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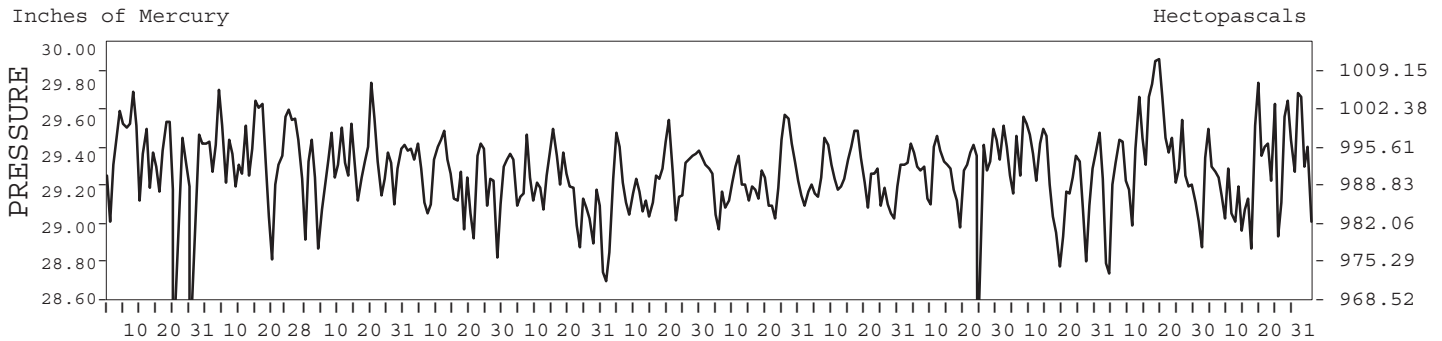
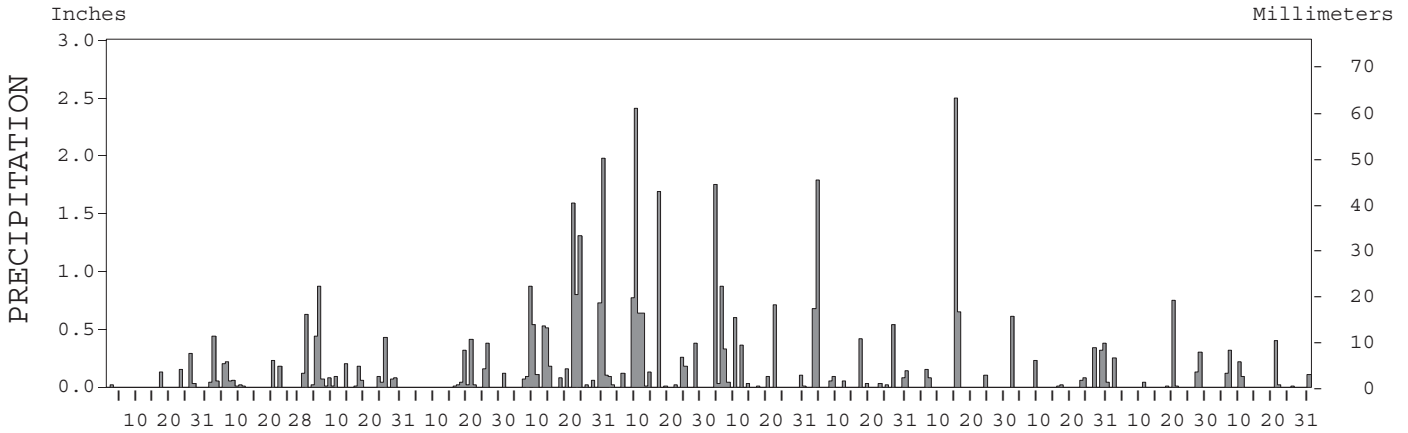
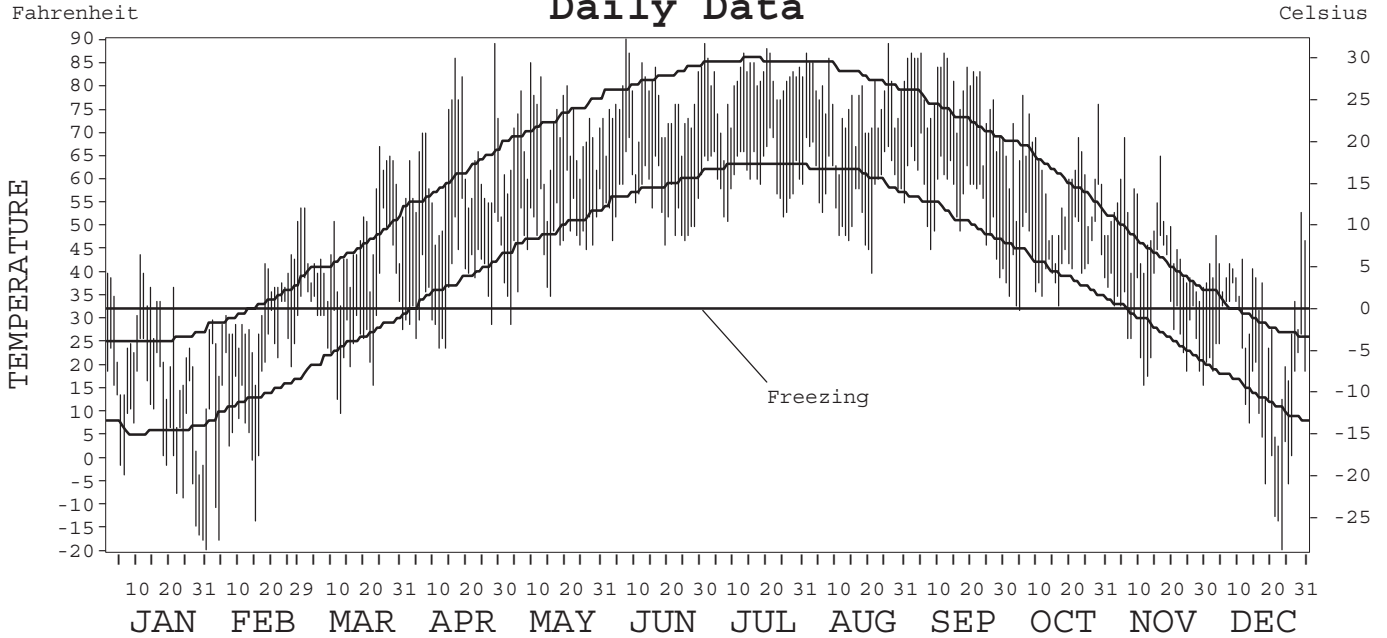
LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA



