Climate Monitoring, Climate Research, and Climate Services for Colorado

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CSU-ATS Colloquium 28 September 2018



Brief history of the CCC

- Until 1973, the federal government operated a "state climatologist" program – but in in 1973 this was abolished
- Later that same year, Colorado established the Colorado Climate Center at CSU with support through the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station







Previous state climatologists

Tom McKee, 1974-2000

Nolan Doesken, 2006-2017 (Assistant State Climatologist, 1977-2006)



Roger Pielke, Sr, 2000-2006

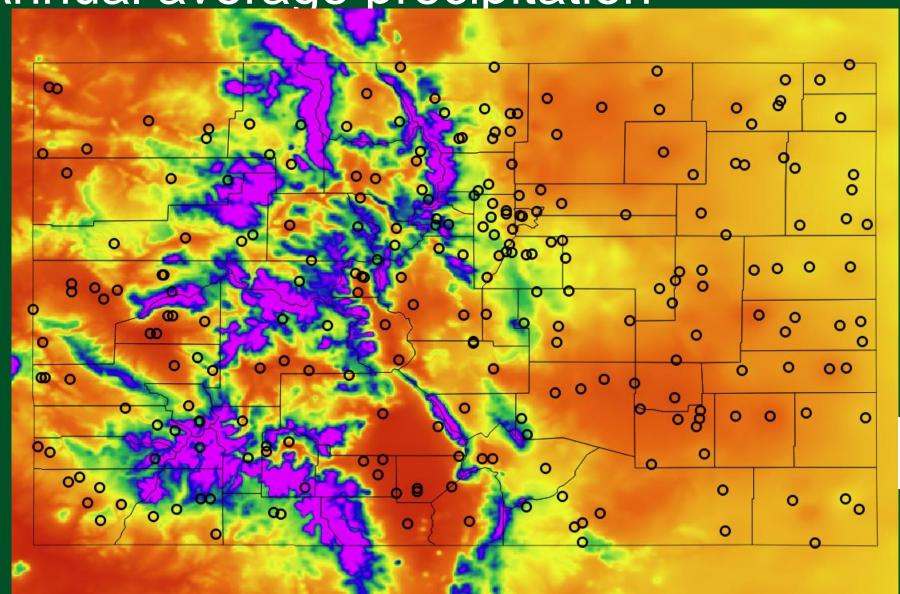


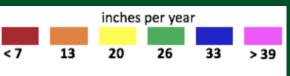
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Annual average precipitation

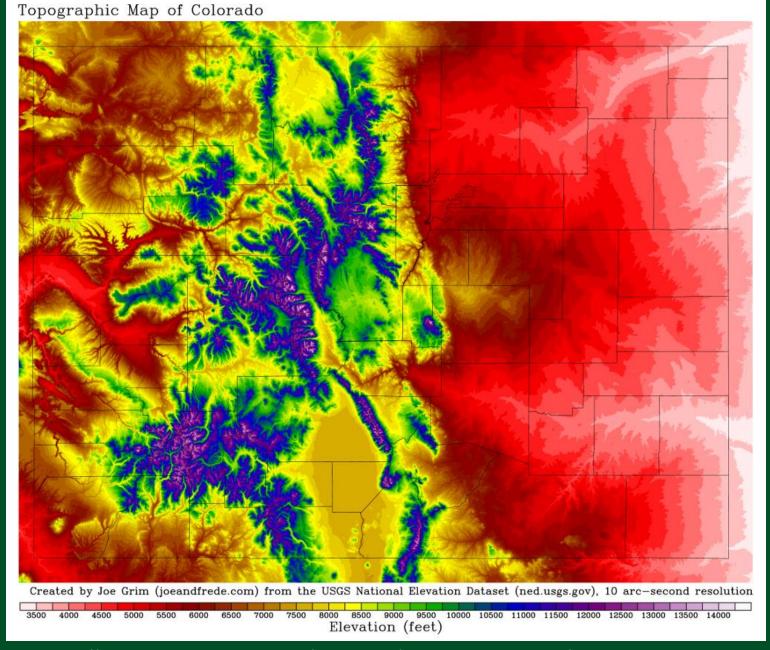




Data: PRISM climate group prism.oregonstate.edu







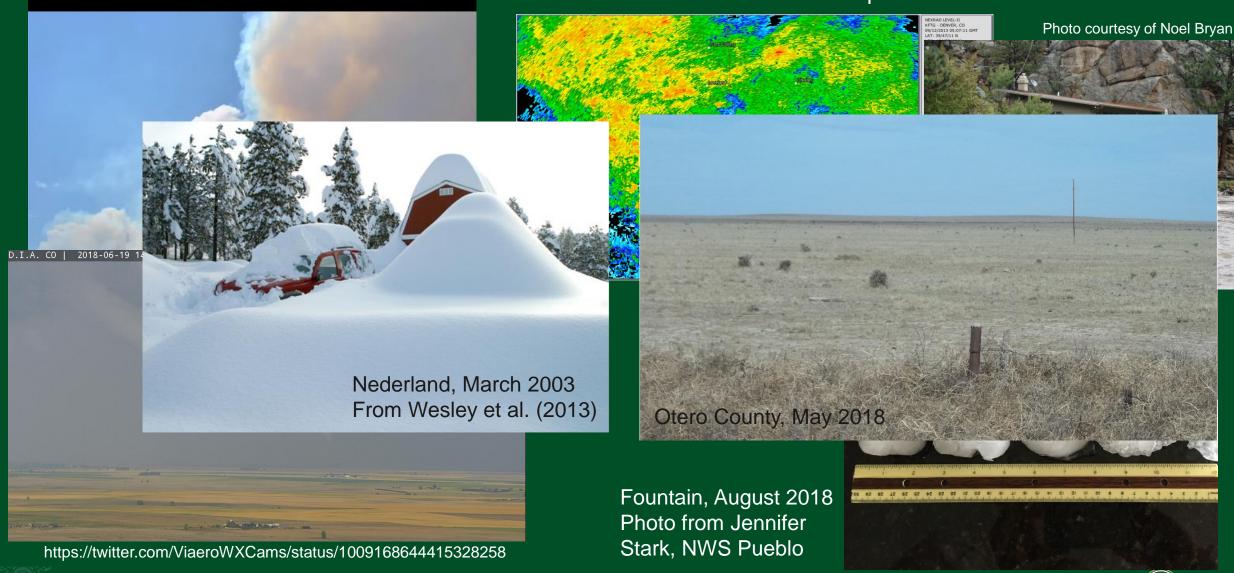




Colorado's weather and climate extremes

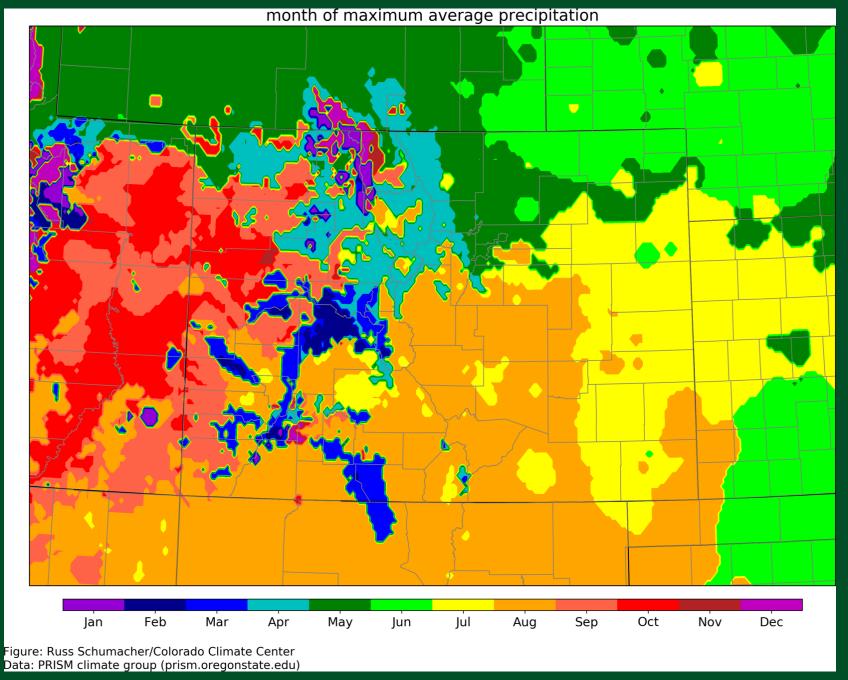
High Park Fire, June 2012 (from the dept)

"Great Colorado Flood of September 2013"



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Analyzing climate data: both useful and fun!

Month of maximum average precip Data: PRISM Climate Group, prism.oregonstate.edu

General Info ▼ Colorado's Climate ▼ Data Access ▼ Climate Maps Normals and Extremes ▼ Drought ▼ Tools



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CCC News Feed

As fall is nigh, drought persists September 21, 2018

The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel talked with Becky Bolinger about recent drought expansion in western CO and the "wait and see" mode for what the next snow season will bring.

Record-breaking heat, dry weather increase fire danger, worsen drought



September 17, 2018

Colorado Springs Gazette interviewed Russ Schumacher to learn more about the recent hot weather and how it's contributing to drought conditions.

Most weather signs are pointing to an El Niño weather pattern this fall and winter August 31, 2018

Becky Bolinger shares with The Fence Post what an El Niño winter could mean for Colorado.

Social Media Colorado Climate Ce...



"Here in Colorado, over 20 percent of severe hail reports through the beginning of September have been at least 2 inches. Three percent have been at least 3 inches - bigger than a standard 2.75-inch baseball. These are the highest such percentages in state history. Moreover, Colorado saw a new record, with hail greater than 3 inches in diameter reported 10 times, over seven different days."



Quick Links



CoAgMET

The Colorado Agricultural Meteorological nETwork provides liveupdated meteorological conditions at agriculture sites across Colorado.



CoCoRaHS

The Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow network provides daily precipitation data from around the country, recorded by citizens.



Drought

View our weekly updated drought summary for the NIDIS Intermountain West Region's Drought Early Warning System.



Our mission

The Colorado Climate Center at CSU provides valuable climate expertise to the residents of the state through its threefold program of:

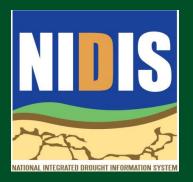
- 1) Climate Monitoring (data acquisition, analysis, and archiving)
- 2) Climate Research
- 3) *Climate Services* (providing data, analysis, climate expertise, education and outreach)





A small selection of our partners and stakeholders



























Today's outline

- Drought monitoring and early warning
 - Becky Bolinger, Assistant State Climatologist
- Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow network (CoCoRaHS)
 - Noah Newman, Julian Turner, and Henry Reges (currently in Geneva at a WMO meeting)
- The Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network (CoAgMET, "Colorado's Mesonet"
 - Zach Schwalbe
- Other CCC projects and activities
 - Peter Goble (currently on his honeymoon!)





National Integrated Drought Information System Intermountain West Drought Early Warning System



A Pathway for National Resilience

NIDIS

Fall 2009

Colorado

May 5, 2009 (Released Thursday, May. 7, 2009)

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.82	44.18	6.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/28/2009	55.81	44.19	6.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Month's Ago 2/3/2009	34.69	65.31	6.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2008	23.00	77.00	5.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2008	43.04	56.96	12.69	3.36	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 56/2008	63.58	36.42	16.54	0.00	0.00	0.00

Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summan

Laura Edwards Western Regional Climate Center



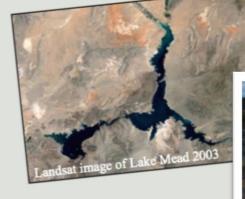
Upper Colorado River Basin Pilot

The first NIDIS drought early warning and information system pilot was successfully aunched during October 2008 with a meeting of stakeholders in Boulder, CO. In this newsletter, find these related articles...

Upper Colorado River Basin Scoping

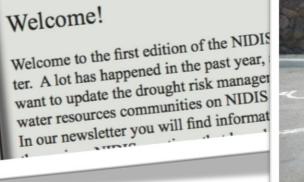
1-2 October, 2008, NOAA David Skaggs Research Center, Boulder, CO......2

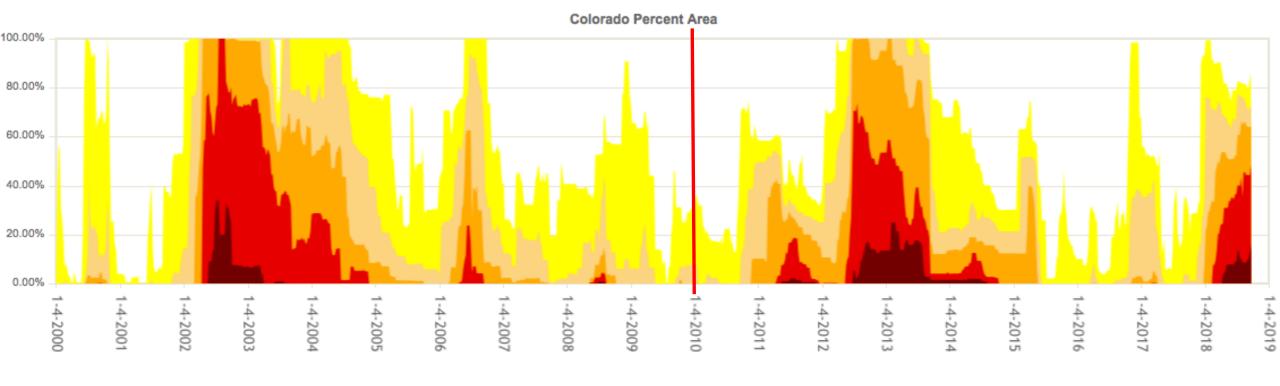
Colorado State Climatologist is Key to the Success of the UCRB Pilot.....



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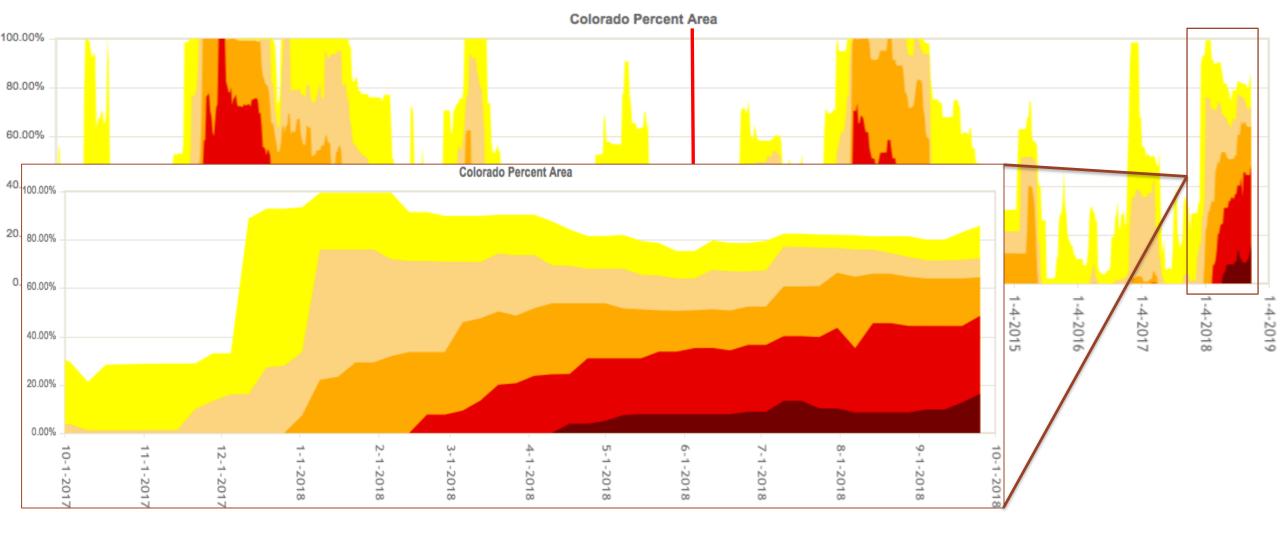
Implementation of weekly monitoring operations in 2010 led to more timely detection of the 2012 drought.

Yes! Drought can happen in the winter!!

improved monitoring = improved drought depiction







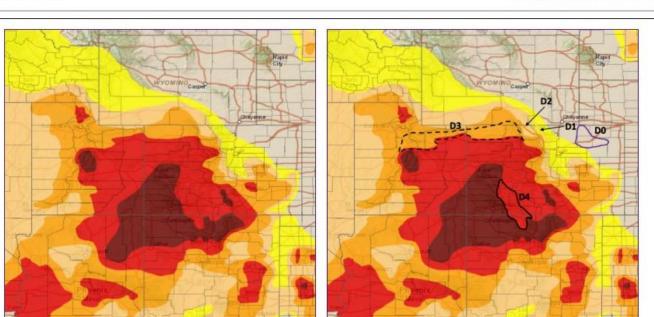
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NIDIS Intermountain West Drought Early Warning System September 25, 2018





Current U.S. Drought Monitor Depiction ① Recommended Changes ①

Summary: September 25, 2018

On the tail of a very hot and dry first half of September, a plume of tropical moisture surged across the southern portion of the Intermountain West region last week. This moisture brought precipitation accumulations of around half an inch to an inch to widespread parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Some isolated locations in eastern Colorado and eastern Wyoming received spotty precipitation, but much of Utah and the majority of the Upper Colorado River Basin missed out. And despite the precipitation, and a brief cool-down, temperatures for the week remained well above average for this time of year.

An alarming 30% of USGS stream gauges are reporting record low 7-day averaged streamflows this week (also observed last week). With only one week left in the water year, the gauge on the San Juan River near Bluff, UT is on course for breaking the record for lowest accumulated discharge. The current record low is 2002, with a period of record of 92 years.

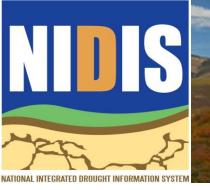
Weather and climate outlooks don't provide a lot of good news. The 7-day precip forecast does show more promising accumulations for AZ and NM, with some accumulation expected in the parched areas of UT. 7-day accumulations expected across the UCRB would still be below average for this time of year though. The two week outlook shows that above average



Weekly Drought Monitoring climate.colostate.edu/~drought

- **□** Conditions
 - ☐ Precipitation, snow
 - **□** Evaporative Demand
 - ☐ Streams, soils, vegetation
- **□** Impacts Reports
- ☐ Outlooks
- ☐ Recommendation to USDM

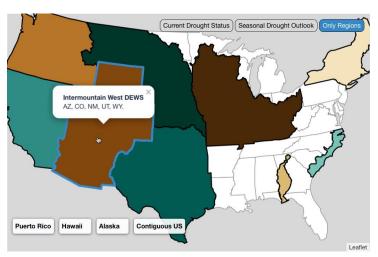




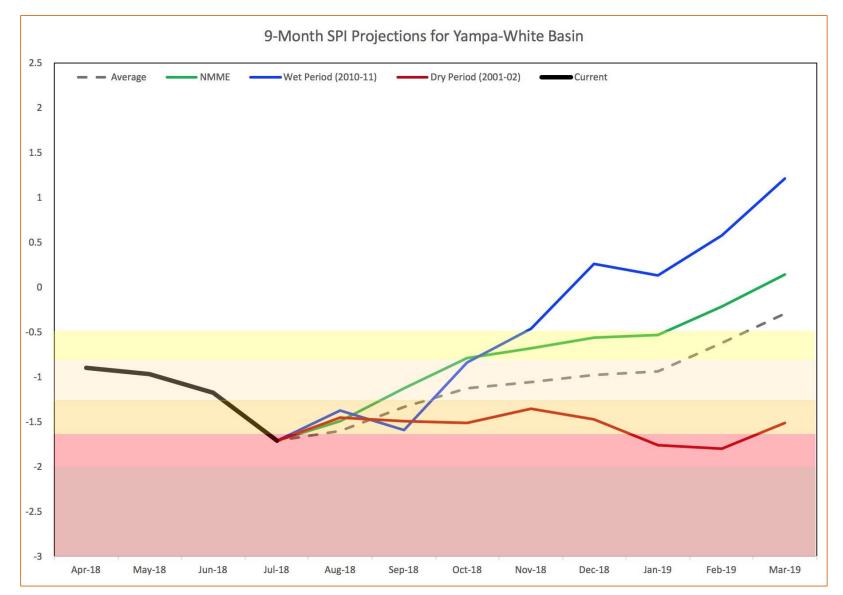


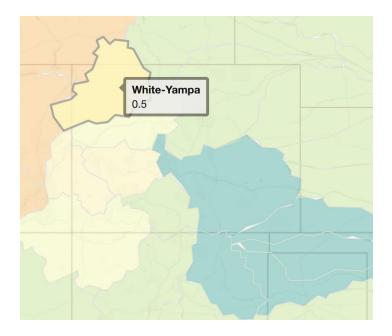
Our Current NIDIS Team

- Me! (about 50% of my time)
- · Peter (about 50% of his time)
- · Zach (weekly summary, some mapping products)
- · Noah (condition monitoring efforts, communication)
- · Henry (in-person engagement with NWS and climate offices)
- · Julian (support for CoCoRaHS efforts)







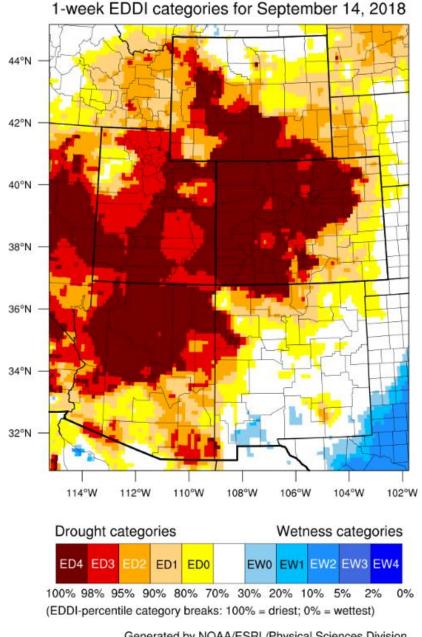


Seasonal prediction of drought-specific metrics, like the Standardized Precipitation Index



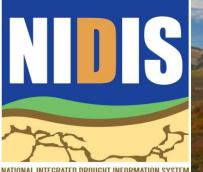
Ground validation of the Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI) product using CoAgMET data.





