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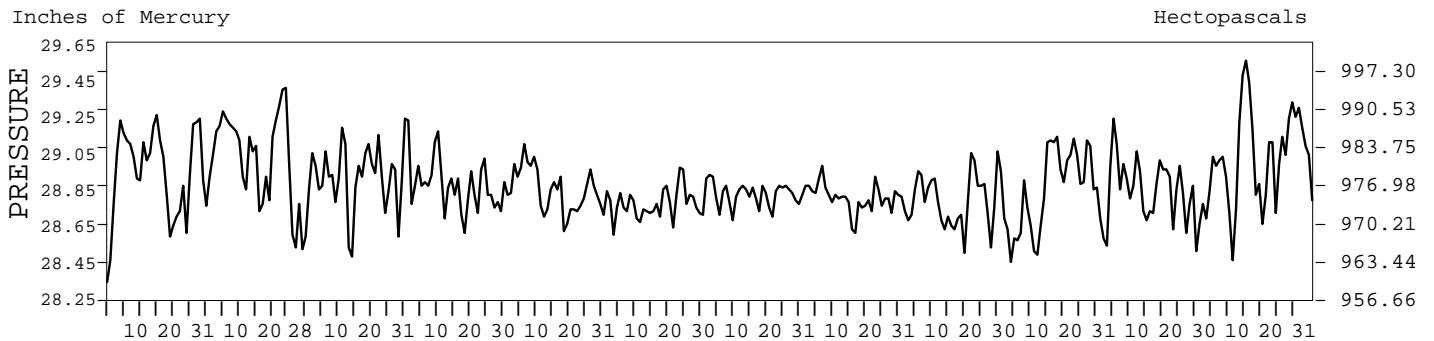
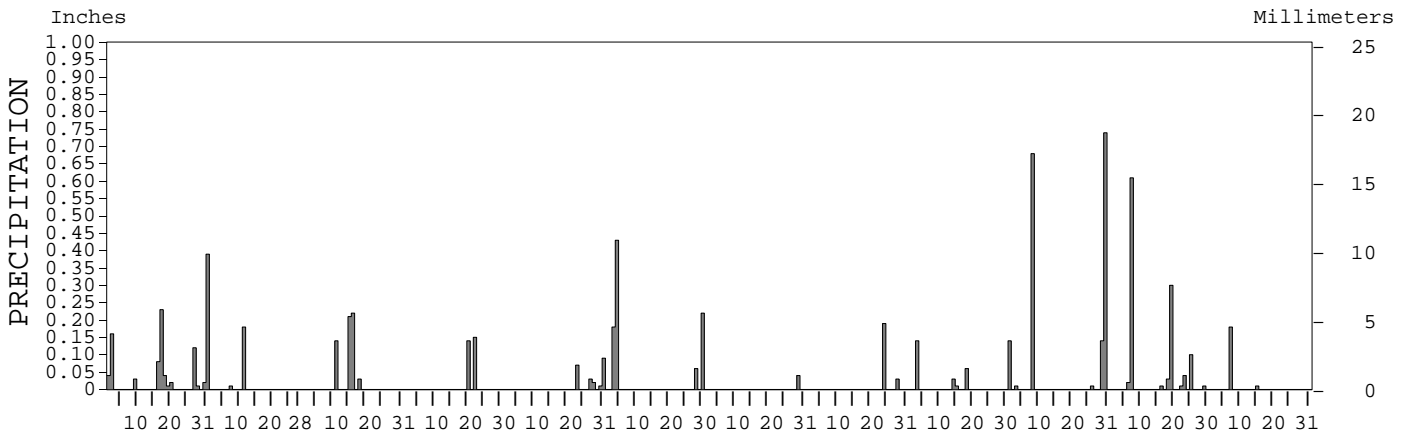
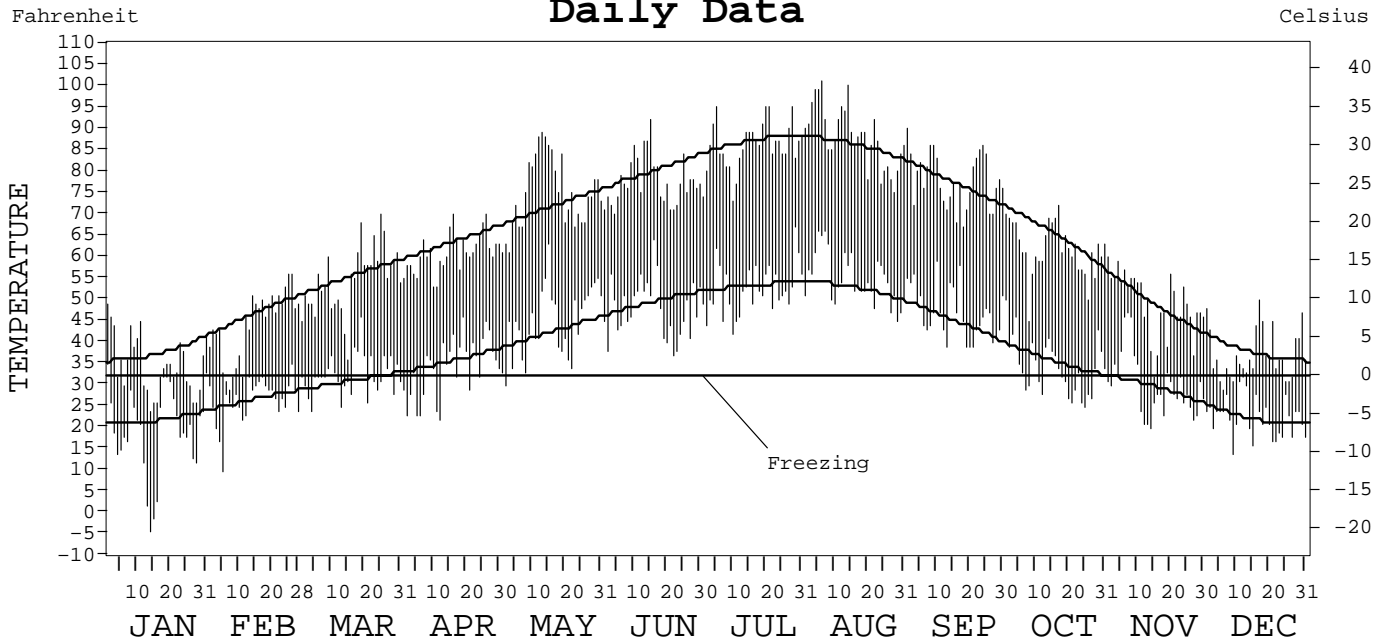
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 1997