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LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN (LSE)

Daily Data



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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2004

LA CROSSE, WI (LSE)

LATITUDE: 43° 45' 14" N LONGITUDE: 91° 15' 23" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 655 BARO: 658 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 14920

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	23.2	32.7	47.5	62.9	69.2	75.9	80.8	76.3	78.4	60.0	47.6	32.2	57.2	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	11	54	67	89	85	90	89	89	87	78	69	53	90	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	31	29	24	28	09	07	01	26	12+	06	06	30	JUN 07	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	6.7	15.6	30.9	37.9	47.5	55.7	61.0	57.0	56.0	42.5	30.8	15.1	38.1	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-19	-17	10	24	29	46	51	40	39	32	16	-19	-19	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	31	04	12	13+	03	19	08	21	29	05	30+	24	DEC 24	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	15.0	24.2	39.2	50.4	58.4	65.8	70.9	66.7	67.2	51.3	39.2	23.7	47.7	
	MEAN WET BULB		22.6	35.4	43.4	53.0	60.1	65.3	61.3		47.0	36.0			
	MEAN DEW POINT		16.8	28.9	33.6	47.4	55.7	61.9	58.0		42.6	30.6			
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	21	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	51	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	31	26	20	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	15	26	130	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	19		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1545	1176	791	446	217	60	9	54	64	422	766	1274	6824	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	14	19	91	198	114	136	3	0	0	575	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	65	72	69	55	70	72	76	78	72	75	73	75	71	
	HOUR 00 LST	68	76	76	63	76	84	89	89	84	82	78	77	78	
	HOUR 06 LST	70	79	77	73	84	85	91	93	89	84	82	80	82	
	HOUR 12 LST	59	65	61	42	61	58	61	64	55	64	61	68	60	
	HOUR 18 LST	62	68	62	40	59	62	61	65	60	70	70	73	63	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	1	1	1	2	1	6	8	3	1	0	3	29	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	1	0	10	4	6	7	3	1	0	0	32	
CLOUDINESS	SUNRISE-SUNSET: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR														
	PARTLY CLOUDY														
	CLOUDY														
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)		29.43	29.34	29.27	29.20	29.27	29.25	29.29		29.25	29.42	29.32		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)		30.18	30.07	29.98	29.89	29.96	29.93	29.98		29.96	30.15			
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)		1.4	2.5	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0		1.9	1.2			
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)		25	27	28	16	23	26	23		23	27			
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	8.9	7.7	10.1	9.4	9.1	7.5	6.3	7.1	8.5	9.0	7.2	9.4	8.3	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	34	18	34	36	19	35	18	18	18	18	33	18	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	29	25	33	40	36	30	28	28	33	47	29	38	47	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	33	28	32	21	09	32	32	28	23	25	33	32	25	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	22	09	20	18	21	23	21+	03	15	29	04	12	OCT 29	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
