

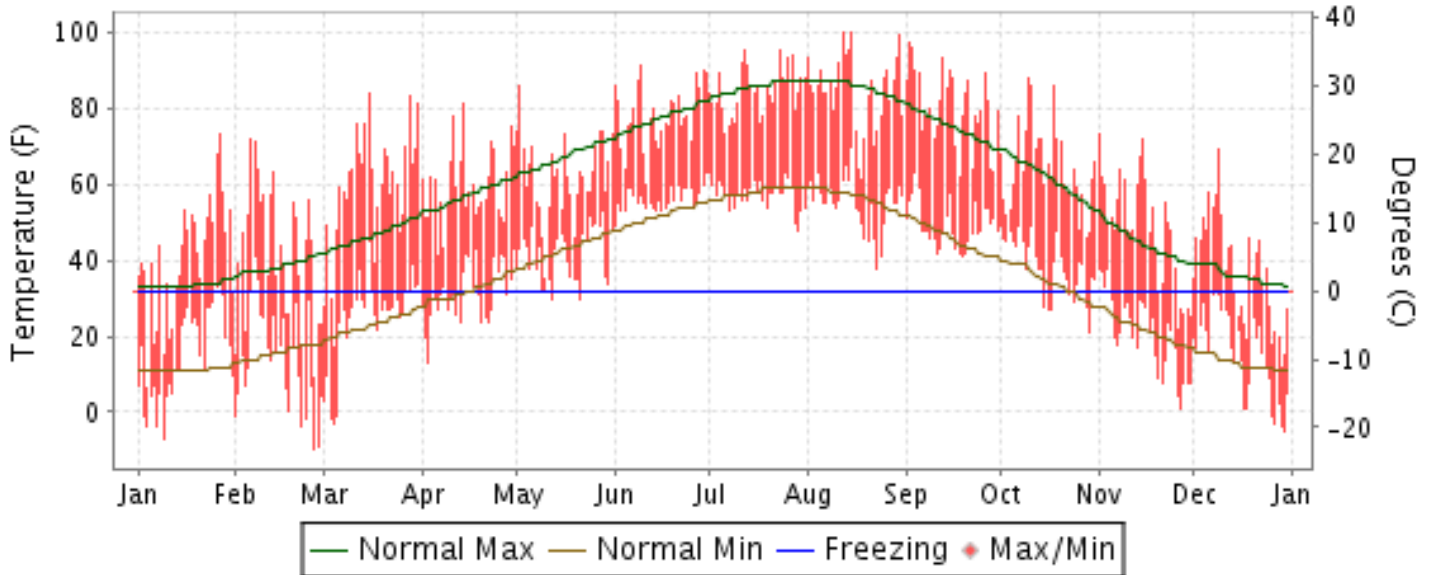


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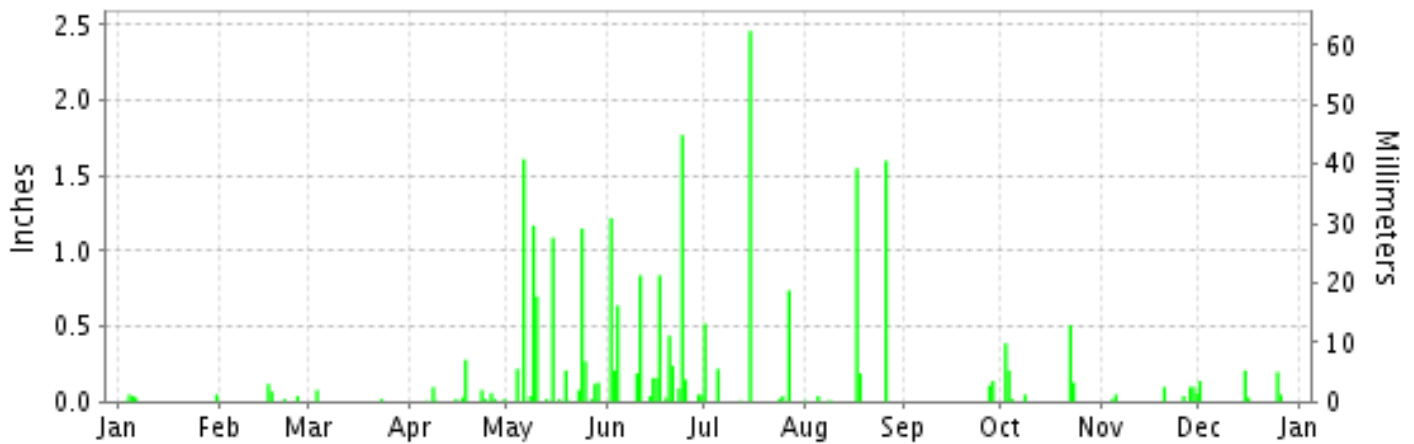
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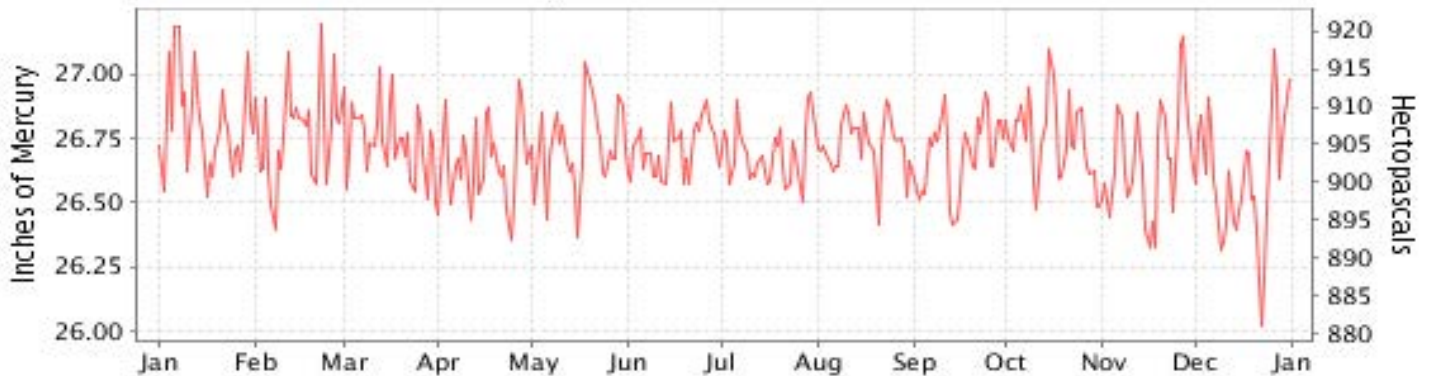
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2015