## YAKIMA, WA (YKM)

LATITUDE: 46° 33' 51" N      LONGITUDE: 120° 32' 01" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 1052      BARO: 1068      TIME ZONE: PACIFIC (UTC+ 8)      WBAN: 24243

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	34.7	44.2	54.7	61.0	74.8	77.7	85.9	88.1	77.9	61.8	49.1	37.1	62.2	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	49	56	70	70	89	92	95	101	90	72	60	50	101	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	1	26+	25	26+	13	15	28+	06	01	17	01	17	AUG 06	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	19.5	26.5	32.5	34.2	44.5	47.8	52.4	54.9	46.9	34.2	30.0	22.6	37.2	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-4	10	24	22	30	37	42	45	39	25	20	14	-4	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	14	5	4	12	2	22	10	29	21+	25	14	09	JAN 14	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	27.1	35.4	43.6	47.6	59.7	62.8	69.2	71.5	62.4	48.0	39.6	29.9	49.7	
	MEAN WET BULB	25.8	31.9	38.6	41.2	51.0	53.4	58.1	59.5	54.1	43.0		28.6		
	MEAN DEW POINT	22.2	27.4	30.8	30.9	41.3	43.9	48.3	50.5	47.6	37.4		26.1		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	12	1	0	0	0	0	21
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	26	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	29	27	19	11	1	0	0	0	0	13	22	31	153	
	MINIMUM ≤ 0°	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1166	824	656	514	185	99	17	6	98	522	755	1085	5927	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	29	40	153	214	27	0	0	0	463	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	81	75	63	54	53	52	49	50	63	71	77	87	65	
	HOUR 04 LST	84	84	79	73	77	78	73	71	81	88	83	88	80	
	HOUR 10 LST	82	73	55	43	43	42	39	41	51	61	74	87	58	
	HOUR 16 LST	74	63	44	34	33	32	29	28	39	50	65	82	48	
	HOUR 22 LST	84	82	69	62	62	58	55	59	75	81	84	91	72	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	28	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	
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.)	28.95	29.05	28.90	28.90	28.86	28.78	28.83	28.81	28.80	28.85	28.86	29.05	28.89	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.13	30.23	30.05	30.04	29.99	29.90	29.95	29.92	29.93	30.00	30.02	30.23	30.03	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	3.3	4.5	4.8	5.2	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	2.4	1.5	3.4	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	29	26	28	29	29	29	29	26	26	29	28	28	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	4.2	5.0	7.5	7.6	6.6	7.0	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.2	4.4	2.9	5.9	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	27	28	29	27	26	27	26	28	28	29	28	27	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	31	31	33	40	28	30	25	34	31	31	26	26	40	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	02	28	25	30	28	27	31	27	20	21	31	19	30	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	11+	19+	30	03	20	17	21+	26	30	30+	20	17	APR 03	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	40	37	43	51	32	36	31	41	41	41	33	32	51	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	22	28	19	30	19	26	30	27	20	21	30	19	30		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	19	08	03	03	17	21	26	30	30	20	17	APR 03		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.15	0.19	0.60	0.29	0.22	0.89	0.04	0.22	0.24	1.72	1.13	0.19	6.88	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.41	0.18	0.22	0.15	0.10	0.44	0.04	0.19	0.14	0.74	0.63	0.18	0.74	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	30-31	11	16	22	30-31	3-4	29	24	03	30	06-07	07	OCT 30	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	12	2	4	2	5	4	1	2	4	6	9	2	53	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	4	1	3	2	0	3	0	1	1	4	3	1	23		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	3.5	1.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0								
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.8	1.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27	11	15											
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	21	10	2	0	0	0								
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	2+	15											
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0									