SPEED (MPH)	43	29	46	47	43	36	40	36	41	60	35	47	60		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	29	29	22	09	32	05	27	24	26	32	32	26		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	21	09	14	18	21	23	19	03	15	29	04	12	OCT 29		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.62	1.63	3.38	1.50	9.73	7.37	4.93	3.92	3.48	2.09	1.49	1.29	41.43	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.29	0.44	1.29	0.54	2.31	3.18	1.78	1.79	3.15	0.61	0.76	0.44	3.18	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26	02	04-05	24-25	21-22	08-09	03-04	03	14-15	01	19-20	05-06	JUN 08-09	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	5	13	18	10	18	15	13	12	5	10	7	8	134	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	3	6	6	5	13	10	7	5	4	5	4	5	73		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	8		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	8.2	14.5	5.5	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	9.1	37.5	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	5.3	4.7	2.4	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	6.5	6.5	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26	02	17		08		19			16	27	20	DEC 20	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	7	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27	07+	17									21	FEB 07+	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10		

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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1975	1.50	1.71	2.14	6.07	2.52	2.88	1.42	2.79	1.28	0.36	3.07	0.70	26.44
1976	0.69	0.64	2.82	4.37	2.95	1.82	2.15	0.54	0.54	0.28	T	0.67	17.47
1977	0.88	0.83	2.64	3.62	3.04	3.51	4.32	2.92	4.12	1.87	1.42	1.40	30.57
1978	0.76	0.68	0.30	4.01	3.97	7.02	9.17	1.20	5.12	0.80	2.35	0.93	36.31
1979	2.41	0.65	2.02	1.79	5.68	1.58	3.52	7.55	0.53	4.41	2.44	0.67	33.25
1980	1.61	0.35	0.65	1.74	2.66	3.57	2.26	9.84	8.51	2.36	0.14	0.61	34.30
1981	0.14	2.10	0.60	4.37	1.88	2.60	7.66	9.56	1.77	1.89	1.08	0.86	34.51
1982	1.34	0.17		1.65	4.71	1.35	1.89	2.91	2.67	2.83	3.64	2.03	
1983	0.89	2.27	1.60	2.37	4.50	1.67	3.16	3.06	4.94	3.35	3.72	0.68	32.21
1984	0.28	0.92	1.94	3.65	2.18	7.43	3.00	2.11	2.87	5.09	1.36	2.42	33.25
1985	0.88	1.27	2.66	2.85	1.08	2.82	2.39	3.21	5.63				
1986		0.77	1.91	3.42	1.49	4.04	4.79	2.38	8.10	3.68	0.95	0.38	
1987	1.17	0.30	2.23	2.35	4.58	2.55	9.35	3.71	2.10	0.56	2.67	1.82	33.39
1988	1.09	0.19	1.89	2.01	0.94	3.25	2.39	4.60	5.21	0.64	3.48	0.78	26.47
1989	0.41	0.40	2.36	1.78	3.02	1.33	2.59	4.60	1.95	2.71	1.47	0.49	23.11
1990	0.79	0.68	3.23	2.61	3.74	8.07	4.03	8.02	1.82	1.43	0.74	2.91	38.07
1991	0.93	0.46	2.23	5.96	6.85	1.72	7.67	2.91	3.90	1.76	6.23	1.67	42.29
1992	0.87	0.81	3.64	4.38	1.49	2.32	4.02	2.67	7.01	0.62	3.64	1.58	33.05
1993	1.18	1.10	2.51	5.78	5.41	10.79	3.78	5.31	1.80	0.94	1.38	0.75	40.73
1994	2.24	1.65	0.37	6.51	1.49	2.74	6.29	4.84	6.51	1.99	2.05	0.71	37.39
1995	0.73	0.38	2.78	3.99	3.76	2.71	3.84	4.20	2.23	3.36	1.45	0.82	30.25
1996	3.03	0.41	2.05	1.94	1.50	5.98	2.32	2.16	1.64	2.98	4.45	1.42	29.88
1997	1.81	1.16	3.05	1.89	2.38	3.12	5.46	5.55	2.43	2.42	0.24	0.64	30.15
1998	1.76	2.71	2.43	1.74	2.95	8.22	2.78	6.21	0.85	4.61	1.26	0.30	35.82
1999	2.84	0.78	0.60	6.02	4.37	2.43	8.42	2.19	2.39	1.43	1.50	0.67	33.64
2000	1.43	0.91	1.35	1.40	5.82	7.54	4.39	2.47	1.64	1.04	2.41	1.90	32.30
2001	1.19	0.99	1.16	4.61	4.96	3.88	1.12	4.45	5.58	1.44	1.92	0.83	32.13
2002	0.44	2.20	1.52	4.27	1.31	6.39	3.75	2.70	3.68	3.33	0.55	0.36	30.50
2003	0.53	0.56	2.46	2.48	3.99	2.45	2.51	1.34	2.61	0.55	2.23	0.72	22.43
2004	0.62	1.63	3.38	1.50	9.73	7.37	4.93	3.92	3.48	2.09	1.49	1.29	41.43
POR= 130 YRS	1.17	1.06	1.90	2.77	3.67	4.31	3.82	3.63	3.75	2.22	1.74	1.21	31.25