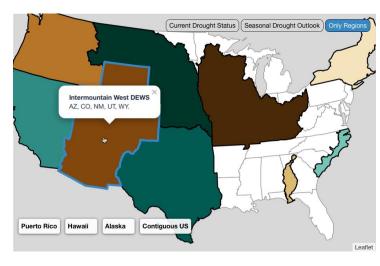
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Our Current NIDIS Objectives



- ✓ enhancing engagement and interaction
- ✓ communication and dissemination
- ✓ value added information and products



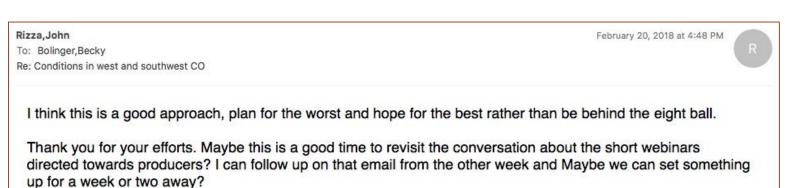
enhancing engagement and interaction



works for Durango-Silverton Railroad (suspected cause of the 416 Fire)



Soliciting Condition Monitoring reports from CoCoRaHS observers in D2 counties



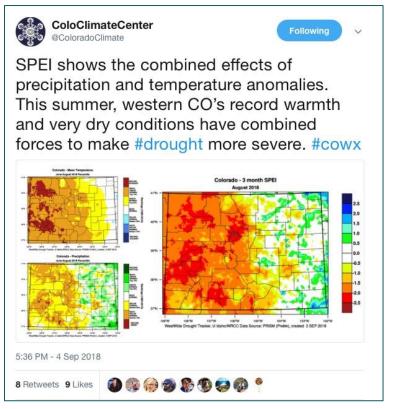
working with CSU Extension to keep engaged with the ag community



communication and dissemination

webinars and videos

presentations



Ranching in Drought

A Workshop by USDA & CSU Extension Range School

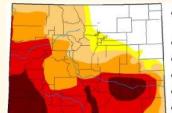


Thursday, August 9th

10 am - 3 pm, lunch provided!

Otero Junior College

Student Center (Rm 116), 1802 Colorado Ave, La Junta, CO



- ◆ Discuss drought issues & ideas with other ranchers from the area
- ◆ Latest weather & climate outlooks
- Flexible grazing strategies
- Animal health concerns in drought
- ◆ Drought assistance programs
- ◆ Drought planning & goal-setting

social media

promotional materials

website updates

media interviews

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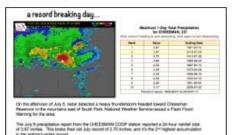
We're In Drought. So Why Can We Still Water Our Lawns?

July 24, 2018

Russ Schumacher and Regan Waskom interview with KRCC - Southern Colorado's NPR station - about the water restrictions and drought.

A new monthly precipitation record

July 18, 2018



Colorado's Hot Temps Make June the Third Warmest on Record

July 10, 2018

Becky Bolinger talks with Colorado Public Radio about the warmer than average summer Colorado has been experiencing.

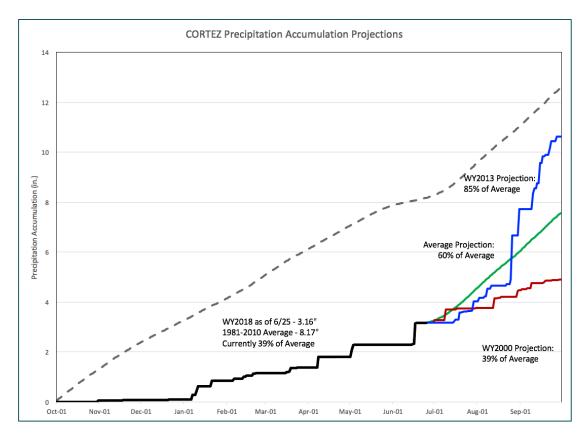
Colorado's worsening drought could make 200,000-acre wildfire seasons more commonplace

July 6, 2018

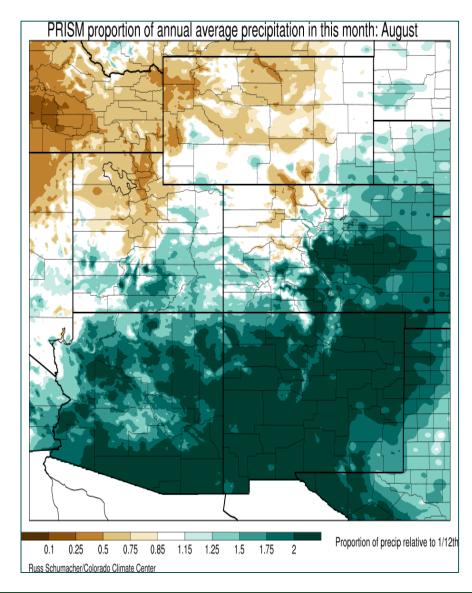
The Denver Post interviews Peter Goble about



value added information and products



how hard would it be to get back to normal?

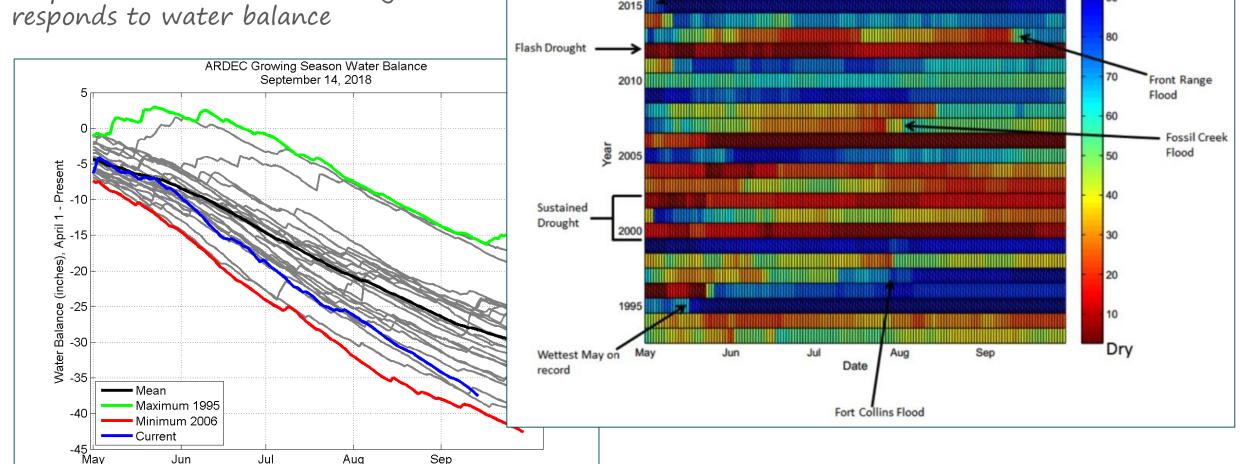


how "important" is each month to the annual contribution of precipitation?



value added information and products

understanding the relationship between precipitation and evaporation and how the drought responds to water balance



"Miracle May"

Growing Season Water Balance Percentile



Wet

Date



CoCoRaHS was born in response to the 1997 Fort Collins, Colorado Flood







Simple low-cost measurement tools





Aluminum foil-wrapped Styrofoam hail pads



Snow rulers marked in tenths of an inch

4-inch diameter
High capacity rain gauges





Easy Training







Written Instructions

Slide Shows

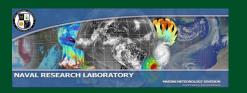
Videos and Animations





Data used by national entities























CoCoRaHS For Schools



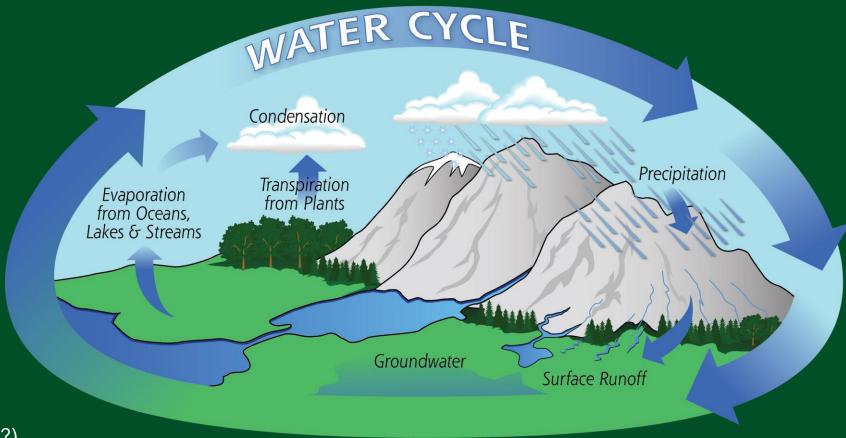
- All 50 states
 - Colorado, Florida, Maine Coastal Islands,
 Hawaii school network, and more
- Connections with Scientists
 - UNC Chapel Hill and schools in Washington isotope analysis
- "Rain Gauge Week" bi-annual campaign





CoCoRaHS Observation Protocols

- Daily Precipitation
- Multi-day Precipitation
- Hail
- Significant Weather
- Condition Monitoring
- Soil Moisture
- Evapotranspiration
- Frost
- Optics
- Snowflake
- Thunder
- Ice Accretion (Coming 2019?)

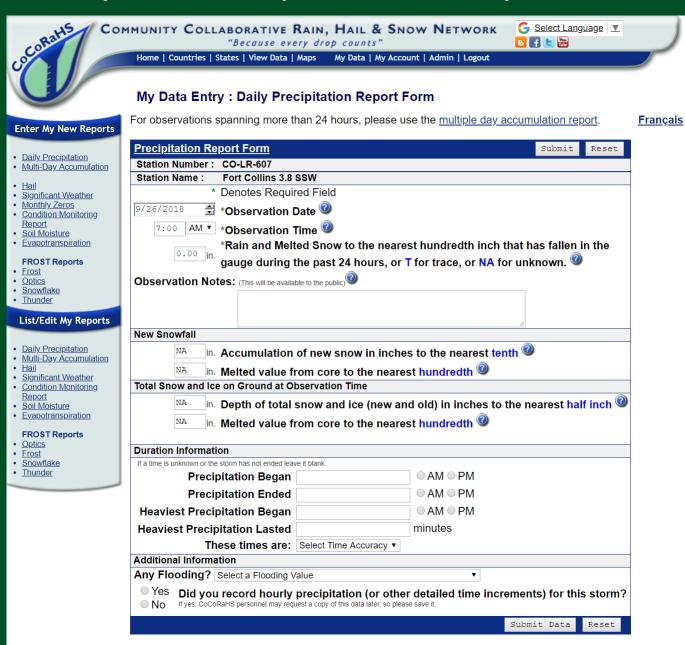






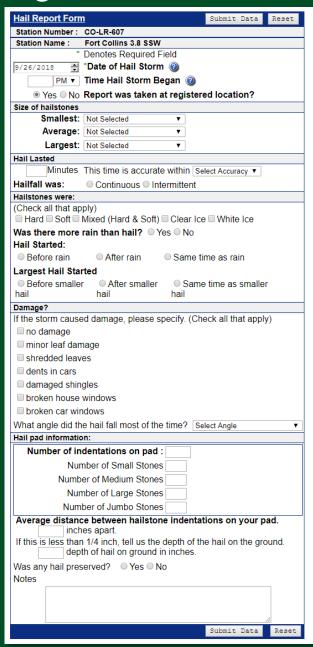


Precipitation Reports Make Up the Bulk of the Observations



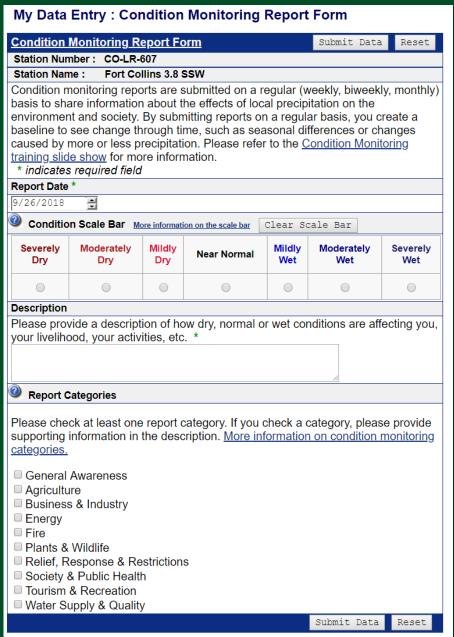
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Multiple Day Ac	cumulation Form	Submit Data	Reset			
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Station Name :	Fort Collins 3.8 SSW					
9/25/2018	First day of accumulation period. This day should be one day after your last daily report or one day after the End Date of the last multi-day report.					
9/26/2018	Date the rain gauge was emptied.					
7:00 AM ▼ Time the rain gauge was emptied.						
● Yes ○ No	Report was taken at registered location?					
in.	n. Multi-Day Precipitation (rain and melted snow, to the nearest hundredth of an inch), or T for trace, or NA for unknown. Information about snowfall should be included in the comments.					
in.	Total Depth of Snow on Ground (to the nearest tenth of an inch)					
in.	Water content of core sample (The amount of water pre the total depth of snow on the ground, to the nearest hu					
Notes						
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Significant Weather and Hail Reports are sent to the NWS in Real-time



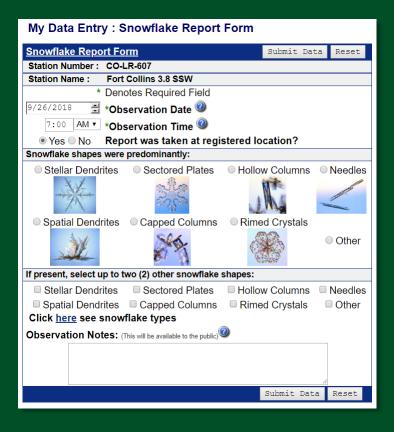
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Station Name :	Fort Collins 3.8 SSW				
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PM ▼	*Observation Time				
	Minutes ▼ Time duration that the	e report covers	5		
Rain					
in.	New Rain and Melted Snow that report duration, in inches to the				
in.	Total Precipitation, rain and melted snow, since storm began, in inches to the nearest hundredth				
⊗ Snow					
in.	Depth of New Snow that has fallen during the report duration, in inches to the nearest tenth				
in.	Total depth of snow and ice on ground at the time of this observation to nearest half inch				
Additional Informa	tion				
Yes ○ No	● Yes ○ No Report was taken at registered location?				
Was There Flooding?					
○ No					
If Yes, how					
` `	pical). Street or field flooding.				
 Unusual street or field flooding (only see this every few years) 					
Severe Flooding					
Extreme	(never seen it this bad before)				
Observation Notes (This will be available to the public)					
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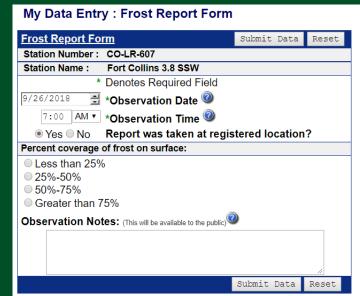
Observation Protocols Used in Drought Monitoring

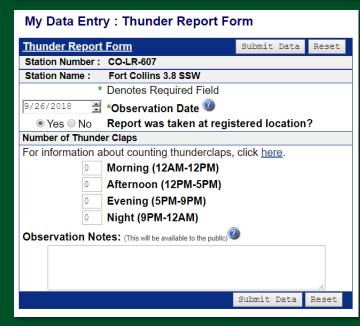


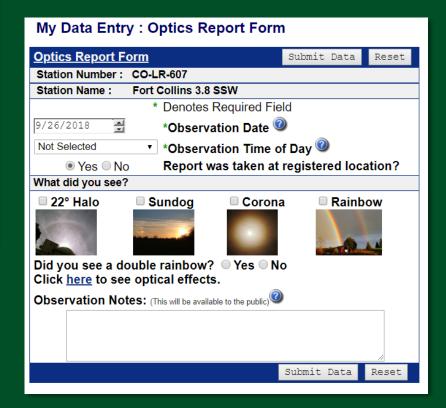
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Station Name : Fort Collins 3.8 SSW	
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Next ET Report :	
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	Observation Notes: (This will be available to the public)
	Information about where the sample was taken
	Distance from previous sample in meters:
	Is the land irrigated? ○ Yes ● No
	Did you begin a new row? ○ Yes ○ No
	Soil Samples
	Depth Soil Type Weight Before Volume of Rocks and Weight After
	Drying (grams) Roots Removed (cm3) Drying (grams) 0-2" Select Soil Type ▼
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Observation Protocols from PA FROST Project



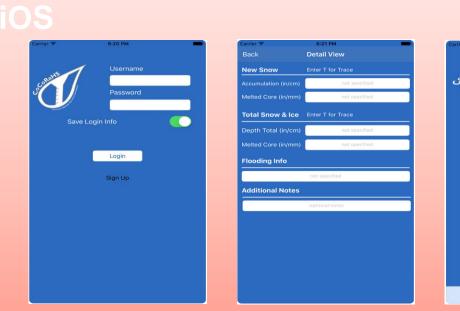






Mobile Apps

Android and iOS apps currently support entry and editing of daily and multi-day precipitation observations with more observation types and features to come















Viewing the Data

www.cocorahs.org => View Data





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9/26/2018	5:07 AM	CO-GF-2	Rifle 0.9 NE	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	Garfield	0,	Classic New
9/26/2018	5:18 AM	CO-GL-15	Rollinsville 0.1 N	0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	CO	Gilpin	٥,	Classic New
9/26/2018	5:20 AM	CO-SU-69	Silverthorne 1.0 NNE	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	Summit	۵,	Classic New
9/26/2018	5:30 AM	CO-JF-425	Golden 11.8 NW	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	Jefferson	۵,	Classic New
9/26/2018	5:30 AM	CO-SA-2	Crestone 1.2 SSE	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	Saguache	<u></u>	Classic New
9/26/2018	5:30 AM	CO-WE-303	Galeton 1.6 E	0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	CO	Weld	0,	Classic New
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			Parker 4.8 NE	0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA		Douglas	۵,	Classic New
9/26/2018	6:00 AM	CO-EP-66	Black Forest 3.9 NNE	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	El Paso	<u></u>	Classic New
9/26/2018	6:00 AM	CO-EP-343	Peyton 6.8 WSW	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	CO	El Paso	٥,	Classic New
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		CO-JF-331	Golden 12.5 NW	0.00	0.0	NA	0.0	NA		Jefferson	۵,	Classic New
9/26/2018	6:00 AM	CO-LR-1091	Loveland 5.3 SSW	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	CO	Larimer	۵,	Classic New
			Wellington 0.2 NNE	0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA		Larimer	۵,	Classic New
			Hugo 0.3 SSW	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA		Lincoln	0,	Classic New
		CO-ME-143	Grand Junction 8.0 W	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA		Mesa	۵,	Classic New
			Pueblo West 6.0 W	0.00	0.0	NA	NA	NA	_	Pueblo	۵,	Classic New
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View Data: View Hail Report

<u>Hail Report</u>		
Hail Report Information		
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Station Name:	Fort Collins 3.7 S	
Date:	5/22/2018 5:56 PM	****
Submitted	8/09/2018 3:17 PM	Click to enlarge image. Upload Image
Taken at registered locati	on: True	
Notes:	rainfall. First hailsto Received .35" of pro thundserstorm ever {Observer indicated largest hail size was	-4 minutes after initial nes about 3/4" in diamter. ecipitation during total at (approx 12 minutes) i in the report that the s 0.75", largest measured 0.50" CoCoSTAFF DNT}
Hailstone Information		
Largest Size:	1/2" Grape	
Average Size:	3/8"	
Smallest Size:	1/4" Pea Size	
Stone Consistency:	Mixed, White	Ice
Hail Storm Information		
Duration Minutes:	6	
Duration Accuracy:	1min	
Timing:		
More Rain than Hail:	True	
Hail Started:	After rain	
Largest Hail Started:	Before smalle	or man
Damage:	shredded lea	ves
Hail pad information		
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Distance Between Stones		
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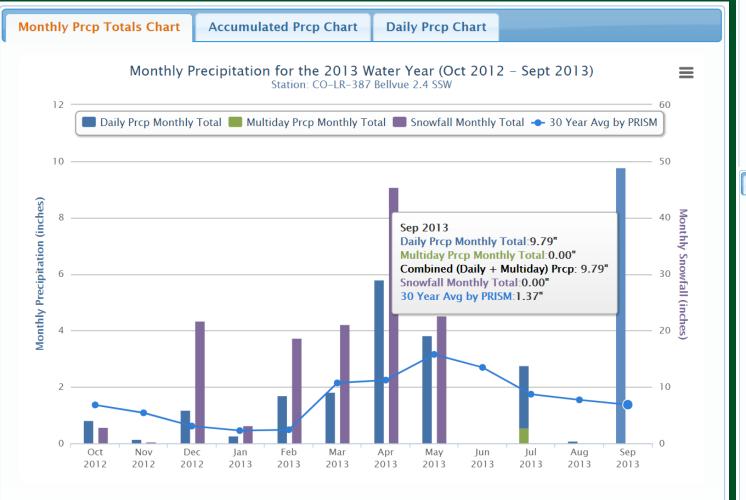
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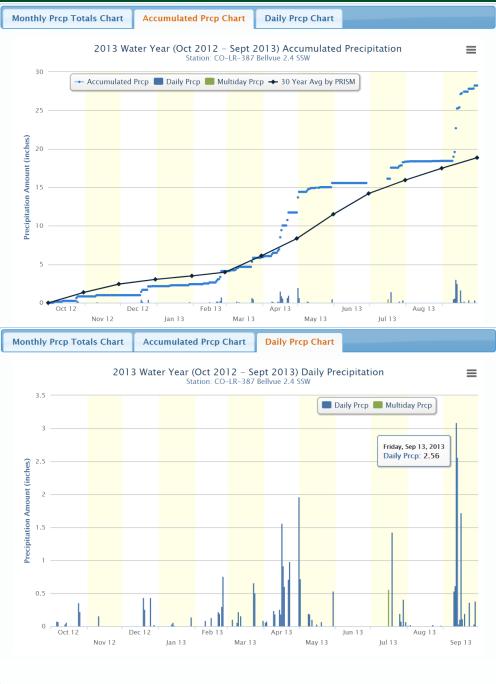


