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ABSTRACT

A one-year study of insolation in Wisconsin is presented. The study, which was accomplished using geostationary satellite data and a physical model of the atmosphere and clouds developed at the University of Wisconsin Space Science and Engineering Center, represents one of the longest and highest-resolution insolation data sets in existence. Geographical variations in daily insolation are examined by monthly, seasonal and annual averages and comparisons made with climatological means. Results of monthly averages of hourly insolation are also presented for selected Wisconsin cities.

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent interest in solar energy as a resource and the requirement to better-document the incident surface solar energy for agriculture, weather and climate modelling and other uses have sparked the need to measure this quantity over a wide variety of space and time scales.

The existing ground-based pyranometer network produces a few solar energy measurements but is inadequate for such a variety of applications, with an average of less than one measurement per state. Attempts have been made to synthesize solar energy data on a finer scale using cloud reports at 248 National Weather Service locations across the United States (Knapp et.al. 1980). While computing insolation from cloud reports can produce quite acceptable results, the Knapp et. al. methodology does not take advantage of the most current techniques, nor is the resolution adequate to depict mesoscale (smaller than 100 km.) features and variations. The methodology also does not take into account certain local properties of the surface (most importantly surface reflectivity for snow cover) which can have a substantial effect on surface insolation.

The brightness information from geostationary satellites is well-suited to describing the geographical and temporal distribution of surface insolation and we at the University of Wisconsin Space Science and Engineering Center (SSEC) have developed a simple physical model of the atmosphere and clouds (Gautier, Diak, Masse 1980) for this purpose, which has proven accurate and reliable under a variety of circumstances.

In this article we describe the results of an ambitious experiment funded by the Wisconsin Power and Light Company to produce a one year insolation record for the state of Wisconsin at a spatial resolution of about 15 miles. The experiment to be described is unique in that the

insolation results were produced in real time. Data images received from the Geostationary Satellites (GOES) at SSEC were immediately and automatically checked for quality and processed into a grid of insolation values for the state. In prior studies GOES satellite data were drawn from a tape archive maintained at SSEC, manually edited for quality, then processed. The main advantage of the real-time procedure is the cost, which is lowered by a factor of about three-quarters versus the original methodology.

II. METHODOLOGY

Detailed descriptions of the satellite data, physical models and other technical information is provided in the appendix and only a brief overview will be given here.

The simple physical model which we employ to calculate surface insolation was made possible by the calibration of the visible wavelength sensor on board the current GOES series of satellites. These satellites orbit the earth at a distance of 22,400 miles above the equator, an orbit which maintains them at a fixed location relative to the ground. They scan the earth in the visible channel at a time frequency of once every half hour from 60 degrees north latitude to 60 degrees south at a spatial resolution of approximately 1 km. A small subset of this data constitutes the data base for calculating averages of insolation for Wisconsin presented here. In a qualitative manner, these GOES satellite images are used by weather forecasters for a visual assessment of the paths of clouds and storms and they have become a standard part of many television weather presentations. The simple physical model which we developed and employ to calculate surface insolation is a quantitative use of this data made possible by the calibration of the satellite and the development of simple atmospheric physical models to interpret the data in terms of surface insolation.

The models are based on the measurement of reflectivity by the sensors on the GOES satellites, which the calibration allows us to quantify in terms of energy received at the satellite from the earth and atmosphere. Knowing the reflectivity of the earth surface (measured during clear conditions by the satellite), we are able to determine at any time of day where clouds exist over the region. A simple model of the clear atmosphere describes the insolation in areas where there are no clouds. In areas where clouds are detected this is replaced by a cloud model which models the effect of clouds on the surface insolation based on how bright (reflective) they appear in the satellite image. Instantaneous images at intervals of one hour are used to calculate insolation values valid at one particular time of the day. The results of 6-12 of these values per day are then numerically integrated to produce insolation values for daily and longer-period insolation totals and averages.

III. RESULTS FOR MONTHLY, SEASONAL AND ANNUAL DAILY MEANS

All results are valid for regions within Wisconsin boundaries only. Climatological daily means (to be discussed) are from Clark (1981). Results for monthly mean hourly insolation (not discussed) are presented in Tables 3-14.

A. MONTHLY RESULTS

A.1 February, 1984 (Figures 1, 18a-b)

The dominant feature in February 1984 is a local maximum of insolation in the southeast portion of the state in the Kettle-Morraine area. This maximum corresponds exactly with the region of brightest snow cover conditions during this month. The augmentation of insolation due to secondary reflectance between a bright snow surface and the base of clouds is the

well-known phenemenon responsible for this feature. A small minimum of insolation is evident near Lake Michigan due to cloudiness produced when cold February air masses move over the relatively warm lake water. A similar feature is noted on the south shore of Lake Superior. The climatological average of daily insolation for Madison is 2.69 KW-hrs-m⁻². In February 1984 all of Wisconsin was below that mean and Madison's total was 2.40.

A.2 March, 1984 (Figures 2, 19a-b)

The maximum area of insolation for March 1984 is the north-central portion of the state and is due to the persistence of snow cover in this area during the month (i.e., the previously mentioned secondary reflection between clouds and snow). Minima still exist near the lakes, as in February due to convection-induced clouds over the comparatively warm lake water. The climatological mean daily insolation for March is 3.67 KW-hrs-m⁻² for Madison. The Madison total for March 1984 of 3.42 is slightly below this monthly mean.

A.3 April, 1984 (Figures 3, 20a-b)

April, 1984 shows the strongest spatial variations of any of the months investigated with the unusual feature of a strong maximum of insolation in the northern portion of the state. Snow cover on the ground persisted in the very northern portions of the state through part of this month, but its reflectivity was not high enough to explain the strength of the maximum. The only viable explanation for the distribution in April is the track of Spring storms through the state in this highly transitional month. Unfortunately, the timing and position of this northward progression of the polar front may vary greatly from year to year, making the

annual repetition of this insolation pattern unpredictable. The average daily insolation for April in Madison is 4.54 KW-hrs-m⁻². In April, 1984 Madison was considerably below that value at 3.78. Parts of northern Wisconsin were above the Madison average.

A.4 May, 1984 (Figures 4, 21a-b)

Once again in May, 1984 northern portions of the state had more insolation than regions to the south. Two small and not particularly significant insolation minima exist in the southwest and southeast portions of the state. The effect of the lakes is beginning to reverse. Because the lakes are now cool relative to May air masses, their effect is to repress convection and clouds and enhance insolation. This is seen to some degree on the shores of Lake Michigan and very strongly in the area of Wisconsin adjoining Lake Superior. The average insolation for Madison in May is 5.61 KW-hrs-m⁻². Madison in May 1984 with 5.02 was below that total, as was the rest of the state.

A.5 June, 1984 (Figures 5, 22a-b)

In June 1984, southern portions of the state received more insolation than northern regions for the first time in three months. The highest local maxima are noted again adjacent to the lakes with a minimum in extreme northwest Wisconsin. The average daily June insolation in Madison is 6.26 KW-hrs-m⁻² which was again above our estimate for June 1984 of 5.82 for Madison and also the entire state.

A.6 July, 1984 (Figures 6, 23a-b)

In July 1984 there were only minimal variations across the state as would be expected in the summer months, with few large storm systems and a

high percentage of sunshine. Weak local maxima are again noted near Lakes Superior and Michigan. Average insolation in Madison for July is 6.24 KW-hrs- m^{-2} . Madison was close to this but still sub-average at 5.90.

A.7 August, 1984 (Figures 7, 24a-b)

August begins the transition in Wisconsin from summer to fall and on the average insolation drops about 15% from the peak months of June and July. With the August air masses being cooler and the lakes reaching their warmest temperatures, little modulations of daily solar energy are seen on the lakeshores of Wisconsin. Variations are mostly latitudinal and caused by the lower sun angle of northern versus southern regions. The average insolation in Madison for August is 5.45 KW-hrs-m⁻². Madison's total for July, 1984 was 5.25, very close to, but still below normal.

