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NATIONAL SUMMARY



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MARCH 1980

GENERAL SUMMARY OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

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HIGHLIGHTS: The dominant features of the March centered on the southeastern United States. As March began very cold air moved into the Southeast and by the third day of the month had enveloped all of Florida. Freezing temperatures reached all the way to Miami. Immediately after the freeze, rain set in and accumulated excessive amounts for each week of the month. Much of the Southeast had well over double the normal rainfall. The northern Plains, northern Mississippi Valley, and western Great Lakes areas experienced a dry month. The area from southeastern Oklahoma to southern New Mexico and southward into Mexico was also very dry.

March began cold and snowy for much of the eastern United States. On the first day, snow eased into the Midwest and spread a mantle from the southern Appalachians to the Atlantic Coast. Very cold air moved in with the storm. A record snowfall left 1 to 2 feet in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. The morning temperature at Raleigh, NC, dipped to 11° with the cold air pushing southward. On the 3d freezing temperatures reached all the way to Miami, FL; much of the Southeast was chilled by readings in the teens.

Gradual warming took place during the succeeding week and by the 7th springlike weather prevailed in the East. Showers and thunderstorms deluged the Southeast. Elsewhere, moderate rain fell in most of California and spread eastward to the Rockies in lesser amounts.

Early in the period of the 10th-16th another cold airmass moved rapidly southward through the Plains and eastward. New England recorded light to moderate snow in the mountains and rain on the coast as the

front moved through. The cold air stalled in the South and caused another week of very heavy rain, keeping Southern farmers out of their fields. Another storm system moved into the Pacific Northwest and on to the Rockies. Rain, with snow at higher elevations, again covered the entire West. Average temperatures for the week of the 10th-16th were normal or warmer in all but the northern Mississippi Valley through New England.

The 17th-23d showed some precipitation falling in nearly all of the Nation. Exceptions included parts of the north central Plains and in southwestern Texas. Again, the area of greatest rainfall ranged from the lower Mississippi Valley through the Southeast and into New England. As much as 8 inches of rain accumulated in parts of northern Georgia and Alabama. Flooding ensued along the already swollen rivers. No severely cold temperatures were reported during the week except near the western Great Lakes, but the freeze line did reach into southwestern Texas.

March went out like a lion in parts of the Nation. Excessive rain, thunderstorms, and even tornadoes were reported from eastern Texas to the Florida Panhandle and North Carolina. It was the fourth week of excessive rain in the Southeast. A series of storms originating in the central Rockies caused near blizzard conditions in the west central Plains. Parts of western Kansas and Nebraska accumulated over 15 inches of snow. Temperatures hovering near freezing and periodic high winds compounded the problems. Again, nearly all of the Nation recorded some precipitation. Average temperatures for the week were cooler than normal in the Rockies and central Plains, warmer in the northern Plains, and near normal elsewhere.

OBSERVED EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION -- BY STATES

March 1980

STATE	Temperature						Precipitation			
	Monthly extremes						Monthly extremes			
	Station	Highest °F	Date	Station	Lowest °F	Date	Station	Greatest In.	Station	Least In.
Alabama	Mobile WSO AP	85	13	Valley Head	-2	3	Galera 2 SW	18.86	Frisco City 4 SSW	9.91
Alaska	2 Stations	53	31	Chandalar Lake	-48	15	Little Port Walter	15.53	Lonely	T
Arizona	Casa Grande	87	2	Sunrise Mountain	-5	17	Hawley Lake	5.47	Bisbee 2	.15
Arkansas	4 Stations	82	21+	Fayetteville Exo Sta	-4	1	Eudora	11.91	Moratio	2.25
California	2 Stations	86	31+	Bodie	-14	25	Crescent City 7 ENE	12.12	Bishop WSO AP	.28
Colorado	Lamar	80	15	Taylor Park	-38	17	Wolf Creek Pass 1 E	8.19	Creede	.34
Connecticut	Hartford-Brainard FLD	66	21	Wigwan Reservoir	-9	1	New Haven	10.65	Hartford WSO AP	5.87
Delaware	Lewes 1 SW	68	8	Wilmington WSO AP	6	1	Wilmington Porter Reav	7.30	Middletown 1 WSW	4.94
Florida	Fc. Myers FAA AP	93	19	Smith Creek	13	3	Lake City 2 E	15.69	Key West WSO AP	.83
Georgia	Folkston 9 SW	87	28+	Blairsville Exp Sta	-3	3	Dahlonega	19.70	Folkston 3 SW	5.78
Hawaii	Puukohola Heiau 98.1	90	11	Mauna Kea Obs 111.2	20	22+	Waikaea SCD	90.07	Waimea 943	.24
Idaho	Grand View 2 W	69	14	Island Park Dam	-14	26	Silver City 5 W	5.20	May	.11
Illinois	Castro WSO CI	71	10	2 Stations	-13	2	Fairfield Radio WFIW	6.19	Marengo	.48
Indiana	Evansville	70	15	Hartsville 2 SW	-15	2	Williams	6.03	Warsaw	2.29
Iowa	4 Stations	68	20+	2 Stations	-12	2	Port Madison	3.27	Waukon	.27
Kansas	2 Stations	81	15	Sabetha Lake	-14	2	LeRoy	7.17	Richfield 1 NE	.53
Kentucky	Tomahawk 1 WSW	76	17+	2 Stations	-12	3	Blackmont	D 8.64	Calhoun Lock 2	3.96
Louisiana	2 Stations	86	13	2 Stations	11	3	Bunkie	18.43	Shreveport WSO AP	3.75
Maine	Lewiston	58	29+	Rangely	-25	3	Bar Harbor 3 NW	6.84	Clayton Lake 2	2.10
Maryland	Cumberland 2	75	8	McHenry 2 NW	-5	2	Catoctin Mountain Park	D 7.39	Hancock Fruit Lab	3.83
Massachusetts	Chester 2	68	20	Chester 2	-14	1	Chester 2	13.60	Nantucket FAA AP	3.85
Michigan	3 Stations	63	21+	Trout Lake	-31	1	Monroe	4.44	Fayette 3 SW	.18
Minnesota	Winona	61	20	Tower 3 S	-36	1	New London	2.67	Crookston NW Exp Sta	.34
Mississippi	4 Stations	84	9+	4 Stations	7	3+	Centreville 4 ESE	17.99	Rosedale	9.49
Missouri	2 Stations	78	8+	Cole Camp 9 SE	-18	2	Marble Hill	6.66	Princeton 6 SW	1.73
Montana	Ballantine	67	14	Simpson 6 NW	-33	5	Red Lodge	4.90	Bloomfield	.02
Nebraska	4 Stations	75	18+	Nenzel 20 S	-32	1	Benkelman	4.99	Tryon 6 NE	.34
Nevada	Sunrise Manr Las Vegas	78	30+	Mountain City R S	-2	17	Red Rock Canyon St Pk	2.53	Lahontan Dam	.07
New Hampshire	2 Stations	62	20	Mount Washington	-30	1	MacDowell Dam	8.25	Lancaster	2.41
New Jersey	Moorestown	68	8	2 Stations	0	2+	Woodcliff Lake	9.59	Shiloh	4.70
New Mexico	3 Stations	84	31+	Chama	-8	17	Brasos Lodge	4.40	7 Stations	.00
New York	Aurora Research Farm	66	21	Old Forge	-36	2	Slide Mountain	14.53	Ellenburg Depot	1.74
North Carolina	2 Stations	78	22+	Grandfather Mountain	-8	3	Coweeta Exp Station	17.04	Roanoke Rapids	4.00
North Dakota	Breien	64	18	Upham 3 N	-38	1	Forbes 9 NNW	1.12	Ambrose 3 N	.00
Ohio	Ironton	74	9	Dorset	-20	2	Waterloo	6.76	Ashtabula	2.39
Oklahoma	3 Stations	83	16	2 Stations	-2	2	Eufaula	6.08	Marietta 3 NW	.54
Oregon	Gold Beach Ranger Sta	71	9	Crater Lake NPS Hq	3	16	Port Orford 5 E	13.79	Redmond FAA AP	.18
Pennsylvania	2 Stations	70	17+	Kane 1 NNE	-23	2	Bucksville	8.17	Titusville Waterworks	2.31
Puerto Rico	2 Stations	95	28+	Adjuntas Substation	49	1	Pico Del Este	8.86	Puerto Real	.00
Rhode Island	Providence WSO AP	63	17	North Foster 1 E	1	1	Kingston	10.06	Woonsocket	6.91
South Carolina	Ridgeland 5 NE	82	31	Simms Water Plant	-3	3	Walhalla	15.43	Andrews	D 6.48
South Dakota	3 Stations	75	15	Usta 8 NNW	-35	1	Edgemont	2.38	Glad Valley 2 W	T
Tennessee	2 Stations	77	9+	Oneida	-11	3	Chattanooga WSO AP	16.32	Samburg Wildlife Ref	5.40
Texas	2 Stations	97	23+	Lipscomb	-2	2	Deweyville 5 S	10.49	27 Stations	.00
Utah	3 Stations	69	14	Scofield	-16	26+	Alta	11.64	Duchesne Airport	.29
Vermont	3 Stations	62	21+	Enosburg Falls	-28	2	Searsburg Station	9.13	Enosburg Falls	1.59
Virginia	2 Stations	77	30+	Timberville 3 E	-7	3	Meadows of Dan 5 SW	7.56	Colonial Beach	2.31
Virgin Islands	Annaly	90	28	Beth Upper New Works	62	2	Caneel Bay Plantation	4.05	East Hill	.94
Washington	Sunnyside	70	23	Chesaw 4 NNW	-1	6	Rainier Paradise R S	13.83	Wenatchee	.07
West Virginia	2 Stations	78	8	Elkins WSO AP	-14	3	Seneca State Forest	7.05	Moorefield 2 SSE	2.22
Wisconsin	2 Stations	59	31	3 Stations	-26	1	Madeline Island	1.63	2 Stations	.30
Wyoming	Yoder 4 SW	67	15	Double Four Ranch	-24	1	Atlantic City Ore Mine	4.24	Deaver	.02