2013 CoCoRaHS Water Year Summary for Station CO-LR-387

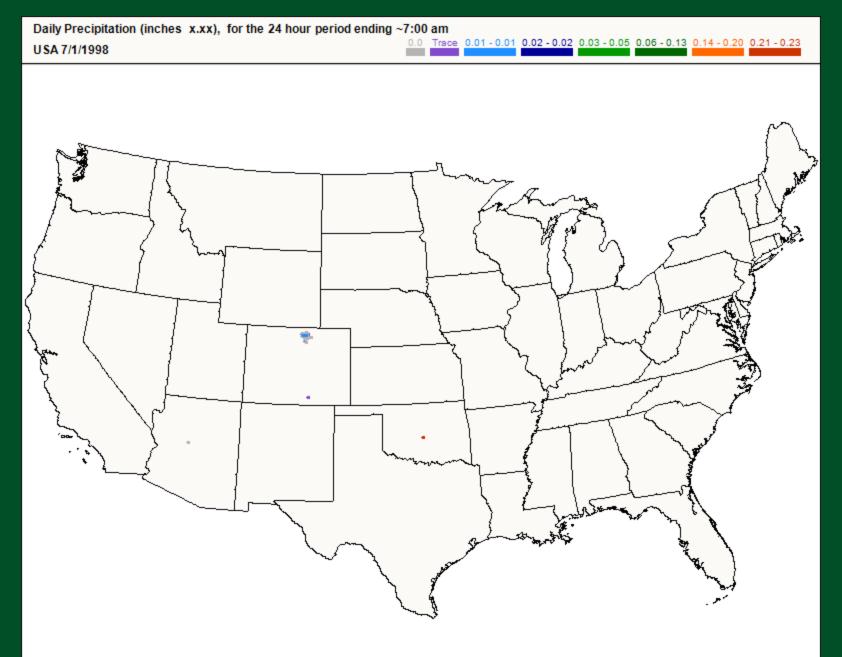
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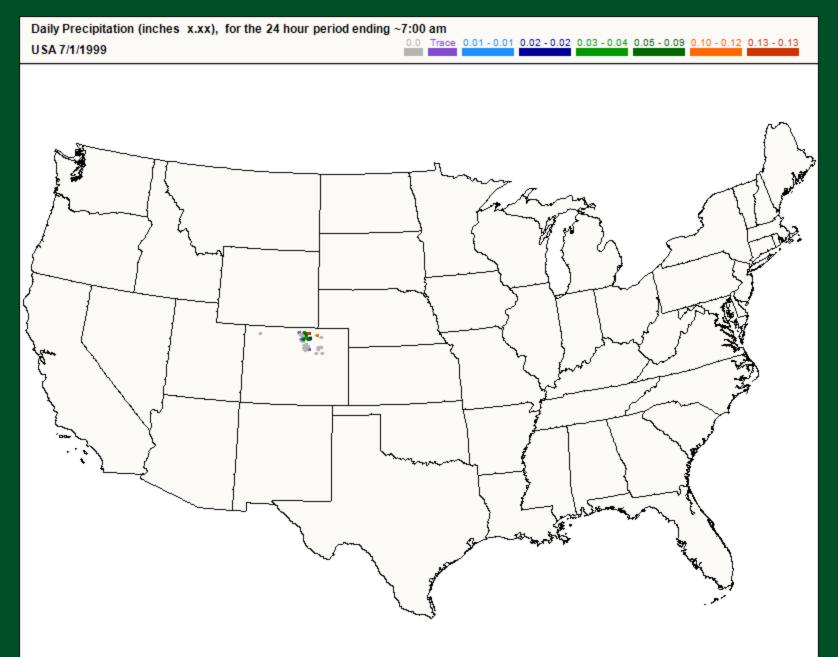
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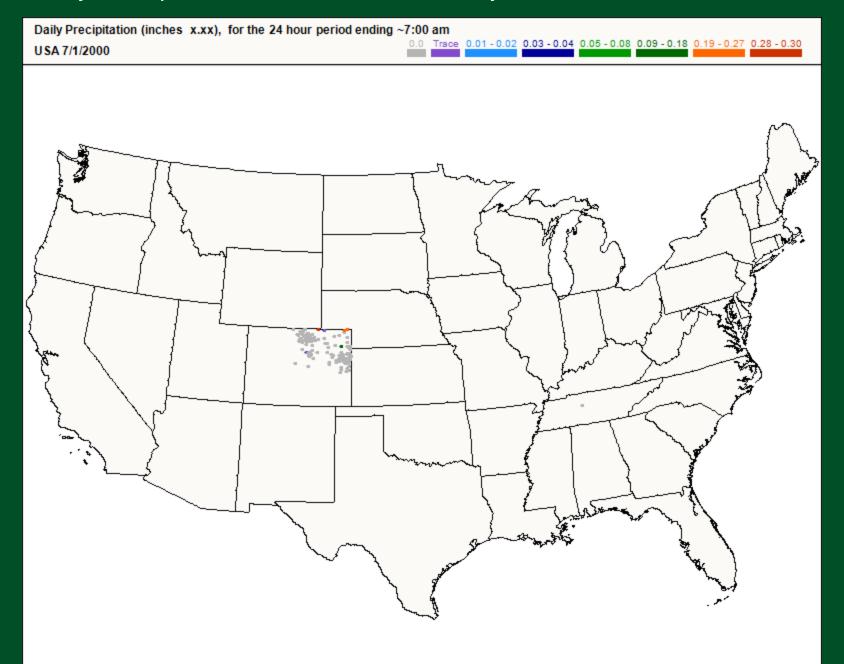


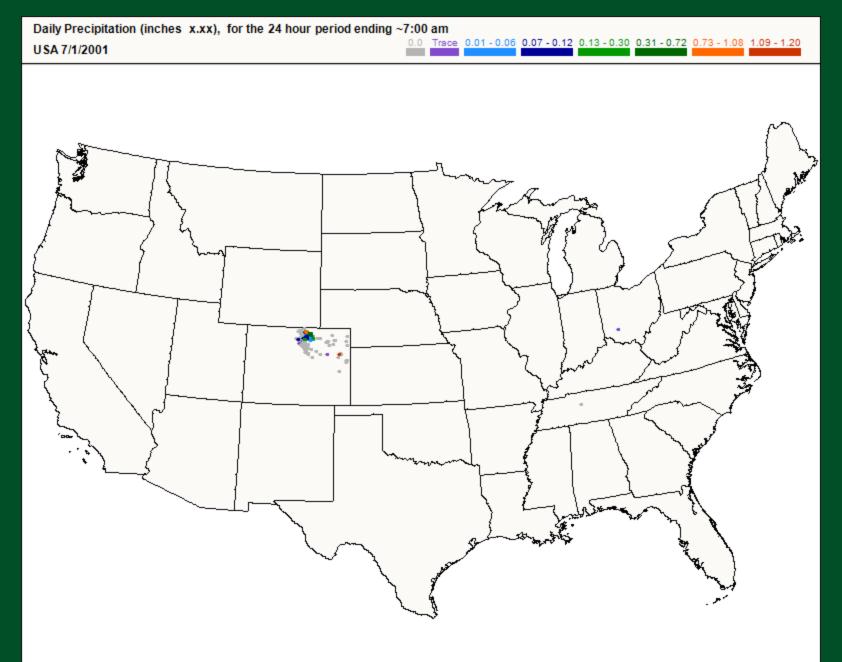


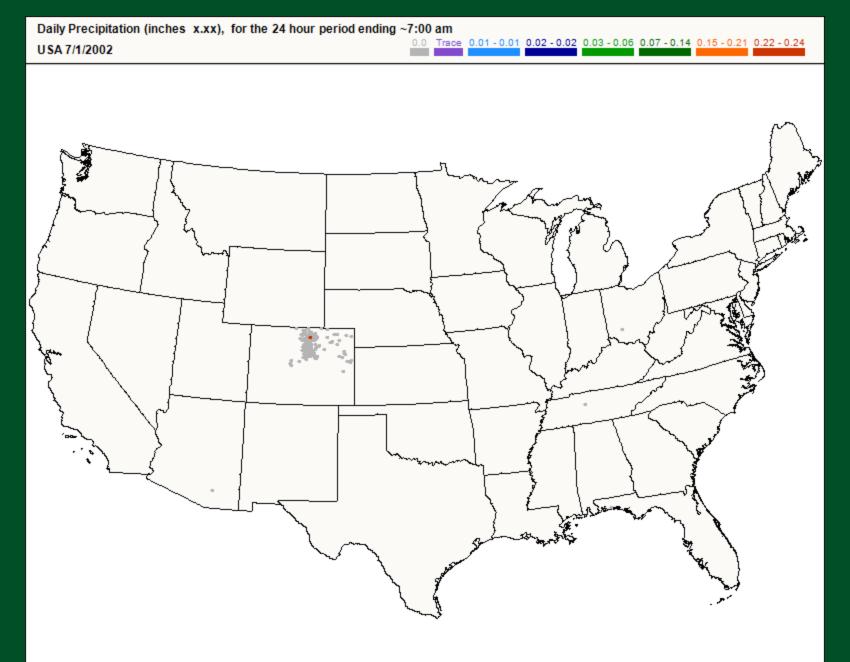
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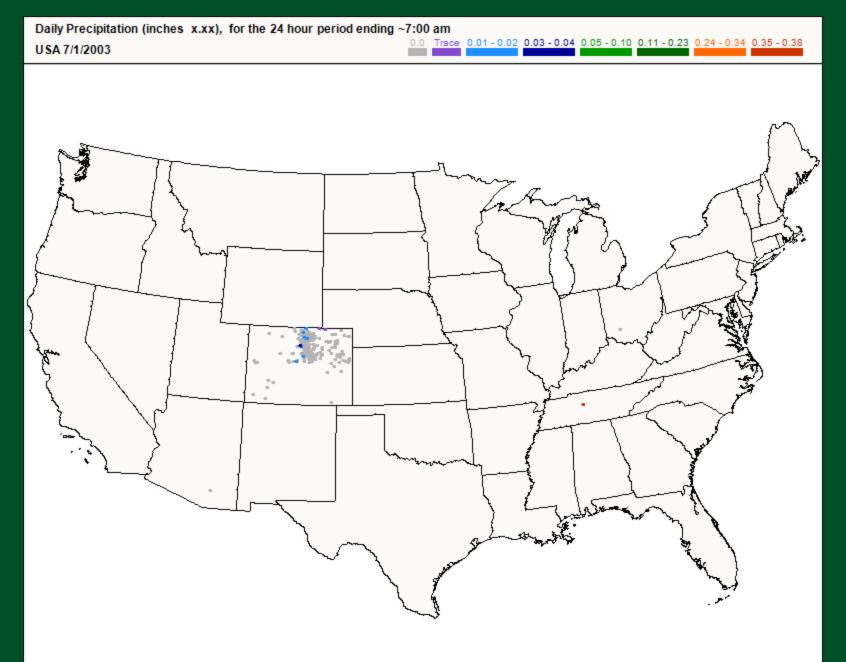