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

## YAKIMA, WA (YKM)

LATITUDE:                      LONGITUDE:                      ELEVATION (FT):                      TIME ZONE:                      WBAN: 24243  
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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	37.5	46.4	55.2	63.2	71.6	79.9	86.7	85.7	76.8	64.4	48.3	37.5	62.8	
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	50	37.1	45.6	55.2	63.7	72.6	79.8	87.4	85.9	77.6	64.3	48.1	37.9	62.9	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	51	68	69	80	92	102	105	108	110	100	88	73	67	110	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1977	1947	1960	1977	1986	1992	1971	1971	1988	1992	1989	1980	AUG 1971	
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	50	54.0	59.5	68.0	78.3	89.0	94.4	99.9	98.5	90.8	78.0	62.8	54.6	77.3	
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	21.8	26.4	30.8	35.5	42.3	49.2	53.1	52.3	44.6	35.3	29.0	22.1	36.9	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	50	20.3	25.5	29.9	34.9	42.1	49.0	52.8	51.6	44.1	34.8	27.9	22.3	36.3	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	51	-21	-25	-1	20	25	30	34	35	24	11	-13	-17	-25	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1950	1960	1985	1954	1984	1971	1960	1985	1971	1985	1964	FEB 1950	
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	50	1.8	9.3	19.1	24.5	29.5	36.8	41.1	41.2	32.9	23.0	14.7	6.0	23.3	
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	29.7	36.4	43.0	49.4	57.0	64.6	69.9	69.0	60.7	49.9	38.6	29.8	49.8	
	MEAN DRY BULB	50	28.7	35.5	42.5	49.3	57.4	64.4	70.2	68.8	60.8	49.6	38.0	30.2	49.6	
	MEAN WET BULB	14	28.4	31.8	38.5	43.5	49.4	54.2	58.6	53.7	52.2	43.3	31.6	26.4	42.6	
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	23.3	24.9	28.5	34.2	39.6	44.0	48.0	44.5	43.9	36.6	27.5	23.5	34.9	
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	1.0	5.0	13.1	10.9	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	9.8	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	8.9	22.2		
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	27.3	23.0	19.7	11.5	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	11.2	20.6	27.5	144.9		
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	1.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.3	3.4		
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1094	801	682	468	255	90	19	38	169	468	792	1091	5967	
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	7	78	171	162	40	0	0	0	458	
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	78	73	61	52	48	47	44	48	56	63	74	80	60	
	HOUR 04 LST	30	82	82	76	71	70	69	67	70	75	79	82	84	76	
	HOUR 10 LST	30	78	71	55	43	39	38	36	40	45	55	73	80	54	
	HOUR 16 LST	30	70	57	40	33	31	30	26	28	32	41	62	74	44	
	HOUR 22 LST	30	81	78	67	58	55	53	51	55	64	72	80	82	66	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE															
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:															
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	51	4.8	2.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	3.5	6.8	19.1	
	THUNDERSTORMS	51	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	6.7	
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:															
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	50	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.2	2.5	2.7	3.1	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.7	
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	29	5.9	5.3	4.7	4.6	4.1	3.8	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.9	5.4	5.8	4.3	
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:															
CLEAR	50	4.0	4.4	6.2	6.2	8.4	10.3	18.7	17.5	15.0	9.5	5.1	4.0	109.3		
PARTLY CLOUDY	50	5.4	5.8	8.3	9.4	10.5	9.8	8.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	6.0	5.2	92.4		
CLOUDY	50	21.6	18.0	16.6	14.4	12.1	9.9	4.3	5.6	7.1	13.2	18.9	21.8	163.5		
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	22	29.00	28.93	28.85	28.86	28.83	28.83	28.83	28.82	28.87	28.93	28.94	29.00	28.89	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.18	30.13	30.04	30.00	29.95	29.95	29.95	29.94	29.99	30.07	30.09	30.19	30.04	
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	42	5.6	6.4	7.9	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.0	7.6	7.4	6.7	5.9	5.2	7.1	
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	18	27	27	27	27	27	26	27	27	27	28	27	26	27	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:															
	SPEED (MPH)	1	31	31	33	40	28	30	25	34	31	31	26	26	40	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		02	28	25	30	28	27	31	27	20	21	31	19	30	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	APR 1997	
MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:																
SPEED (MPH)	1	40	37	43	51	32	36	31	41	41	41	33	32	51		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		22	28	19	30	19	26	30	27	20	21	30	19	30		
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	APR 1997		
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	1.21	0.74	0.67	0.50	0.45	0.53	0.16	0.40	0.40	0.47	1.03	1.41	7.97	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	3.68	2.46	2.63	1.83	2.76	2.53	0.71	2.10	2.07	2.22	2.83	5.59	5.59	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1995	1961	1957	1995	1948	1991	1966	1975	1986	1950	1973	1996	DEC 1996	
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	0.09	T	0.01	T	0.03	0.01	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.07	0.00	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1988	1973	1985	1964	1970	1988	1955	1986	1978	1990	1976	SEP 1986	
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	51	1.37	0.87	0.74	1.25	0.90	1.56	0.66	1.74	1.49	1.05	2.03	1.58	2.03	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1963	1961	1987	1974	1986	1982	1963	1990	1986	1982	1996	1977	NOV 1996	
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	8.8	6.9	6.5	4.6	5.0	4.3	2.1	2.9	3.4	4.1	8.5	10.0	67.1		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.1	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.1	*	*	*	0.1	0.3		
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	7.7	2.7	1.3	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	9.5	23.5	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	26.6	16.5	10.8	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	23.5	37.5	37.5	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1949	1971	1993	1994					1991	1996	1964	DEC 1964	
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	51	13.6	8.2	7.4	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	18.9	14.0	18.9	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1963	1994	1951	1993	1994					1991	1996	1964	NOV 1996	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	49	21	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	19	21	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1969	1969							1991	1984	1964	JAN 1997		
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:																
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	2.4	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	3.0	7.6		