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METRIC UNITS

MARCH 1980

State and Station	Elevation (ground)		Pressure		Temperature										Average relative humidity		Precipitation						Wind			No. of days (sunrise to sunset)			Sky cover, tenths (sunrise to sunset)	Possible sunshine								
	m	ft	mb	mb	Average maximum	Average minimum	Average	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Max. 32.2 °C or above	Min. 0 °C or lower	Average dew point	%	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	No. of days		Snow, ice pellets		Resultant speed	Resultant direction	Fastest mile (1.6 kilometers)												
																				.25 mm. or more	With thunderstorms	Total	Maximum depth on ground			Speed	Direction	Date			Clear, 0-3	Partly cloudy, 4-7	Cloudy, 8-10					
WASHINGTON					°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	%	mm	mm	mm		mm	mm	m/s	m/s														
SEATTLE-TACOMA	122	1000.0	1016.6	10.0	3.6	6.8	0.1	16.1	1	-0.6	6	0	1	2.2	77	53	-38	11	16	0	1	0	2.4	19	13.4	S	12	2	4	25	8.5	37						
SPOKANE	718	929.6	1014.4	8.1	-0.8	3.7	0.6	13.3	21	-6.1	6+	0	21	-1.1	77	23	-16	8	9	0	1	0	2.7	21	15.6	SW	14+	1	10	20	8.1	43						
STAMPEDE PASS R	1206	876.1		1.1	-3.1	-1.0	0.1	6.1	25+	-7.8	6	0	30			236	9	29	26	0	22	23	2.7	21	15.6	S	12	1	1	29	9.3							
WALLA WALLA U	289			11.2	3.2	7.2	-0.3	17.2	10	-3.3	6	0	2			49	14	14	11	0	2	94	76	11.2	S	12	2	6	23	8.3		32						
YAKIMA	321	976.6	1015.6	12.8	0.2	6.5	1.1	18.9	22	-3.9	15	0	17	-1.1	62	7	-7	4	6	0	43	51	2.1	27	15.6	31	29	6	6	19	7.0							
WEST INDIES																																						
SAN JUAN P.R.	4	1014.9	1017.3	29.7	22.7	26.2	1.6	32.2	2	21.1	2	1	0	20.0	72	37	-14	9	14	0	0	0	3.2	8	11.2	E	29+	8	19	4	4.7	89						
WEST VIRGINIA																																						
BECKLEY	763	926.5	1017.0	8.9	-1.6	3.7	-0.9	19.4	16+	-20.6	3	0	19	-2.8	69	94	-13	20	19	3	325	356	1.4	23	15.6	30	10	4	5	22	7.9							
CHARLESTON	310	981.4	1017.3	11.7	-0.7	5.6	-1.4	23.3	16	-17.8	3	0	17	-1.7	64	135	33	38	19	4	267	229	1.0	27	15.6	29	21	5	5	21	7.5							
ELKINS	594	944.8		9.3	-4.1	2.6	-1.2	20.6	8	-25.6	3	0	22			122	22	23	20	0	358	254																
HUNTINGTON	252	986.1	1016.7	11.2	-0.2	5.5	-1.3	22.8	8	-18.9	3	0	16	-1.7	63	128	25	22	17	4	140	178	0.7	26	13.4	26	21	4	5	22	8.0							
PARKERSBURG U	187			9.5	-1.1	4.2	-1.8	21.1	16	-16.7	3	0	18			118	23	26	16	0	277	254																
WISCONSIN																																						
GREEN BAY	208	990.5	1017.3	1.9	-7.3	-2.7	-0.8	11.1	19+	-20.0	7	0	27	-7.2	74	25	-17	15	8	0	290	152	1.0	32	16.1	W	10	7	6	18	6.9	71						
LA CROSSE	198	992.6	1018.1	4.2	-6.8	-1.3	-0.8	14.4	31+	-18.3	1	0	28	-5.0	78	17	-35	6	0	0	257	0.3	34															
MADISON	262	984.8	1017.2	3.1	-7.5	-2.2	-1.2	12.8	31	-20.0	1	0	27	-7.2	70	17	-32	8	7	0	142	76	0.7	35	16.1	NW	10	5	7	19	7.3	42						
MILWAUKEE	205	990.9	1017.0	3.2	-4.9	-0.8	-0.5	13.9	20	-16.7	6	0	25	-5.6	71	20	-37	8	10	0	160	203	1.5	33	16.1	W	10	4	6	21	7.6	37						
WYOMING																																						
CASPER	1627	832.0	1012.8	5.6	-6.8	-0.6	0.0	12.8	15	-23.3	1	0	31	-6.7	67	30	7	12	13	1	439	178	3.0	23	16.5	23	13	1	5	25	8.5							
CHEYENNE	1867	805.6	1011.8	6.1	-4.9	0.6	0.8	14.4	18	-21.7	1	0	28	-8.3	55	35	8	13	9	0	452	203	2.5	29	24.1	W	9	5	7	19	7.5	48						
LANDER	1696	823.6	1012.2	6.3	-5.8	0.3	0.6	13.3	14	-11.1	26	0	31	-7.8	61	38	8	21	7	0	645	305	0.5	27	10.3	24	15	3	12	16	7.3	58						
SHERIDAN	1208	874.4	1014.5	5.7	-7.4	-0.8	-0.3	13.3	11	-18.9	5	0	31	-5.6	72	32	1	10	13	0	490	102	2.0	31	14.8	NW	19	2	8	21	7.5	60						

