

OKLAHOMA MESONET/ARS QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT

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Soil temperature sensors have been the hardest to quality assure over the past month. Due to the daily occurrence of many soil sensors reaching 50+ C (for the first time in the Mesonet's history!), we raised the maximum range on the 5 cm bare and sod sensors to 55 C.

The presence of dry, cracked ground in many locations has also contributed to much greater than normal variations in the observed soil temperatures at neighboring sites.

The hotspot: The monthly-averaged Air Temperature field for 1800 UTC revealed Walters, OK as the hottest location. WALT's average 1800 UTC temperature was 37.3 C (99.1 F). Not only did WALT have the highest average 1800 UTC temperature, but the average high at WALT for the month was 104.7! (thanks for that fact, Derek).

And now, on to the report...

Mesonet QA Report for Standard Variables	
TAIR	Current: #1974 SPEN Reporting 5-10 F too warm Resolved: #1961 WOOD Lightning strike; replaced sensor Resolved: #1897 MCAL Replaced sensor with frequent -7999 reports
RELH	Current: #1814 MARS Sensor reporting as high as 110% Resolved: #1872 KETC Replaced sensor with extended 0% RELH reports Resolved: #1948 WOOD Replaced lightning-damaged sensor Resolved: #1900 MARE Replaced sensor that reported 20-30% dips Resolved: #1810 KING Large spider web removed from cap Resolved: #1968 WIST Replaced sensor reporting data spikes daily Resolved: #1731 CLAY Replaced sensor with frequent -7999 reports
WDIR	Current: Resolved: #1901 OKMU Replaced sensor reporting ~80 out of phase Resolved: #1964 CAMA Replaced lightning-damaged sensor Resolved: #1966 WOOD Replaced lightning-damaged sensor Resolved: #1951 CLAY Replacing CR10T corrected continuous 0.0 WDIR reports
WSPD	Current: #1913 SPEN Low wind gusts during severe storm event Resolved: #1967 WOOD Replaced sensor to correct high bias Resolved: #1950 CLAY Replacing CR10T corrected continuous 0.0 WSPD reports
PRES	Current: Resolved: #1877 ALVA Replaced malfunctioning sensor Resolved: #1915 SKIA Replaced sensor suspect of 1.0 mb high bias Resolved: #1916 BUTL Replaced sensor suspect of 1.0 low bias
SRAD	Current: #1839 HOOK Reporting -1 for extended periods at night Current: #1965 IDAB Sensor reporting ~50% of expected values Current: #1987 OKMU Sensor reporting ~150 W/M ² low during pm

	Resolved: #1843 GRAN Sensor began reporting normal values after being rain-washed Resolved: #1960 CAMA Replaced lightning-damaged sensor Resolved: #1963 WOOD Replaced lightning-damaged sensor Resolved: #1903 CHAN "Deep" bird droppings removed which shaded sensor Resolved: #1917 KING "Large" bird droppings removed which shaded sensor
RAIN	Current: #1972 CHEY Sensor suspected of over-reporting rainfall Current: #1984 MIAM Sensor suspected of under-reporting rainfall Resolved: #1954 CALV Irrigation system on nearby farm causing rainfall reports
TA9M	Current: #1989 HUGO Monthly QA suggests 2 C cool bias Resolved:
WS2M	Current: Resolved: #1952 CLAY New CR10T corrected continuous 0.0 WS2M reports
TS10	Current: Resolved:
TB10	Current: #1779 WILB Monthly QA suggests 4 C cool bias Current: #1970 NINN Sensor reporting 8 C cooler than neighbors Resolved: #1959 FTCB Erosion at site caused readings too warm
TS05	Current: #1847 SHAW Data suggests 3-6 C cool bias Current: #1988 EUFA TB05 reporting cooler than TB10 Resolved: #1846 KETC Suspected cool bias found to be not true
TB05	Current: #1808 WOOD Monthly QA suggests possible 4 C warm bias Current: #1878 PAUL Sensor reporting values below 0 C Current: #1899 IDAB Sensor reporting over 50 C Current: #1971 NINN Sensor reporting 8-10 C cooler than neighbors Resolved: #1845 KETC Sensor found to have ~3 C warm bias Resolved: #1958 FTCB Erosion at site caused readings too warm
TS30	Current: #1956 SHAW Data suggests TS05 and TS30 wires are crossed Resolved:

ARS QA Report	
TAIR	Current: Resolved:
RELH	Current: Resolved: #1947 A151 Sensor found out of calibration replaced Resolved: #1928 A110 Replaced sensor that failed meso-comparison
SRAD	Current: Resolved:

RAIN	Current: Resolved:
TS05	Current: #1924 A157 Awaiting new sensor after site move Resolved: #1919 A160 Sensor found to be 13 C too high Resolved: #1918 A159 Sensor found to be 4 C too high Resolved: #1920 A156 Sandy soil found to be cause of warm bias
TS10	Current: #1927 A157 Awaiting new sensor after site move Resolved:
TS15	Current: #1926 A157 Awaiting new sensor after site move Current: #1957 A146 Sensor reporting sporadically to -10 C Resolved:
TS30	Current: #1925 A157 Awaiting new sensor after site move Resolved:

“Current” tickets are the unresolved tickets as of the last day of the month OR those tickets added based on the Monthly QA analysis.

“Resolved” tickets are the sensor problems that were fixed during the entire month.

Variable	Description
TAIR	Air temperature measured at 1.5 meters
RELH	Relative humidity measured at 1.5 meters
WDIR	Wind direction measured at 10 meters
WSPD	Wind speed measured at 10 meters
PRES	Pressure
SRAD	Incident solar radiation
RAIN	Rainfall
TA9M	Air temperature measured at 9 meters
WS2M	Wind speed measured at 2 meters
TS10	Soil temperature measured at 10 cm under native sod
TB10	Soil temperature measured at 10 cm under bare soil
TS05	Soil temperature measured at 5 cm under native sod
TB05	Soil temperature measured at 5 cm under bare soil
TS15	Soil temperature measured at 15 cm under native sod
TS30	Soil temperature measured at 30 cm under native sod