RAPID CITY (KRAP)

LATITUDE: 44° 2'N LONGITUDE: 103° 3'W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 3160 BARO: 3153 TIME ZONE: MOUNTAIN (UTC -7) WBAN: 24090

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	40.5	42.2	59.4	59.4	62.2	78.0	84.4	84.5	80.3	64.4	48.5	37.0	61.7	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	73	72	84	81	86	91	95	100	97	88	73	69	100	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27	06	15	14	02	09	23+	15+	02	10	01	09	AUG 15+	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	15.2	14.0	24.9	31.4	41.6	56.2	57.5	55.2	49.3	38.5	20.9	15.4	35.0	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-7	-10	-3	13	30	49	48	38	41	21	1	-5	-10	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	26	04	03	21+	01	29	23	19	29	27	30	FEB 26	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	27.8	28.1	42.1	45.4	51.9	67.1	71.0	69.8	64.8	51.5	34.7	26.2	48.4	
	MEAN WET BULB	23.5	23.7	34.3	39.0	46.7	61.3	62.3	60.1	55.1		30.1			
	MEAN DEW POINT	16.1	17.2	23.1	29.6	41.8	57.8	56.7	53.9	47.9		21.5			
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 90°	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	10	5	0	0	0	0	23
	MAXIMUM <= 32°	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12	36	
MINIMUM <= 32°	29	26	26	18	4	0	0	0	0	7	26	31	167		
MINIMUM <= 0°	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1141	1029	702	580	398	27	1	44	82	418	900	1197	6519	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	96	193	201	83	4	0	0	577	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	65	68	52	58	72	74	63	61	59	65	62	70	64	
	HOUR 05 LST	69	78	70	71	85	83	74	78	77	75	72	75	76	
	HOUR 11 LST	54	57	33	43	60	60	46	43	41	49	45	62	49	
	HOUR 17 LST	67	66	42	50	63	67	54	52	54	62	62	73	59	
	HOUR 23 LST	69	76	62	69	81	87	77	74	71	75	69	74	74	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	1	3	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	15	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	2	2	14	5	7	0	1	0	0	31	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	26.81	26.78	26.75	26.66	26.72	26.71	26.69	26.72	26.69	26.75	26.67	26.59	26.71	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.21	30.17	30.07	29.96	30.01	29.94	29.90	29.94	29.92	30.05	30.00	29.97	30.01	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	7.0	6.3	5.3	5.6	3.8	1.8	1.4	1.5	0.6	2.3	6.5	3.6	3.6	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	35	34	35	01	05	32	02	01	36	34	34	35	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	11.6	11.6	11.4	12.0	12.0	8.3	8.7	8.2	8.6	9.4	10.0	9.2	10.1	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	34	34	35	34	33	14	34	14	34	33	34	34	34	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	54	39	56	45	43	48	58	51	38	48	54	43	58	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	35	32	34	33	33	28	33	33	33	33	33	28	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	16	29	01	17	21	27	22	18	11	18	09	JUL 27	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	65	46	75	54	53	59	72	60	53	62	68	51	75	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	33	33	34	33	34	28	33	34	33	33	32	33		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	17	29	01	17	21	27	22	18	11	18	09	MAR 29		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.18	0.25	0.10	0.66	6.86	7.12	4.01	3.41	0.25	1.31	0.47	0.63	25.25	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.06	0.19	0.08	0.28	1.61	1.79	2.46	1.60	0.25	0.64	0.12	0.25	2.46	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	05-06	16-17	03	18	06	23-24	15	26	27-28	22-23	28-29	25-26	JUL 15	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION 0.01	5	4	2	12	16	17	7	7	2	6	7	5	90		
PRECIPITATION 0.10	0	1	0	2	10	12	4	3	2	4	3	3	44		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	9		
SNOWFALL	SNOW,ICE PELLETS,HAIL	3.9	6.5	1.2	T	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	12.5	43.7	
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.5	2.4	1.2	T	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	4.3	6.9	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	31	16	03	09+	10						20	15	MAY 10	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	3	2	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	05+	17	03+		10						29+	16	MAY 10	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	15		

NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES RAPID CITY (KRAP)

LATITUDE: 44° 2'N **LONGITUDE:** 103° 3'W **ELEVATION (FT):** GRND: 3160 BARO: 3153 **TIME ZONE:** MOUNTAIN (UTC -7) **WBAN: 24090**

	ELEMENT	POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	37.1	39.6	47.9	58.3	67.8	77.8	87.1	86.4	75.6	61.4	47.0	36.9	60.2
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	67	34.6	38.4	46.3	57.6	67.7	77.7	86.8	86.1	75.7	62.3	47.0	37.2	59.8
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	73	76	75	84	93	98	109	111	107	104	96	83	75	111
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1987	1995	2015	1989	1969	2012	2006	2012	1978	2011	1999	1965	JUL 2006
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	67	60.9	63.1	72.7	81.9	87.8	94.6	101.1	100.2	95.2	85.5	71.6	62.5	81.4
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	12.9	15.1	22.9	31.8	42.1	51.2	58.1	56.6	46.0	34.1	22.1	13.0	33.8
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	67	11.0	14.7	22.0	32.0	42.6	51.9	58.6	57.0	46.4	35.3	22.6	14.3	34.0
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	73	-27	-31	-21	1	18	31	39	38	18	-2	-19	-30	-31
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1996	1996	1975	1950	1951	1987	2015	1985	1991	1959	1990	FEB 1996
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	67	-11.4	-7.2	1.2	16.7	28.8	40.1	48.4	45.9	31.0	19.1	2.6	-8.3	17.2
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	25.0	27.4	35.4	45.0	55.0	64.5	72.6	71.5	60.8	47.7	34.5	24.9	47.0
	MEAN DRY BULB	67	22.8	26.6	34.1	44.8	55.2	64.9	72.7	71.5	61.0	48.8	34.8	25.8	46.9
	MEAN WET BULB	32	19.0	20.8	27.7	35.9	46.2	55.1	59.3	57.5	48.2	38.1	26.4	19.9	37.8
	MEAN DEW POINT	32	16.5	17.7	25.2	32.1	43.5	52.7	56.5	54.2	44.7	33.9	23.9	16.2	34.8
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: MAXIMUM >= 90	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	3.4	11.8	11.2	3.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	31.1
	MAXIMUM <= 32	30	10.2	8.4	4.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.1	10.1	39.8
MINIMUM <= 32	30	30.0	26.7	26.0	15.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	11.2	24.7	30.2	168.3	
MINIMUM <= 0	30	5.6	3.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	4.5	16.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1240	1054	918	601	325	99	15	22	187	538	913	1241	7153
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	2	13	84	250	223	61	3	0	0	636
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	66	65	65	61	64	65	58	56	55	59	66	66	62
	HOURLY 05 LST	30	69	72	75	75	78	80	76	75	70	70	72	71	74
	HOURLY 11 LST	30	60	57	55	49	51	52	46	43	41	45	55	59	51
	HOURLY 17 LST	30	65	59	53	47	49	50	42	39	39	48	62	65	52
	HOURLY 23 LST	30	70	71	72	70	73	75	69	66	63	66	71	69	70
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	54	57	60	63	62	60	65	73	74	70	66	55	55	63
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	52	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.1	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	2.2	2.0	19.5
	THUNDERSTORMS	67	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	5.0	9.6	10.4	7.8	2.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	37.3
CLOUDINESS	MEAN: SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)														
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: CLEAR														
	PARTLY CLOUDY CLOUDY														
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	32	26.70	26.80	26.67	26.65	26.66	26.67	26.72	26.73	26.73	26.72	26.70	26.69	26.70
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	32	30.09	30.10	30.02	29.95	29.92	29.89	29.93	29.94	29.98	30.02	30.05	30.08	30.00
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	32	10.5	11.0	11.7	12.6	11.8	10.3	9.6	9.5	10.1	10.8	10.3	10.1	10.7
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS)	36	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE: SPEED (MPH)	20	59	59	64	61	57	54	69	54	48	58	62	58	69
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		35	33	33	32	32	32	21	32	33	33	31	33	21
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2008	1998	2009	1997	1999	2001	2002	2002	2011	2008	2008	2009	JUL 2002
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND SPEED (MPH)	20	70	70	75	69	68	83	89	69	63	70	77	71	89
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		35	31	33	31	32	28	21	32	34	33	33	33	21