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 YAKIMA WA (YKM)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	1.76	0.88	0.11	T	0.47	0.02	0.02	1.71	0.32	0.94	1.32	1.91	9.46
1969	1.52	0.91	0.16	0.27	0.54	0.61	T	0.01	0.32	0.24	0.08	2.28	6.94
1970	3.66	0.49	0.22	0.16	0.06	0.01	0.13	T	0.07	0.54	1.25	1.41	8.00
1971	1.48	T	1.56	0.47	0.54	0.20	0.04	0.14	0.73	0.27	0.97	1.45	7.85
1972	0.88	0.31	1.05	0.09	0.60	1.50	0.04	0.65	0.06	0.12	0.72	1.31	7.33
1973	1.19	0.24	0.01	0.04	0.08	0.02	T	0.01	0.81	1.52	2.83	2.22	8.97
1974	1.67	0.85	1.21	1.46	0.80	0.12	0.18	T	0.02	0.45	0.30	1.14	8.20
1975	2.28	1.16	0.49	0.40	0.23	0.22	0.18	2.10	T	0.79	0.43	0.55	8.83
1976	0.56	0.78	0.70	0.33	0.09	0.69	0.26	0.50	0.13	0.07	T	0.07	4.18
1977	0.13	0.69	0.23	0.01	0.68	0.46	T	1.16	0.89	0.17	0.70	2.80	7.92
1978	2.30	1.30	0.52	0.91	0.28	0.32	0.29	0.38	0.64	0.00	0.94	0.14	8.02
1979	0.91	0.54	0.23	0.14	0.04	0.57	0.04	0.42	0.36	0.74	1.53	1.33	6.85
1980	2.23	1.30	0.29	0.80	0.84	1.12	T	0.29	0.48	0.23	1.00	2.69	11.27
1981	0.95	0.65	0.10	0.01	0.68	0.39	0.29	0.09	0.59	1.16	1.36	2.38	8.65
1982	0.58	1.48	0.34	0.30	0.37	1.70	0.12	0.39	1.08	1.46	0.90	2.15	10.87
1983	1.97	1.59	1.95	0.66	0.30	0.77	0.29	0.44	0.33	0.23	2.77	1.92	13.22
1984	0.13	0.92	1.04	1.05	0.51	1.45	0.13	0.04	0.46	0.16	2.62	0.51	9.02
1985	0.09	0.68	0.62	T	0.46	0.37	0.12	0.03	0.84	0.75	0.92	1.02	5.90
1986	1.82	1.26	0.54	0.05	0.94	0.08	0.25	0.11	2.07	0.38	0.64	0.89	9.03
1987	1.46	0.25	1.44	0.57	0.10	0.05	0.40	T	0.00	0.02	0.68	3.30	8.27
1988	0.68	T	0.21	1.41	0.18	1.00	T	T	0.13	0.05	1.12	0.67	5.45
1989	0.19	1.29	1.71	0.85	0.63	0.05	0.07	0.41	0.09	0.67	0.72	0.21	6.89
1990	1.47	0.11	0.21	0.18	1.13	0.31	0.02	2.00	0.04	0.45	T	0.24	6.16
1991	0.34	0.23	1.16	0.61	0.17	2.53	0.18	0.06	0.08	0.73	1.24	0.28	7.61
1992	0.27	0.62	0.41	0.96	0.04	1.25	0.44	0.25	0.28	0.68	0.98	2.33	8.51
1993	0.91	0.66	0.62	0.50	0.43	0.72	0.58	0.17	0.03	0.07	0.21	1.02	5.92
1994	0.36	1.05	0.04	0.90	1.22	0.66	0.05	0.06	0.09	1.36	0.69	1.27	7.75
1995	3.68	0.32	1.28	1.83	0.62	0.62	0.69	0.14	0.74	0.27	1.54	2.15	13.88
1996	1.31	1.81	0.57	0.22	1.24	0.04	0.48	0.02	0.36	0.55	2.59	5.59	14.78
1997	1.15	0.19	0.60	0.29	0.22	0.89	0.04	0.22	0.24	1.72	1.13	0.19	6.88
POR= 88 YRS	1.14	0.76	0.56	0.48	0.51	0.62	0.10	0.20	0.40	0.51	1.02	1.24	7.54