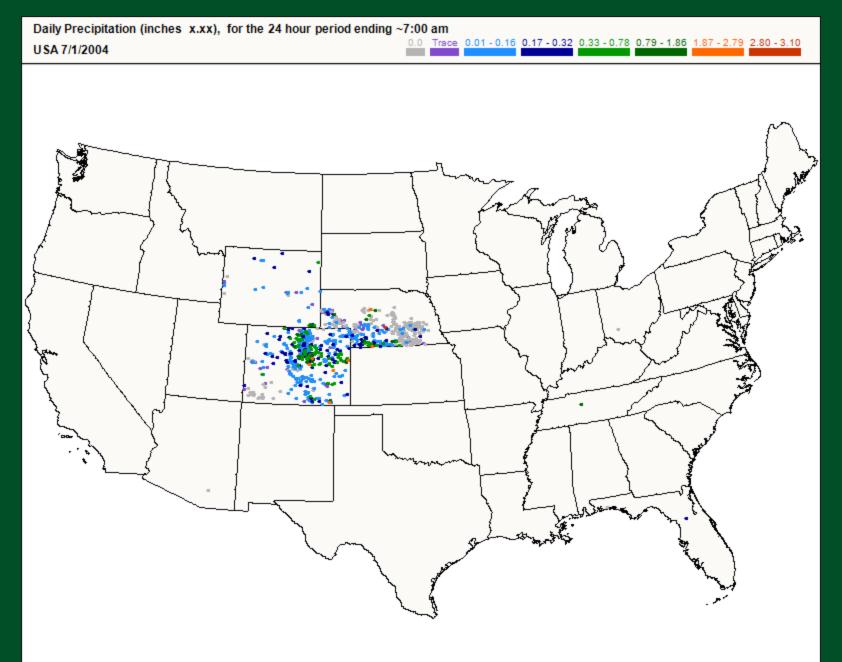


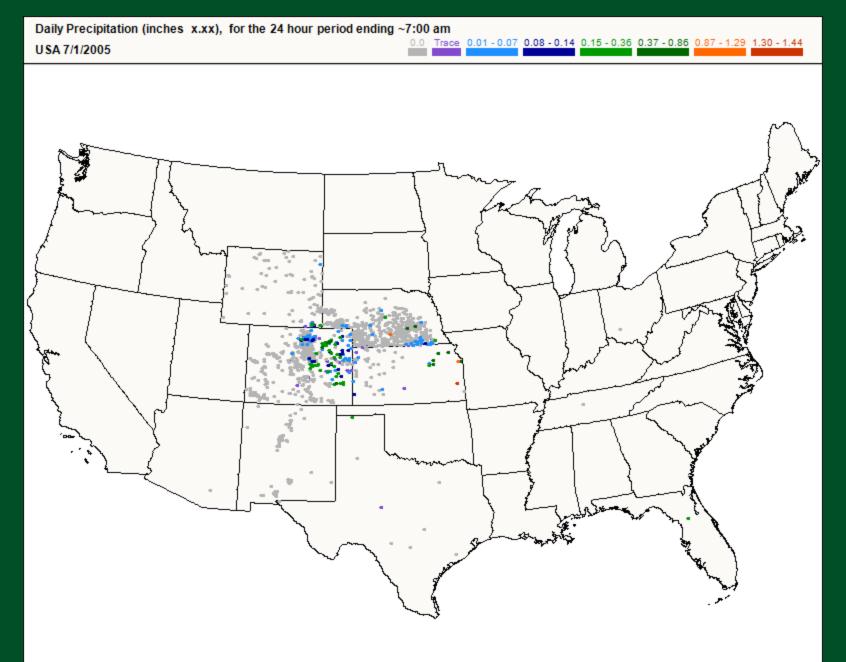


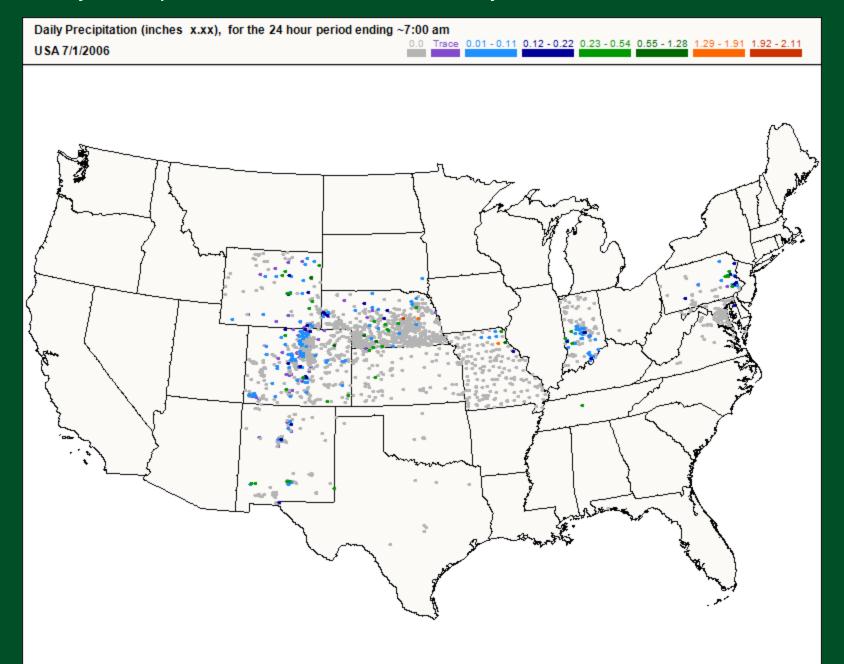


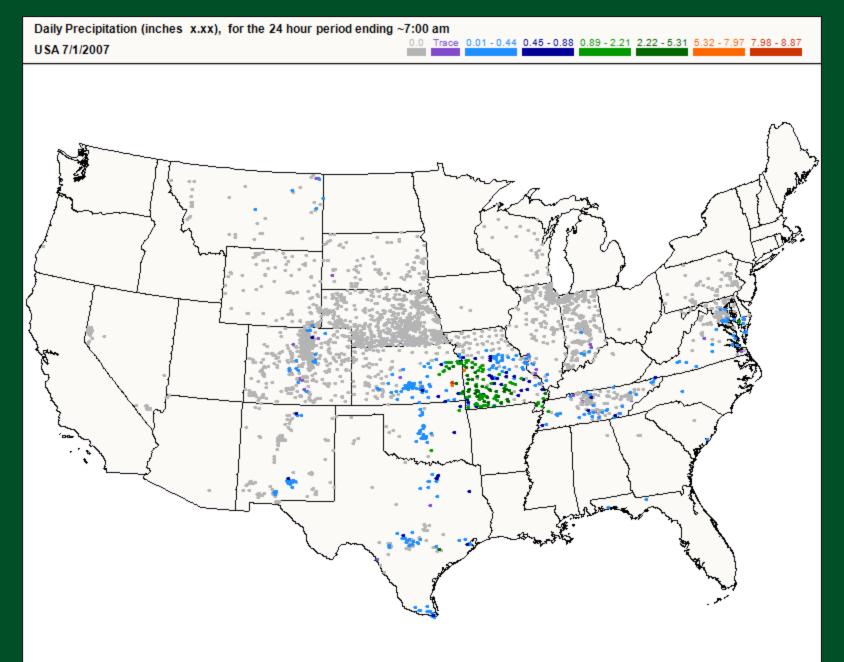


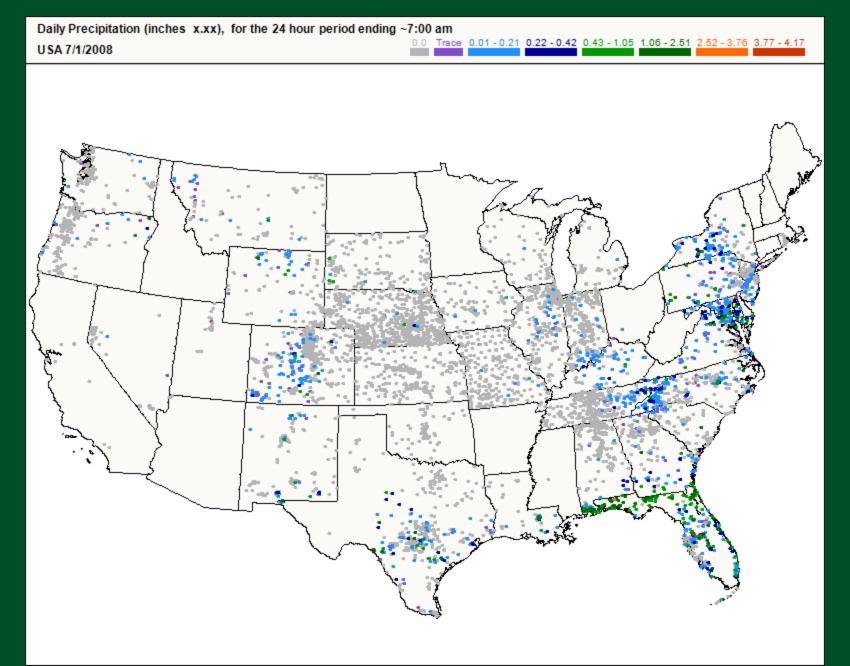


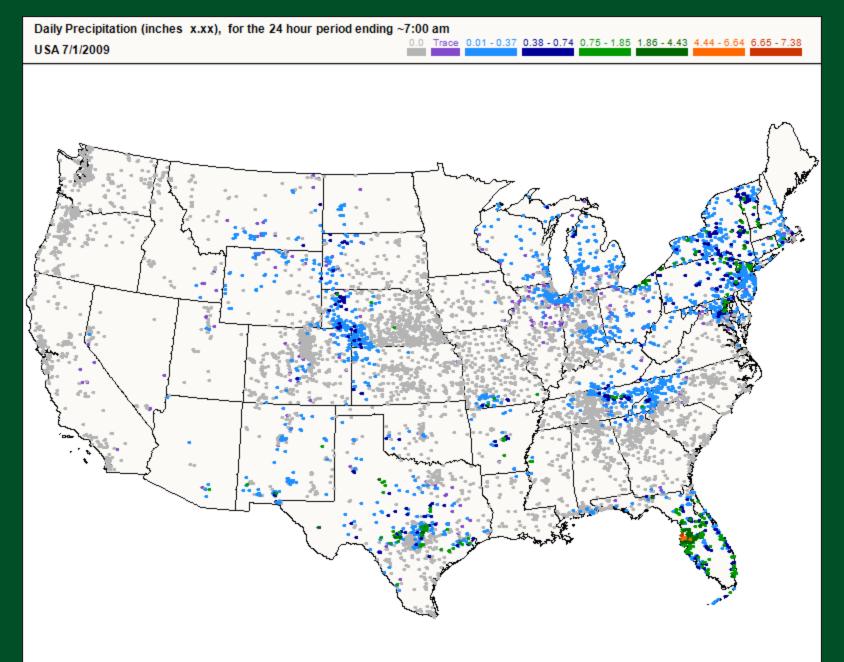


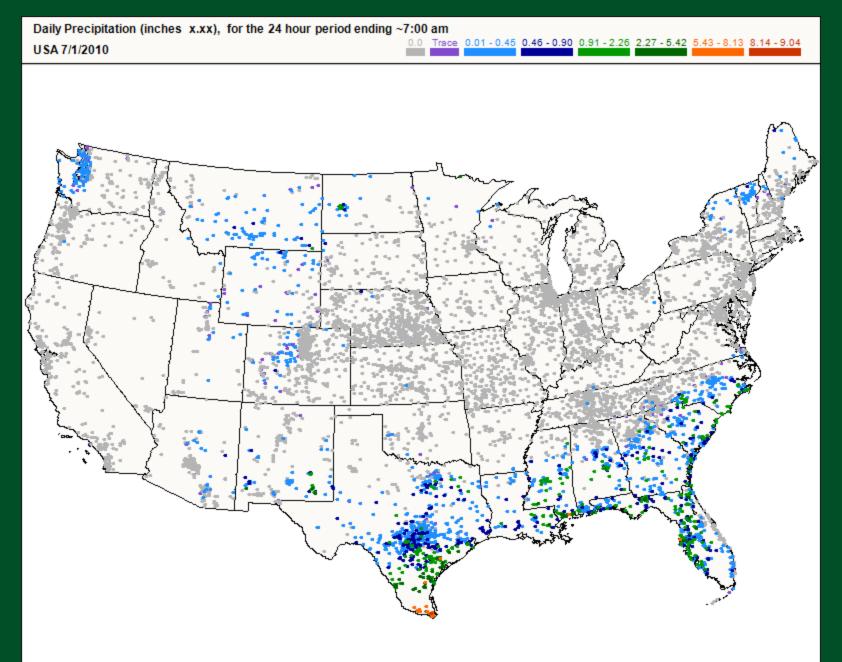


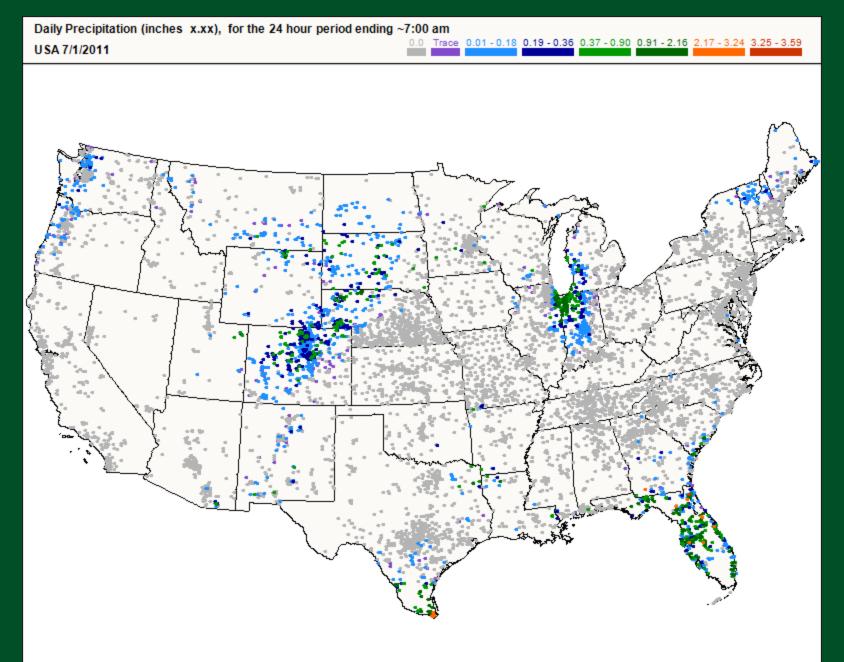


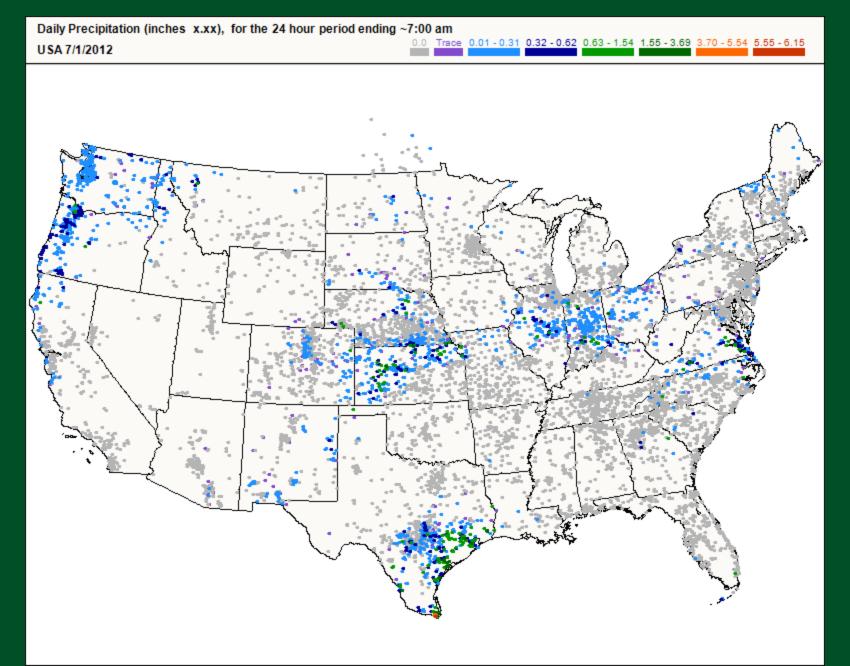


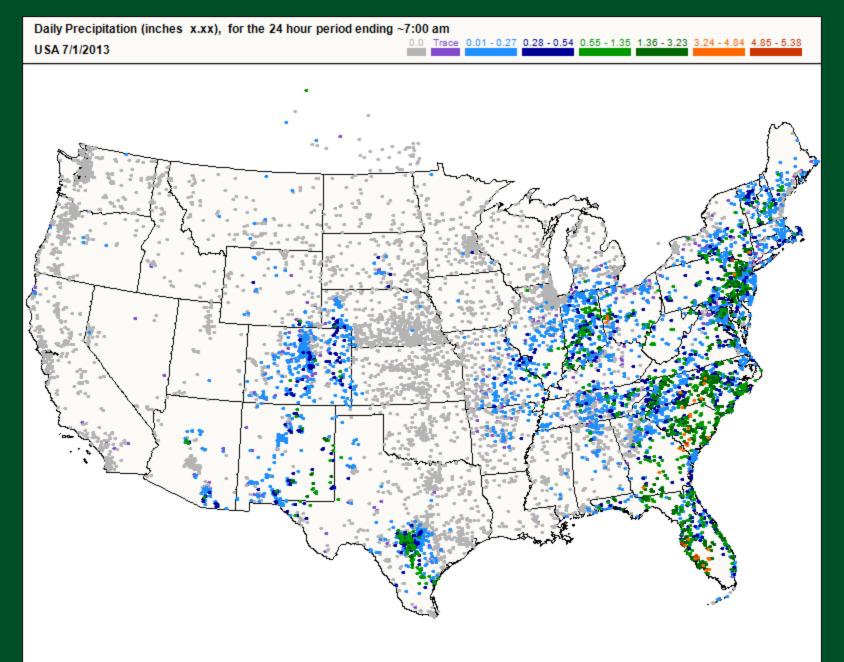


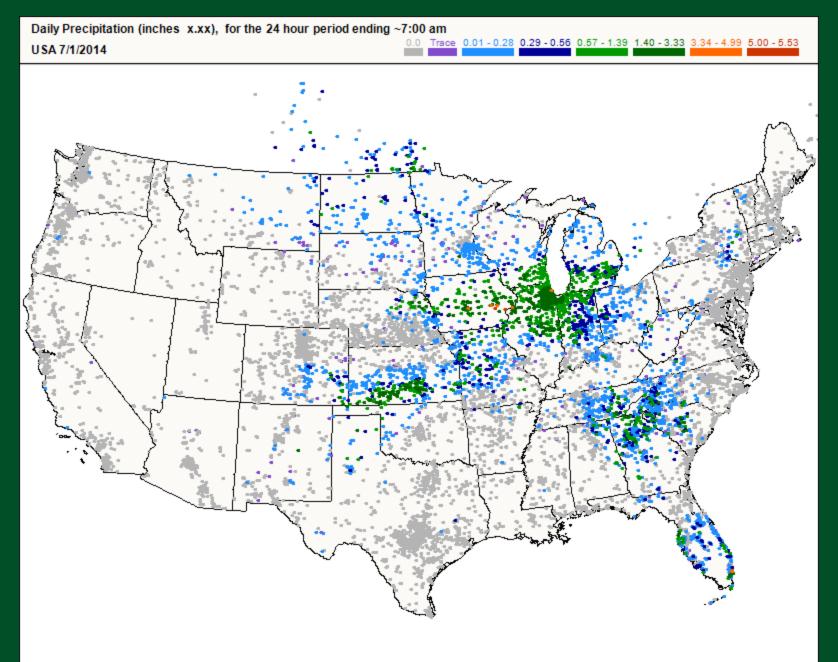


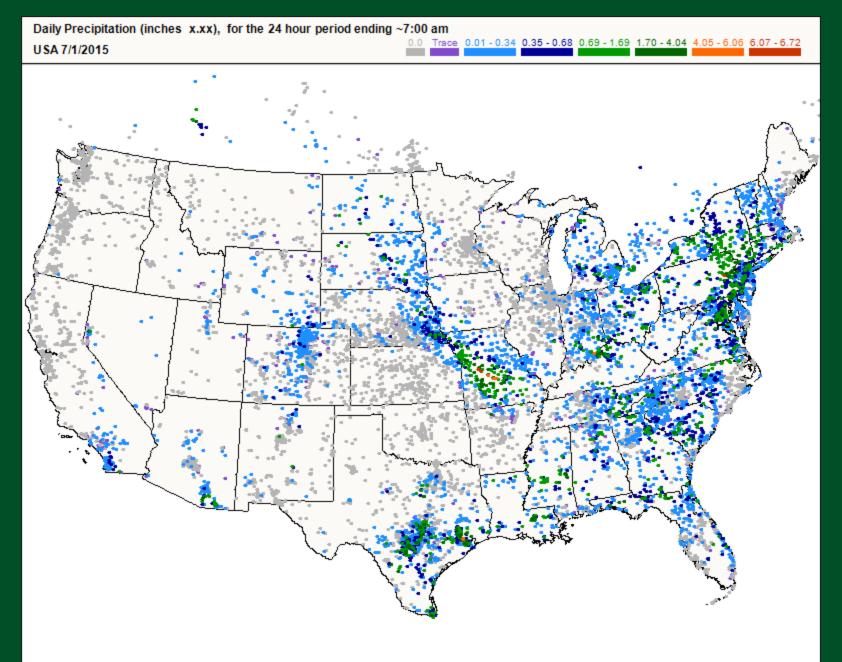


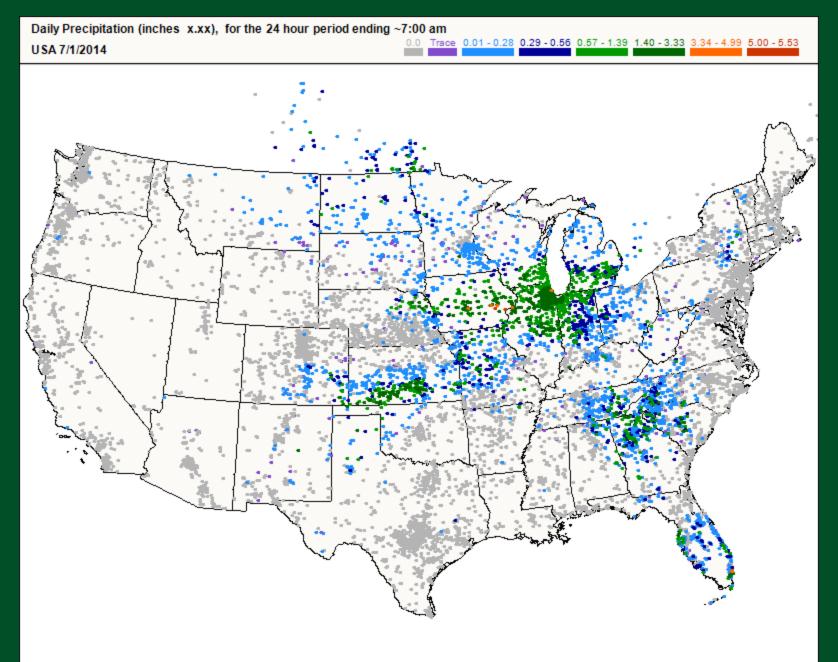


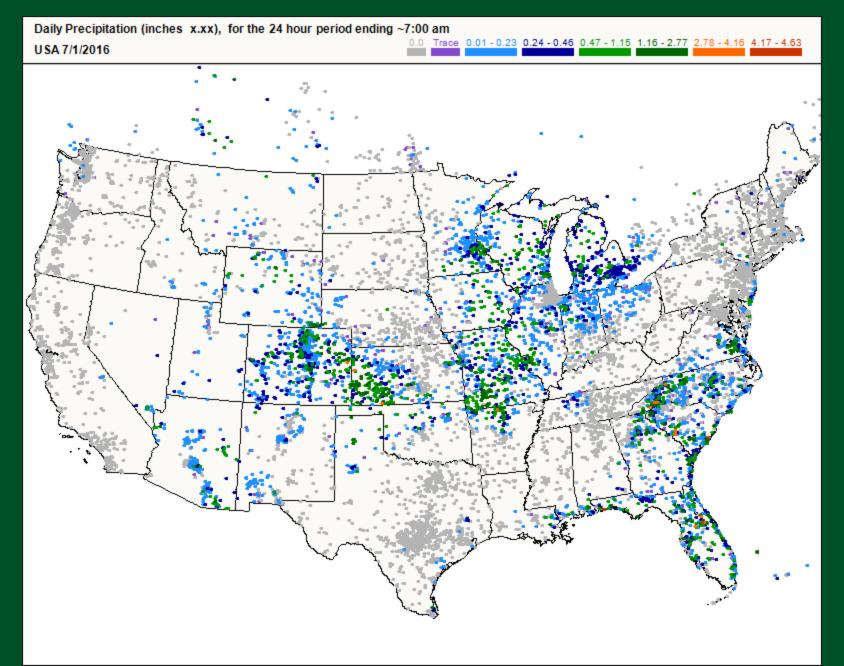


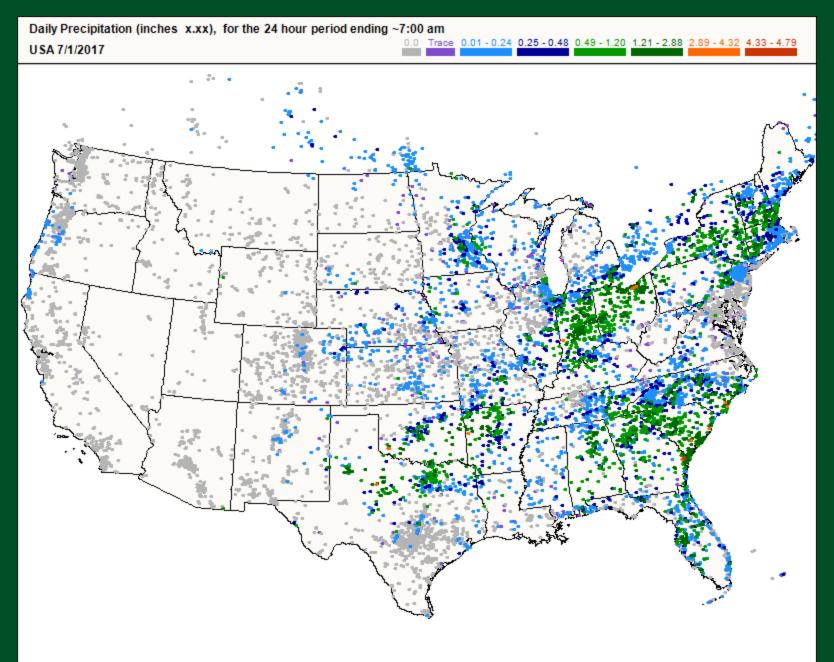


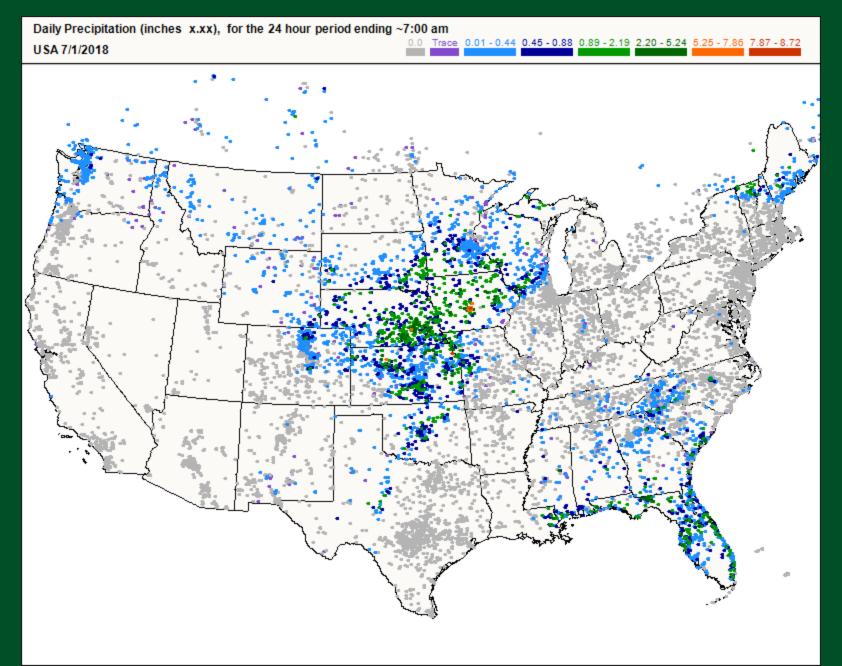


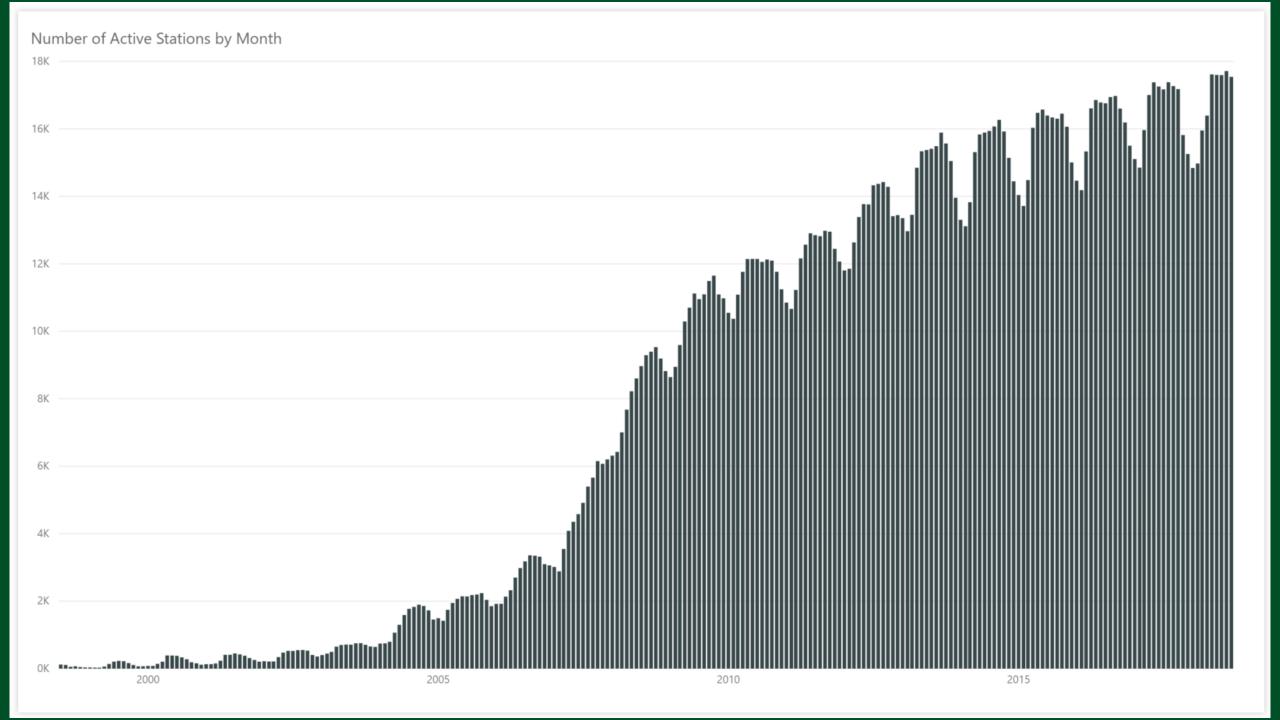


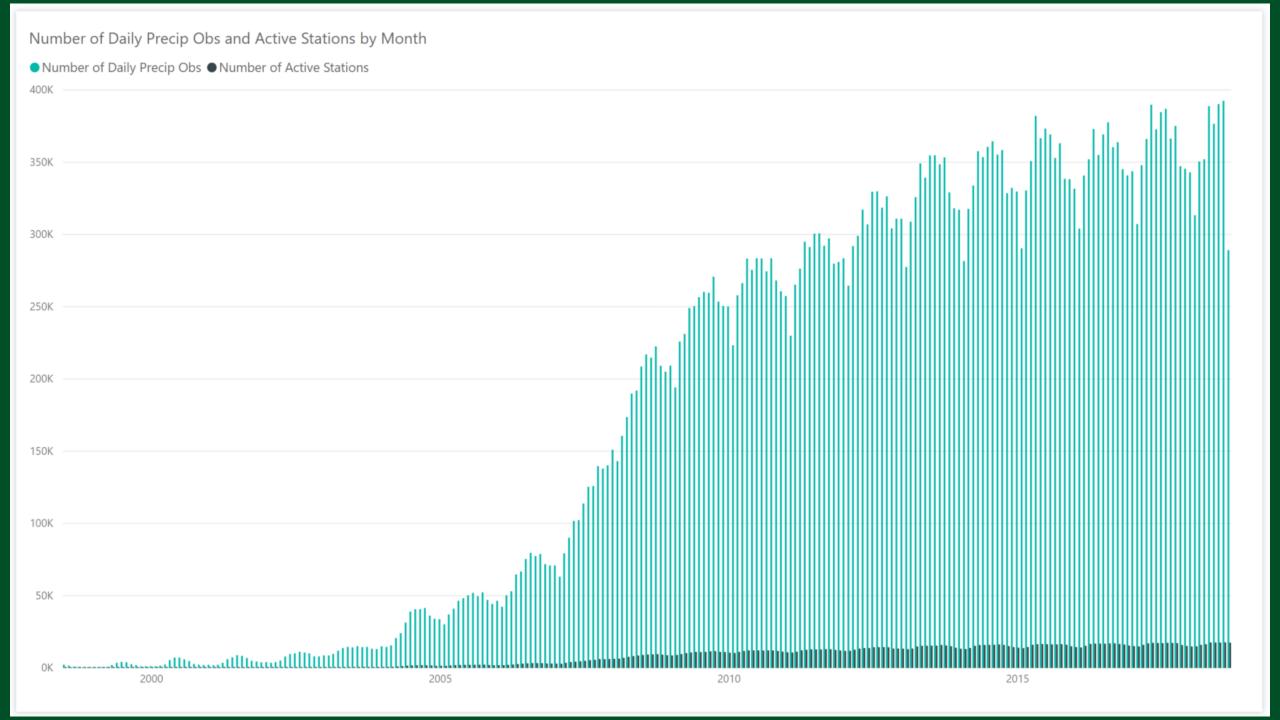


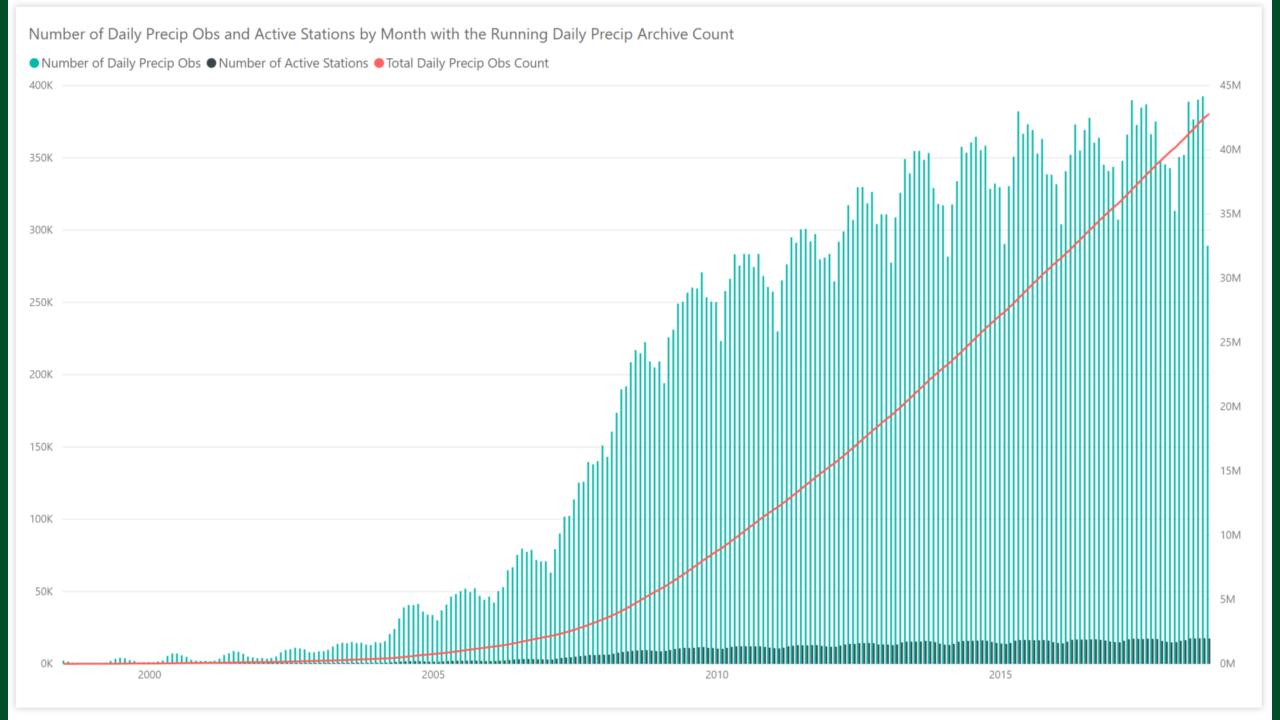








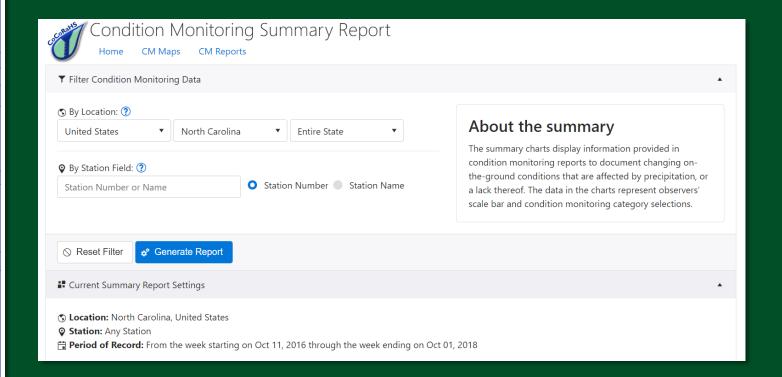


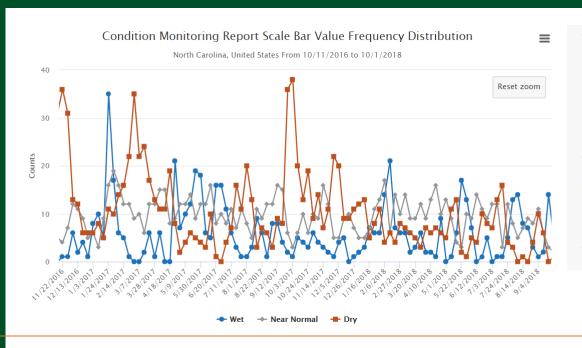


Condition Monitoring

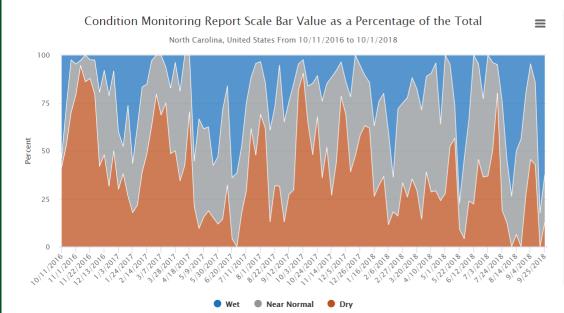
My Data Entry: Condition Monitoring Report Form

Condition Monitoring Report Form Submit Data Reset									
Station Number: CO-LR-607									
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Condition monitoring reports are submitted on a regular (weekly, biweekly, monthly									
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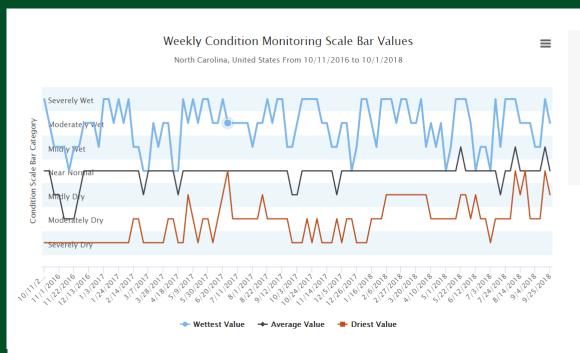




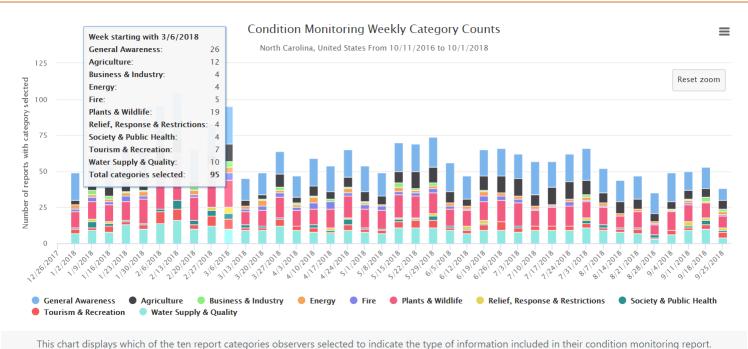
This chart displays observers' scale bar selections for each week. The chart can give the viewer an idea of how conditions might have changed from dry to wet, or wet to dry, for the selected geographic scale (i.e., nation, state, county, or individual station). The wet and dry values from the condition monitoring scale bar have been grouped in this chart. That is to say, all reports with scale bar selections of either mildly dry, moderately dry, or severely dry are represented by the "dry" category in this chart.