STORM SUMMARY

MARCH 1980

STATE	TORNADOES					HAILSTORMS				WINDSTORMS				LIGHTNING				HEAVY SNOWSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS				# ICE STORMS				ALL OTHER							
	NUMBER	DAYS	DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE	DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE		DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE		DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE		DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE		DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE		DEATHS	INJURIES	†DAMAGE					
								PROP. ERTY	CROPS			PROP. ERTY	CROPS			PROP. ERTY	CROPS			PROP. ERTY	CROPS			PROP. ERTY	CROPS								
Alabama	6	3		11	5			4				10	4	7	?						1	?	5			1	15	5	3				
Alaska																4												5					
Arkansas																																	
Arizona	*								2																								
California																																	
Colorado	1	1			2											5												5					
Connecticut													1		5																		
Delaware																																	
Florida	6	3	1	34	7							1												5		2	5	?					
Georgia	6	2		3	6			?																									
Hawaii	1	1			2																					2	*6	C					
Idaho	*																																
Illinois	*																																
Indiana	*																																
Iowa																			1														
Kansas																6																	
Kentucky																																	
Louisiana	2	2			6										4													5					
Maine																												3					
Maryland & DC										1	1																	6					
Massachusetts																																	
Michigan																																	
Minnesota																5																	
Mississippi	4	2	1	1	5						2	4														2	18	6					
Missouri	*																																
Montana	*																																
Nebraska																																	
Nevada	*																																
New Hampshire																													?				
New Jersey																																	
New Mexico																																	
New York					5						1	5	4	3										4	?		?	?	3	7			
North Carolina	1	1																															
North Dakota																																	
Ohio																																	
Oklahoma	3	2			3																												
Oregon	*																																
Pacific	*																																
Pennsylvania	1	1			3				2			1	5			5												2					
Puerto Rico	*																																
Rhode Island																																	
South Carolina	1	1		6	5														1				6	6		5	5	2	4	6	6		
South Dakota	*																																
Tennessee	2	2		2	5																							2	2	6	6	?	7
Texas	7	3			5																												
Utah	*																																
Vermont																																	
Virginia																																	
Virgin Islands	*																																
Washington	*																																
West Virginia																																	
Wisconsin	*																																
Wyoming	*																																

RAWINSONDE DATA

Average monthly values

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Table with columns for station names (ALBANY, NY; ALBUQUERQUE, NM; AMARILLO, TX; ANCHORAGE, AK; ANNETTE, AK) and various meteorological data points like pressure, wind, temperature, and dew point.

Table with columns for station names (ATHENS, GA; BARROW, AK; BARTER ISLAND, AK; BETHEL, AK; BISHARAK, ND; BOISE, ID; BOOTHVILLE, LA; BROWNSVILLE, TX; BUFFALO, NY; CAPE HATTERAS, NC) and various meteorological data points like pressure, wind, temperature, and dew point.

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Station	No. of observations	CARIBOU, ME 99G MB				CENTREVILLE, AL 999 MB				CHARLESTON, SC 1016 MB				CHATHAM, MA 1013 MB				CHIMUAHUA, MEXICO 855 MB										
		Resultant Wind				Resultant Wind				Resultant Wind				Resultant Wind				Resultant Wind										
		Dynamic height meters	Temperature °C	Dew Point °C	Direction lens of deg.	Dynamic height meters	Temperature °C	Dew Point °C	Direction lens of deg.	Dynamic height meters	Temperature °C	Dew Point °C	Direction lens of deg.	Dynamic height meters	Temperature °C	Dew Point °C	Direction lens of deg.	Dynamic height meters	Temperature °C	Dew Point °C	Direction lens of deg.							
SFC	31	191	-7.5	-12.0	30	2.0	30	140	7.7	5.1	11	31	13	9.6	6.8	28	3	16	-7	-2.6	34	3	11	1,428	9.2	-1.0	23	2.7

RAWINSONDE DATA

Average monthly values

MARCH 1960

Table with columns for station names (FLINT, MI; GLASGOW, MT; GRAND JUNCTION, CO; GREAT FALLS, MT; GREEN BAY, WI; GREENSBORO, NC; GUADALUPE IS., MEXICO; GUAM, MARIANA IS.; HILO, HI; HUNTINGTON, WV; INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN; JACKSON, MS; JOHN F. KENNEDY INT. AP NY; JOHNSTON IS., PACIFIC AREA; KEY WEST, FL) and rows for various meteorological parameters like Standard pressure, Dynamic height, Temperature, Dew Point, Resultant Wind, etc.