WBAN : 24243

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 YAKIMA WA (YKM)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	30.9	40.0	46.0	47.9	56.8	63.9	70.9	65.3	61.0	46.3	39.7	28.4	49.8
1969	18.2	28.5	41.8	48.3	59.9	68.9	68.4	66.2	61.2	47.3	39.8	33.5	48.5
1970	28.4	40.0	43.7	46.2	58.6	68.8	72.5	70.1	57.5	48.6	38.6	28.0	50.1
1971	34.8	37.8	38.7	47.8	60.7	60.7	71.3	72.3	55.5	47.1	38.5	27.8	49.4
1972	29.4	32.2	44.2	45.5	59.9	65.6	69.9	71.6	56.8	49.1	40.9	26.8	49.3
1973	27.6	37.7	45.0	51.7	58.5	64.4	72.2	69.3	61.9	49.2	37.6	35.9	50.9
1974	27.4	40.1	43.7	50.4	54.3	68.3	68.3	70.7	63.0	50.2	41.3	35.2	51.1
1975	30.1	33.0	40.9	46.7	57.7	63.8	75.0	66.3	62.1	49.4	37.8	34.7	49.8
1976	32.5	35.1	39.1	48.1	56.1	59.9	69.0	66.3	64.4	49.6	39.1	29.9	49.1
1977	24.5	38.7	42.8	54.1	52.7	68.8	68.8	74.3	57.7	48.9	35.9	33.5	50.1
1978	32.8	37.9	45.8	49.4	54.8	64.8	71.0	67.5	58.8	49.5	32.3	27.5	49.3
1979	14.8	32.6	44.0	49.6	59.5	65.4	72.1	70.2	64.0	52.9	34.1	34.8	49.5
1980	20.8	33.7	43.7	53.7	58.9	62.1	70.4	66.4	62.6	51.5	40.4	34.8	49.9
1981	39.9	39.3	47.7	49.7	56.8	61.8	69.0	73.1	61.6	48.8	41.2	30.2	51.6
1982	26.2	36.8	43.0	45.8	56.0	66.8	68.7	68.1	60.2	49.0	35.8	29.0	48.8
1983	37.6	40.2	47.8	49.8	60.9	62.9	67.6	70.9	58.1	50.6	42.4	22.2	50.9
1984	31.2	37.8	45.3	47.1	52.4	61.1	70.5	68.8	59.0	47.1	36.1	20.1	48.0
1985	26.4	28.9	41.9	50.8	58.8	64.6	74.9	66.0	55.3	46.7	23.0	19.1	46.4
1986	30.1	35.2	45.6	47.3	57.6	67.4	65.7	72.6	56.9	51.1	38.5	28.5	49.7
1987	28.1	37.6	44.0	52.8	59.6	65.9	67.9	68.5	62.9	50.3	40.1	29.0	50.6
1988	28.8	38.2	42.2	51.1	55.1	62.1	69.2	67.7	59.5	55.1	39.5	28.1	49.7
1989	33.7	26.4	40.0	52.0	56.2	65.8	68.6	66.9	61.0	48.8	41.7	31.4	49.4
1990	36.5	35.2	44.3	53.4	55.0	63.7	73.2	70.1	65.4	46.8	41.6	22.8	50.7
1991	27.7	41.5	40.6	49.2	55.0	60.1	70.6	71.3	63.8	48.6	38.2	34.9	50.1
1992	34.9	40.3	48.1	50.7	60.7	70.0	69.5	70.1	59.1	51.2	38.2	24.5	51.4
1993	23.6	28.8	40.8	47.8	61.5	62.0	63.0	66.6	60.9	51.7	31.4	33.0	47.6
1994	36.3	33.3	44.2	52.6	59.7	62.4	73.8	69.4	64.4	49.6	35.5	32.5	51.1
1995	32.3	40.1	42.9	48.0	59.0	62.6	69.5	64.6	63.6	47.9	41.3	31.3	50.3
1996	26.7	31.5	42.9	49.6	53.2	63.1	72.6	68.7	57.6	47.2	33.8	23.1	47.5
1997	27.1	35.4	43.6	47.6	59.7	62.8	69.2	71.5	62.4	48.0	39.6	29.9	49.7
POR= 88 YRS	28.7	35.5	43.6	50.9	58.6	65.4	71.7	70.1	61.6	50.8	38.4	30.7	50.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 YAKIMA WA (YKM)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	20	64	132	572	751	1130	1447	1016	711	495	161	43	6542
1969-70	20	39	147	542	753	966	1127	693	655	556	200	54	5752
1970-71	13	5	221	504	785	1141	932	754	813	508	158	140	5974
1971-72	52	21	282	549	790	1146	1096	941	633	578	192	55	6335
1972-73	26	11	258	486	717	1179	1153	760	610	390	230	95	5915
