14	14	14	14	14	14
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	1	28	32	32	23	25	25	31	22	23	23	23	26	32
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		14	18	28	17	28	22	10	10	36	16	30	14	28
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	MAR 1997
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	1	37		46	32	38	36	41	30	31	31	32	40		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		14		29	33	28	21	10	36	20	16	30	15		
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997		
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	2.92	2.94	3.40	3.43	3.98	3.84	4.70	3.38	3.33	2.89	2.99	3.23	41.03
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	34	6.36	6.01	9.18	7.63	7.52	7.05	9.61	5.93	8.27	5.91	6.33	6.43	9.61
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1974	1972	1975	1987	1996	1969	1982	1977	1964	1990	1985	1991	JUL 1982
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	34	0.53	0.94	1.74	0.28	1.03	1.48	1.65	1.74	0.54	0.14	0.96	0.57	0.14
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1983	1968	1966	1976	1977	1978	1993	1976	1985	1963	1965	1965	OCT 1963
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	34	2.28	2.11	2.22	3.77	2.50	2.47	2.95	2.55	5.34	3.31	2.54	2.22	5.34
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1995	1994	1967	1977	1985	1983	1994	1980	1964	1989	1985	1991	SEP 1964
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	16.3	14.7	14.7	14.4	13.6	12.1	13.3	11.4	10.8	10.0	12.6	14.8	158.7	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.3	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	17.8	16.4	8.1	2.5	0.*	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	4.0	11.3	60.4
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	34	37.3	30.8	35.5	18.6	1.3	T	0.0	0.0	T	6.5	13.1	26.5	37.3
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1996	1964	1993	1987	1989	1993			1967	1993	1974	1993	JAN 1996
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	34	16.2	14.4	28.2	13.1	1.3	T	0.0	0.0	T	6.5	7.0	13.8	28.2
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1996	1983	1993	1987	1989	1993			1967	1993	1968	1967	MAR 1993
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	33	19	15	30	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	14	30
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1978	1964	1993	1987						1993	1968	1974	MAR 1993
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	6.1	5.2	2.7	0.6	0.*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	3.4	19.4	