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2004 LA CROSSE, WI (LSE)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1975	18.1	18.7	24.5	41.4	62.3	68.9	74.0	71.7	57.4	53.0	40.0	23.7	46.1
1976	13.1	29.0	33.7	49.7	56.8	70.0	74.4	71.6	61.0	45.0	27.9	12.8	45.4
1977	2.9	22.0	39.9	54.6	67.4	68.0	75.2	66.8	61.7	49.0	33.6	17.0	46.5
1978	6.7	10.8	29.1	45.9	60.0	67.4	70.6	73.5	68.3	51.0	35.8	19.9	44.9
1979	6.0	12.6	32.8	45.7	58.0	67.3	72.1	68.8	62.8	47.7	34.9	28.3	44.8
1980	18.5	17.9	29.7	49.4	62.8	70.3	78.3	74.1	63.7	45.2	36.5	20.8	47.3
1981	19.5	25.3	37.7	51.2	58.4	69.1	73.6	71.4	60.8	47.6	38.0	19.6	47.7
1982	4.3	17.2		44.2	62.8	63.5	74.2	70.3	60.9	50.8	34.1	27.2	
1983	19.9	25.2	33.8	42.6	54.3	69.0	76.7	75.3	62.9	49.6	35.9	6.4	46.0
1984	14.1	30.3	27.3	48.2	55.9	69.6	71.1	72.9	59.0	52.4	35.0	21.5	46.4
1985	10.9	16.5	37.2	52.5	62.0	64.5	72.1	68.4	62.2				
1986		18.4	36.4	52.1	61.9	69.1	75.0	67.5	62.5	50.9	30.2	25.1	
1987	21.7	31.2	39.0	52.9	63.7	72.8	77.1	70.2	63.0	45.3	40.3	27.6	50.4
1988	13.4	15.8	35.0	48.0	65.2	73.4	76.6	76.0	64.6	44.6	36.6	21.8	47.6
1989	24.2	12.8	29.2	46.0	58.9	67.7	75.4	71.4	61.1	51.7	31.5	12.1	45.2
1990	28.1	25.4	38.4	49.3	56.6	69.5	73.2	72.1	65.5	49.6	41.4	19.0	49.0
1991				51.0	63.9	74.3	73.2	72.7	60.5	49.0	27.3	23.8	
1992	23.9	30.3	33.9	45.6	61.2	66.9	68.0	66.6		48.9	33.1	23.6	
1993	16.9	18.6	30.7	44.1	59.0	66.3	71.5	71.9	56.5	48.7	33.8	25.2	45.3
1994	6.0	14.9	35.7	47.7	60.7	71.8	70.8	67.5	66.0	55.2	41.6	29.0	47.2
1995	19.6	22.3	37.0	43.7	58.9	73.5	76.0	77.8	61.4	51.1	28.9	21.0	47.6
1996	11.9	19.9	28.5	44.8	57.1	69.4	71.5	72.4	64.1	51.7	29.2	19.9	45.0
1997	14.7	24.8	34.0	46.4	55.0	71.2	73.0	69.2	64.0	52.9	32.8	28.9	47.2
1998	24.0	34.1	35.7	52.7	66.0	68.5	75.3	73.7	68.8	53.4	40.9	29.2	51.9
1999	14.7	31.2	37.0	51.5	63.0	70.3	77.2	70.2	61.8	49.9	43.0	27.4	49.8
2000	18.1	30.6	42.5	48.7	61.7	67.9	72.5	72.1	62.7	53.5	34.0	8.7	47.8
2001	20.7	16.3	29.5	51.5	60.6	69.0	75.7	73.3	60.0	49.0	47.5	29.8	48.6
2002	27.9	30.0	28.8	47.5	56.4	71.1	76.7	70.9	65.5	45.3	34.8	27.7	48.6
2003	16.6	18.0	33.5	47.8	57.9	67.7	73.3	75.3	63.3	50.8	36.1	27.5	47.3
2004	15.0	24.2	39.2	50.4	58.4	65.8	70.9	66.7	67.2	51.3	39.2	23.7	47.7
POR= 131 YRS	15.7	20.3	32.2	47.4	59.4	68.4	73.1	70.7	62.2	50.6	35.4	22.3	46.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2004 LA CROSSE, WI (LSE)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1975-76	20	2	236	384	741	1274	1600	1039	964	460	254	11	6985
1976-77	3	14	176	624	1104	1613	1923	1200	770	344	66	36	7873
1977-78	1	40	122	488	936	1483	1804	1515	1106	565	209	36	8305
1978-79	6	0	78	427	871	1388	1828	1466	992	569	239	29	7893
1979-80	1	37	116	535	894	1133	1438	1358	1085	480	155	15	7247
1980-81	0	3	112	607	849	1362	1402	1107	840	408	214	11	6915