A.8 September, 1984 (Figures 8, 25a-b)

September 1984 was, like August, a month of mostly latitudinal variation in insolation over the state. The effects of the lakes appear to have begun their reverse toward the wintertime effect of diminishing insolation, although the trend at this time is weak and variable. The Madison mean daily insolation in September is 4.10 KW-hrs-m⁻² slightly above the September 1984 mean of 4.03.

A.9 October, 1984 (Figures 9, 26a-b)

October 1984 was a bleak month in Wisconsin for solar energy. The Madison total of 2.11 KW-hrs-m⁻² was 26% below the climatological mean of 2.85 and the largest monthly anomaly observed to this point in time of the survey. The month's weather was characterized by large, homogeneous cloud

masses and the effects of other factors (lakes, topography) is small in comparison.

A.10 November, 1984 (Figures 10, 27a-b)

November 1984 returned to a more climatological insolation condition compared with the anomaly of the preceding month. The strongest feature in this month is the bowing upward of the isolines of insolation in southeast Wisconsin adjacent to Lake Michigan. There is no concrete explanation of this weak maxima other than chance. The Madison climatological average for this month is 1.64 KW-hrs-m⁻² and this is the second month in our study where Madison in 1984 came in above the average at a 1.66 reading.

A.11 December, 1984 (Figures 11, 28a-b)

December is a month characterized by large homogeneous storm systems moving across the state and this dominates over the potential effects of lakes and landforms. December 1984 was exceptionally warm compared to the average for Wisconsin, which limited snow cover and its potential enhancement of insolation. Madison in December 1984 with 1.01 KW-hrs-m⁻² came in well below the climatological average of 1.34 for this month.

A.12 January, 1985 (Figures 12, 29a-b)

January 1985 showed a dramatic reversal of the below-normal trend of insolation for most of the previous months discussed. Madison, with average daily solar of 1.89 KW-hrs-m⁻² was much above the climatological average of 1.34. This surge in insolation was caused by the dominance of clear, cold Canadian air masses during this month, a month which saw many low-temperature records set across the state. Weak maxima are evident in

the central and southeastern portions of the state where snow reflectivity was greatest. The lakes have a negligible effect on insolation in this month.

B. SEASONAL RESULTS

B.1 Winter (Dec-Feb; Figures 13, 30a-b)

In the winter months surveyed, the dominating effect in Wisconsin on insolation is the local maxima of surface reflectivity which is a recurrent feature in the central to southeastern part of the state. It is a characteristic of farmland areas with only sparse cover of trees. Northern regions of the state, with coniferous tree cover overlying the snow, in comparison are a much darker surface and do not augment insolation nearly as much. This insolation pattern, dependent on established land use, can be expected to be a recurrent feature in winter Wisconsin. Little effect of the lakes on adjoining areas of Wisconsin was noticed in this season, although some effects occurred in the individual months. The average seasonal insolation at Madison for winter is 1.94 KW-hrs-m⁻². The winter months surveyed were below this average at 1.77.

B.2 Spring (Mar-May; Figures 14, 31a-b)

The spring months surveyed in this study were 12% below average in insolation for the season. The average value for spring daily insolation average is 4.61 KW-hrs-m⁻² in Madison. By contrast, the spring months we investigated had a 4.07 total. During these months, the southern part of the state had markedly less insolation than northern regions due to a combination of factors. Of these, the dominating and unfortunately least predictable one, was the position of the storm track through the Midwest in

April. The persistence of snow cover in the northern portions of the state during the month of March and its enhancement of insolation is an effect which can be expected to recur to some degree from year to year.

B.3 Summer (Jun-Aug; Figures 15, 32a-b)

Summer is a time of year characterized by high percentage of sunshine in Wisconsin and mostly latitudinal variation in solar energy incidence. Some effect of cool Lake Michigan are seen on its western shore due to its repression of convective clouds. The same effect is noted on the south shore of Lake Superior and these effects can be expected to persist from year to year. Summertime average daily insolation in Madison is 5.98 KW-hrs-m⁻². The summer months we surveyed had an average value of 5.66, slightly below normal.

B.4 Fall (Sept-Nov; Figures 16, 33a-b)

In the fall months surveyed, the variation of insolation is mostly latitudinal and was dominated by the frequency of large storm systems which occurred in October and November. Some depression of insolation is noted near Lake Michigan due to local enhancement of convection in these months and this effect can be expected to repeat from year to year. Madison was notably below average in this season with an average daily value of 2.60 KW-hrs-m⁻² compared with a climatological value of 2.86. Most of this was due to a very low monthly mean insolation in October, 1984.

C. ANNUAL RESULTS (Figures 17; 34a-b)

The annual results for the months surveyed are remarkable in their spatial uniformity over Wisconsin. Different factors which have produced

higher or lower values of insolation in one month in one region have essentially been cancelled by other mechanisms at other times of year. The variation state-wide is not enough to matter to a potential solar energy over who is concerned only with the annual total of insolation. Users whose demands are month or season-dependent, however, should address the previous discussions on solar energy availability and its spatial variations in specific times of year.

The Madison average daily solar for the year surveyed was 3.52 KW-hrs-m⁻² contrasting a climatological average of 3.85 which is about 8% below normal. These results in general agree with a recent compilation of Madison-Truax pyranometer measurements by Wisconsin State Climatologist Douglas R. Clark for the same period of time.

APPENDIX

1. Data

The geostationary satellite data set used in this study provides excellent coverage in space and time of Wisconsin and therefore the cloud variability which is known to be large on small time scales. The visible component of the visible-infrared spin scan radiometer (VISSR) on board geostationary satellites makes measurements within the .55-.75 µm band at a ground resolution of 1 km at the equator every half hour for the entire earth disk 60 degrees north latitude to 60 degrees south.

An example of a data image for Wisconsin is shown in Figure 35. This image is composed of approximately 500 by 600 individual data points (pixels) which have measured brightness coded in digital counts between 0 and 63.

2. Satellite Calibration

While exact calibration pre-flight is not known, the functional response of the VISSR detector to changes in signal in well-understood. For the detector this response can be expressed in general terms as

which allow the calibration to be used in a quantitative manner. Two reference points of known reflectance are necessary to determine the constants a and b in Eq. (1). Constant b represents a "dark current" or "offset", i.e., the counts registered when no energy is incident on the detector. It is determined easily by looking at black space. White Sands, New Mexico, one of

the brightest permanent land features with an albedo of .69 in the VISSR band is used to determine constant a.

3. Navigation

Deriving daily insolation from hourly images requires the combination of measurements at different times and the accuracy of the results is linked to the ability to align images. This is realized by a procedure called "navigation".

The image navigation consists in deriving a transformation function between satellite coordinates and earth coordinates from which latitude and longitude of each pixel can be calculated. It is obtained for each image time from the knowledge of some satellite physical parameters (orbit, altitude, etc.) and of coordinates of known reference points on the earth.

4. Procedure

Hourly images are scanned in boxes of 24 x 24 pixels (approx. 15 miles resolution) to derive hourly insolution, each box being tested for cloudiness. When a box is clear, a clear air model of the atmosphere, which includes Rayleigh scattering, water vapor absorption (derived from climatological dew point temperatures) ozone absorption and sun geometry information is applied to calculate the insolation for that specific box. When a box is cloudy, its brightness is used to derive cloud absorption and cloud albedo necessary to estimate surface insolation.

The daily insolation is obtained by integrating the hourly estimates over 6-12 daylight hours depending on length of day. Our integration scheme follows the trapezoidal integration method, i.e.,

$$SW_{\text{daily}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} (t_{k+1} - t_{k-1}) SW_{t}(t_{k})$$
 (2)

where $SW^{\dagger}(t_k)$ is the calculated insolation for a 24 x 24 pixel box at time t_k , and t_0 and t_{n+1} are sunrise and sunset, respectively. We assume that $SW^{\dagger}(t_0) = SW^{\dagger}(t_{n+1}) = 0$. The exact time of sunrise and sunset are obtained as a function of latitude, longitude and day of year.