RAWINSONDE DATA

Average monthly values

MARCH 1960

		NASHVILLE, TN 995 MB								HOME, AR 1005 MB								NORTH PLATTE, NE 915 MB								OAKLAND, CA 1017 MB								OMAHA, NE 967 MB							
Standard pressure surface mb.		No. of observations		Dynamic height meters		Temperature °C		Dew Point °C †		Resultant Wind		No. of observations		Dynamic height meters		Temperature °C		Dew Point °C †		Resultant Wind		No. of observations		Dynamic height meters		Temperature °C		Dew Point °C †		Resultant Wind											
										Direction lens of deg.		Speed m.p.h.								Direction lens of deg.		Speed m.p.h.						Direction lens of deg.		Speed m.p.h.											
SFC	31	180	4.3	4.3	1.1	30	5	-9.0	-14.1	05	3.9	31	847	-2.6	-6.8	36	1.3	31	6	9.1	5.2	32	8	31	403	-1.9	-5.0	03	9												

SOLAR RADIATION INTENSITIES

Tabulated in langley's per minute on a surface normal to the direction of the sun.

MARCH 1980

Sun's zenith distance										Sun's zenith distance										
Date	A.M.				*	P.M.				Date	A.M.				*	P.M.				
	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°		60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°		78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°		60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	
MAUNA LOA OBSERVATORY, HI										TUCSON, AZ										
Air mass																				
3.34	2.67	2.01	1.34	*	1.34	2.01	2.67	3.34		3	---	---	---	---	1.42	1.28	---	---	---	
2	1.24	1.31	1.39	1.51	1.61	---	---	---	---	4	.86	.94	1.06	1.24	1.45	---	---	---	---	
3	1.21	1.28	1.37	1.49	1.59	---	---	---	---	5	.94	1.03	1.16	1.31	1.47	1.30	1.14	1.02	.91	
4	1.22	1.30	1.38	1.49	1.57	---	---	---	---	6	.91	1.01	1.13	1.30	---	---	---	---	---	
5	1.24	1.30	1.38	1.50	---	---	---	---	---	8	.91	1.01	1.14	1.31	1.44	1.28	---	---	---	
6	1.20	1.26	1.35	1.47	---	---	---	---	---	12	.85	.95	1.09	1.22	1.37	1.25	1.09	.96	.85	
8	1.20	1.27	1.36	1.49	---	---	---	---	---	13	.87	.98	1.09	1.28	1.42	1.22	1.04	.99	.80	
9	1.21	1.29	1.38	1.49	---	---	---	---	---	14	.82	.93	1.06	1.26	1.40	1.16	1.00	.88	.77	
10	1.17	1.25	1.34	1.46	---	---	---	---	---	16	.83	.95	1.07	1.25	1.45	1.22	1.03	.89	.81	
11	1.20	1.27	1.37	1.48	---	---	---	---	---	17	.96	1.08	1.19	1.33	1.50	1.31	1.15	1.01	.89	
21	1.17	1.26	1.36	1.50	---	---	---	---	---	18	.93	1.04	1.15	1.31	---	---	---	---	---	
22	1.20	1.30	1.37	1.49	1.61	---	---	---	---	21	.88	.97	1.09	1.29	1.45	1.30	1.14	1.03	.94	
27	1.11	1.18	1.31	1.42	---	---	---	---	---	22	---	---	---	1.30	1.46	1.32	---	---	.92	
29	---	---	---	---	1.60	1.49	1.38	1.29	1.21	23	---	---	1.00	1.18	1.40	1.23	1.09	.95	.83	
31	1.19	1.26	1.35	1.48	---	---	---	---	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.08	---	.81	
Aver-	1.20	1.27	1.36	1.48	1.60	1.49	1.38	1.29	1.21	25	.70	.80	.92	1.15	1.37	1.19	---	---	---	
ages	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.17	1.05	.93	.82
Aver-	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	---	---	---	1.13	1.43	1.27	1.12	.98	.86	.86
ages	.87	.97	1.09	1.26	1.44	1.26	1.10	.97	.87	28	.87	.97	1.10	1.26	1.46	1.27	1.11	.97	.87	
Aver-	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	.98	1.07	1.19	1.34	1.51	1.31	1.16	1.03	.95	.95
ages	.87	.97	1.09	1.26	1.44	1.26	1.10	.97	.87	31	.79	.88	.99	1.20	1.50	1.32	1.17	1.06	.97	.97

NET RADIATION

Net radiation in langley's per day (8 a.m. to 8 a.m.) at Palmer, Alaska.

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Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Avg.
Langley's	- 37	6	16	8	- 39	12	- 26	9	- 39	- 73	- 65	- 59	- 66	- 40	- 63	- 43	- 41	- 56	- 63	- 29	- 25	- 27	- 29	- 31	35	18	8	17	25	38	M	22

REFERENCE NOTES

OBSERVED EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION -- BY STATES: Dates in the table apply to the period 24 hours prior to time of observation. In some cases the actual occurrence is on the calendar date preceding that shown. (See individual Climatological Data for times of observations).

- + And also on an earlier date or dates.
- D Water equivalent of snowfall wholly or partly estimated, using a ratio of 1 inch of water equivalent to every 10 inches of snowfall.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA - METRIC UNITS: Data from airport unless otherwise specified.

Precipitation data in column headed "Greatest in 24 hours" are computed on a 24-hour basis without regard to calendar day - data may include precipitation with a measurable amount from the last day of the previous month or the first day of the following month.

Wind directions under resultant direction are in tens of degrees.

Value entered in column "Fastest Mile" is the highest observed 1-minute wind speed when the direction is in tens of degrees. These stations are not equipped with a recording anemometer from which "Fastest Mile" data can be evaluated.

- B Number of days maximum 21.1°C. or above for Alaskan Stations.
- Y Peak Gust.
- + And also on an earlier date or dates.
- U Indicates Urban site.
- R Indicates Rural site.
- Ø Station pressures apply to elevations shown in the "Elevations" table of the annual issue of this publication.

Conversion formulae to English Units are as follows:

- 1 foot = 0.3048 meters
- °F. = $\frac{9}{5} \times \text{°C} + 32$
- 1 inch = 25.4 millimeters
- 1 mile per hour = 0.447 meters per second

HEATING DEGREE DAYS: Data from airport unless otherwise specified.

- U Indicates Urban site.
- R Indicates Rural site.

COOLING DEGREE DAYS: Data from airport unless otherwise specified.

- U Indicates Urban site.
- R Indicates Rural site.