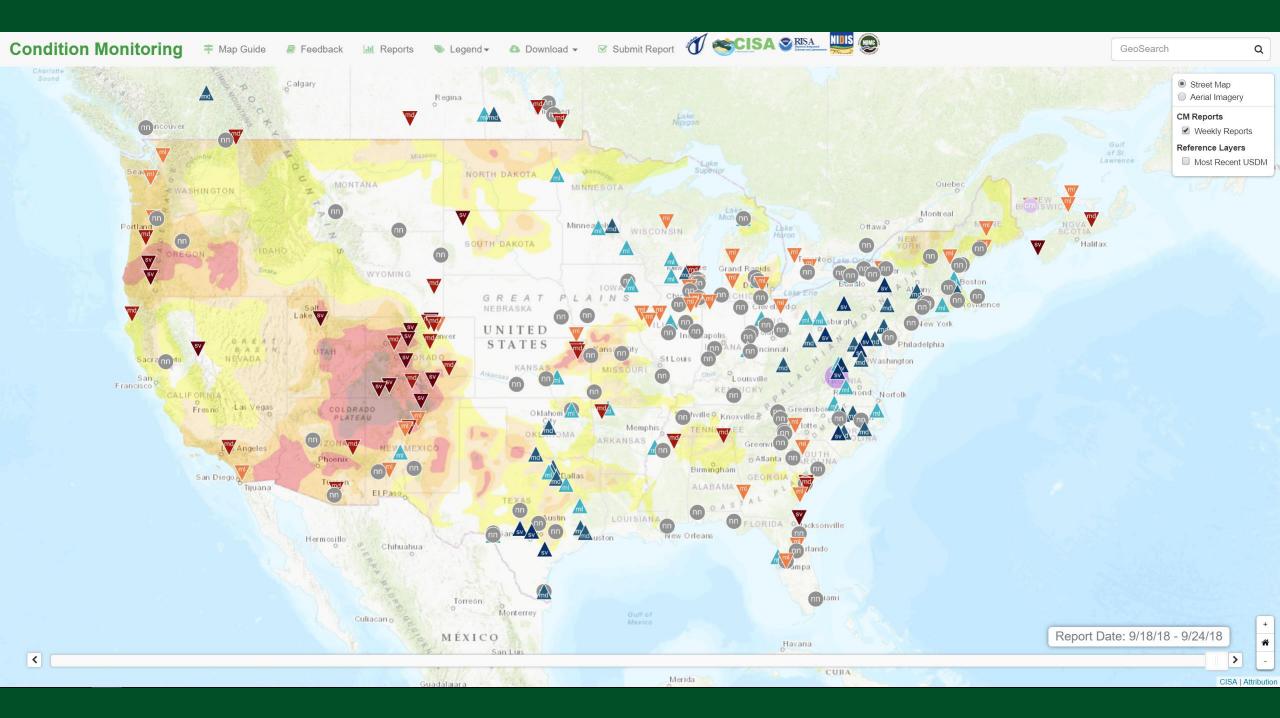


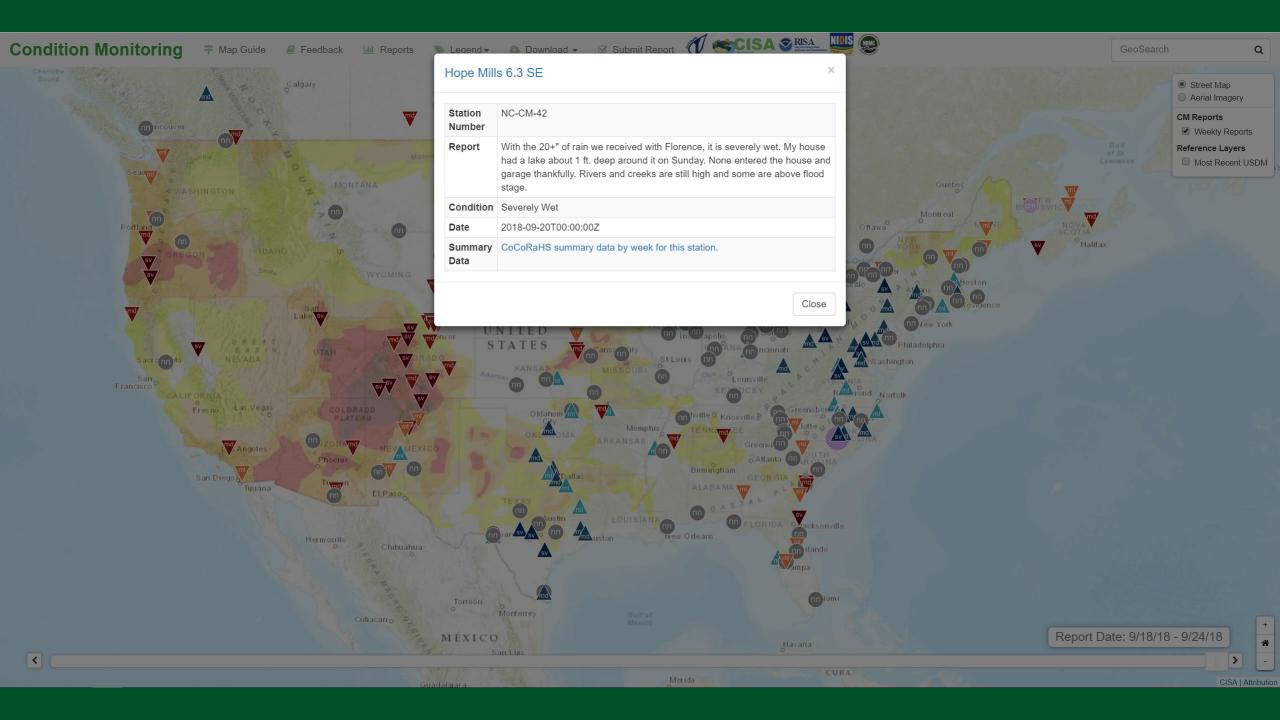
This chart displays observers' scale bar selections as a percentage of the total number of reports submitted for that week. For instance, if there were 10 reports submitted for a single state in a given week with 5 reports indicating dry conditions, 2 reports indicating wet conditions, and 3 reports indicating near normal conditions, the chart would display 50% dry, 20% wet, and 30% near normal values for that week. This chart can give the user a sense of change in conditions over time as observer selections change from wet to dry or dry to wet.



This chart shows the wettest and driest weekly scale bar selections for the chosen geographic scale (i.e., nation, state, county, or individual station). The Average Value graphed line helps visualize when scale bar selections are predominantly wet or predominantly dry.







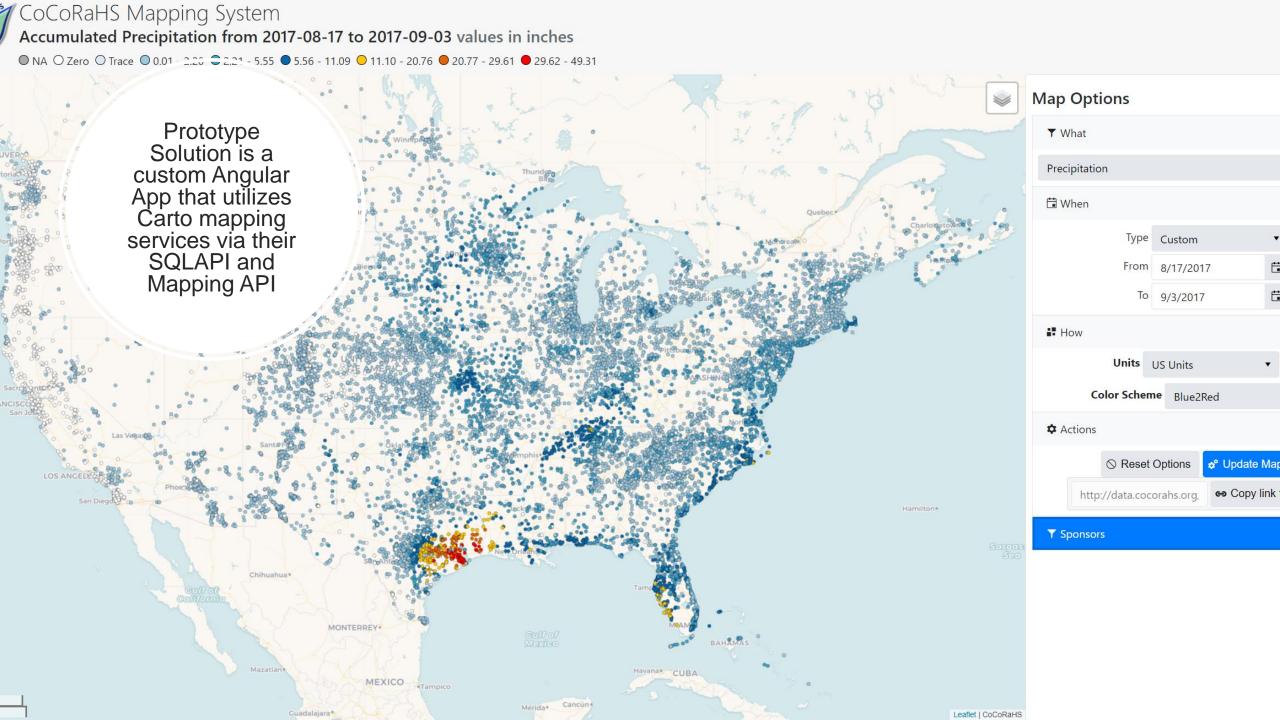
CoCoRaHS Mapping vNext

Overview of CoCoRaHS Mapping Requirements

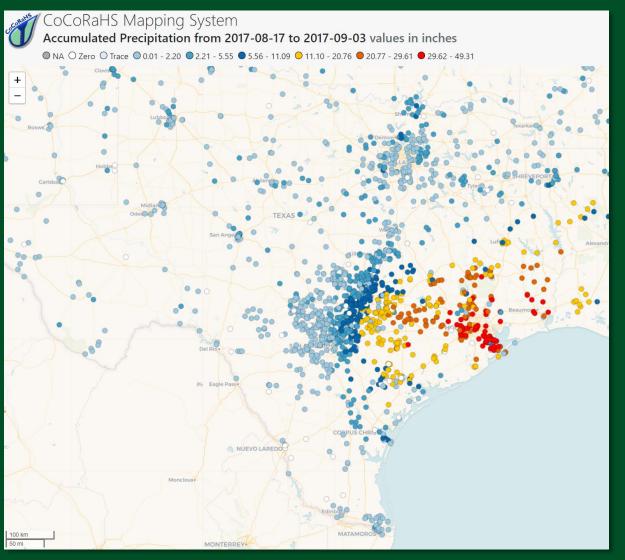
- Ability to map tens of thousands of data points without crashing the browser
- Make every data point interactive
- Ability to provide maps for the entire CoCoRaHS archive of over 40 million daily precip observations
- Provide accumulation maps over entire archive of daily and multi-day observations for dynamic (user-defined) date ranges
- Ability to map the observer contributed data in near real-time
- Support for a multitude of stakeholder filtering and visualization requirements

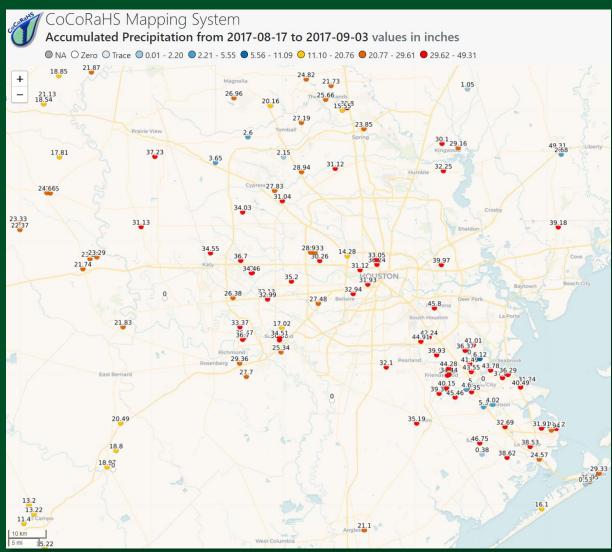




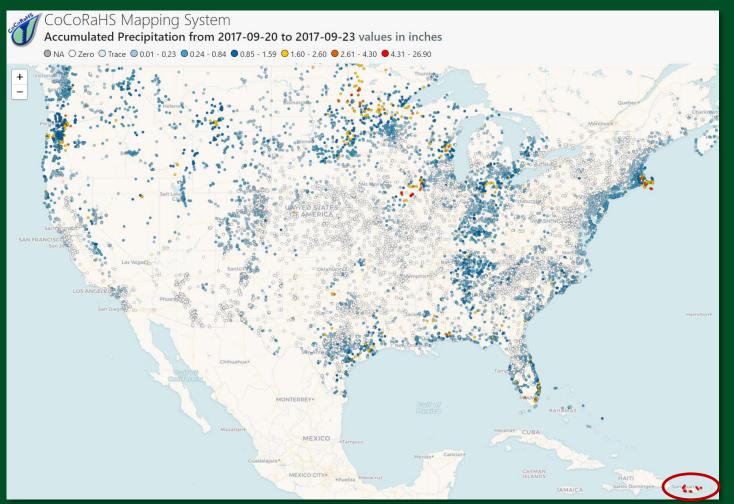


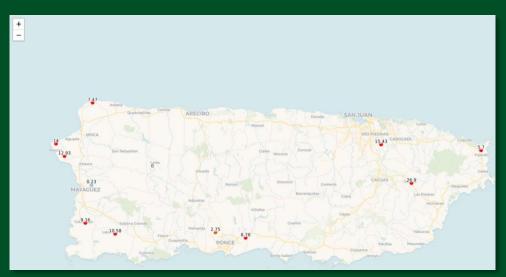
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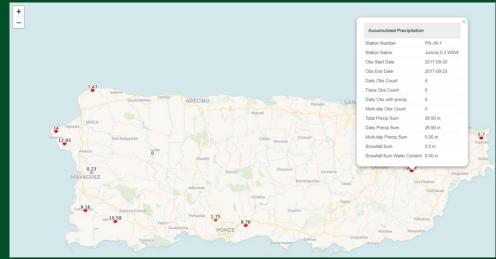