5. Physical Models

a. Clear-air model

The upwelling radiant energy the satellite receives is a function of the incident energy at the top of the atmosphere and of the planetary albedo (earth-atmosphere) which represents both atmospheric and surface processes.

In order to calculate the insolation at the surface we must estimate the addition or depletion of energy, due to the atmosphere and the surface, to the energy detected at the satellite.

The upwelling shortwave radiant flux measured by the satellite sensor under clear conditions is composed of 1) backscattered radiation from the impinging downward solar beam at the top of the atmosphere; and 2) incident shortwave radiation reflected from the surface and passing back upward through the atmosphere.

These terms, comprising the upwelling radiant flux to the satellite, may be written

$$SW^{\uparrow} = F_{0}(1-oz1/V)(1-oz2/V)\alpha(\lambda) + F_{0}(1-oz1/V)(1-oz2/V)$$

$$\times [1-\alpha(\lambda)][1-\alpha_{1}(\lambda)]A,$$
(3)

where

SW $^{\uparrow}$ upward shortwave radiant flux in VISSR channel (W m $^{-2}$)

 $^{\rm F}_{\rm 0}$ instantaneous shortwave solar radiant flux at the top of the atmosphere in the VISSR channel (W m $^{-2})$

ozl absorption coefficient for ozone of direct total solar flux by

visible absorption band (dimensionless)

oz2 absorption coefficient for ozone of diffuse total solar flux by visible absorption band (dimensionless)

V ratio solar flux in VISSR channel/total solar flux (dimensionless)

- $\alpha(\lambda)$ scattering coefficient for beam radiation in VISSR channel (dimensionless)
- $\alpha_1^{}(\,\lambda)$ scattering coefficient for diffuse radiation in VISSR channel (dimensionless)

A surface albedo (dimensionless)

Solving for the surface albedo we obtain

$$A = \frac{SW + -F_0 \alpha(\lambda) (1-oz1/V) (1-oz2/V)}{F_0 [1-\alpha(\lambda)] (1-oz1/V) (1-oz2/V) [1-\alpha_1(\lambda)]},$$
(4)

For the case of known clear conditions SW+ can be derived directly from the satellite measurement and all the other variables on the right side of the equation are prescribed via our representations. The only unknown is the surface albedo which we can then calculate. Then with the albedo determined, the insolation at the surface is

$$SW_{\downarrow} = F_0(1-\alpha)(1-\alpha z_1)(1-\alpha z_3) \times [1-\alpha(u_1)](1+\alpha_1),$$
 (5)

where

 F_0 total solar radiant flux at the top of the atmosphere (W m⁻²)

SW \downarrow surface insolation (W m⁻²)

scattering coefficient for direct total solar flux (dimensionless)

 α_1 scattering coefficient for diffuse total solar flux (dimensionless)

a(\mathbf{u}_1) absorption coefficient for slant path of water vapor \mathbf{u}_1 for sun angle θ (dimensionless)

oz3 absorption coefficient for ozone of direct total solar flux by ultraviolet absorption band (dimensionless).

b. Cloudy atmosphere model

The calculation of the incident radiation in a cloudy atmosphere is more difficult than in clear-air conditions for which the cosine of the solar zenith angle is the dominating factor. The scattering and absorption processes outlined for the clear atmosphere can take place both above and below cloud level. Additionally, clouds scatter, absorb and reflect radiation in ways that even complex models have difficulty describing. Observation and theory still slightly disagree inducing us to choose a simple treatment. In the case of cirrus clouds, transfer calculations cannot even be carried out due to the lack of knowledge on scattering properties of nonspherical ice crystals.

The information we have from the data is brightness which indicates what is coming out of the top of the atmosphere due to all processes. The brightness indicates the presence (or absence) of cloud and provides a qualitative information about its thickness.

Stratiform low and middle clouds are the ones which attenuate the incident solar radiation the most over space and time. Our cloud representation is designed to best describe these situations, as discussed below.

To describe insolation at the ground under cloudy conditions we assigned fractions of precipitable water, and thus the water vapor absorption, above and below cloud height for both the downwelling and upwelling paths. For low and midlevel clouds we estimated an average of 30% of atmospheric water vapor above cloud level, assuming that most of the water vapor is under cloud base (Paltridge, 1973). This is an average value and seasonal variations could be

introduced but our results would not be appreciably modified. Cloud absorption, which has been measured to be as much as 10-20% of the incident flux is estimated here on the basis of cloud brightness, an indicator of cloud type and thickness. The mechanisms responsible for this large absorption are still unclear. Because of these uncertainties we chose a simple linear relationship between cloud absorption and brightness, ranging from zero for no cloud to a maximum of .07 for very deep clouds. This implicitly takes into account the effect of zenith angle variation on absorption. Although using visible brightness as an indicator of absorption might be questioned, the effects on our results are minimal since cloud reflection is the most important mechanism in reducing the insolation. Scattering processes are assigned above cloud level where the bulk of the atmospheric mass lies for low and mid-level clouds. With these approximations, under cloudy conditions the energy to the satellite in the VISSR channel is written

$$SW\uparrow = F_{0}(1-oz1/V)\alpha(\lambda)(1-oz2/V) + F_{0}(1-oz1/V)[1-\alpha(\lambda)]A[1-\alpha_{1}(\lambda)] \times (1-oz2/V) + F_{0}(1-oz1/V)[1-\alpha(\lambda)] \times Ac^{2}\alpha_{1}(\lambda)[1-oz2/V] + F_{0}(1-oz1/V) \times [1-\alpha(\lambda)](1-Ac)^{2}A[1-\alpha_{1}(\lambda)] \times (1-oz2/V),$$
(6)

where Ac is the cloud albedo (dimensionless). Eq. 6 represents 1) energy scattered from the atmosphere to the satellite; 2) energy reflected from the cloud to the satellite; and 3) energy passing through the cloud, reflected from the ground back through the cloud to the satellite. Over low-albedo surfaces, the third term is usually negligible except for very thin clouds. It may be significant for somewhat thicker clouds over a high-albedo surface.

From the energy measured at the satellite, the surface albedo [calcu-lated from (4) in the way described in the previous section] and the atmospheric representations just described, we can solve (6) for the cloud albedo Ac.

The incident shortwave at the surface is then written

 $SW_{\psi} = F_0(1-oz1)(1-oz3)(1-\alpha)[1-a(u_1)_a] \times (1-Ac-abs)[1-a(u_1)_b]. \tag{7}$ Here $a(u_1)_a$ is the absorption coefficient for water vapor of the total solar flux above cloud (dimensionless), $a(u_1)_b$ the absorption coefficient for water vapor of the total solar flux below cloud (dimensionless), and abs cloud absorption coefficient for the total solar flux (dimensionless).

6. Parameterizations of Absorption and Scattering Processes

The solar constant is taken at 1373 W m⁻². The bulk scattering coefficients α , as a function of the solar zenith angle and α_1 for diffuse shortwave radiation, have been taken from Coulson (1959). To estimate the effect of Rayleigh scattering of the direct solar beam in the VISSR channel, a single-scattering approximation to the Rayleigh scattered intensity at the VISSR peak sensitivity wavelength (0.6 μ m) (Coulson, 1959) is used. The magnitude is a function of the Rayleigh scattering optical depth of the atmosphere at that wavelength and the satellite, sun and relative angles. Backscattering of diffuse flux in the VISSR channel is estimated at this optical depth from the tables of Coulson (1959).

In case of cloud, all scattering processes are assigned above cloud top (which we fix at ~700 mb). The magnitude of the scattering is adjusted by lowering the Rayleigh scattering optical depth to represent the fraction of atmospheric mass above cloud tops.