STORM SUMMARY:

- o Includes crop damage.
- C Crop damage.
- * No occurrence of storms or unusual weather phenomena reported.
- @ Includes heavy sleet storm.
- # Freezing drizzle and freezing rain, commonly known as glaze.
- Ø For breakdown of "All Others," and for detailed listing of other storms, see the Environmental Data and Information Service, NOAA, monthly publication **STORM DATA**.
- ± No Storm Data Report received for this State.
- ◇ Report Incomplete.
- + Storm damages are placed in categories varying from 1 to 9 as follows:
 - 1 Less than \$50
 - 2 \$50 to \$500
 - 3 \$500 to \$5,000
 - 4 \$5,000 to \$50,000
 - 5 \$50,000 to \$500,000
 - 6 \$500,000 to \$5 Million
 - 7 \$5 Million to \$50 Million
 - 8 \$50 Million to \$500 Million
 - 9 \$500 Million to \$5 Billion

RAWINSONDE DATA (Average Monthly Values):

All observations scheduled at 1200, G.C.T. Pressures shown under station names are the average monthly station pressures for the month of record, corrected to the height of the floors of the instrument shelters used for rawinsonde purposes. "Number of observations" refers to those of dynamic height only. Although the number of temperature observations at any given pressure surface is usually the same as for height, it is possible for temperature to be missing for one or more pressure surfaces of some observations. Dew Point averages are limited to those observations with temperatures warmer than -40°C. Observations of wind speed and direction are sometimes lost due to limiting angles, i.e., elevation angles less than 6° above the horizon, or any obstruction above the horizon. The temperature and wind values are based on 15 or more observations at the surface or 5 observations at a standard pressure level for temperature and 10 for wind. Dew Point data are not published for standard pressure surfaces for which less than 5 observations are available. Dew Point data are computed and expressed on the basis of vapor pressure over water. Unless otherwise indicated, they are obtained from carbon hygriators. These average values for standard pressure surfaces were obtained by rawinsondes; dynamic height (geopotential) in units of .98 dynamic meter, temperature and dew point in degrees Celsius, and resultant winds in tens of degrees and meters per second.

- * Rawinsondes at this station were equipped with hypsometers to permit more accurate evaluations of pressure, and consequently height, at pressures lower than 50 mb. These rawinsondes were carried aloft by special high altitude balloons, in an effort to consistently reach higher altitudes.
- + Observations for these stations are scheduled at 0000 G.C.T.
- † Dew Point temperatures are based on a minimum of 5 observations. Therefore, due to the lesser number of Dew Point observations at the higher levels comparison with dry-bulb temperatures should be made with care. Dew Point temperatures replaced Relative Humidity January 1967.

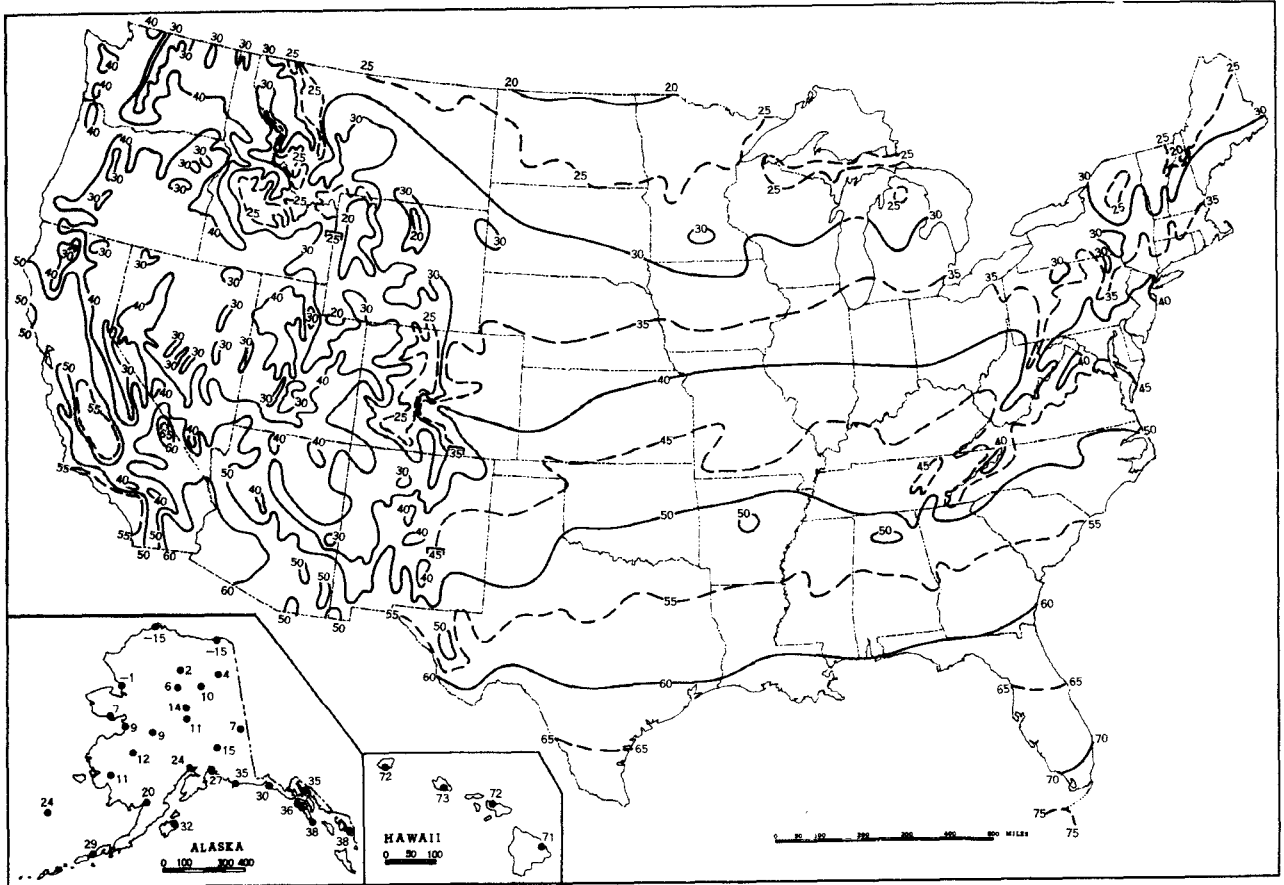
SOLAR RADIATION INTENSITIES: Langley is the unit used to denote one gram calorie per square centimeter. An explanation of the formula used in computing the air mass values for each station appears in the February 1957 issue, Vol. 8, No. 2, page 63, of this publication.