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2008	1996	2015	1997	1999	2009	2002	2008	2013	2012	2008	2009	JUL 2002	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.30	0.44	0.93	1.80	3.22	2.53	1.85	1.56	1.29	1.42	0.53	0.42	16.29
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	73	1.77	2.46	3.02	5.16	8.18	7.12	6.13	4.83	3.94	5.60	2.22	1.65	8.18
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1944	1953	1945	1967	1996	2015	1969	1982	1946	1998	1985	1975	MAY 1996
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	73	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.33	0.42	0.38	0.10	0.03	T	0.01	0.01	0.01
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1952	1999	2012	1987	1966	2002	1988	1975	1960	2004	2006	2006	DEC 2006
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	73	1.26	1.00	2.19	3.19	3.40	4.01	2.51	2.60	2.28	2.66	1.09	1.04	4.01
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1944	1953	1945	1997	1965	1963	1944	1982	2014	2013	1944	1975	JUN 1963
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: PRECIPITATION >= 0.01	30	5.4	5.7	7.6	9.5	11.7	12.3	9.5	7.7	7.0	7.2	5.3	5.4	94.3
PRECIPITATION >= 1.00	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.9	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	4.4	5.8	8.7	7.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.6	6.0	5.4	41.1
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	67	24.0	23.7	30.7	43.4	13.0	3.6	T	T	2.0	20.8	33.6	17.9	43.4
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1949	1953	1950	2013	2015	1951	2010	1994	1970	2013	1985	1975	APR 2013
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	67	16.3	10.0	14.9	20.0	13.4	3.6	T	T	2.0	16.0	9.4	9.8	20.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE'		1944	1953	1973	2013	1967	1951	2010	1994	1970	2013	1977	1975	APR 2013
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	59	16	14	16	20	13	2	0	0	1	17	15	11	20
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1987	1977	2013	1967	1951			1965	2013	1985	1985	APR 2013
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: SNOWFALL >= 1.0	30	1.3	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	2.2	12.9	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2015 RAPID CITY (KRAP)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	0.49	0.92	0.88	4.74	1.43	4.56	0.91	1.32	3.14	1.64	1.40	0.01	21.44
1987	0.04	1.71	1.14	0.02	3.39	1.37	0.83	2.37	0.68	0.26	0.30	0.31	12.42
1988	0.17	0.34	0.52	0.60	3.25	1.09	0.38	1.98	0.56	0.76	0.81	0.46	10.92
1989	0.02	0.34	0.96	1.46	1.40	1.04	0.82	1.70	3.09	1.49	0.43	0.82	13.57
1990	0.22	0.37	1.17	0.77	4.87	1.42	1.94	1.87	2.44	0.61	0.44	0.33	16.45
1991	0.32	0.77	0.63	2.99	4.40	3.27	1.97	0.58	0.59	1.00	0.73	0.04	17.29
1992	0.29	0.16	1.92	0.71	2.47	2.17	3.25	0.47	0.42	0.68	0.39	0.57	13.50
1993	0.68	0.61	0.82	3.05	2.16	3.39	4.31	1.18	1.46	0.90	0.70	0.53	19.79
1994	0.45	0.66	0.37	1.20	1.47	0.67	0.64	0.92	0.27	2.84	0.66	0.35	10.50
1995	0.09	0.55	0.79	2.57	4.03	4.50	2.87	0.46	0.82	2.42	0.42	0.13	19.65
1996	0.85	0.10	1.06	1.63	8.18	1.24	.52	1.85	1.55		.07		
1997	0.65	0.28	0.20	4.80	5.35	3.43	3.67	3.93	0.78	0.47	0.19	0.08	23.83
1998	0.15	1.24	1.32	0.28	2.34	5.59	1.26	1.42	1.50	5.60	1.13	0.06	21.89
1999	0.21	0.02	1.32	2.45	4.49	5.24	3.68	0.47	0.85	0.11	0.43	0.21	19.48
2000	0.23	0.15	1.37	3.95	2.40	1.60	2.06	0.70	0.45	1.54	0.47	0.11	15.03
2001	0.24	0.17	0.42	2.16	1.73	3.57	2.46	1.59	0.91	0.97	0.07	T	14.29
2002	0.05	0.20	0.69	2.24	1.61	0.42	1.13	0.76	2.45	0.65	0.04	0.03	10.27
2003	0.33	0.22	1.05	2.04	1.32	2.45	0.48	0.47	1.37	0.49	0.50	0.25	10.97
2004	0.03	0.93	0.98	0.50	2.55	1.02	2.96	0.80	2.04	1.28	0.01	0.06	13.16
2005	0.54	0.16	1.09	1.46	5.30	1.23	0.92	1.80	0.57	0.84	0.25	0.25	14.41
2006	0.14	0.20	1.20	2.09	1.82	0.93	0.76	1.76	2.00	0.34	0.47	0.01	11.72
2007	0.12	0.79	0.49	1.32	2.93	0.96	1.20	2.82	0.83	0.59	0.03	0.51	12.59
2008	0.34	0.51	0.60	1.38	7.24	3.12	2.21	1.42	0.87	1.47	1.02	0.37	20.55
2009	0.37	0.77	2.07	3.65	0.94	2.83	1.77	1.48	1.90	1.97	0.17	0.72	18.64
2010	0.20	0.23	0.17	3.03	5.19	4.57	1.66	1.33	1.51	0.32	0.42	0.61	19.24
2011	0.54	1.16	0.92	1.54	5.88	3.84	0.66	1.75	0.75	1.38	0.71	0.29	19.42
2012	0.31	0.38	0.05	3.08	2.12	2.04	1.57	0.58	0.14	0.44	0.45	0.25	11.41
2013	0.43	0.18	0.82	3.03	3.16	2.16	1.87	2.41	1.18	5.52	0.38	0.56	21.70
2014	0.20	0.27	1.09	2.27	1.54	5.25	1.94	4.02	3.17	0.54	0.81	0.42	21.52
2015	0.18	0.25	0.10	0.66	6.86	7.12	4.01	3.41	0.25	1.31	0.47	0.63	25.25
POR= 67 YRS	0.37	0.51	0.96	1.94	2.97	2.96	1.96	1.59	1.18	1.11	0.51	0.40	16.46