1981-82	5	7	157	535	802	1402	1878	1333	619	619	112	77	7873
1982-83	0	41	177	433	919	1164	1391	1109	960	666	325	46	7231
1983-84	6	0	160	480	867	1814	1572	1002	1159	501	285	5	7851
1984-85	9	6	219	384	893	1344	1673	1355	854	409	129	92	7367
1985-86	0	24	203					1298	880	394	141	25	6452
1986-87	1	35	120	431	1039	1230	1336	942	798	372	137	11	7154
1987-88	0	28	102	602	733	1151	1595	1421	924	503	85	10	7539
1988-89	0	10	78	627	844	1332	1257	1458	1100	563	218	52	7086
1989-90	1	4	159	417	1000	1638	1138	1102	818	504	267	38	7086
1990-91	3	2	112	474	700	1421				438	176	2	7148
1991-92	5	3	217	490	1123	1275	1268	1001	958	576	173	59	7148
1992-93	22	46	498	952	1274	1486	1295	1057	620	620	213	55	7783
1993-94	1	10	265	507	929	1227	1829	1399	899	519	175	23	6531
1994-95	7	39	76	304	694	1110	1400	1189	862	632	194	24	6531
1995-96	5	0	171	436	1076	1360	1641	1304	1125	601	277	35	8031
1996-97	2	0	121	410	1068	1393	1552	1120	951	553	304	7	7481
1997-98	11	13	80	414	960	1108	1268	859	902	366	57	72	6110
1998-99	0	0	42	356	714	1104	1553	940	861	396	114	40	6120
1999-00	0	4	148	459	653	1158	1448	992	695	481	161	42	6241
2000-01	9	2	141	359	926	1740	1367	1358	1094	410	177	59	7642
2001-02	5	6	171	491	518	1085	1143	972	1116	545	305	28	6385
2002-03	0	3	101	610	899	1150	1493	1310	970	525	217	37	7315
2003-04	1	2	151	446	858	1158	1545	1176	791	446	217	60	6851
2004-	9	54	64	422	766	1274							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2004 LA CROSSE, WI (LSE)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1975	0	0	0	0	85	177	306	215	16	15	0	0	814
1976	0	0	0	5	7	167	304	228	60	10	0	0	781
1977	0	0	0	41	145	132	325	100	33	0	0	0	776
1978	0	0	0	0	61	116	187	272	183	1	0	0	820
1979	0	0	0	0	30	104	226	161	60	3	0	0	584
1980	0	0	0	20	96	180	416	293	79	0	0	0	1084
1981	0	0	0	0	19	139	277	211	37	0	0	0	683
1982	0	0	0	0	54	38	292	212	60	0	0	0	988
1983	0	0	0	1	0	172	375	324	104	12	0	0	670
1984	0	0	0	2	8	149	206	257	48	0	0	0	670
1985	0	0	0	41	42	84	229	136	126				
1986	0	0	1	13	54	156	319	118	53	0	0	0	1139
1987	0	0	0	16	103	249	383	196	48	0	0	0	764
1988	0	0	0	0	101	269	365	360	73	0	0	0	722
1989	0	0	1	0	38	138	331	212	48	11	0	0	1052
1990	0	0	0	39	13	181	264	230	134	2	0	0	876
1991	0	0	0	24	148	286	267	251	84	0	0	0	876
1992	0	0	0	0	59	124	121	102		5	0	0	600
1993	0	0	0	0	35	100	209	232	14	10	0	0	724
1994	0	0	0	9	50	232	193	124	111	5	0	0	724
1995	0	0	0	0	13	286	353	405	71	11	0	0	1139
1996	0	0	0	0	38	174	210	236	101	5	0	0	764
1997	0	0	0	1	2	202	268	147	54	48	0	0	722
1998	0	0	0	3	96	185	326	277	163	2	0	0	1052
1999	0	0	0	0	55	209	384	169	59	0	0	0	876
2000	0	0	4	1	66	135	248	228	77	8	2	0	769
2001	0	0	0	10	48	185	344	269	28	1	0	0	885
2002	0	0	0	25	44	218	371	192	123	6	0	0	979
2003	0	0	0	16	4	124	265	326	104	13	0	0	852
2004	0	0	0	14	19	91	198	114	136	3	0	0	575