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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	2.64	0.94	2.93	3.36	4.62	3.08	3.17	3.50	2.20	2.63	3.17	2.24	34.48
1969	1.91	1.61	2.48	2.55	2.81	7.05	5.14	4.66	2.19	1.18	2.45	6.14	40.17
1970	2.11	2.99	2.55	3.62	1.36	3.58	3.34	5.06	3.03	2.50	1.93	3.27	35.34
1971	3.74	3.67	2.87	2.97	6.24	4.49	4.23	1.74	4.51	3.01	2.03	1.91	41.41
1972	5.45	6.01	1.86	4.62	4.73	5.46	5.78	3.56	3.65	2.84	3.94	4.29	52.19
1973	1.75	2.66	4.49	5.12	4.63	2.11	5.21	2.79	2.33	3.22	4.52	4.62	43.45
1974	6.36	2.03	4.91	3.36	4.67	4.42	3.93	2.76	2.89	2.90	4.07	3.45	45.75
1975	4.54	4.34	9.18	3.92	5.65	4.61	7.26	4.21	4.62	2.75	2.51	3.51	57.10
1976	3.08	2.96	3.32	0.28	3.79	2.98	3.56	1.74	5.51	5.88	1.30	2.77	37.17
1977	2.02	1.58	2.48	6.27	1.03	5.65	3.28	5.93	4.06	4.09	2.94	2.11	41.44
1978	4.40	0.98	3.14	3.82	4.16	1.48	3.10	4.66	1.49	0.97	2.42	5.88	36.50
1979	5.31	2.54	2.60	3.11	4.99	6.40	4.89	3.40	4.59	2.59	3.68	1.48	45.58
1980	3.35	1.78	3.71	4.85	2.38	2.69	6.80	5.54	1.60	1.81	2.15	1.06	37.72
1981	0.57	2.11	1.79	3.40	5.16	5.65	3.29	2.50	5.00	3.15	1.25	3.42	37.29
1982	2.07	3.68	3.49	1.44	6.22	3.23	9.61	2.87	1.74	2.64	3.46	1.69	42.14
1983	0.53	1.43	1.83	3.43	3.98	7.00	3.72	2.52	1.60	4.55	1.84	2.27	34.70
1984	1.50	4.07	1.85	3.21	5.27	2.87	8.53	2.65	1.76	2.18	4.13	3.41	41.43
1985	2.25	2.02	2.14	0.87	7.13	4.11	3.14	4.32	0.54	1.57	6.33	1.71	36.13
1986	1.44	2.67	2.07	2.23	4.59	2.16	6.13	2.90	3.75	3.11	4.50	2.69	38.24
1987	3.24	3.59	1.93	7.63	2.47	4.16	1.66	3.77	2.80	1.29	1.69	4.27	38.50
1988	2.11	1.79	2.50	2.70	2.98	2.31	4.56	1.90	5.89	2.10	2.55	2.22	33.61
1989	2.97	3.27	3.39	4.29	4.55	3.56	4.27	4.46	3.36	5.25	2.05	2.39	43.81
1990	2.94	4.71	2.26	3.31	3.53	3.09	3.61	3.50	1.94	5.91	1.66	5.26	41.72
1991	4.20	2.46	6.57	2.54	2.16	1.64	3.16	3.63	2.55	0.82	4.00	6.43	40.16
1992	1.94	2.35	4.39	4.06	3.35	3.70	5.28	3.97	1.60	1.47	1.92	3.94	37.97
1993	1.56	2.84	6.37	2.54	4.10	3.15	1.65	3.50	4.06	3.29	2.58	4.49	40.13
1994	4.60	5.25	7.63	2.70	4.23	3.71	8.39	4.68	1.45	1.21	1.31	1.89	47.05
1995	5.82	2.72	2.15	1.89	5.62	5.57	2.67	2.67	2.92	3.29	3.84	2.43	41.59
1996	5.53	2.84	4.11	3.15	7.52	3.97	7.59	4.87	6.65	2.17	4.10	3.05	55.55
1997	2.58	2.06	6.41	2.62	4.25	4.67	4.34	3.28	1.46	0.89	2.95	2.20	37.71
POR= 47 YRS	3.17	3.08	3.88	3.37	3.97	3.93	4.65	3.62	3.33	2.55	2.83	3.18	41.56