1973-74	13	42	128	485	816	895	1157	692	652	433	329	72	5714
1974-75	44	8	79	452	706	917	1072	889	741	540	232	80	5760
1975-76	0	37	100	477	809	931	1004	859	795	500	267	173	5952
1976-77	26	53	61	472	769	1081	1248	730	684	323	371	34	5852
1977-78	32	24	217	491	862	968	992	753	588	464	311	73	5775
1978-79	6	53	184	470	975	1155	1549	901	641	456	178	72	6640
1979-80	29	4	59	371	919	929	1364	902	654	336	190	109	5866
1980-81	24	41	98	412	731	929	773	712	530	459	255	117	5081
1981-82	40	7	163	497	707	1072	1195	783	675	569	276	72	6056
1982-83	43	30	164	486	868	1111	840	690	527	452	191	90	5492
1983-84	32	2	206	440	672	1320	1043	781	602	531	384	142	6155
1984-85	13	23	199	546	860	1389	1189	1002	709	421	219	61	6631
1985-86	0	32	286	561	1255	1416	1079	828	595	525	291	45	6913
1986-87	58	2	255	424	791	1125	1133	761	642	367	189	72	5819
1987-88	31	19	112	447	739	1108	1116	770	699	413	311	139	5904
1988-89	33	14	197	303	762	1136	963	1073	767	383	269	52	5952
1989-90	26	28	116	497	694	1035	876	827	634	342	307	111	5493
1990-91	15	21	36	558	697	1302	1149	652	749	466	306	153	6104
1991-92	5	12	63	499	795	926	926	710	515	419	159	33	5062
1992-93	9	34	184	427	799	1249	1274	1005	742	505	153	123	6504
1993-94	80	53	172	406	1002	983	883	880	641	373	185	126	5784
1994-95	10	10	53	472	875	1003	1006	695	681	505	193	121	5624
1995-96	7	71	95	526	705	1041	1183	967	677	456	365	92	6185
1996-97	23	23	227	542	931	1292	1166	824	656	514	185	99	6482
1997-	17	6	98	522	755	1085							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 YAKIMA WA (YKM)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	0	8	166	132	81	37	0	0	0	424
1970	0	0	0	0	6	174	252	168	3	0	0	0	603
1971	0	0	0	0	34	16	257	256	1	0	0	0	564
1972	0	0	0	0	42	80	187	221	19	0	0	0	549
1973	0	0	0	0	34	84	245	181	41	0	0	0	585
1974	0	0	0	0	3	174	153	192	24	0	0	0	546
1975	0	0	0	0	10	52	314	86	22	0	0	0	484
1976	0	0	0	0	0	27	156	103	50	0	0	0	336
1977	0	0	0	5	0	153	158	319	4	0	0	0	639
1978	0	0	0	0	0	73	198	136	5	0	0	0	412
1979	0	0	0	0	12	91	255	174	37	2	0	0	571
1980	0	0	0	2	8	29	198	92	34	2	0	0	365
1981	0	0	0	6	9	28	169	263	66	0	0	0	541
1982	0	0	0	0	6	132	165	131	28	0	0	0	462
1983	0	0	0	0	72	35	119	191	6	0	0	0	423
1984	0	0	0	0	3	33	192	150	25	0	0	0	403
1985	0	0	0	0	32	57	312	71	2	0	0	0	474
1986	0	0	0	0	69	122	87	245	20	0	0	0	543
1987	0	0	0	14	29	110	128	133	56	0	0	0	470
1988	0	0	0	2	11	59	168	105	39	1	0	0	385
1989	0	0	0	0	4	82	146	95	4	0	0	0	331
1990	0	0	0	1	1	79	277	186	53	0	0	0	597
1991	0	0	0	0	1	13	184	215	32	0	0	0	445
1992	0	0	0	0	31	189	156	199	14	5	0	0	594
1993	0	0	0	0	49	42	26	111	54	0	0	0	282
1994	0	0	0	6	27	52	290	153	42	0	0	0	570
1995	0	0	0	0	15	54	156	67	64	0	0	0	356
1996	0	0	0	0	5	39	268	145	12	0	0	0	469
1997	0	0	0	0	29	40	153	214	27	0	0	0	463