In the VISSR bandpass, water vapor has only a weak absorption band at 0.7 μ m and the sensor sensitivity is low at this wavelength. Thus, water vapor absorption is neglected in calculating surface albedo and cloud albedo. Bulk solar parameterizations of water vapor absorption are retained in the calculations of insolation (Eqs. 5,7) since outside of the VISSR channel water vapor absorption has an appreciable effect. Paltridge (1973) has derived analytical expressions for theoretical water vapor absorptions as a function of atmospheric precipitable water (u) and is parameterized via an empirical function of the surface dew-point temperature. Numerous such formulations exist. The relationship we have chosen to use is from Smith (1966) and contains an empirical constant (λ) adjusted to the season and the latitude.

While the effect of ozone absorption on the total solar flux is small (2%), the effect of the visible absorption band on the flux in the VISSR channel is important. Ozone absorption was modeled in the manner of Lacis and Hansen (1974), considering the ozone layer as an absorbing medium overlying a reflecting layer (the earth-atmosphere system). The empirical formula in Lacis and Hansen for ozone absorption in the visible region is used to estimate the absorption in the VISSR channel for the calculation of surface albedo and cloud albedo. This formula plus a counterpart for ozone absorption in the ultraviolet, together describe the effects of ozone on the total solar flux for calculation of insolation.

7. Accuracy of Results

Testing of our methodologies has involved comparisons of daily insolation values with pyranometer site measurements for approximately 300 sitedays over conditions ranging from the continental U.S. and Canada to the

tropical Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In these tests the standard error of satellite measurements vs pyranometer is 9.5 percent of the mean in satellite estimated vs. pyranometer measured daily insolation.