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 BECKLEY, WV (BKW)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	28.3	22.9	44.3	52.1	56.9	66.0	69.6	69.6	61.2	52.1	42.8	29.9	49.6
1969	28.6	30.7	33.8	53.2	61.3	67.7	71.5	67.8	60.8	52.2	38.0	28.1	49.5
1970	24.0	31.3	39.1	53.7	61.6	66.4	69.5	69.0	67.3	55.4	43.2	36.1	51.4
1971	27.7	33.3	36.0	49.4	56.2	69.1	68.3	67.5	66.0	58.3	41.2	42.5	51.3
1972	35.3	30.7	39.7	49.9	58.3	61.3	69.0	68.7	63.8	49.4	40.3	39.8	50.5
1973	31.3	31.4	48.5	49.1	56.8	68.8	70.2	69.9	65.6	55.3	44.3	34.1	52.1
1974	41.4	34.1	45.7	53.1	59.5	62.6	68.2	68.2	59.3	50.4	42.8	34.4	51.6
1975	34.3	36.5	37.3	47.7	62.6	66.6	69.5	71.9	61.1	55.5	47.1	35.3	52.1
1976	27.8	42.2	47.7	52.0	57.2	66.6	68.1	66.0	59.9	46.4	34.3	29.5	49.8
1977	16.5	29.9	46.7	54.8	63.0	63.5	71.9	69.8	65.1	49.3	46.1	32.6	50.8
1978	22.2	21.6	38.9	52.8	58.7	66.1	69.1	70.3	66.0	51.5	47.4	36.9	50.1
1979	25.6	26.6	45.5	51.8	60.1	64.0	67.7	68.6	62.2	50.5	44.4	36.2	50.3
1980	30.8	25.8	38.6	50.5	59.5	64.2	72.2	71.4	65.6	49.9	39.9	33.5	50.2
1981	24.2	34.4	36.2	55.6	56.6	68.6	70.6	67.3	60.7	50.1	42.4	29.9	49.7
1982	25.8	34.3	44.2	48.5	64.4	64.6	70.2	66.6	61.2	53.4	45.3	41.0	51.6
1983	30.2	34.2	42.8	48.6	57.8	66.0	70.3	70.9	63.0	51.8	41.5	28.5	50.5
1984	28.1	37.9	38.1	49.0	57.0	69.7	67.5	68.7	60.1	61.1	41.5	45.1	52.0
1985	24.2	31.6	43.2	54.8	60.5	65.1	69.5	67.5	63.0	57.2	52.2	28.8	51.5
1986	29.3	35.8	42.3	54.4	60.0	68.1	72.3	67.7	64.7	54.2	44.8	34.5	52.3
1987	29.6	33.4	42.6	47.6	64.3	68.8	72.7	72.8	64.0	48.4	46.4	37.6	52.4
1988	27.8	32.3	44.0	50.7	59.6	66.5	72.7	73.4	63.0	46.1	44.5	34.0	51.2
1989	38.6	32.9	45.8	50.3	56.1	68.3	71.5	69.1	63.2	54.1	43.1	22.9	51.3
1990	38.6	41.7	46.3	51.1	59.5	67.2	70.6	69.9	63.6	54.7	47.6	41.0	54.3
1991	33.9	37.5	44.3	55.6	66.6	69.0	73.4	70.4	63.9	55.7	42.9	38.6	54.3
1992	34.7	39.5	41.9	51.8	58.2	66.1	72.2	67.8	64.4	52.3	43.7	34.6	52.3
1993	36.8	31.5	37.9	51.1	60.4	67.2	74.5	71.5	64.1	52.6	43.9	32.8	52.0
1994	25.8	35.9	41.2	56.4	54.8	69.6	71.3	68.1	60.9	53.3	49.1	40.0	52.2
1995	33.3	31.7	44.5	52.8	59.2	67.4	72.3	73.1	61.6	54.3	37.7	30.9	51.6
1996	30.3	31.8	36.6	50.6	62.8	69.2	68.0	68.7	61.9	53.2	37.8	38.9	50.8
1997	30.6	38.9	45.2	46.9	54.2	65.4	70.7	66.7	61.0	51.4	38.0	32.9	50.2
POR= 47 YRS	30.4	33.5	41.4	51.4	59.7	66.3	70.0	68.9	62.7	52.2	42.6	34.2	51.1