SNOWFALL (inches) 2004 LA CROSSE, WI (LSE)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.0	8.0	2.7	6.0	0.0	T	0.0	19.4
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	T	6.8	10.1	2.9	6.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	27.1
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	18.8	10.4	8.0	3.4	T	0.0	0.0	52.6
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	12.0	29.7	7.3	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	59.6
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.2	T	10.7	4.1	10.1	3.9	0.0	0.0	32.0
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.4	4.6	1.9	13.9	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	21.8
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.6	11.6	14.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	9.8	18.5	4.2	2.1	0.0	0.0	34.6
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	9.2	3.5	1.7	11.0	T	0.0	0.0	29.4
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.9	13.3	9.4	5.3	14.5	T	0.0	0.0	45.4
1985-86	0.0	0.0	T					8.2	T	T	0.0	0.0	
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	8.7	2.6	12.6	2.3	12.5	T	0.0	0.0	38.7
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	13.3	19.1	4.2	1.2	T	0.0	0.0	37.8
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.6	5.2	3.8	7.9	19.3	T	T	0.0	43.8
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	8.7	5.9	10.0	7.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	31.6
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.8	30.4	12.6	2.6	0.3	2.5	0.0	0.0	49.2
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	30.3	8.7	5.3	7.5	11.1	T	0.0	0.0	64.1
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.8	10.6	10.4	12.6	10.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	58.1
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.5	2.3	21.4	18.7	0.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	49.8
1994-95	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	3.2	5.7	5.9	2.2	9.6	3.8	T	0.0	30.4
1995-96	0.0	T	0.0	0.5	6.1	8.8	35.0	1.2	5.8	3.3	0.0	0.0	60.7
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	11.3	11.1	10.9	20.5	3.2	0.0	T	69.2
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	6.0	16.1	3.8	9.7	0.1	0.0	T	37.5
1998-99	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.1	31.9	2.4	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0
1999-00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.9	9.4	5.4	3.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	25.6
2000-01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	25.5	4.3	6.2	8.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	47.0
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.0	6.4	6.2	8.5	10.8	T	0.0	32.9
2002-03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.7	7.0	6.2	6.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	30.3
2003-04	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.5	6.0	8.2	14.5	5.5	0.0	T	0.0	34.7
2004-	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	9.1							
POR= 52 YRS	0.0	T	T	0.1	3.8	8.7	10.7	7.7	8.6	2.1	0.3	0.0	42.0