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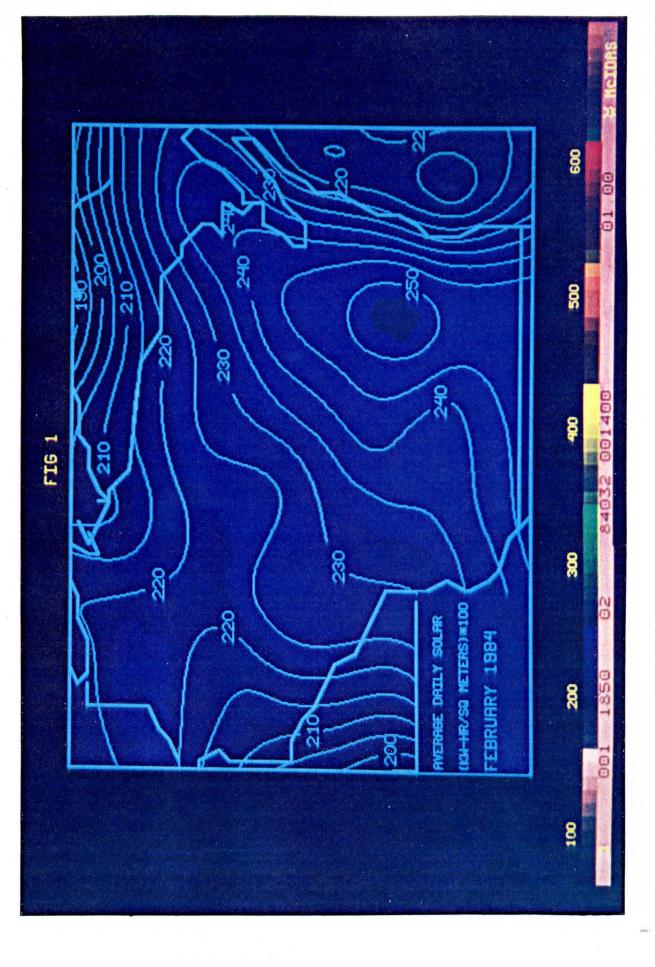
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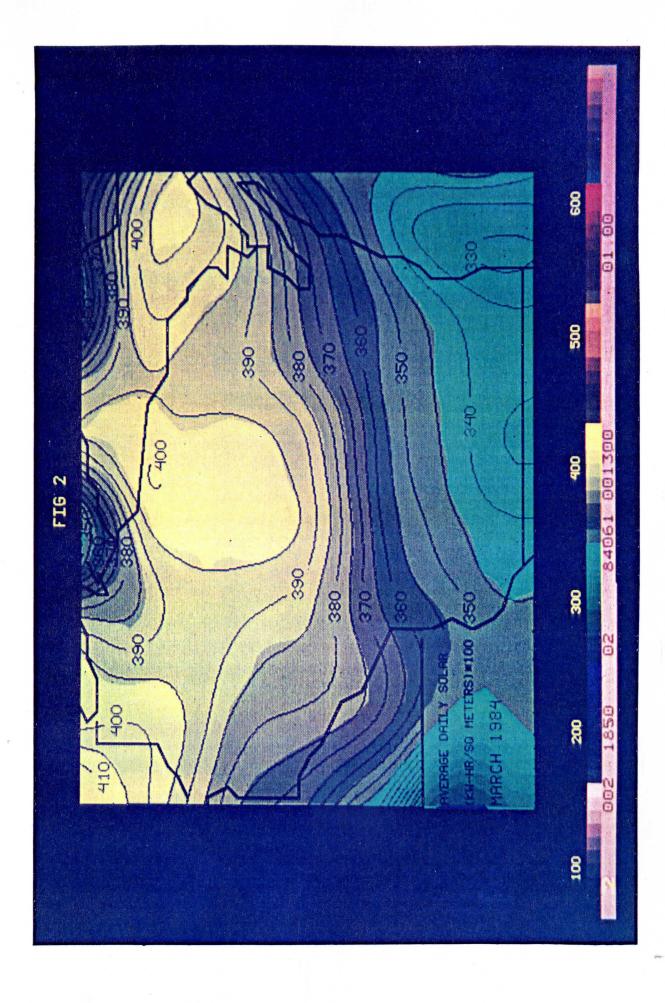
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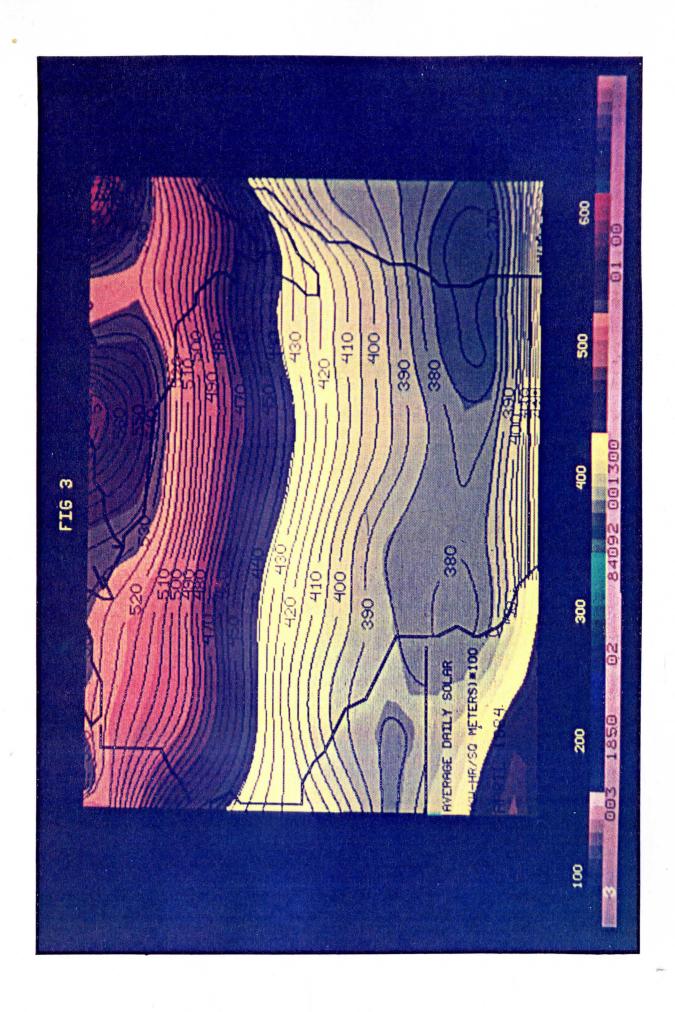
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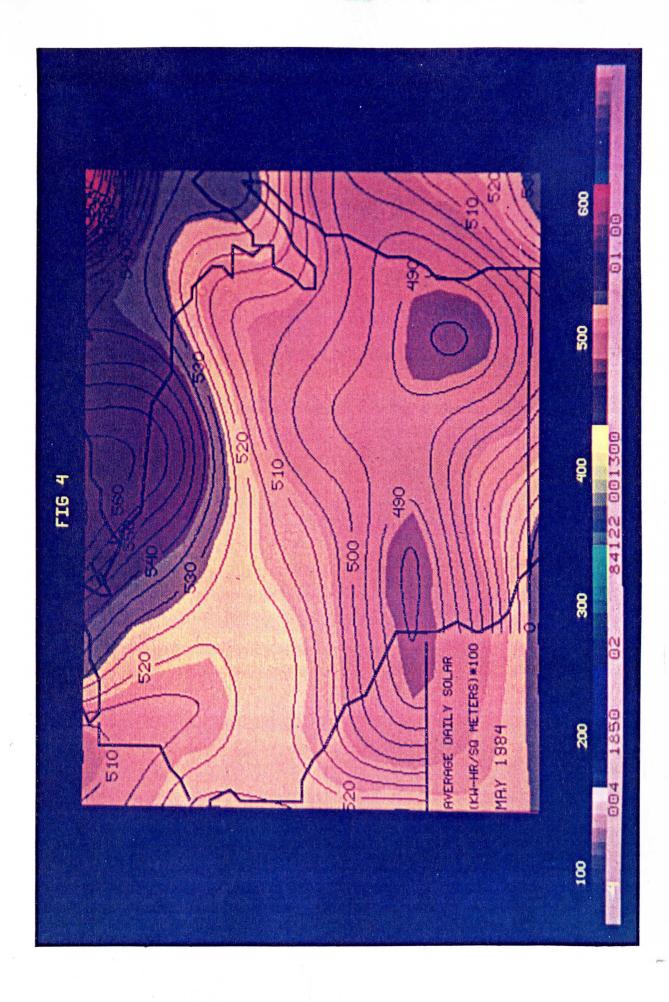
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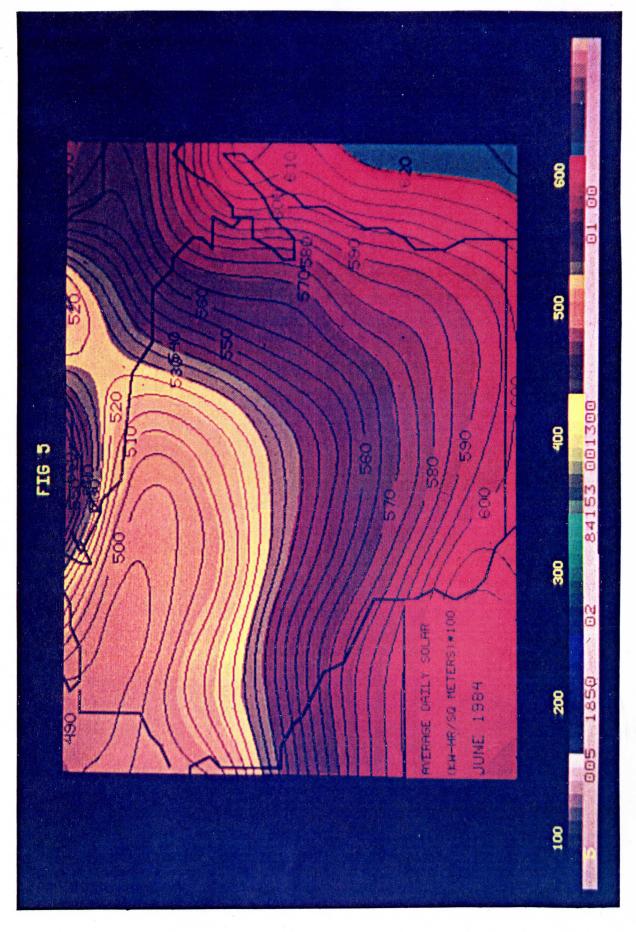
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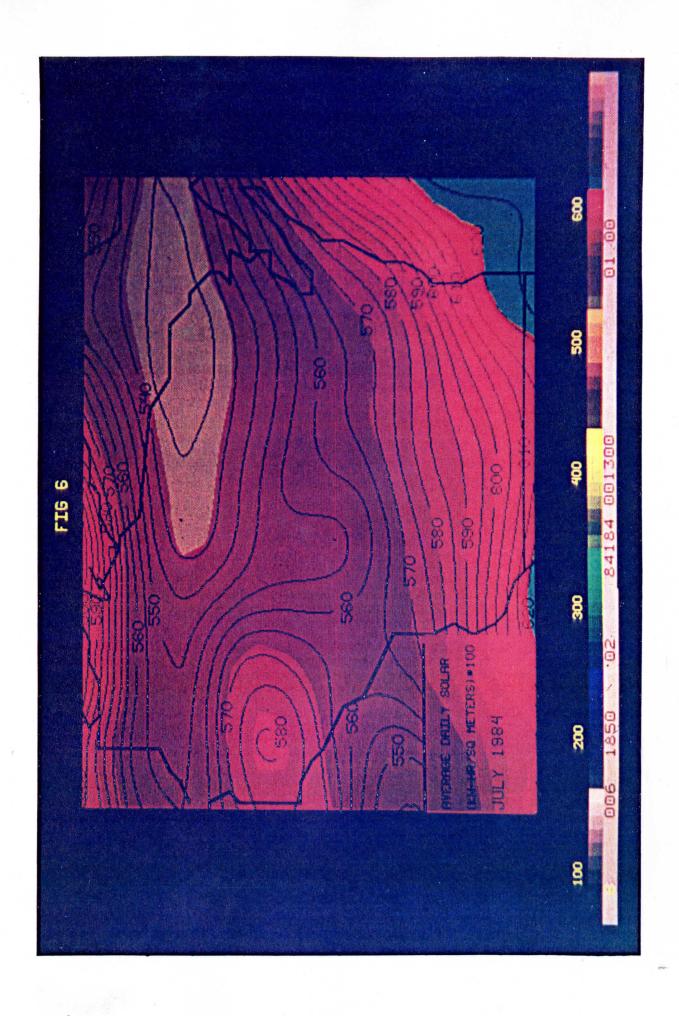