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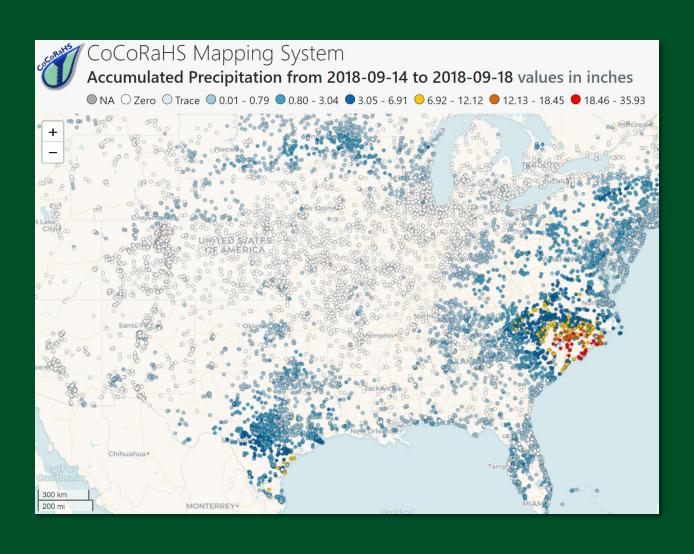


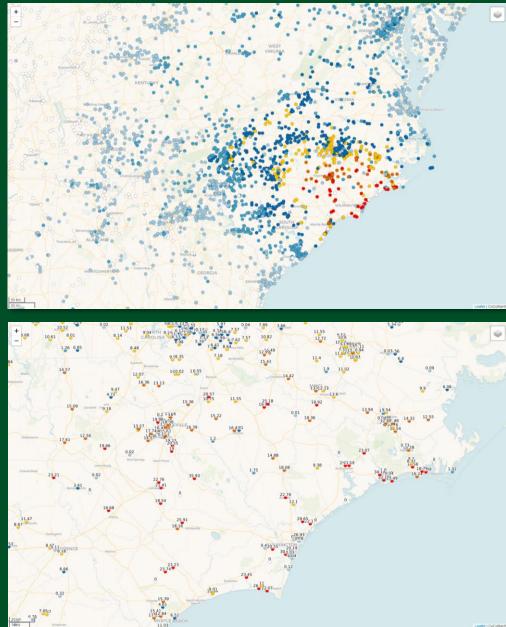






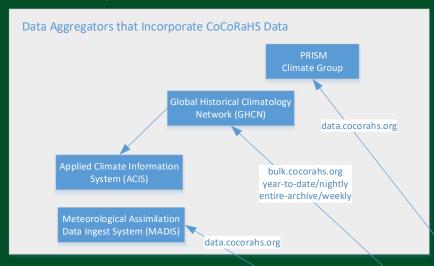
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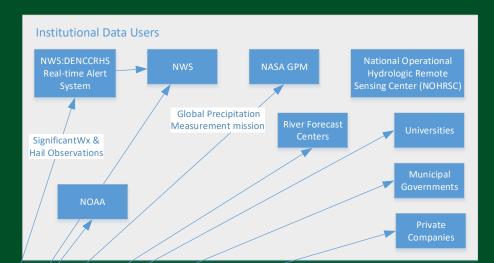


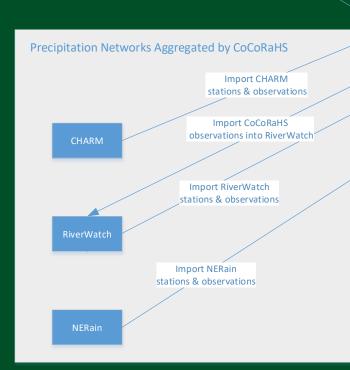


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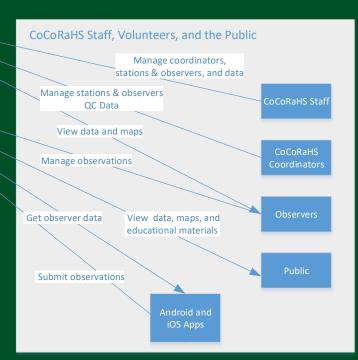
CoCoRaHS Cyber-Infrastructure Data Flow Context



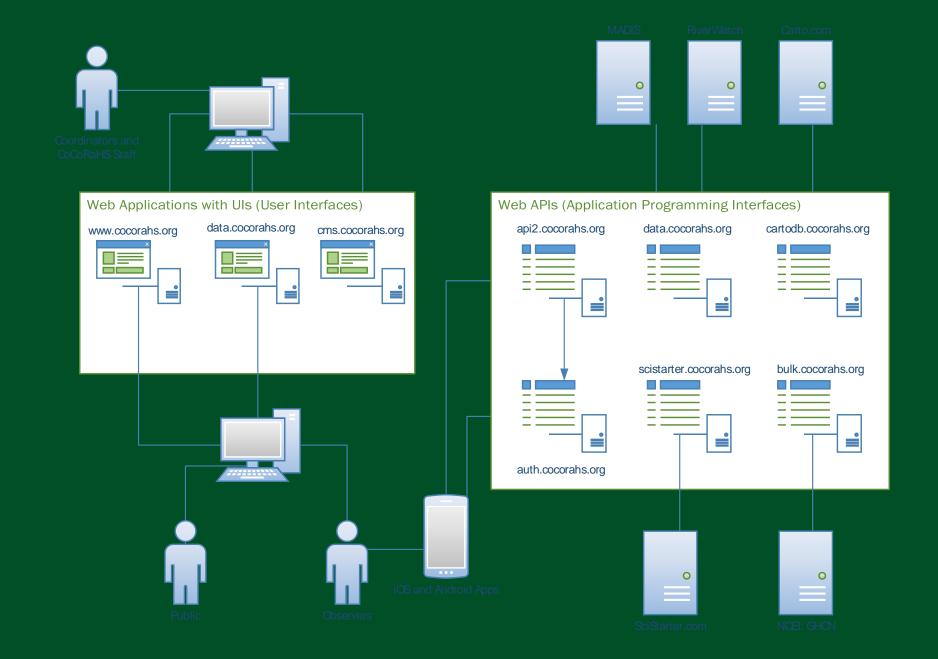




CoCoRaHS
CyberInfrastructure

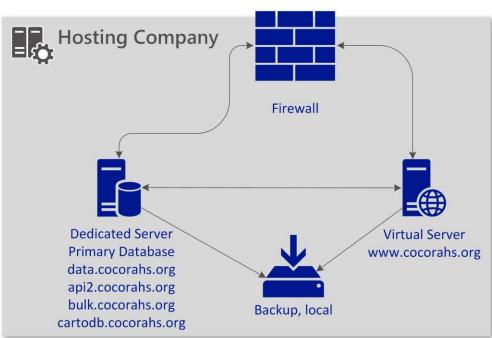


CoCoRaHS Web App and Web API Overview



CoCoRaHS Network and External Service Overview











3rd Party Services





Bulk Email & Newsletter





Why use the data



Canadian Regional Deterministic Precipitation Analysis System (CaP A-RDPA RDPA)

- Product of Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Is a regional deterministic precipitation analysis system that provides objective estimates of precipitation amounts for a specific domain by combining readings from precipitation gauges, radar and a trial field generated from RDPS -V6
- As of September 18, 2018 is incorporating CoCoRaHS data into the analysis after testing its impact on the data product
- "The addition of the CoCoRaHS network combined with the change in trial field brings value to the 24-hour analysis in summer across the entire CaPA domain. It is clearly seen by the gain in skill."

Inter-comparison of gauge data quality

National Severe Storms Laboratory - Jian Zhang, Steve Martinaitis, Micheal Simpson

Gauge data in MRMS

- MADIS
 - Hourly
 - · Contains many networks including ASOS, Mesowest, DOT, etc.
 - ~15,000 each hour at the top of the hour (+/- 4min)
 - ~11,000 after QC
 - · Used in MRMS local gauge corrected QPE and Mountain Mapper
- CoCoRaHS
 - Daily
 - ~13,000 at the top of the hour (+/-15min)
 - 450 (10Z) +2800 (11Z) +3700 (12Z) +2500 (13Z) +2000 (14Z) +1000 (15Z) +350 (16Z) +60 (17Z)
 - · Not used in any MRMS products
 - · For evaluations only
- CRN
 - Hourly
 - ~150
 - Considered the most reliable rain gauges
 - Included in MADIS (different ID, slightly different lat/lon and amounts due to truncation errors?)



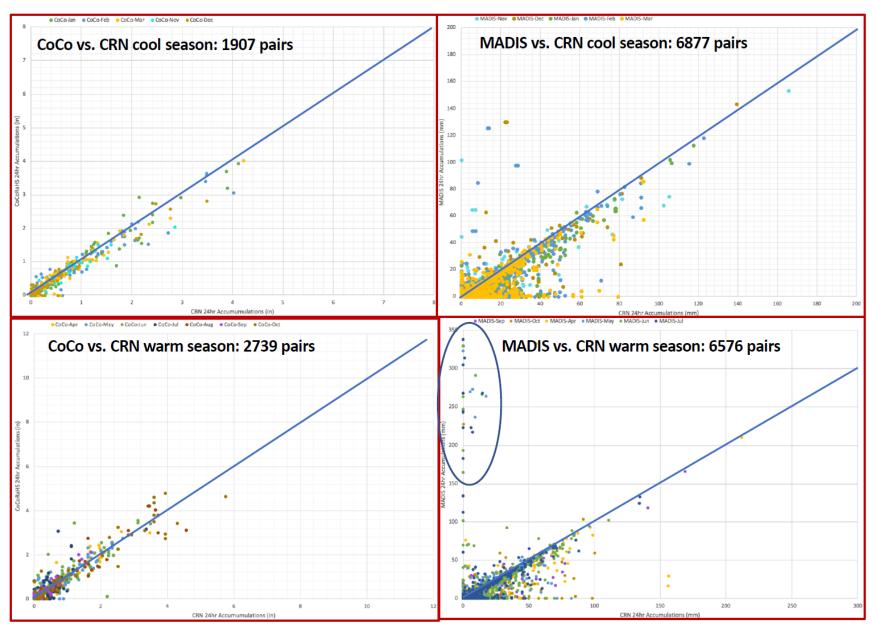




Intercomparison of gauge data

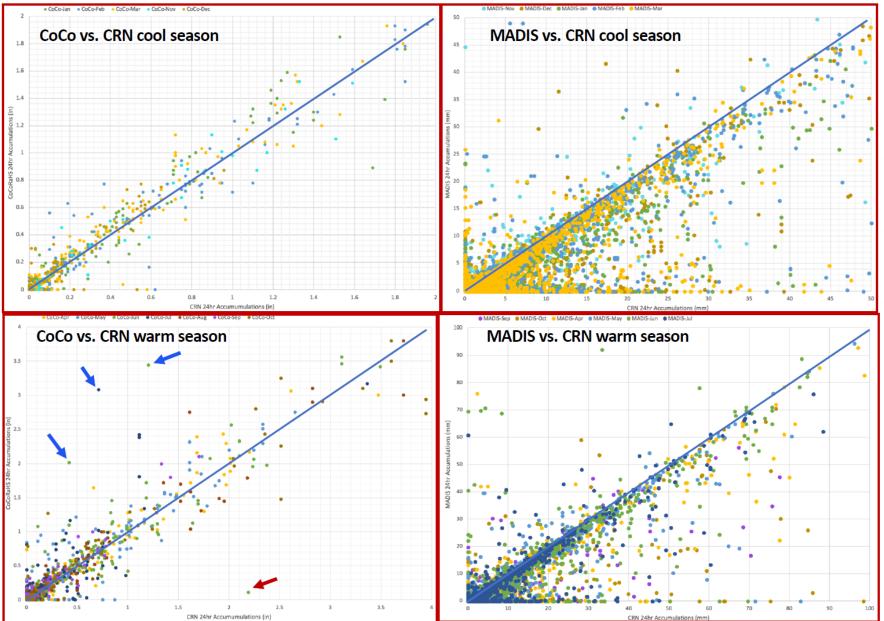
- Using CRN as reference to assess the quality of MADIS and CoCoRaHS data
- Criteria for "co-located" CRN-CoCo (MADIS) gauges: 3km radius
- CRN vs. CoCoRaHS: Jan 2017 Jul 2018
 - Cool season: Jan Mar 2017 and 2018, Nov Dec 2017
 - Warm season: Apr Oct 2017, Apr-Jul 2018
- CRN vs. MADIS: Sep 2017 Jul 2018
 - Cool season: Nov Dec 2017, Jan Mar 2018,
 - Warm season: Sep Oct 2017, Apr-Jul 2018

CRN vs. CoCoRaHS and MADIS gauges



- CoCo matches CRN much better than does MADIS
- MADIS amounts are often lower than CRN indicating undercatch issue?
- abnormal high amounts in MADIS indicating malfunctioned sites?

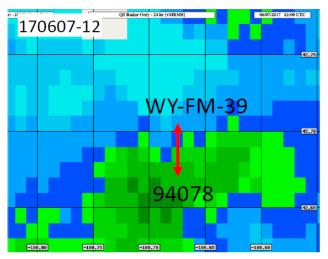
CRN vs. CoCoRaHS and MADIS gauges: enlarged view

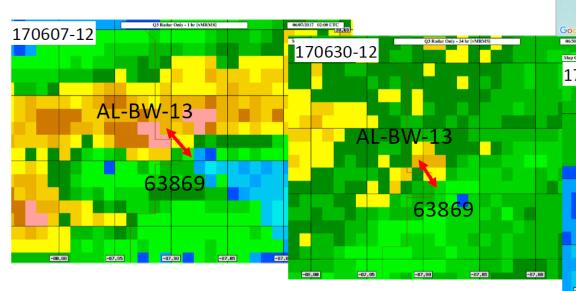


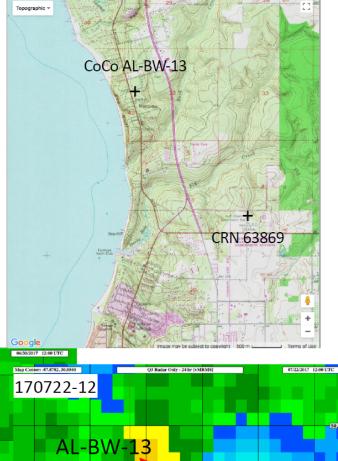
- CoCo matches CRN much better than does MADIS
- MADIS amounts are often lower than CRN indicating undercatch issue?
- A few outliers in warm season CRN-CoCo pairs (see arrows) are investigated further (next slide)

Four CoCo vs. CRN data pairs with large differences were analyzed, and all were real and attributed to large precipitation gradients between the gauge pairs.

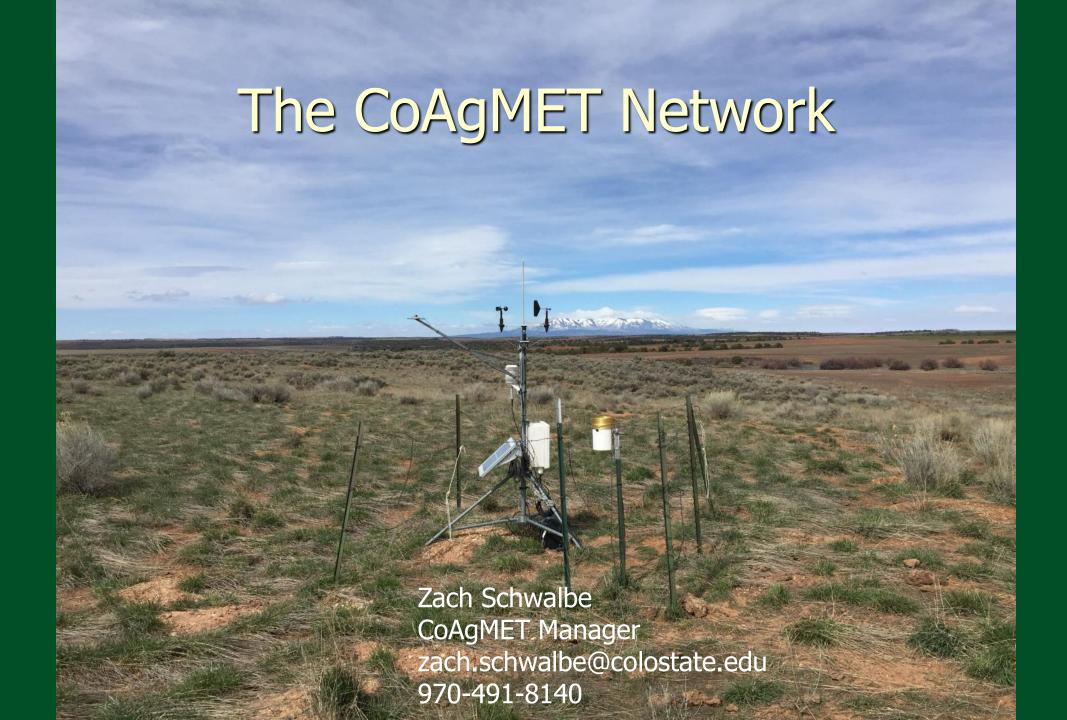
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170607-12	1.2	3.44	63869 30.5500 -87.8800 AL-BW-13 30.56674 -87.90053	Radar QPE @CRN: 1.63in radar QPE @CoCo: 3.59in				
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CoAgMET =

Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network

also known as "Colorado's Mesonet"





History

- ► In the early 1990's, CSU extension plant pathologists and ARS scientists decided to collaborate efforts to collect detailed agricultural weather data.
- Standard instruments and data collection platform were selected and a small network of stations were deployed in fully irrigated agriculture.
- ▶ As the network grew, the Colorado Climate Center became increasingly interested in using the data, began daily data collection, quality control and built a web interface to distribute data and products to users across the state.





Colorado Climate Center's role

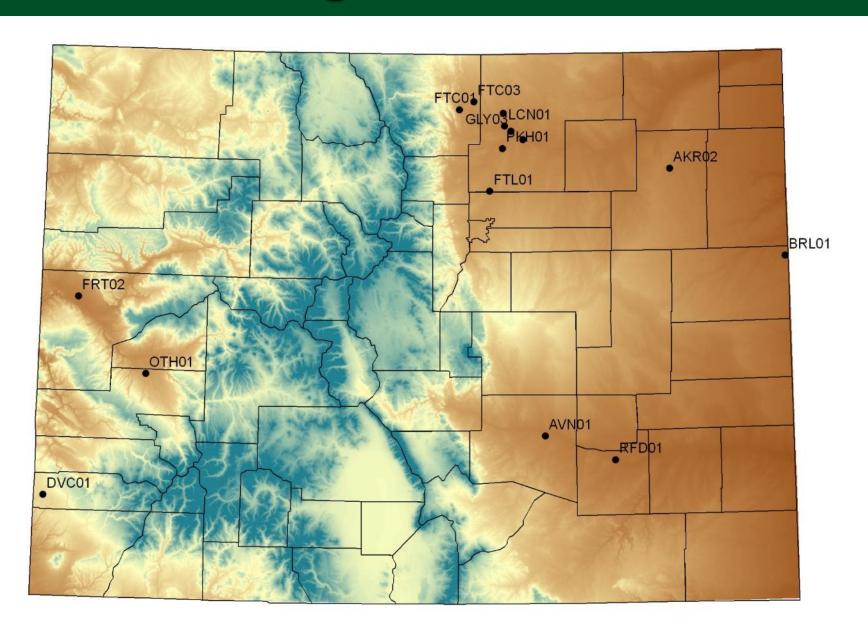
► Coordination, data management, web support

 We hosted annual meetings of key partners and data users – set priorities, secure commitments, prepare proposals (rarely funded but we persisted)

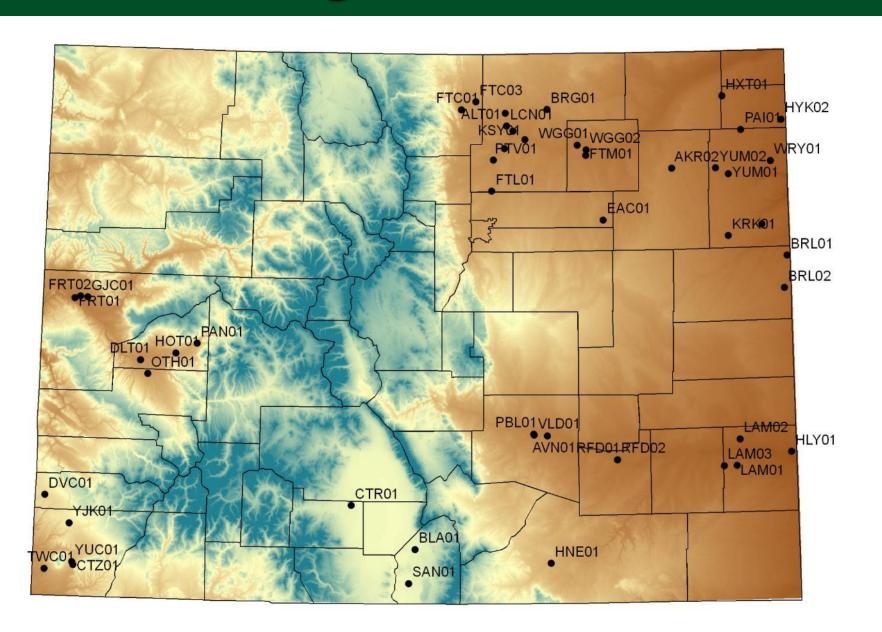
We now run the network including station maintenance, product development, funding, etc.