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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>
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LA CROSSE,
WISCONSIN (LSE)

The city of La Crosse is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi River at the confluence of the Mississippi, Black, and La Crosse Rivers. The official records are taken at the La Crosse Municipal Airport which is 6 1/2 miles north of the main Post Office, on the north end of French Island. This island is about 6 miles long from north to south and 2 to 4 miles wide with the Mississippi River to the west and the old channel of the Black River to the east. A rather level sandy plain exists on each side of the river extending between the Wisconsin and Minnesota bluffs which rise 450 to 500 feet above the valley floor. The distance from bluff to bluff averages about 5 miles. The Mississippi River bends to the northwest and continues directly southward from the city.

The prevailing winds in the area are from the northwest from January through April and southerly during the remainder of the year. The situation of the city and airport in a natural bowl between the hills results in somewhat colder temperatures at night due to the settling of cooler air. Valley fogs often persist to mid-forenoon. Steepsided hills with narrow valleys are characteristic of most of the surrounding area.

The flow of the Mississippi River is regulated by dams built for the purpose of navigation, but the reservoirs have limited storage capacity. La Crosse is in the area of Pool No. 8 with a mean sea level elevation of 631 feet. When the river reaches an elevation of 639 feet, with open gate operation, there is considerable flooding of land near the river and some industrial sections of the city.

The invigorating continental-type climate results in wide and frequent variations in temperature. General storms moving eastward or northeastward into our area bring warmer weather and supply most of our moisture. These are usually followed by cooler air from Canada. The winters are cold and humid. The summers are warm with moderate humidities, while periods of hot and humid weather occur occasionally, usually lasting from a few days to a week at a time.

Sixty percent of the precipitation falls during the main growing season, extending from May through September. Most of the summer rainfall occurs during scattered thunderstorms. Some damage from heavy rains, high winds, and hail occurs each year, but tornadoes are infrequent and cover very small areas. Snow is frequent and is the predominant form of precipitation in winter. Heavy snow sometimes falls with larger amounts over the ridges. Glaze storms are not numerous since La Crosse is north of the main path of freezing rain.

Farming is diversified with dairying the leading activity. The more important field crops are corn, oats, and hay. Some of the more specialized crops are soybeans, tobacco, small fruits, and cranberries. Commercial apple orchards are numerous across the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is October 13 and the average last occurrence in the spring is April 29.

STATION LOCATION

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATED OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	* TYPE M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS REMARKS
						GROUND											
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING GAUGE	WINDHOLE	8 INCH RAIN GAGE	HYGROMETER		
*NOTE:																	
<u>AIRPORT</u>																	
Brice Prairie Airport Midway, Wisconsin	12/17/39	12/14/50		43°56'	91°17'	664	29	5	5		3	5	4		Wind instruments transferred from WBO 2/7/43.		
Municipal Airport La Crosse, Wisconsin	12/14/50	8/25/52	3.5 mi. SSE	43°52'	91°15'	653	51	5	5		3	5	4		Office in Fanta-Reed Hangar.		
Administration Building Municipal Airport	8/25/52	10/05/00	0.1 mi. NW	43°52'	91°15'	652 b651	39 b21	6 d	6			5 c	4	a4	a. Commissioned 2100' N of thermometer site 11/19/64. b. Effective 11/19/64. FAA operation effective 10/1/68. c. Removed 10/29/69. d. Removed 9/1979. Hours of operation reduced 10/13/85 to 1/11/86. Unpublished period is 10/85 through 1/86.		
Municipal Airport	10/05/00	Present		43°45'	91°15'	e655								S	ASOS Commissioned 10/05/2000 e. Ground elevation		

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