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HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 BECKLEY, WV (BKW)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	10	53	124	392	661	1078	1124	955	961	351	140	50	5899
1969-70	0	4	166	400	804	1139	1269	938	798	351	150	38	6057
1970-71	17	12	58	299	645	890	1149	883	890	461	280	4	5588
1971-72	6	10	46	212	714	692	916	987	775	446	204	139	5147
1972-73	35	10	74	475	737	776	1036	936	506	477	258	11	5331
1973-74	5	13	55	295	613	951	724	859	594	362	198	113	4782
1974-75	5	9	188	447	660	943	946	794	849	514	116	40	5511
1975-76	0	2	146	289	530	914	1148	655	533	421	241	37	4916
1976-77	24	49	151	566	914	1094	1496	978	565	310	113	97	6357
1977-78	8	11	67	479	564	997	1319	1211	801	366	216	56	6095
1978-79	14	3	58	411	521	864	1213	1070	597	389	175	69	5384
1979-80	28	37	116	448	611	890	1053	1130	809	435	186	81	5824
1980-81	0	1	69	463	746	970	1257	849	887	287	264	15	5808
1981-82	6	18	164	453	670	1084	1211	856	636	487	71	43	5699
1982-83	9	23	144	363	585	737	1071	856	680	490	230	46	5234
1983-84	14	12	138	400	699	1126	1138	781	827	483	266	18	5902
1984-85	24	14	189	137	698	608	1259	929	672	324	151	56	5061
1985-86	4	19	128	247	378	1116	1099	812	696	332	173	26	5030
1986-87	2	46	75	347	598	939	1089	878	686	518	92	19	5289
1987-88	5	8	82	507	552	842	1148	943	644	422	182	84	5419
1988-89	14	5	85	580	606	953	812	894	597	441	298	16	5301
1989-90	1	22	118	334	652	1299	813	648	574	427	190	29	5107
1990-91	2	9	122	320	515	736	957	765	636	294	70	23	4449
1991-92	0	4	117	293	655	812	936	732	710	395	229	49	4932
1992-93	1	17	98	390	630	937	865	932	833	414	147	41	5305
1993-94	0	4	97	378	631	993	1211	810	730	273	320	10	5457
1994-95	4	14	129	357	471	767	977	925	628	367	195	22	4856
1995-96	4	3	131	333	811	1050	1066	957	873	438	140	14	5820
1996-97	17	4	123	361	807	806	1059	724	609	541	337	70	5458
1997-	9	37	137	421	806	987							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 BECKLEY, WV (BKW)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	4	32	139	208	100	45	11	0	0	539
1970	0	0	0	16	53	88	165	142	131	11	0	0	606
1971	0	0	0	0	14	132	119	91	86	11	5	0	458
1972	0	0	0	2	4	34	165	132	42	0	0	0	379
1973	0	0	1	6	9	130	172	173	81	2	0	0	574
1974	0	0	1	12	35	51	112	112	22	0	0	0	345
1975	0	0	0	1	51	92	145	221	37	1	0	0	548
1976	0	0	2	38	7	90	127	86	6	0	0	0	356
1977	0	0	1	11	58	60	229	169	77	0	2	0	607
1978	0	0	0	5	33	96	147	175	96	0	0	0	552
1979	0	0	0	1	31	49	121	157	39	6	0	0	404
1980	0	0	0	4	24	66	235	207	94	2	0	0	632
1981	0	0	0	11	8	130	187	99	40	0	0	0	475
1982	0	0	0	0	61	37	176	83	37	12	0	0	406
1983	0	0	0	4	16	84	189	201	86	0	0	0	580
1984	0	0	0	8	26	166	107	134	52	24	0	0	517
1985	0	0	5	25	20	68	150	100	75	9	0	0	452
1986	0	0	0	21	27	124	235	136	74	20	0	0	637
1987	0	0	0	2	78	143	250	257	59	0	0	0	789
1988	0	0	0	1	22	135	258	268	37	1	0	0	722
1989	0	0	10	5	29	121	208	155	71	3	0	0	602
1990	0	0	1	16	25	100	183	169	83	7	0	0	584
1991	0	0	0	17	126	150	266	178	94	13	1	0	845
1992	0	0	0	7	23	85	230	111	86	2	0	0	544
1993	0	0	0	1	13	113	304	213	79	4	3	0	730
1994	0	0	0	22	11	156	207	120	13	1	0	0	530
1995	0	0	0	7	20	101	235	262	37	8	0	0	670
1996	0	0	0	9	76	149	119	127	38	0	0	0	518
1997	0	0	0	2	9	90	191	97	22	5	0	0	416