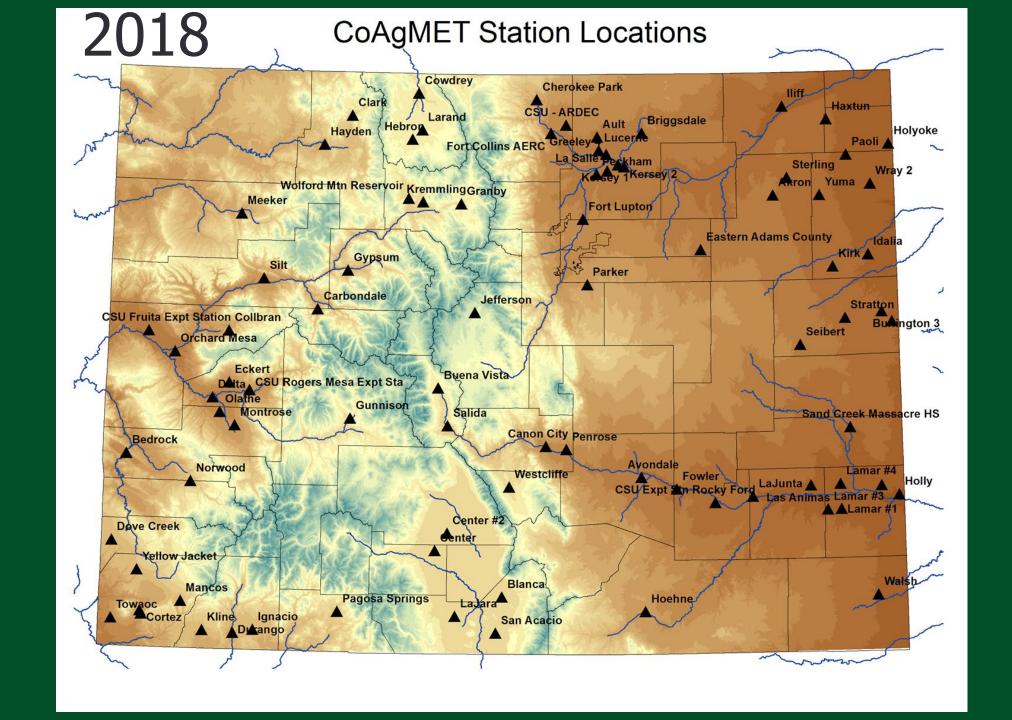


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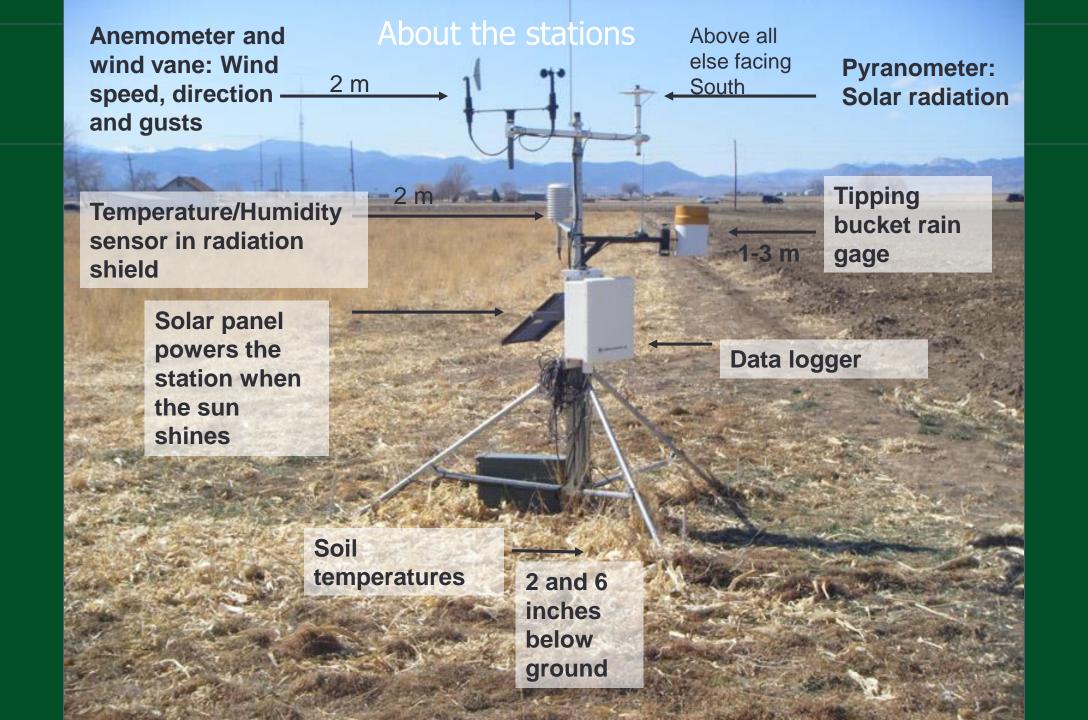


Overview of CoAgMET Network

► Currently there are 85 stations

► Data are collected hourly, daily and 60 stations with 5-minute data

► Data include: temperature, humidity, solar radiation, wind speed and direction, and soil temperatures.



Why these measurements?

- ► The main goal of CoAgMET is to calculate evapotranspiration (ET) from meteorological measurements.
- ► The standard CoAgMET station collects the elements needed to calculate evapotranspiration.
- These are also very important data for real-time weather monitoring.



CoAgMET web access:

http://coagmet.colostate.edu/ Data are free and available to the public







Daily Summaries Hourly Plots 5 Min Plots

Water Use (ET)

CoAgMET Homepage

News

- . Becky Bolinger has created a 2017 Growing Season Report, giving a nice overview of Evapotranspiration and what factors go into it.
- . Our website has a new look! We hope you find it enjoyable and easier to navigate.
- A growing number of stations have 5 minute data available. You can view plots or read tabular data. In addition, our web services provide a machine-readable form of the

Services

- CoAgMET Crop Water Use (ET)
 - Page for obtaining crop and turf water use information (Evapotranspiration).
- Evapotranspiration Reports
- ETRs are daily reports for selected stations by region
- · 2017 Growing Season Report

An interactive web-based report for the 2017 growing season at our 7 long-term CoAgMET sites where we monitor ET accumulations

- Interactive access to the daily data set for a particular station and selected months
- · Daily Summaries (all stations)
- Daily summary files are formatted to display selected parameters for all stations.
- Hourly Data Access
- Interactive access to the hourly data set for a particular station and selected days.
- Plots of temperature, humidity and wind for all CoAgMET stations.
- Five Minute Data Access

CoAgMET Mapping and Metadata by eRAMS



Daily Data

CoAgMet Daily Summary - 07/01/2016

Daily Summary

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akr02	7	1	73.1	59.7	17.75	248	0.64	***	229	***	66.2	1270	0.161	0.123
alt01	7	1	78.5	60.4	17.62	391	0.04	27.9	127	70.0	49.0	1157	0.193	0.162
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bla01	7	1	74.4	53.5	12.93	373	0.00	30.4	117	62.1	36.3	957	0.190	0.168
bnv01	7	1	69.4	52.1	13.14	264	0.05	17.3	66	56.0	44.4	882	0.120	0.107
brg01	7	1	80.6	58.2	18.03	336	0.14	22.7	162	68.0	52.1	1243	0.200	0.140
brk01	7	1	72.8	62.3	16.63	224	0.05	13.5	58	74.2	50.9	1486	0.140	0.106
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br103	7	1	72.2	61.5	20.18	325	0.31	15.8	153	67.7	78.6	1035	0.135	0.109
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ckp01	7	1	76.9	56.4	15.70	370	0.76	17.2	72	64.8	49.2	997	0.166	0.140
cnn01	7	1	80.5	61.6	17.69	384	0.56	24.4	68	66.9	45.0	1420	0.185	0.161
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ctr01	7	1	71.1	52.5	13.83	326	0.36	14.7	55	60.7	50.7	887	0.135	0.114
ctr02	7	1	73.9	53.4	13.60	378	0.12	21.0	94	67.1	43.2	943	0.171	0.145
ctz01	7	1	68.3	59.3	15.91	198	0.09	10.1	50	65.7	59.9	1261	0.111	0.081
dlt01	7	1	72.4	60.5	17.68	262	0.09	10.1	55	64.1	59.3	1400	0.132	0.106
dvc01	7	1	67.9	55.9	14.93	226	0.09	13.3	79	66.7	60.8	981	0.126	0.093
eac01	7	1	75.5	57.6	17.92	351	1.08	32.7	237	64.1	61.7	1250	0.198	0.138
ekt01	7	1	71.2	60.0	16.75	243	0.08	10.5	35	63.0	56.0	1241	0.121	0.097
frt02	7	1	72.6	61.3	18.92	223	0.07	11.7	78	67.1	63.3	812	0.094	0.090
ftc01	7	1	76.4	58.9	17.84	294	0.02	12.2	42	66.0	58.7	1087	0.130	0.112
ftc03	7	1	76.7	59.3	17.54	247	0.02	15.1	102	68.7	57.4	1126	0.138	0.111
ftl01	7	1	79.6	60.9	17.27	411	0.02	23.5	92	70.6	41.0	1176	0.198	0.176
fwl01	7	1	82.3	63.9	18.78	341	0.09	25.2	95	76.1	47.0	1526	0.191	0.156
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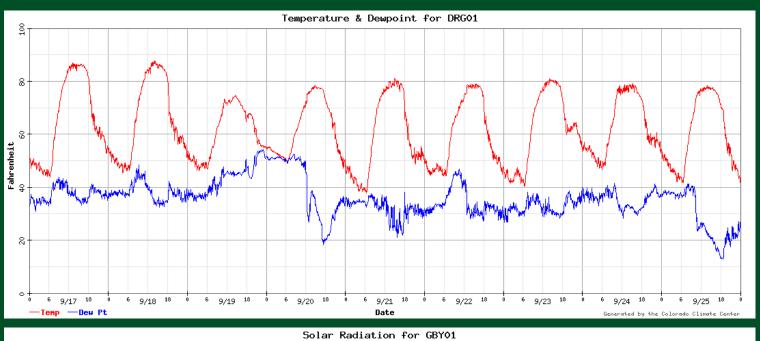
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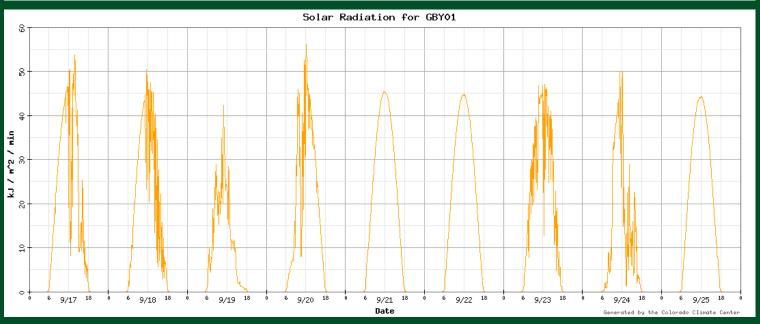
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Summary for Kersey 2 - 06/2017

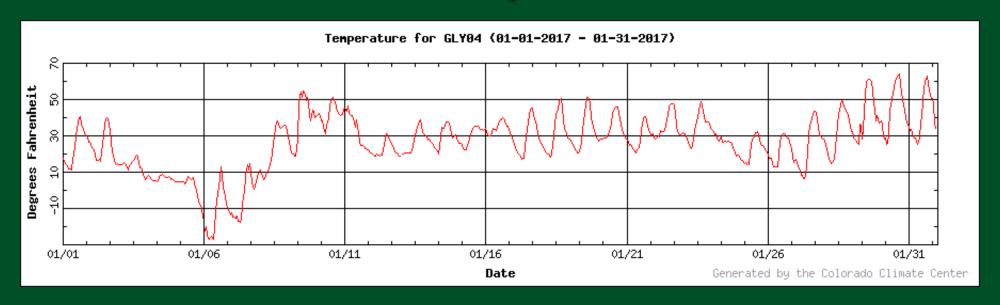
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				Temp	Temp	Press	Rad		Gust	Run	Temp	RH	DgDy	ET	HLY ET
				degF	degF	mb	Lngly	in.	mph	mi.	degF	Pct	F.	in.	in.
	ksy02	6	1	86.6	48.8	11.60	581	0.00	18.0	93	58.6	18.3	856	0.267	0.289
	ksy02	6	2	83.9	47.1	11.40	554	0.00	25.0	139	58.7	22.4	873	0.286	0.333
	ksy02	6	3	84.2	51.5	10.69	648	0.00	20.0	98	60.0	15.1	891	0.293	0.312
	ksy02	6	4	86.8	46.2	10.06	721	0.00	14.0	82	59.7	16.4	909	0.317	0.317
	ksy02	6	5	89.7	50.5	11.21	592	0.00	21.7	94	61.5	18.5	927	0.296	0.317
	ksy02	6	6	82.8	58.3	13.15	587	0.00	15.5	94	63.2	33.1	947	0.264	0.276
	ksy02	6	7	88.6	55.1	14.76	587	0.00	24.9	168	64.3	24.7	968	0.318	0.297
	ksy02	6	8	90.2	49.6	13.83	664	0.00	16.0	103	63.5	22.0	986	0.318	0.326
	ksy02	6	9	97.8	51.7	9.87	689	0.00	16.7	123	64.8	5.6	1005	0.395	0.406
	ksy02	6	10	92.9	54.3	11.35	636	0.00	23.9	213	66.2	19.1	1025	0.424	0.488
	ksy02	6	11	85.1	51.2	13.65	627	0.00	22.5	139	66.4	30.7	1043	0.314	0.317
	ksy02	6	12	97.3	59.9	14.58	608	0.00	35.6	253	68.4	7.8	1066	0.445	0.487
	ksy02	6	13	81.6	49.5	6.23	615	0.00	16.0	90	66.2	9.7	1082	0.324	0.292
	ksy02	6	14	88.9	45.6	7.02	635	0.00	14.0	86	63.9	11.1	1100	0.342	0.321
	ksy02	6	15	91.3	47.8	7.57	606	0.00	14.2	63	65.0	9.1	1118	0.317	0.286
	ksy02	6	16	94.4	49.7	9.52	569	0.00	17.8	103	65.6	11.5	1136	0.336	0.352
	ksy02	6	17	82.5	54.4	11.41	380	0.00	25.4	131	67.2	31.5	1154	0.258	0.237
	ksy02	6	18	87.4	53.5	9.71	654	0.00	17.7	83	66.0	17.9	1174	0.318	0.290
	ksy02	6	19	87.6	52.2	10.37	625	0.00	14.5	94	66.8	19.8	1193	0.318	0.302
	ksy02	6	20	99.6	55.1	10.79	635	0.00	29.4	97	68.0	10.2	1214	0.360	0.321
	ksy02	6	21	100.9	60.9	10.55	650	0.00	22.2	121	71.1	8.2	1237	0.393	0.424
	ksy02	6	22	88.4	57.5	12.09	425	0.00	23.7	156	71.0	22.6	1259	0.323	0.335
	ksy02	6	23	68.7	50.7	11.44	485	0.25	22.9	105	66.3	41.3	1269	0.237	0.175
	ksy02	6	24	79.8	48.8	10.92	637	0.00	21.2	110	63.3	30.3	1284	0.301	0.278
	ksy02		25	75.1	53.2	13.38	379	0.00	12.0	104	64.3	46.3	1298	0.191	0.152
	ksy02		26	90.3	50.9	13.25	689	0.00	20.5	128	63.3	18.7	1316	0.333	0.327
	ksy02	6	27	99.7	55.7	12.05	602	0.00	27.0	126	66.6	9.0	1337	0.367	0.338
	ksy02	6	28	91.8	51.2	9.97	633	0.02	33.4	112	66.6	14.1	1356	0.357	0.353
l	ksy02		29	86.8	52.3	11.26	561	0.26	19.7	127	67.2	18.0	1375	0.326	0.302
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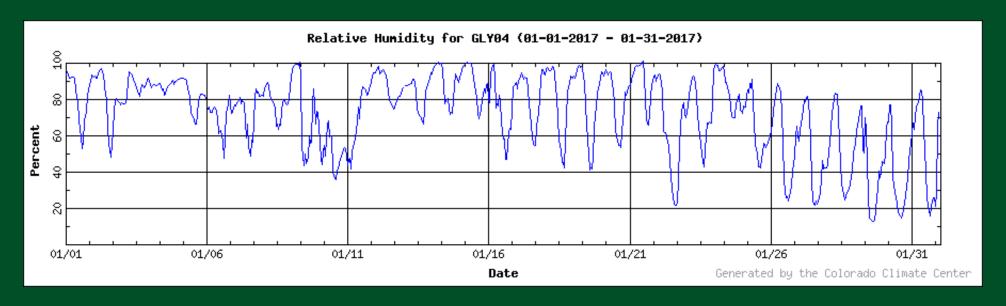
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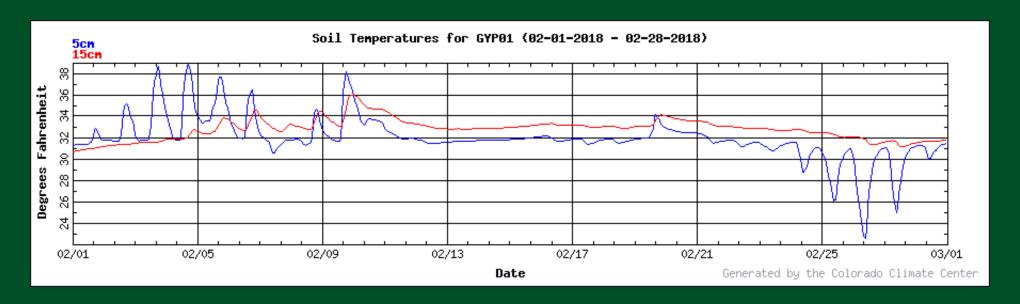


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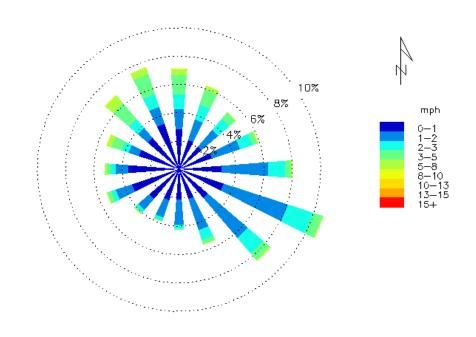
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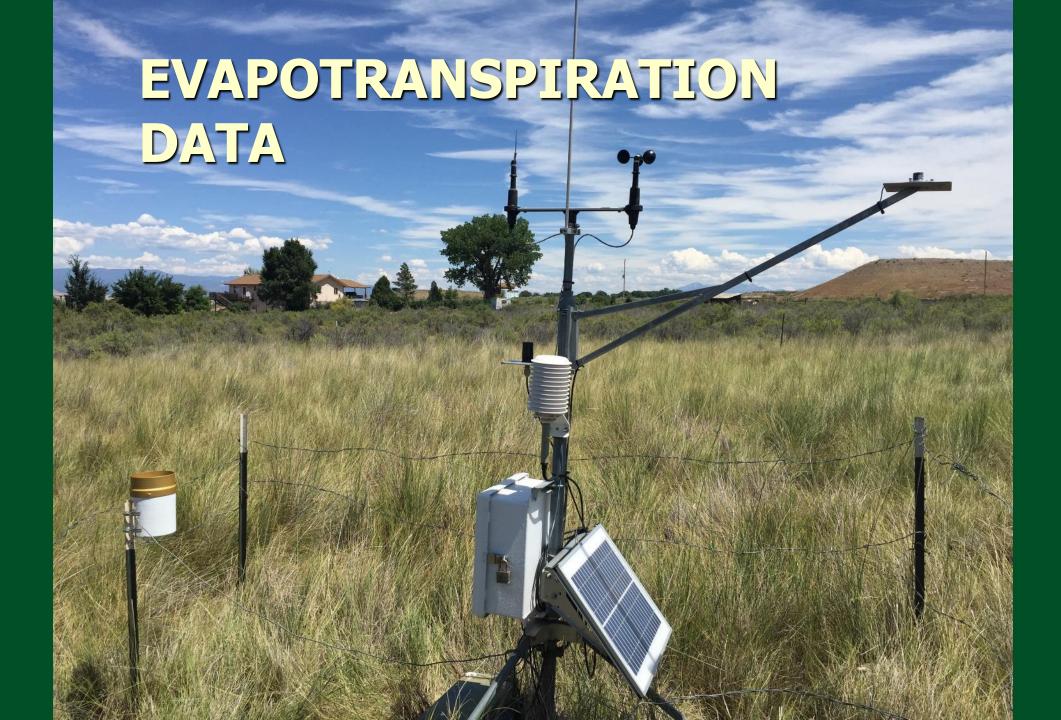


Can you see the difference between when the ground was snow covered and when it was free of snow?

Wind summaries

Day Time (7am-6pm) Wind Rose for Lucerne







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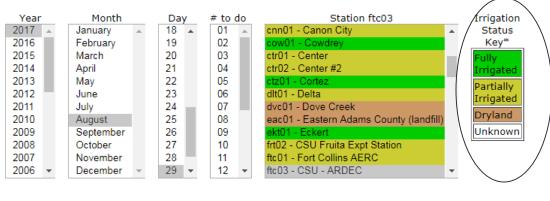
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Select Crops and Planting Date: Key gives irrigation status by color

Select from a number of crop types.

Check All None Alfalfa (Green Up Date) m | 04 ▼ | d | 24 ▼ | ✓ Corn (Plant Date) m 04 ▼ d 20 ▼ m 05 ▼ d 31 ▼ ✓ Drybeans (Plant Date) m 03 ▼ d 15 ▼ ✓ GrassHay (Green Up Date) m 03 ▼ d 23 ▼ ✓ Smallgrn (Plant Date) m 04 ▼ d 08 ▼ ✓ Sgrbeets (Plant Date) ✓ Potatoes (Plant Date) m 06 ▼ d 03 ▼ ✓ Onion/sd (Plant Date) m 03 ▼ d 22 ▼ m 03 ▼ d 01 ▼ ✓ WntrWheat (Green Up Date) Cool Season Turf

Select Ref ET Model

Reference ET Model

- Penman-Kimberly
- ASCE Standardized (daily data)
- ASCE Standardized (hourly data) The crop coefficients used to generate crop ET reports were developed for the Penman-Kimberly model. Selection of another model is only appropriate to obtain reference ET.

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^{*} Some stations are located in areas that are predominately non-irrigated (dryland) or partially irrigated. Users should be aware that ET values from these sites will typically be higher than values from sites in fully irrigated areas. More site information can be found on the <u>Station Index</u> page.