()	Clouds Present	DM	Moderate Dust	HM	Moderate Haze	KS	Slight Smoke
*	Values corresponding to true solar noon	DS	Slight Dust	HS	Slight Haze	M	Moderate Haze-indeter-
BD	Blowing Dust	F	Fog	I	Intense Haze-indeterminable		minable
BN	Blowing Sand	GF	Ground Fog	K	Smoke	N	Sand
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DI	Intense Dust	HI	Intense Haze	KM	Moderate Smoke		minable

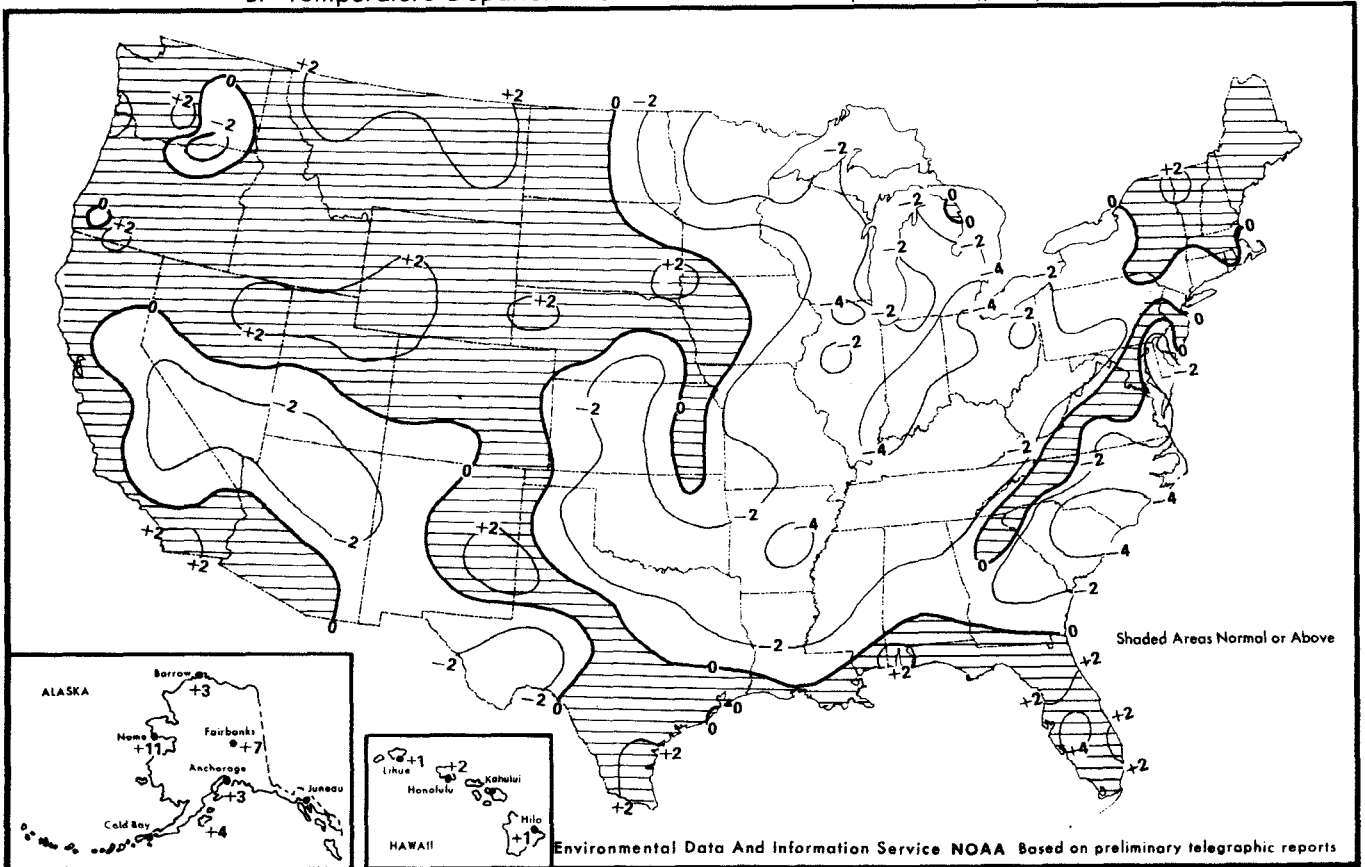
NET RADIATION: The measurement is made with a CSIRO FUNK net exchange radiometer over a plot of sod. The value represents the total incoming minus the total outgoing radiation of all wave lengths.

These data are of an experimental nature and are published as received from the Palmer Exp. Station. The instrument with which they were measured has not been checked by the NOAA, National Weather Service.

Chart I. A. Normal Daily Average Temperature (°F. 1941-70), March.