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2015 RAPID CITY (KRAP)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	29.8	21.5	43.0	44.2	54.9	67.6	70.9	69.6	55.0	48.7	30.6	30.5	47.2
1987	31.1	32.5	32.6	51.6	59.5	67.1	75.4	68.1	61.4	47.1	40.3	28.9	49.6
1988	21.7	26.9	35.6	47.1	60.0	75.6	76.1	72.5	60.4	49.7	36.4	28.4	49.2
1989	28.7	14.4	31.1	45.8	55.4	64.0	77.0	73.1	61.0	48.8	36.4	19.4	46.3
1990	32.4	28.9	36.4	45.0	53.2	66.6	71.7	73.8	65.9	48.2	40.5	17.8	48.4
1991	18.4	36.0	38.5	46.3	56.6	67.2	72.9	74.0	61.1	46.4	30.0	32.7	48.3
1992	33.6	36.3	40.9	47.1	57.4	62.6	64.3	65.9	62.6	49.3	32.4	19.0	47.6
1993	16.0	15.2	37.6	43.5	56.1	60.3	65.1	68.6	56.6	48.2	32.4	31.5	44.3
1994	22.4	19.8	40.5	46.0	60.2	68.5	70.7	73.3	65.5	49.7	35.5	30.3	48.5
1995	29.2	31.9	33.2	40.3	51.8	62.9	70.6	73.6	60.1	46.5	33.7	25.4	46.6
1996	14.9	27.3	26.2	43.3	50.6	65.5	70.8	73.2	59.8		24.3	17.9	
1997	18.1	28.8	36.7	38.7	52.8	66.3	70.9	68.7	62.5	48.6	33.2	30.3	46.3
1998	24.3	34.9	28.0	46.2	56.2	58.7	72.7	72.3	67.1	47.8	36.9	26.8	47.7
1999	25.6	36.6	36.3	42.6	53.0	62.6	71.3	71.4	55.7	49.9	44.4	33.3	48.6
2000	26.2	33.2	38.7	43.1	56.0	62.5	73.6	74.4	63.4	49.8	27.0	16.7	47.1
2001	29.7	16.9	34.4	46.0	56.2	64.1	74.8	74.4	62.5	47.9	39.9	28.9	48.0
2002	27.7	30.7	22.4	44.3	51.8	69.7	78.3	71.2	61.9	39.0	37.4	31.7	47.2
2003	26.1	21.5	35.0	47.9	55.0	62.2	77.1	75.9	59.6	52.5	28.6	30.5	47.7
2004	22.8	28.5	40.4	48.0	55.6	61.6	72.1	68.0	62.5	50.1	37.4	31.8	48.2
2005	21.9	32.8	38.0	48.0	53.6	66.9	76.0	70.8	65.3	50.0	39.5	25.5	49.0
2006	36.4	26.3	32.9	50.0	57.6	70.2	79.3	73.1	57.8	45.0	36.5	29.3	49.5
2007	26.1	21.1	44.3	43.9	59.3	69.4	79.7	74.2	63.7	50.3	37.8	22.3	49.3
2008	21.5	26.1	34.9	41.8	51.1	61.9	71.6	70.9	59.0	46.9	36.3	17.8	45.0
2009	24.9	28.3	32.7	40.0	54.1	59.9	68.2	67.6	62.6	38.7	40.4	16.2	44.5
2010	21.5	20.3	38.8	45.9	51.6	63.4	70.5	72.5	60.0	53.4	31.7	24.4	46.2
2011	19.7	19.3	31.4	43.3	50.6	63.0	74.9	73.1	61.2	50.7	33.8	28.0	45.8
2012	29.7	27.2	47.6	50.4	55.9	70.3	78.5	72.4	63.9	45.9	37.2	25.0	50.3
2013	24.7	29.2	33.5	36.7	55.2	64.4	73.2	72.6	65.8	42.6	33.9	18.8	45.9
2014	26.0	18.8	32.0	43.3	54.4	61.2	69.5	69.3	60.0	50.8	26.9	28.3	45.0
2015	27.8	28.1	42.1	45.4	51.9	67.1	71.0	69.8	64.8	51.5	34.7	26.2	48.4
POR= 67 YRS	22.8	26.6	34.1	44.8	55.2	64.9	72.7	71.5	61.0	48.8	34.8	25.8	46.9