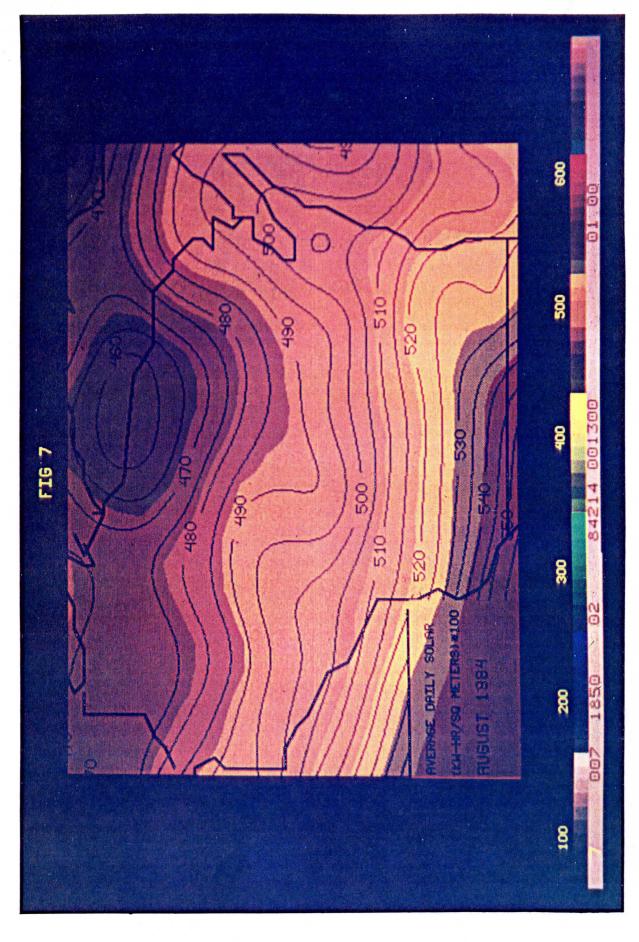


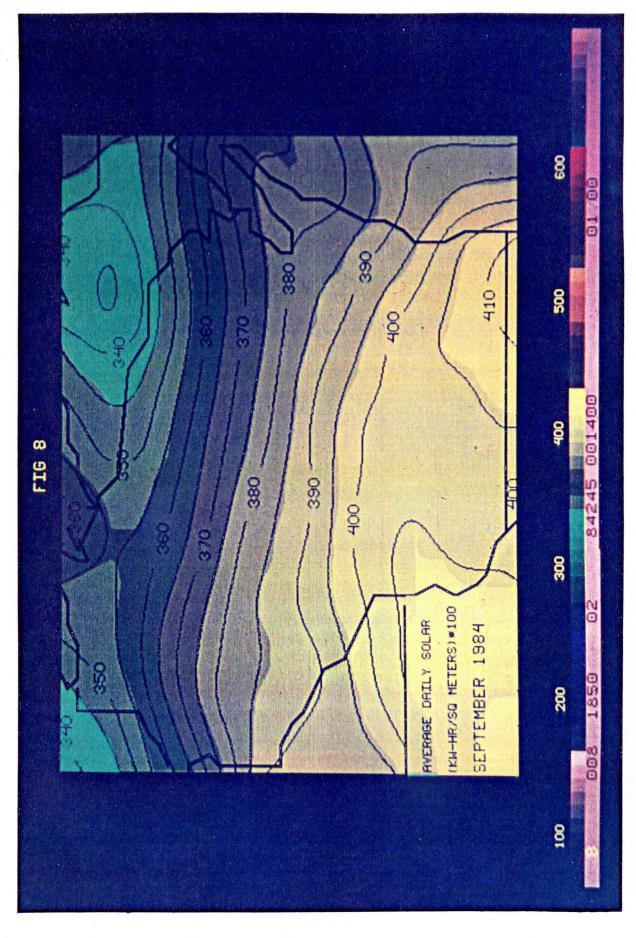


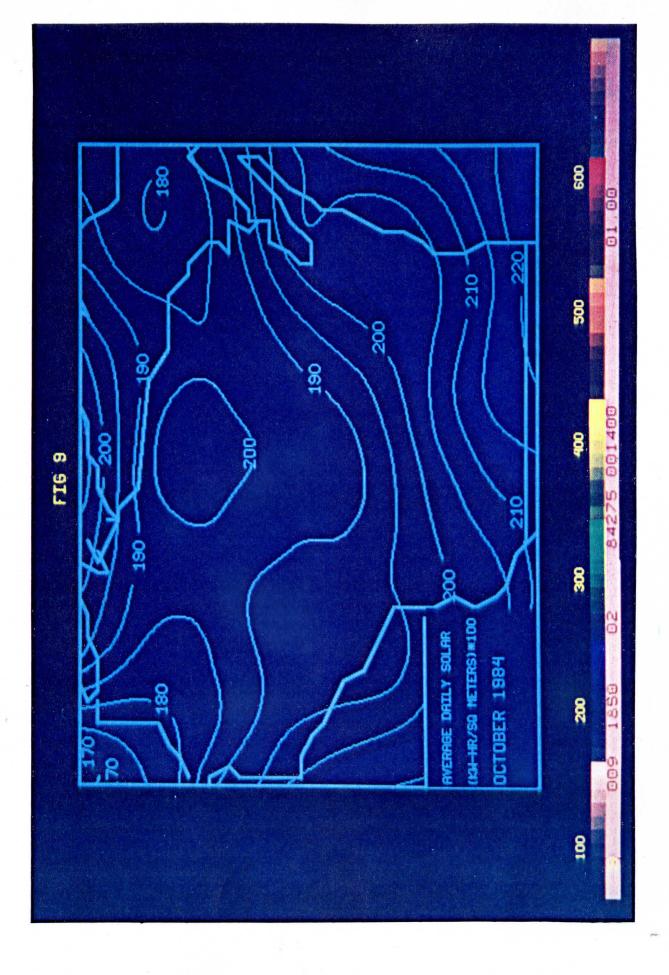


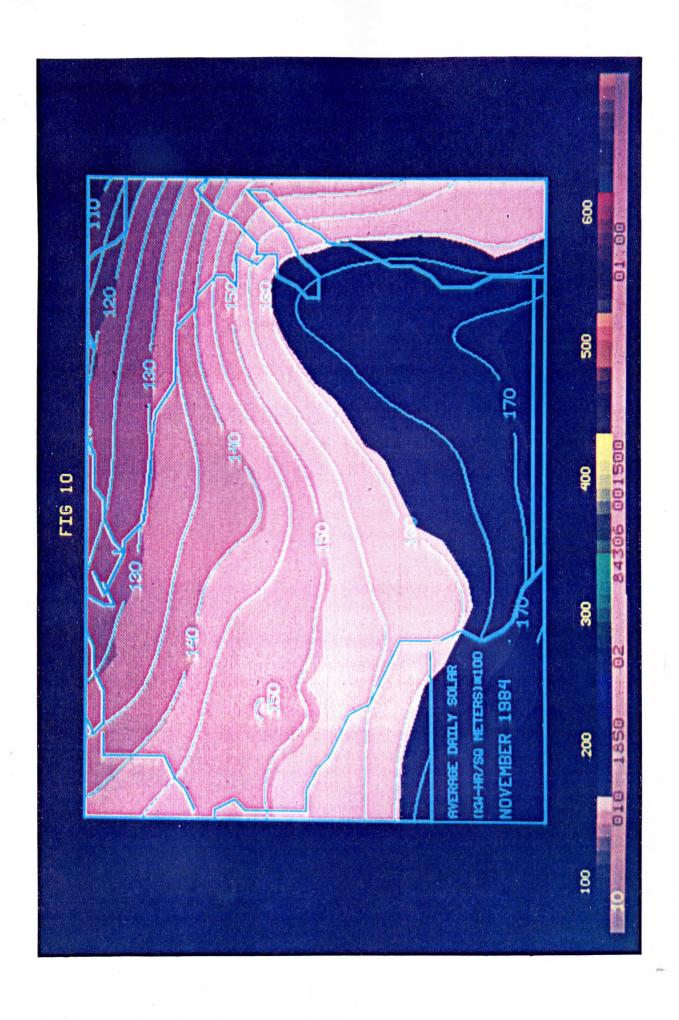