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 YAKIMA WA (YKM)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	15.3	20.2	5.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.0
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	9.0	15.0	0.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.5
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	14.3	10.8	T	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.8
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	14.7	10.1	3.6	5.5	T	0.0	0.0	35.0
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.8	8.7	2.7	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.5	18.6	6.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	T	0.0	35.2
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	16.4	10.8	2.3	T	0.0	0.0	31.1
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.7	5.4	5.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.7	3.2	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	6.6	3.0	2.8	0.9	T	T	0.0	16.9
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.8	13.1	1.9	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	11.4	17.6	7.6	1.7	T	0.0	0.0	47.6
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	7.5	1.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6	5.6	0.1	1.9	T	0.0	0.0	28.2
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	13.2	5.0	3.1	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	21.9
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	16.3	1.2	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	21.2
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	11.5	7.2	0.2	8.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.3
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.0	11.5	9.8	7.3	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	38.6
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	9.6	7.8	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	10.6	9.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.8
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.2	0.4	11.4	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	0.4	1.9	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	T	0.6	T	0.0	0.0	3.0
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	T	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	4.7
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	30.4	11.6	8.3	5.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	59.8
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.7	3.0	T	9.5	0.1	T	T	0.0	14.3
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	5.1	7.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.6	12.8	3.2	T				
1996-97					23.5	34.5	3.5	1.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1997-													
POR= 49 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	8.2	8.0	3.3	1.5	0.0	T	0.0	23.3

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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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WASHINGTON (YKM)

Yakima is located in a small east-west valley in the upper (northwestern) part of the Yakima Valley. Local topography is complex with a number of minor valleys and ridges giving a local relief of as much as 1,000 feet. This complex topography results in marked variations in air drainage, winds, and low temperatures within short distances.