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2015 RAPID CITY (KRAP)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	10	49	147	545	736	1111	1340	1103	905	533	195	17	6691
1988-89	3	18	163	470	850	1127	1120	1414	1047	586	303	116	7217
1989-90	3	6	182	495	847	1410	1004	1004	880	597	363	68	6859
1990-91	10	5	112	514	730	1462	1440	807	815	556	269	16	6736
1991-92	2	6	183	581	1045	997	964	828	742	539	262	107	6256
1992-93	67	83	138	493	973	1418	1515	1390	841	636	269	158	7981
1993-94	56	26	256	522	972	1035	1312	1260	749	565	171	27	6951
1994-95	9	17	79	468	876	1068	1104	919	983	734	400	130	6787
1995-96	11	5	215	568	933	1221	1551	1087	1200	643	447	66	7947
1996-97	6	0	203		1215	1453	1446	1008	872	783	373	30	
1997-98	23	26	127	510	947	1067	1254	837	1143	558	272	198	6962
1998-99	3	0	91	522	840	1178	1214	790	885	666	366	104	6659
1999-00	22	6	284	460	609	976	1196	914	808	652	281	139	6347
2000-01	10	1	152	462	1134	1490	1086	1339	944	565	278	127	7588
2001-02	9	0	138	523	746	1111	1149	954	1313	614	417	44	7018
2002-03	0	17	189	797	817	1027	1198	1212	924	505	320	134	7140
2003-04	0	17	220	385	1087	1063	1300	1053	758	506	298	136	6823
2004-05	17	45	136	454	822	1021	1331	896	833	510	354	69	6488
2005-06	8	15	97	468	759	1219	880	1079	990	444	260	8	6227
2006-07	0	11	238	619	847	1100	1198	1221	636	627	200	32	6729
2007-08	0	18	144	450	808	1318	1343	1122	926	688	427	115	7359
2008-09	9	15	199	554	853	1455	1239	1020	995	745	340	188	7612
2009-10	14	37	127	809	731	1507	1344	1244	804	570	423	95	7705
2010-11	17	7	164	364	989	1251	1392	1274	1037	643	440	107	7685
2011-12	0	2	151	458	931	1140	1088	1091	532	439	294	15	6141
2012-13	0	5	94	584	828	1236	1246	996	968	842	305	80	7184
2013-	5	0	102	688	925	1423							
2013-14	5	0	102	688	925	1423	1202	1288	1017	646	343	128	7767
2014-15	22	14	205	431	1136	1130	1141	1029	702	580	398	27	6815
2015-	1	44	82	418	900	1197							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2015 RAPID CITY (KRAP)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1986	0	0	0	0	11	124	192	164	0	0	0	0	491
1987	0	0	0	13	33	118	341	152	45	0	0	0	702
1988	0	0	0	2	46	341	355	255	33	2	0	0	1034
1989	0	0	0	15	9	95	380	265	70	0	0	0	834
1990	0	0	0	2	4	120	226	282	147	3	0	0	784
1991	0	0	0	3	16	89	256	294	76	15	0	0	749
1992	0	0	0	9	36	41	51	118	72	11	0	0	338
1993	0	0	0	0	0	25	66	146	9	7	0	0	253
1994	0	0	0	0	28	141	193	280	97	0	0	0	739
1995	0	0	0	0	0	72	192	280	72	1	0	0	617
1996	0	0	0	0	5	86	194	262	52		0	0	
1997	0	0	0	0	4	76	211	148	58	7	0	0	504
1998	0	0	0	0	8	15	250	232	160	0	0	0	665
1999	0	0	0	0	2	40	225	212	9	0	0	0	488
2000	0	0	0	0	10	71	282	299	108	0	0	0	770
2001	0	0	0	4	11	107	320	300	69	1	0	0	812
2002	0	0	0	0	15	193	422	216	103	0	0	0	949
2003	0	0	0	0	20	54	381	364	65	7	0	0	891
2004	0	0	0	0	16	42	246	148	69	0	0	0	521
2005	0	0	0	8	11	129	356	204	113	9	0	0	830
2006	0	0	0	1	36	169	452	269	27	6	0	0	960
2007	0	0	0	0	30	170	464	310	109	0	0	0	1083
2008	0	0	0	0	0	29	221	206	26	0	0	0	482
2009	0	0	0	0	9	42	118	123	62	0	0	0	354
2010	0	0	0	0	13	52	192	245	19	11	0	0	532
2011	0	0	0	0	0	56	315	260	44	24	0	0	699
2012	0	0	0	9	18	179	421	243	67	0	0	0	937
2013	0	0	0	0	8	70	268	245	133	0	0	0	724
2014	0	0	0	0	20	22	167	154	61	0	0	0	424
2015	0	0	0	0	0	96	193	201	83	4	0	0	577