CoAgMET Extended Crop Evapotranspiration

Station: Fort Collins AERC Location: Fort Collins AERC

Elevation: 5120 Longitude: 105.1370 Latitude: 40.5947

Crop Evapotranspiration in Inches

Date	Alfalfa	Corn	Drybeans			Sgrbeets		Onion/sd	WntrWheat	Turf	ETr	ЕТо	Precip
09/06/2018	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.13	0.00
09/07/2018	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.15	0.04	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.04	0.12	0.18	0.15	0.00
09/08/2018	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.04	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.04	0.12	0.17	0.15	0.00
09/09/2018	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.04	0.12	0.18	0.16	0.00
09/10/2018	0.20	0.17	0.20	0.17	0.04	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.13	0.20	0.18	0.00
09/11/2018	0.16	0.13	0.16	0.14	0.03	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.03	0.11	0.16	0.14	0.00
09/12/2018	0.23	0.19	0.23	0.20	0.05	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.05	0.16	0.23	0.19	0.00
09/13/2018	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.22	0.05	0.24	0.22	0.19	0.05	0.17	0.25	0.21	0.00
09/14/2018	0.24	0.20	0.24	0.21	0.05	0.24	0.22	0.18	0.05	0.16	0.24	0.19	0.00
09/15/2018	0.22	0.17	0.22	0.19	0.05	0.21	0.20	0.16	0.05	0.15	0.22	0.18	0.00
09/16/2018	0.20	0.16	0.20	0.17	0.04	0.19	0.18	0.14	0.04	0.13	0.20	0.17	0.00
09/17/2018	0.18	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.04	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.00
09/18/2018	0.19	0.14	0.19	0.16	0.04	0.18	0.17	0.13	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.16	0.00
09/19/2018	0.16	0.12	0.16	0.14	0.04	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.14	0.44
09/20/2018	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.04	0.19	0.18	0.13	0.04	0.13	0.20	0.17	0.00
09/21/2018	0.17	0.12	0.17	0.15	0.04	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.04	0.11	0.17	0.13	0.00
09/22/2018	0.19	0.13	0.19	0.16	0.04	0.18	0.17	0.11	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.15	0.00
09/23/2018	0.15	0.10	0.15	0.13	0.03	0.14	0.13	0.08	0.03	0.09	0.15	0.12	0.00
09/24/2018	0.18	0.12	0.18	0.15	0.04	0.17	0.16	0.10	0.04	0.11	0.18	0.15	0.00
09/25/2018	0.18	0.12	0.18	0.15	0.04	0.17	0.16	0.09	0.04	0.11	0.18	0.13	0.00
Sum	3.77	2.97	3.77	3.28	0.83	3.64	3.39	2.67	0.83	2.49	3.77	3.16	0.44
Average	0.19	0.15	0.19	0.16	0.04	0.18	0.17	0.13	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.16	0.02

ET reports by region

	North Front Range								
	FtCol1	ARDEC	HortFm	Lovlnd	Cherpk	Lngmnt	Parker		
HiTemp	91	89	89	91	88	91	94	degF	
LoTemp	52	53	50	54	56	51	62	degF	
Precip	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	in	
P/Month	2.16	2.14	3.26	2.00	2.17	1.11	1.66	in	
P/Year	10.17	4.02i	11.42	11.44	9.68	9.00	3.41i	in	
WindGst	12.5	16.8	19.2	13.5	18.8	19.1	25.0	mph	
Ref ET	0.20	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.26	0.23	0.32	in	
GrowDD	2347	1191	2357	2594	2109	2331	1635	degF	
5cm Soil	62.6	68.3	m	m	66.1	m	71.6	degF	
Crop Evapotranspiration									
Alfalfa	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.26	0.23	0.32	in	
Corn	0.20	0.24	0.15	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.11	in	
Drybeans	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.26	0.23	0.32	in	
GrassHay	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.17	0.22	0.20	0.28	in	
Smallgrn	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.07	in	
Sgrbeets	0.21	0.26	0.22	0.20	0.25	0.23	0.26	in	
Potatoes	0.18	0.23	0.22	0.18	0.23	0.21	0.29	in	
Onion/sd	0.16	0.21	0.11	0.16	0.18	0.17	0.14	in	
WntrWheat	0.05	0.06	0.15	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.32	in	

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	North Central										
	Peckhm	Kersey	Kersey	Lucern	Greely	Gilors	FtLptn	Ault	Brigsd		
HiTemp	93	94	96	92	m	92	95	91	95	degF	
LoTemp	52	50	52	50	m	50	58	51	47	degF	
Precip	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	m	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	in	
P/Month	2.11	1.58	1.85	0.63	1.84i	1.72	1.04	3.40	2.11	in	
P/Year	2.28i	12.78i	8.75i	15.53i	11.37i	11.06	8.74i	13.08	8.85i	in	
WindGst	14.3	19.3	18.2	14.8	m	17.0	19.2	14.2	25.9	mph	
Ref ET	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.23	m	0.22	0.28	0.27	0.26	in	
GrowDD	665	2363	2576	2442	m	2347	2701	2358	2392	degF	
5cm Soil	70.0	67.4	70.1	71.3	m	m	72.4	66.1	65.8	degF	
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Alfalfa	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.23	m	0.22	0.28	0.27	0.26	in	
Corn	0.10	0.22	0.15	0.18	m	0.20	0.16	0.19	0.18	in	
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Sgrbeets	0.19	0.24	0.23	0.22	m	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.25	in	
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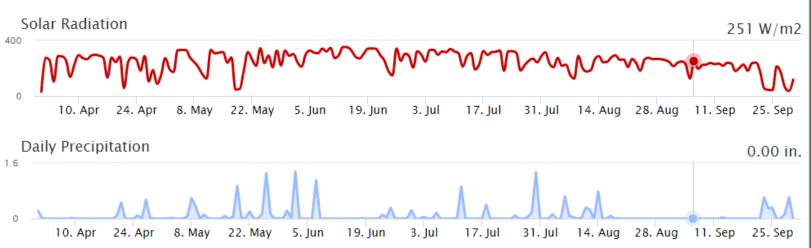
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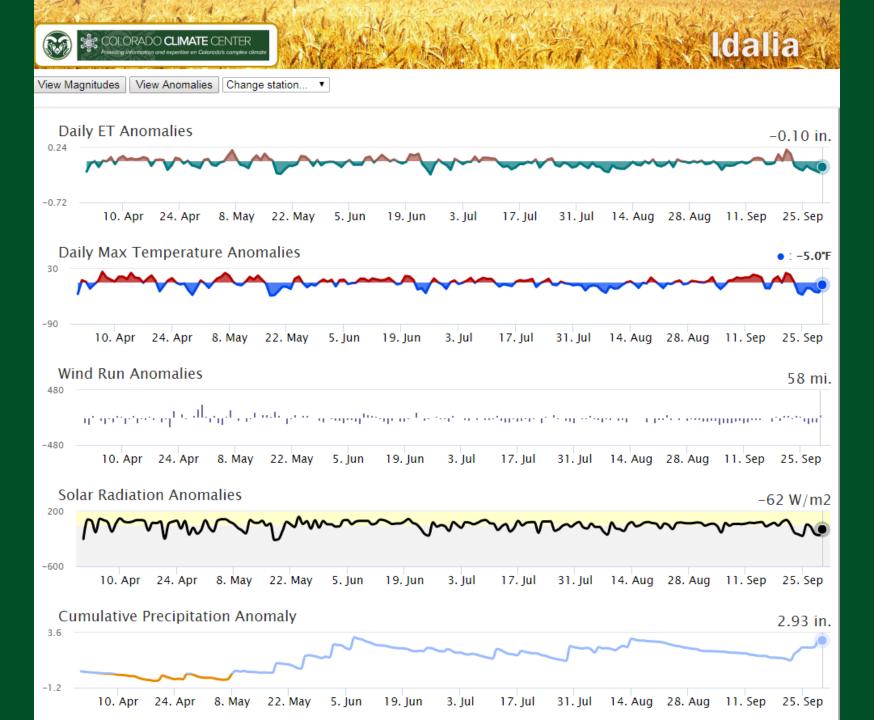
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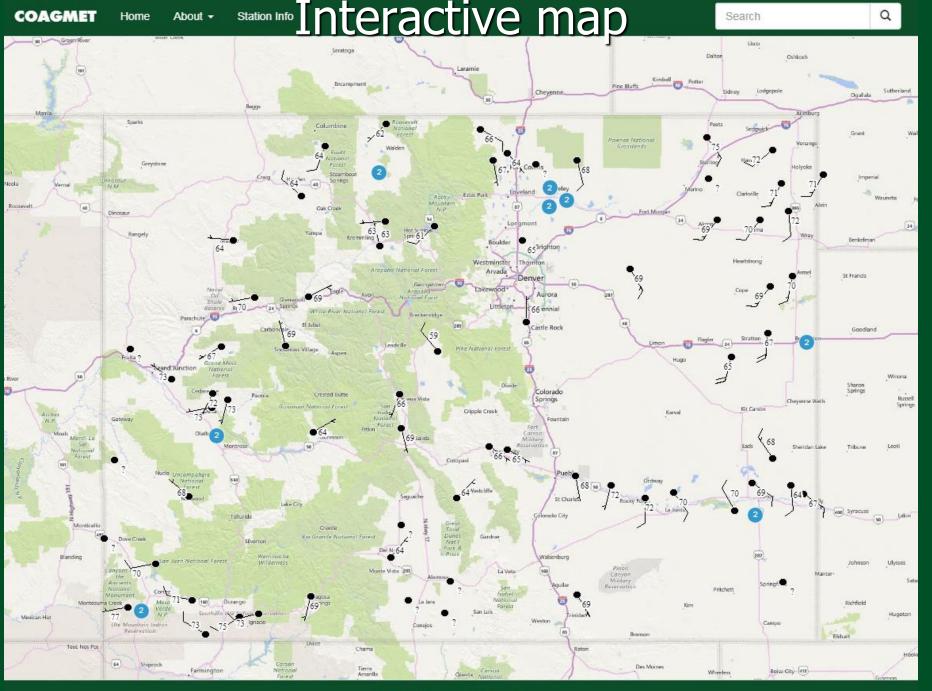
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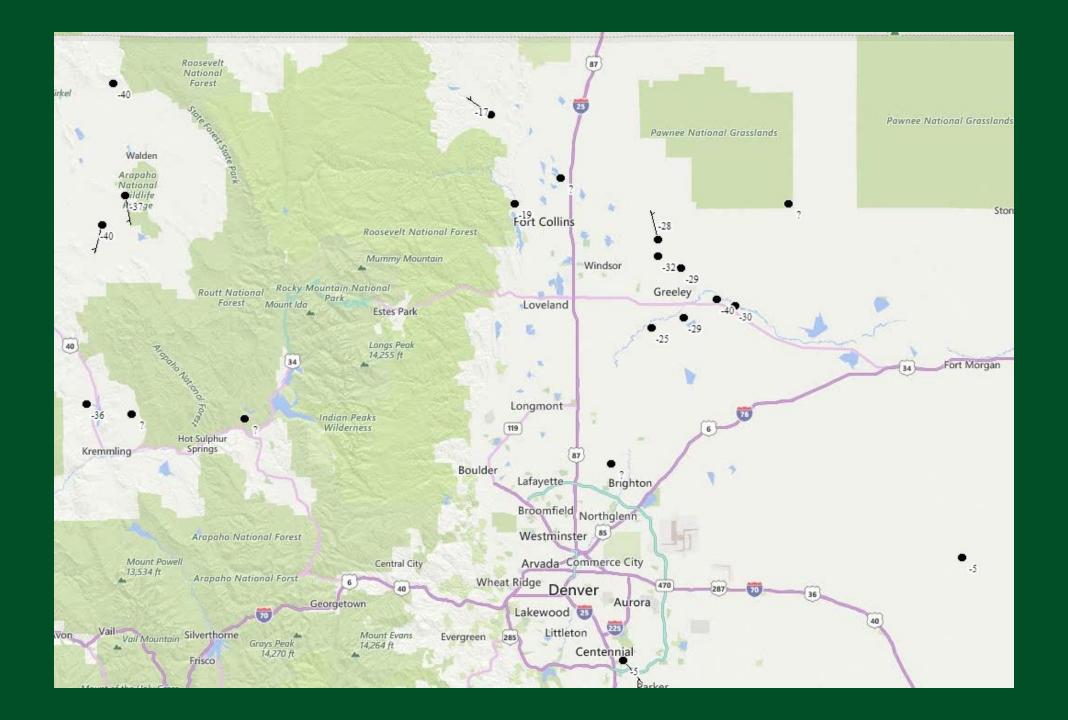
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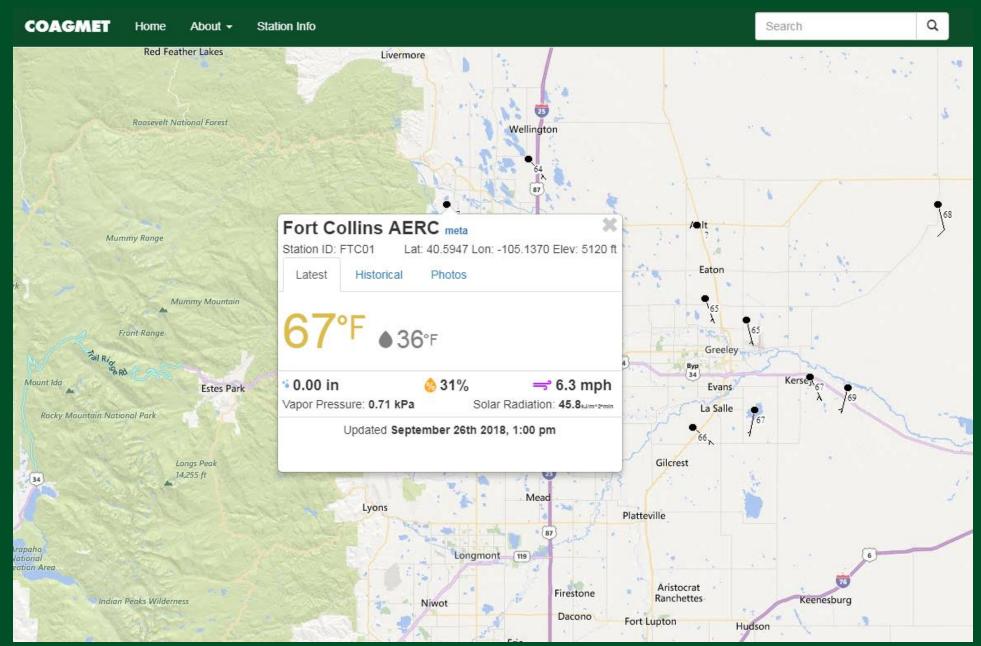
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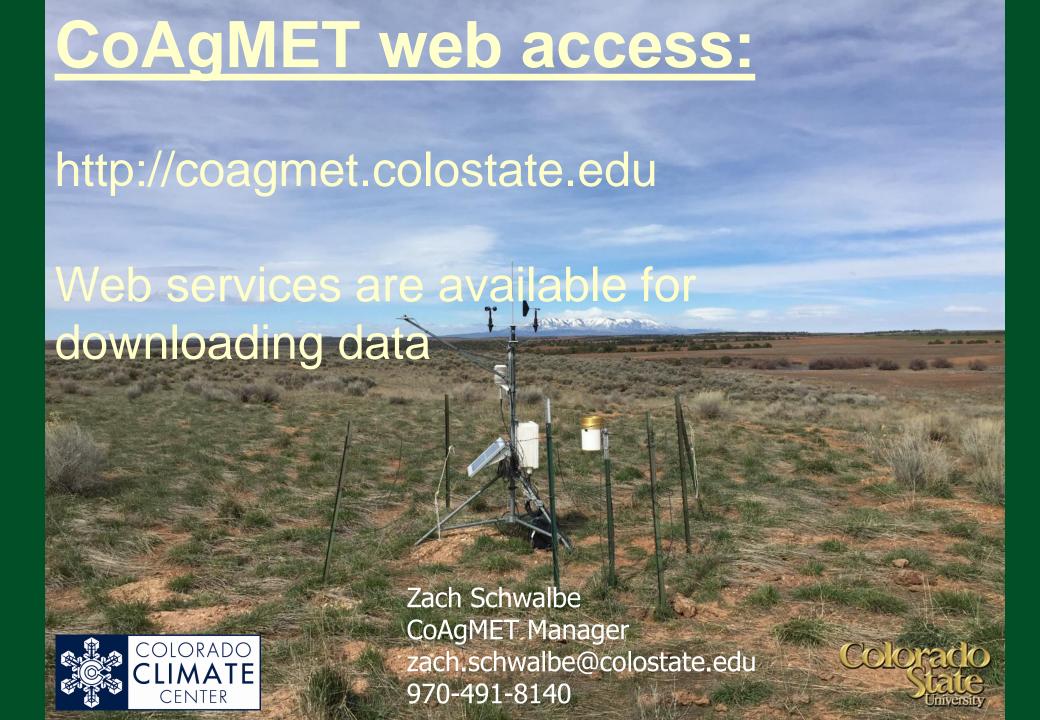


Maintaining the data

- ➤ Our goal is to visit each station at least once a year to make sure the station is operating properly.
 - Sensor are swapped out once every 2 years.
 - Emergency visits to stations when there is a problem with the station causing bad data or an interruption of data.
- ▶ Data are quality controlled daily to catch data errors and catch issues with stations before it becomes a problem.







The Historic Fort Collins Weather Station

First established in 1872, on the CSU campus since 1879, consistent data since 1889

At current location since 1961



Station Locations

- R. Q. Tenney's Farm (1872-1874)
- 2 South of Old Main (1879-1885?)
- Between Old Main and The Oval (1887-1910)
- 4 Civil Engineering Bldg. SW of the Oval (1911-1939)
- 5 The Lagoon (1940-1961)
- 6 Current position (May 15th, 1961- present)



Nolan Doesken discussing the history of the station: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-Za8TPTvlc









Peter Goble

Climatologist and drought specialist



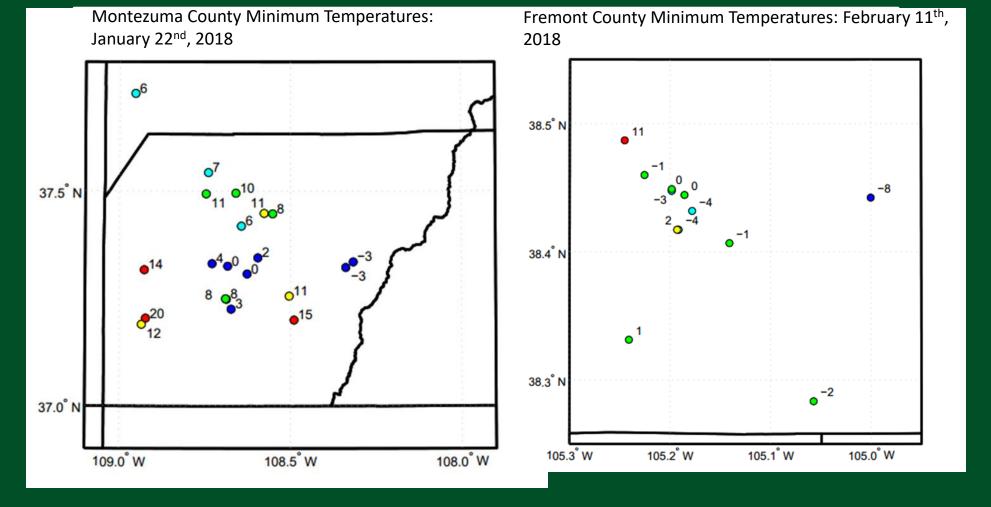
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- The largest constraint on wine grape growth in Colorado is plant hardiness
- As the climate warms, more pockets of the state become suitable for an increased quantity and diversity of grapes
- Because of the complexity of western Colorado topography, this involves carefully-placed temperature observations







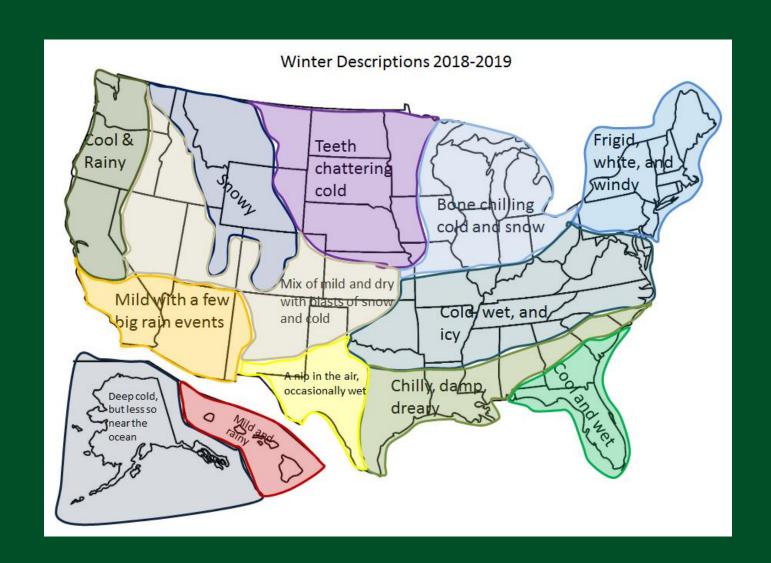


- Dangerous cold winter and spring nights can produce surprising variation in surface temperature
- In general, the coldest nights occur under synoptic high pressure conditions with near-surface inversions where wind patterns are dominated by cold air drainage
- Odds of avoiding freeze damage increase on hill slopes, and near the mouths of canyons where mixing is continuous



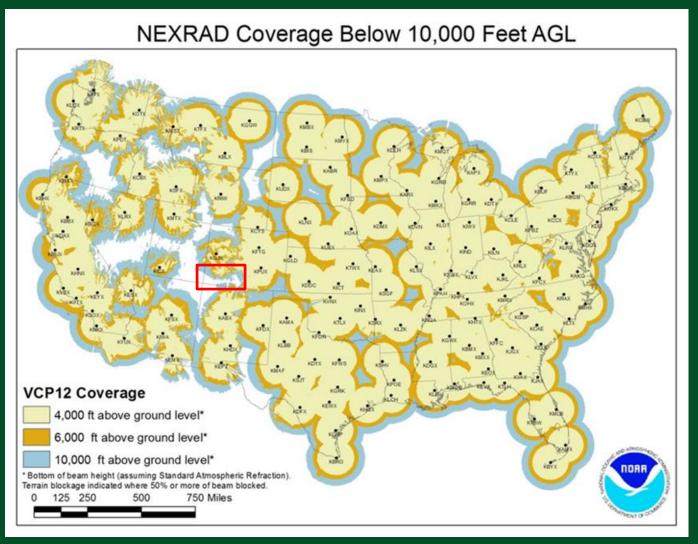


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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program



- Part The Colorado Climate Center lead a FEMA-commissioned study to assess the biggest data collection gaps in the state for emergency weather events
- Top recommendations were radar coverage in SW CO, and rain/stream gage flood alert networks for the cities of Colorado Springs and Pueblo



Thank you!

 We welcome collaboration ideas and opportunities with the department – please don't hesitate to get in touch (or just walk across the "wind tunnel" to the annex!)

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