The climate of the Yakima Valley is relatively mild and dry. It has characteristics of both maritime and continental climates, modified by the Cascade and the Rocky Mountains, respectively. Summers are dry and rather hot, and winters cool with only light snowfall. The maritime influence is strongest in winter when the prevailing westerlies are the strongest and most steady. The Selkirk and Rocky Mountains in British Columbia and Idaho shield the area from most of the very cold air masses that sweep down from Canada into the Great Plains and eastern United States. Sometimes a strong polar high pressure area over western Canada will occur at the same time that a low pressure area covers the southwestern United States. On these occasions, the cold arctic air will pour through the passes and down the river valleys of British Columbia, bringing very cold temperatures to Yakima. However, over one-half of the winters remain above zero.

The modifying influence of the Pacific Ocean is much less in summer. Afternoons are hot, but the dry air results in a rapid temperature fall after sunset, and nights are pleasantly cool with summertime low temperatures, usually in the 50s. Spells of 4 to 11 days of 100 degrees or more have occurred.

The length of the growing season varies depending on the immediate topography and the crop grown. Temperatures below 32 degrees are infrequent during the period from mid-May through September. Temperatures below 40 degrees during July and August have occurred in about half of the years.

Precipitation follows the pattern of a West Coast marine climate with the typical late fall and early winter high. However, since Yakima lies in the rain shadow of the Cascades, total amounts are small. The three months, November to January, total nearly half of the annual fall. Late June, July, and August are very dry.

Irrigation is necessary for nearly all crops. Ample water supplies are available from the snowmelt in the Cascade Mountains which is collected in storage reservoirs for summer use.

Snowfall in the Yakima area is light, averaging 20 to 25 inches.

Summers are sunny, with about 85 percent of the possible sunshine. Winters are generally cloudy, with only a third of the possible sunshine.

Winds are mostly light, averaging about 7 mph for the year, being somewhat stronger in late spring and weaker in winter. Speeds of 30 to 35 mph are reached at least once in about half the months and speeds over 40 mph occur in about 1 out of 5 months. The most common wind direction in downtown Yakima is northwest, while at the airport the wind is from the west in winter and the west-northwest in summer.

# STATION LOCATION

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE											AUGUST 1950 ELEVATION IN FEET * * * * Type M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND											
							WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND	WIND		
<u>COOPERATIVE</u>																		
703 North 4th Street	3/01/09	6/07/22		46°36'	120°30'	1076												
1009 Cornell Avenue	6/07/22	11/15/28	2 mi. SW	46°35'	120°31'	1066												
<u>CITY</u>																		
Hotzinger Building 2nd & Yakima Avenues	11/15/28	8/31/46	1 mi. NNE	46°36'	120°30'	1075	67	58	58			51	53	51				First Order Station. Minimum temperatures not considered representative of area.
<u>AIRPORT</u>																		
Municipal Airport (3 miles SW of P.O.) 2102 West Washington	3/01/44	8/31/46		46°34'	120°32'	1058	58	5	5									Observations by CAA.
Municipal Airport 2104 West Washington	9/01/46	7/19/50	No change	46°34'	120°32'	1058	58	5	5				7	3				Weather Bureau operation. Instruments not moved.
Administration Building Municipal Airport	7/19/50	1/04/68	500 ft. W	46°34'	120°32'	c1052	a20	6	6					4	b4			Instrument exposure excellent. a - 49 feet to 1/10/62. b - 1275 feet SE of thermometer site. Commissioned 9/28/63. c - 1061 feet to 9/28/63.
Weather Bureau Building Municipal Airport + + Yakima Air Terminal effective 12/1973.	1/04/68	Present	390 ft. W	46°34'	120°32'	1052	d20 e33	6	5	NA	NA		5	4	d4 f5 g5	NA		d - Not moved 1/04/68. e - Effective 5/31/79. f - Effective 7/26/79. g - Minor move & type change 9/24/85. S ASOS Commissioned 04/01/96

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