SNOWFALL (inches) 2015 RAPID CITY (KRAP)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	T	4.7	2.7	3.6	10.6	6.1	0.0	0.0	29.4
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	9.0	0.4	7.3	10.7	6.4	0.0	0.0	36.0
1989-90	0.0	T	0.0	3.9	4.6	10.9	3.1	5.0	9.2	3.0	0.5	T	40.2
1990-91	0.0	T	0.0	1.5	1.0	6.2	6.3	8.2	3.6	11.1	4.9	T	42.8
1991-92	T	0.0	T	4.0	6.7	0.8	5.2	1.2	8.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	29.6
1992-93	T	0.0	0.0	0.9	5.0	12.4	13.6	9.0	1.0	12.2	0.0	0.0	54.1
1993-94	T	0.0	T	2.4	11.4	5.5	7.5	11.1	5.6	12.8	0.0	T	56.3
1994-95	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	6.8	4.6	0.9	6.3	9.2	10.1	T	T	37.9
1995-96	0.0	0.0	T	10.2	3.1	1.4	19.4	4.4	16.2	10.3	0.9	T	65.9
1996-97	0.0	0.0	T								0.0	T	
1997-98	T	T	0.0	3.1									
1998-99			0.0	T	15.9	0.5	2.0	0.2	18.5	6.3	0.0	T	
1999-00	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	3.7	2.9	1.5	5.5	19.0	0.0	0.0	32.9
2000-01	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	2.9	3.0	2.7						
2001-02													
2002-03													
2003-04													
2004-05													
2005-06						4.9	T	4.8	19.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	
2006-07	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.8	2.4	0.4	8.1	2.3	1.6	T	0.0	24.6
2007-08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.7	4.3	6.2	8.7	5.2	11.0	0.0	46.1
2008-09	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	7.9	7.7	4.7	26.8	21.9	0.0	0.0	80.3
2009-10	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	T	13.1	2.7	7.9	3.0	2.1	3.5	0.0	40.8
2010-11	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	4.8	8.7	22.9	16.9	10.2	T	T	71.1
2011-12	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	3.0	2.3	4.7	0.1	T	0.0	0.0	24.7
2012-13	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.2	5.3	7.0	3.8	12.9	43.4	0.0	0.0	76.7
2013-	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	4.0	8.6							
2013-14	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	4.0	8.6	3.2	6.4	14.4	6.3	0.1	0.0	63.8
2014-15	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	15.5	9.1	3.9	6.5	1.2	T	13.0	0.0	49.2
2015-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	12.5							
POR= 61 YRS	T	T	0.1	1.9	5.6	5.4	4.7	6.6	9.4	7.6	1.1	0.1	42.5

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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:

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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.

2015 RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA (KRAP)

Rapid City, which is not far from the geographical center of North America, experiences the large temperature ranges, both daily and seasonal, that are typical of semi-arid continental climates.