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 BECKLEY, WV (BKW)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	11.0	12.0	4.0	10.9	15.4	T	T	0.0	53.3
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	20.7	18.9	12.6	4.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	62.9
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	10.3	14.0	13.4	19.8	8.2	T	0.0	70.2
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	0.9	2.4	22.1	3.4	1.9	0.0	0.0	38.3
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.6	2.3	5.5	10.9	5.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	28.9
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.7	19.2	1.4	10.4	2.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	38.6
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	13.1	16.5	11.7	7.8	17.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	68.8
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.0	16.4	7.3	3.8	T	T	0.0	35.6
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	12.7	19.3	35.5	15.4	3.5	2.2	0.0	0.0	88.6
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.4	7.9	31.6	20.3	15.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	80.5
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	3.8	27.7	29.5	5.4	T	0.0	0.0	68.8
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.4	4.7	21.1	26.1	12.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	69.8
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.4	4.4	21.4	8.4	20.4	T	0.0	0.0	56.0
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.6	22.0	17.9	18.2	12.8	4.0	0.0	0.0	79.0
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	14.8	10.9	25.6	6.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	59.1
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	8.5	22.3	22.9	9.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	67.6
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.8	34.1	18.5	2.2	6.9	0.0	0.0	67.0
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	14.4	24.4	18.7	9.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	68.6
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	29.4	21.9	1.3	18.6	0.0	0.0	72.6
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.3	15.9	16.8	9.2	7.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	57.1
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	12.8	9.5	10.9	0.4	5.7	1.3	0.0	40.8
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	7.4	24.6	15.0	15.3	4.4	6.1	T	0.0	74.0
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	4.6	4.7	9.9	3.7	T	0.0	0.0	22.9
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.5	9.5	5.2	10.7	11.3	T	0.0	42.6
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.5	14.8	0.4	20.1	35.5	1.0	T	T	74.5
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.7	26.5	29.5	6.9	11.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	82.0
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.4	17.3	13.0	13.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	44.9
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	12.0	13.6	37.3	23.8	9.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	100.1
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.0	6.5	10.0	7.5	0.1	1.1	T	0.0	29.2
1997-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.9	18.6							
POR= 33 YRS	0.0	0.0	T	0.5	3.8	11.3	16.8	15.2	8.6	2.6	0.1	T	58.9

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REFERENCE NOTES:

<p>PAGE 1: THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).</p> <p>PAGE 2 AND 3: H/C INDICATES HEATING AND COOLING DEGREE DAYS. RH INDICATES RELATIVE HUMIDITY W/O INDICATES WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS S INDICATES SUNSHINE. PR INDICATES PRESSURE. CLOUDINESS ON PAGE 3 IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT EIGHTHS(OKTAS).</p> <p>GENERAL: T INDICATES TRACE PRECIPITATION, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN THE LOWEST REPORTABLE VALUE. + INDICATES THE VALUE ALSO OCCURS ON EARLIER DATES. BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING OR UNREPORTED DATA. NORMALS ARE 30-YEAR AVERAGES (1961 - 1990). ASOS INDICATES AUTOMATED SURFACE OBSERVING SYSTEM. PM INDICATES THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. POR (PERIOD OF RECORD) BEGINS WITH THE JANUARY DATA MONTH AND IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS USED TO COMPUTE THE MEAN. INDIVIDUAL MONTHS WITHIN THE POR MAY BE MISSING. WHEN THE POR FOR A NORMAL IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS, THE NORMAL IS PROVISIONAL AND IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED. 0.* OR * INDICATES THE VALUE OR MEAN-DAYS-WITH IS BETWEEN 0.00 AND 0.05. CLOUDINESS FOR ASOS STATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE NON-ASOS OBSERVATION TAKEN BY A HUMAN OBSERVER. ASOS STATION CLOUDINESS IS BASED ON TIME-AVERAGED CEILOMETER DATA FOR CLOUDS AT OR BELOW 12,000 FEET AND ON SATELLITE DATA FOR CLOUDS ABOVE 12,000 FEET. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS FOR ASOS STATIONS IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA FOR THE SUNRISE TO SUNSET PERIOD.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTINUED: CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS. WHEN AT LEAST ONE OF THE ELEMENTS (CEILOMETER OR SATELLITE) IS MISSING, THE DAILY CLOUDINESS IS NOT COMPUTED. WIND DIRECTION IS RECORDED IN TENS OF DEGREES (2 DIGITS) CLOCKWISE FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM. "36" INDICATES TRUE NORTH. RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR AVERAGE OF THE SPEED AND DIRECTION. AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS THE SUM OF THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DIVIDED BY 2. SNOWFALL DATA COMPRISE ALL FORMS OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION, INCLUDING HAIL. A HEATING (COOLING) DEGREE DAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE AND 65° F. DRY BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE AMBIENT AIR. DEW POINT IS THE TEMPERATURE TO WHICH THE AIR MUST BE COOLED TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY. WET BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE THE AIR WOULD HAVE IF THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS INCREASED TO 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY.</p> <p>ON JULY 1, 1996, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BEGAN USING THE "METAR" OBSERVATION CODE THAT WAS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE THE CHANGE IN UNITS FROM TENTHS TO EIGHTHS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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1997
BECKLEY,
WEST VIRGINIA (BKW)

The city of Beckley is located in the Appalachian Mountains about 30 miles northwest of the high ridges through eastern West Virginia. The Raleigh County Memorial Airport is on a plateau about 2.5 miles east of the city. Beckley is almost surrounded by distant peaks. The entire area is on a broad plateau composed of rough, hilly ground and lush valleys. The generalized 2,000-foot contour line is about 25 miles to the northwest and runs from southwest to northeast. The generalized 3,000-foot contour is about 10 miles to the southeast and follows the general configuration of the Appalachians.