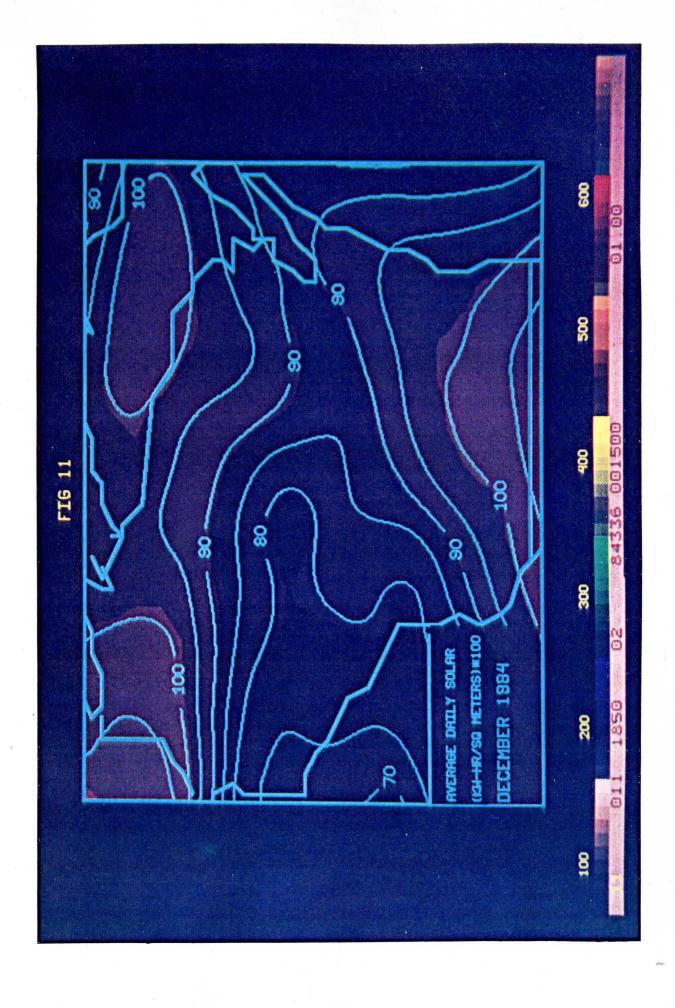


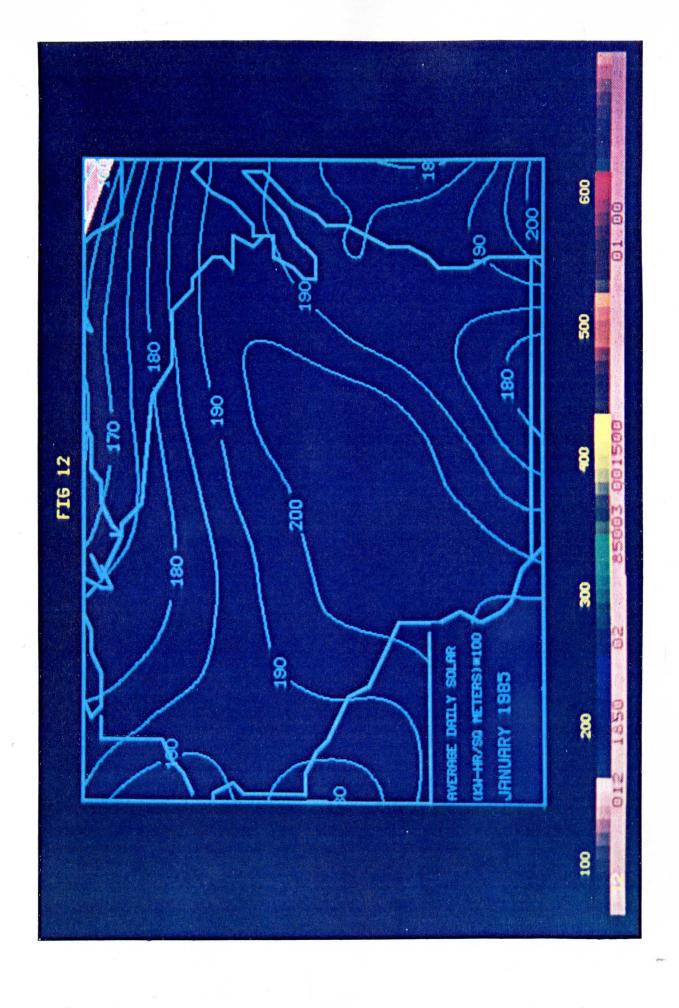


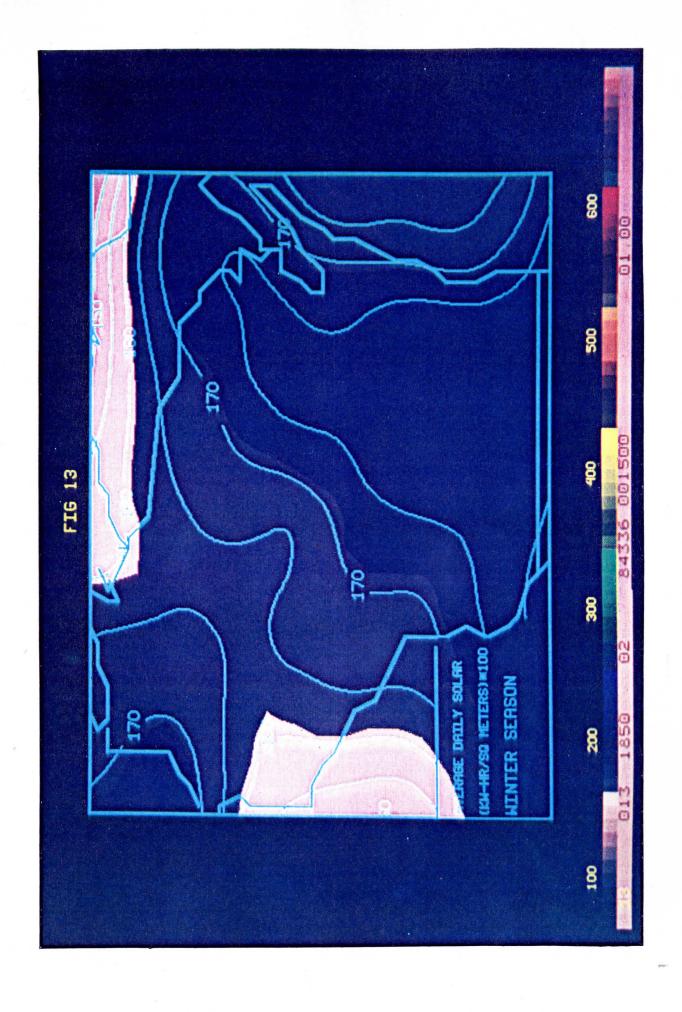


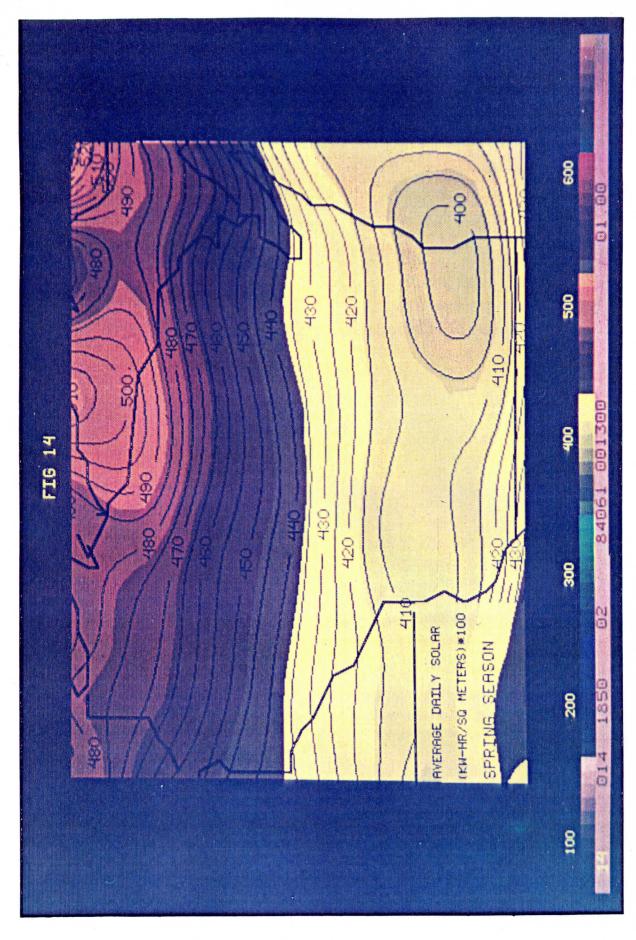