The city is surrounded by contrasting landforms, with the forested Black Hills rising immediately west of the city, and rolling prairie extending out in the other directions. From 40 to 70 miles southeast lie the eroded Badlands. The Black Hills, many of which are more than 5,000 feet above sea level, with a number of peaks above 7,000 feet, exert a pronounced influence on the climate of this area. The rolling land to the east of the city is cut by the valleys of the Box Elder and Rapid Creeks, which flow generally east-southeastward. The station is located on the north slope of the irrigated Rapid Valley. An east-west ridge 200 to 300 feet higher than the airport separates the station from the Box Elder Creek Valley.

The principal agricultural products in the area are cattle and wheat, and ranchers and farmers are dependent on the current weather forecasts, which are at times of vital interest in the protection of livestock.

Although the annual precipitation is light at lower elevations, the distribution is beneficial to agriculture with the greatest amounts occurring during the growing season. The heaviest snows are expected in the spring, which helps to furnish moisture for the early maturing crops such as wheat, while heavy winter snows at the higher elevations provide irrigation water for the fertile valleys.

Summer days are normally warm with cool, comfortable nights. Nearly all of the summer precipitation occurs as thunderstorms. Hail is often associated with the more severe thunderstorms, with resultant damage to vegetation as well as other fragile material in the path of the storms. Autumn, which begins soon after the first of September, is characterized by mild, balmy days, and cool, invigorating mornings and evenings. Autumn weather usually extends into November and often into December.

Temperatures for the winter months of December, January, and February are among the warmest in South Dakota due to the protection of the Black Hills, the frequent occurrence of Chinook winds, and the fact that the winter tracks of arctic air masses usually pass east of Rapid City. Rapid City has become the retirement home for many farmers and ranchers from the western half of the state because of the cool summer nights and the relatively mild winters.

Snowfall is normally light with the greatest monthly average of about 8 inches occurring in March. Cold waves can be expected occasionally, and one or more blizzards may occur each winter.

Spring is characterized by unsettled conditions. Wide variations usually occur in temperatures, and snows may fall as late as May.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is September 29 and the average last occurrence in the spring is May 7.

Station History

RAPID CITY, SD

NAME	Begin Date	End Date	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation Feet	Relocation	Platform
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1992-05-14	1995-09-01	44° 3'	-103° 4'	3165		COOP, WXSVC
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	2012-01-31	Present	44° 2'	-103° 3'	3160		ASOS, COOP
RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL AP	1951-10-05	1970-10-01	44° 3'	-103° 4'	3162		AIRWAYS, COOP
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	2001-04-14	2009-01-05	44° 2'	-103° 3'	3160		AIRWAYS, ASOS, COOP
RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL AP	1950-10-05	1951-10-05	44° 3'	-103° 4'	3162	5 MI SE	COOP
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1996-09-26	2001-04-14	44° 2'	-103° 3'	3160	685 FT NW	AIRWAYS, ASOS, COOP
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1970-10-01	1973-01-01	44° 3'	-103° 4'	3162		AIRWAYS, COOP
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1973-01-01	1992-05-14	44° 3'	-103° 4'	3162		COOP, WXSVC
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1995-09-01	1996-08-01	44° 2'	-103° 3'	3165		ASOS, COOP, WXSVC
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AP	1996-08-01	1996-09-26	44° 2'	-103° 3'	3165		AIRWAYS, ASOS, COOP

Element History

Element	Begin Date	End Date	Frequency	Time Of Observation	Equipment *	Equipment * Modifications	Equipment Exposure
TEMP	1992-05-14	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	MXMN		
PRECIP	1995-09-01	2006-09-28	DAILY	2400	TB	RCRD	
WIND	2006-09-28	2009-01-05	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMSONIC		
PRECIP	1982-01-01	1992-05-14	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	2012-01-31	Present	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
PRECIP	1992-05-14	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
TEMP	1995-09-01	2006-09-28	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2006-09-28	2009-01-05	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
PRECIP	2012-01-31	Present	HOURLY	2400	AHTB	RCRD;HTD	
WIND	2012-01-31	Present	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMSONIC		
PRECIP	1995-09-01	2006-09-28	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	1950-10-05	1982-01-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1950-10-05	1982-01-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1992-05-14	1995-07-01	HOURLY	2400			
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1995-09-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1995-09-01	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
WIND	1995-09-01	2006-09-28	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
TEMP	2006-09-28	2009-01-05	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
TEMP	1995-07-01	1995-09-01	DAILY	2400	MXMN		
TEMP	1982-01-01	1992-05-14	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1982-01-01	1992-05-14	HOURLY	2400			
PRECIP	2006-09-28	2009-01-05	DAILY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	2012-01-31	Present	DAILY	2400	ATEMP		

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

Other Station Information can be found at:

ASOS Implementation by NWS: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ops2/Surface/asosimplementation.htm>

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