One of the important results of this location is that only the air reaching Beckley from the northwest has had a trajectory which is primarily upslope. When a northwesterly circulation persists following the passage of a cold front, clearing often is delayed because of the upslope conditions causing clouds. The downslope effect is noticeable with an easterly circulation. When this occurs, the weather often remains clear over Beckley even though the low stratus to the east may obscure the ridges and be solid to the east of these ridges. To a lesser degree, the upslope effect from the northwest is largely responsible for the formation of heavy fogs at the Beckley Airport. Likewise, downslope motion resists formation of fog when the flow is from an easterly direction. The exception to this is a light southeasterly flow which frequently produces fog that is advected over the airport after forming over the large lake in New River Valley. Smoke is no problem due to the lack of any source region.

Beckley has a climate characterized by sharp temperature contrasts, both seasonal and day to day. The months of May through September are

generally warm, those of November through March moderately cold, with April and October months of fairly rapid transition. Cold waves occur on an average of two or three times during the winter, but severe cold spells are seldom of more than two or three days duration. Below-zero temperatures, as well as temperatures in the 70s have been recorded during winter months. A low of -13 degrees may be expected once every 10 years and -16 degrees once every 25 years. Summer highs near 90 degrees have occurred, contrasting with lows in the 30s during the same months. Highs seldom reach above the mid-80s. Cool nights are common throughout the summer, with lowest temperatures usually ranging from the 50s to the low 60s.

Ample precipitation is well distributed throughout the year. July has the highest monthly average while October has the lowest average. Summer rainfall occurs mostly during thunderstorms or showery precipitation, while the heaviest winter precipitation usually is associated with storms originating to the southwest and moving northeastward over the Ohio Valley. The formation of storms in the eastern Gulf of Mexico which move up the east coast will sometimes bring heavy snow to the Beckley area. Snowfall occurs chiefly from November through March and occasionally in October and April. The average seasonal snowfall is greater than snowfall at stations to the west at lower elevations, and considerably less than the totals for stations at higher elevations to the east and northeast.

STATION LOCATION

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUGUST 1941 TO PRESENT * * Type M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND											H H H H H H H H H H
							W I N D	E M E T E R	M O R E	S W I T C H	T H E R M O M E T E R	R A I N	W E I G H T	8 I N C H	H A R T H			
<u>COOPERATIVE</u> V. A. Hospital Project (USCE), 1 mile SSW Beckley, P.O. (A)	7/1/48	10/17/50	NA	37° 47'	81° 11'	2350		@									(A) Earlier Cooperative stations in Beckley recorded temperature and precipitation from December 1893 through July 1944. Several breaks in records.	
V. A. Hospital	10/17/50	11/22/50	600 ft. W	37° 47'	81° 11'	2300		@									@ - Ground exposures.	
V. A. Hospital	11/22/50	Present	180 ft. S	37° 47'	81° 11'	2330		@										
<u>AIRPORT</u> Terminal Building Raleigh County Memorial Airport	7/12/52	5/14/63	NA	37° 47'	81° 07'	2504	40			4							Supplementary Aeronautical Weather Reporting Station.	
Administration Building Raleigh County Memorial Airport	5/15/63	Present	75 ft. NNE	37° 47'	81° 07'	2504	50 b33	5 d5	5 d5	NA	NA a4 d4	4 d4	4 d4	NA c5	NA		First order Weather Bureau Station. a - Installed 5/1/75. b - Moved to center of field 11/1/77. c - Installed at center of field 11/1/77. d - Minor move 10/7/77.	
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