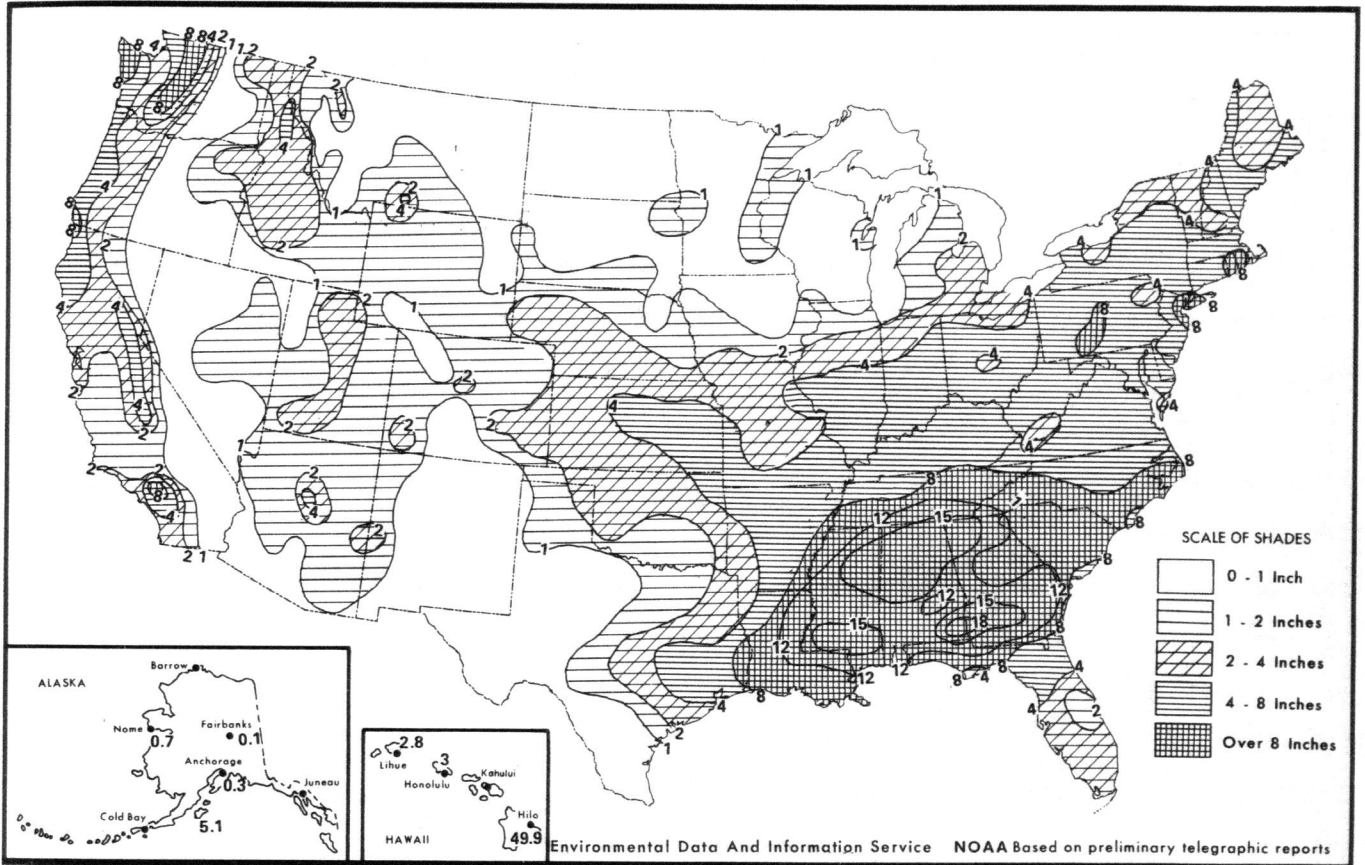


B. Temperature Departure from 30 - Year Mean (°F 1941-70), March 1980



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Chart II. A. Total Precipitation (Inches), March 1980



B. Percentage of Normal Precipitation, March 1980

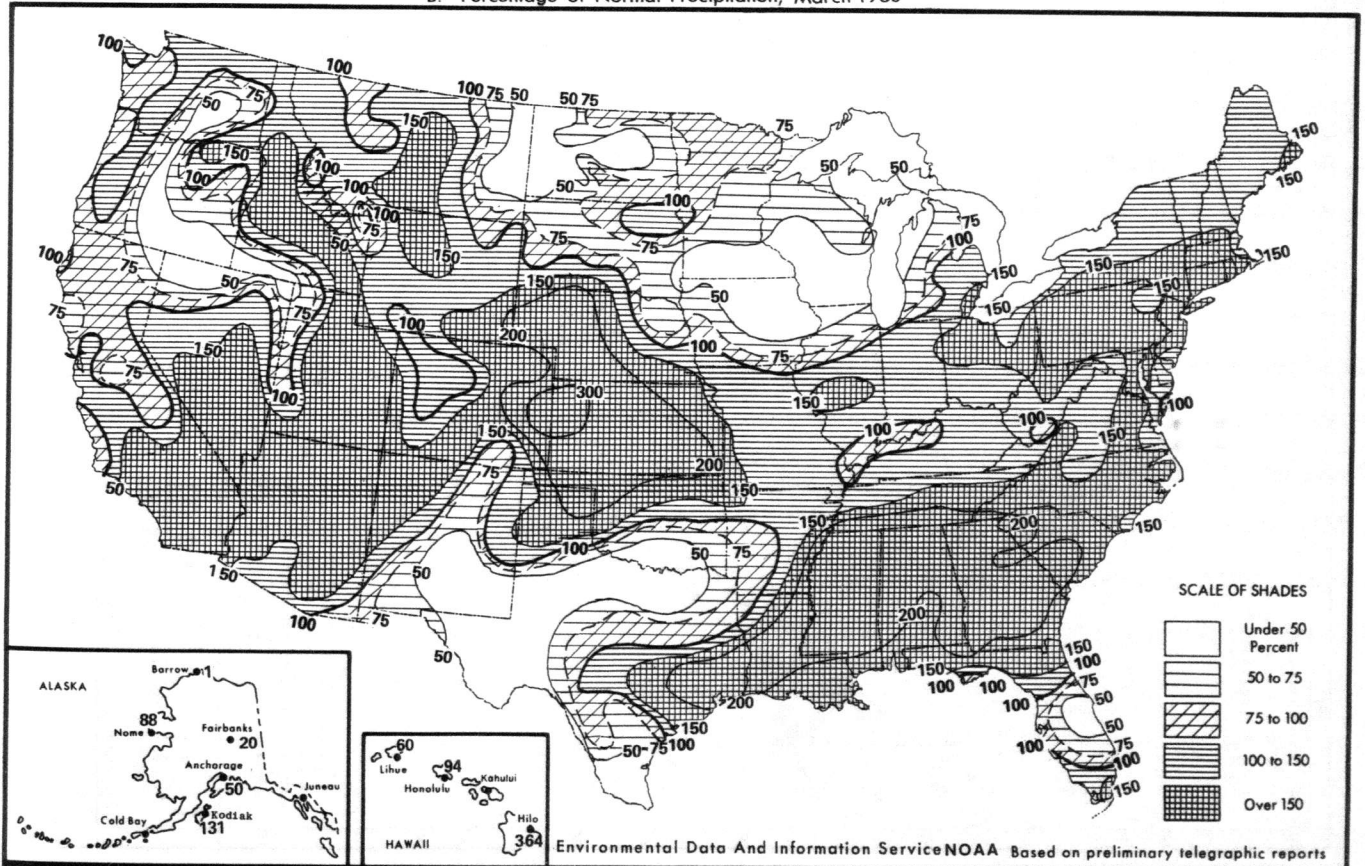
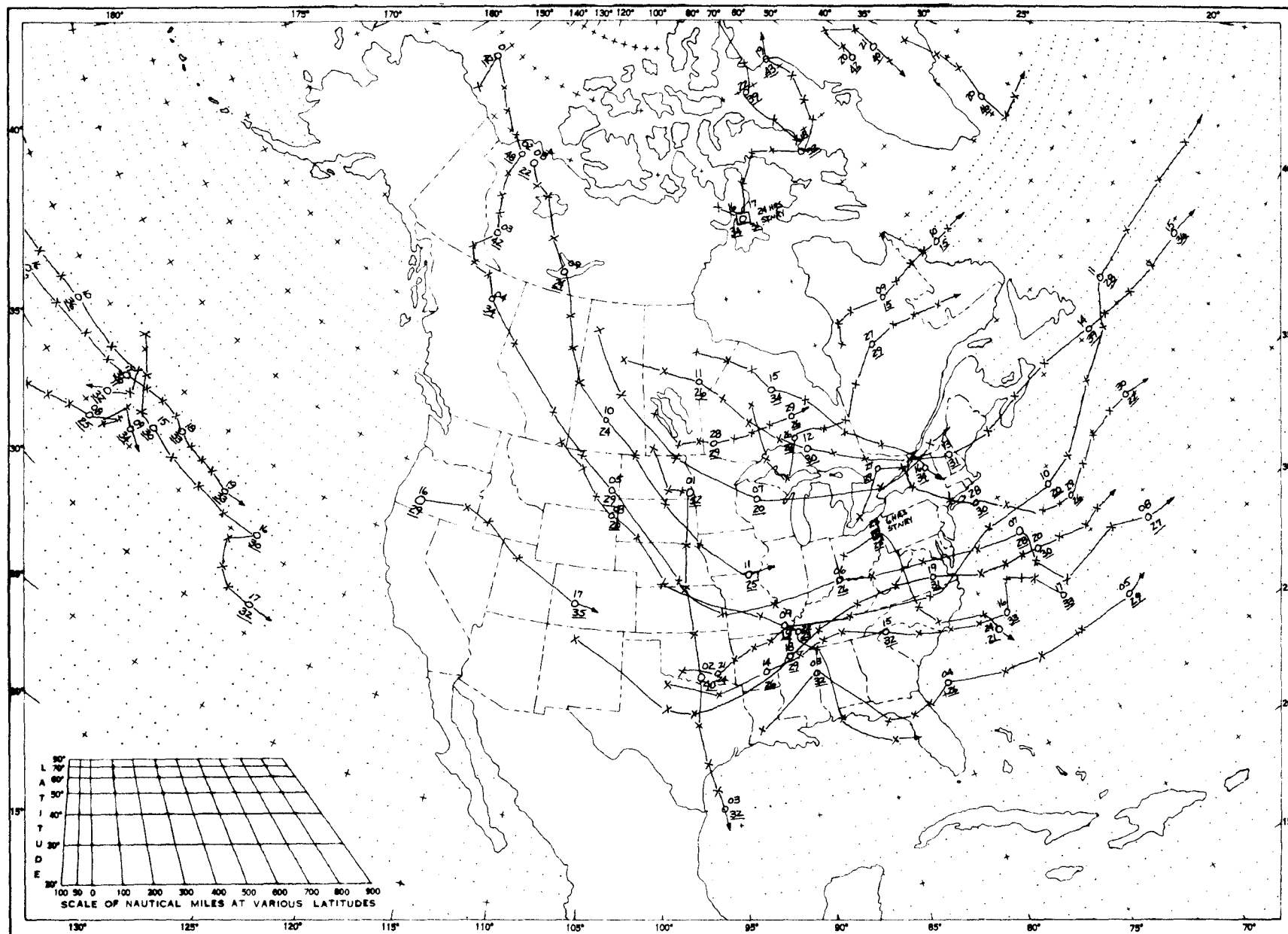
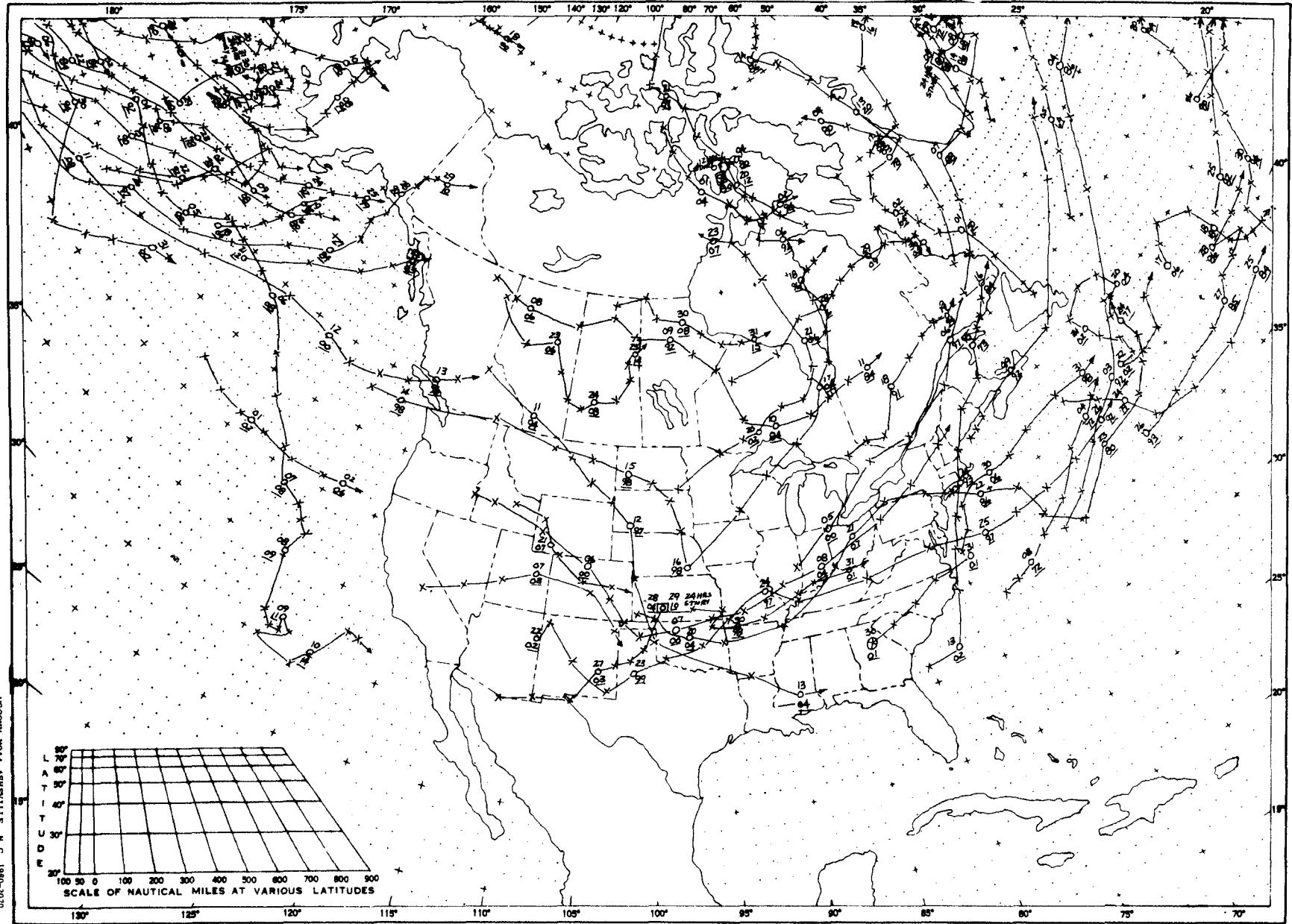


Chart III. Tracks of Centers of Anticyclones at Sea Level, March 1980



Circle indicates position of center at 7:00 a.m. E.S.T. Figure above circle indicates date, figure below, pressure to nearest millibar.
 X's indicate intervening 6-hourly positions. Squares indicate position of stationary center for period shown. Dashed line in track indicates reformation at new position. Only those centers which could be identified for 24 hours or more are included.

Chart IV. Tracks of Centers of Cyclones at Sea Level, March 1980



Circle indicates position of center at 7:00 a.m. E.S.T. Figure above circle indicates date, figure below, pressure to nearest millibar. X's indicate intervening 6-hourly positions. Squares indicate position of stationary center for period shown. Dashed line in track indicates reformation at new position. Only those centers which could be identified for 24 hours or more are included.

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