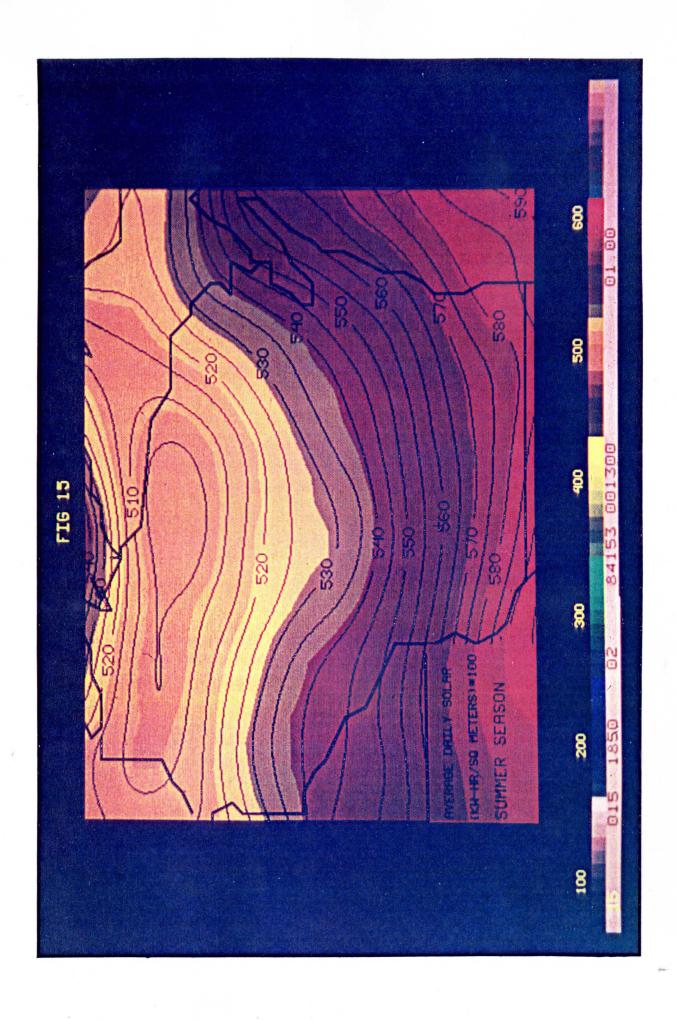


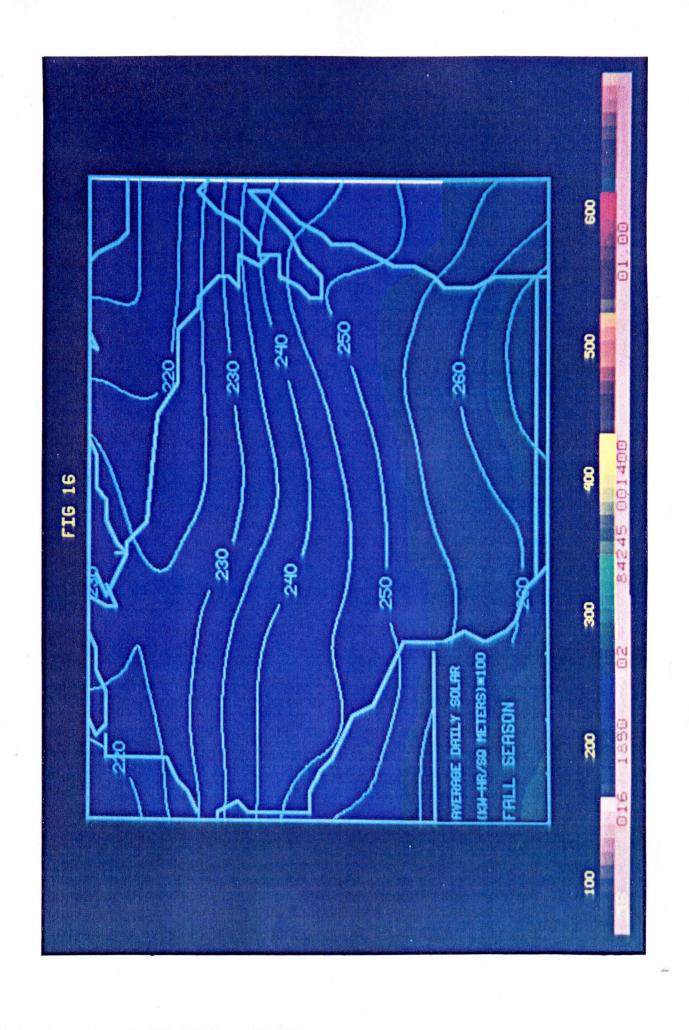


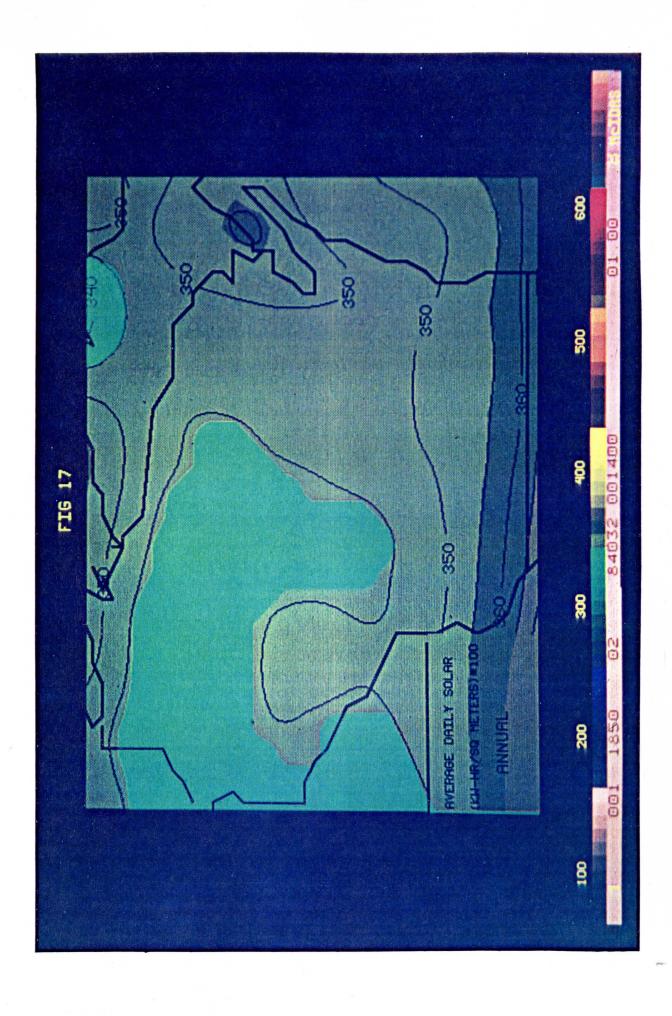


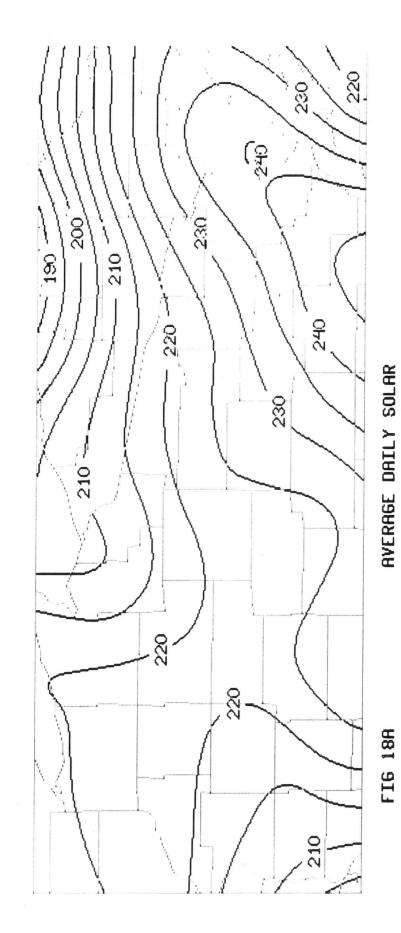




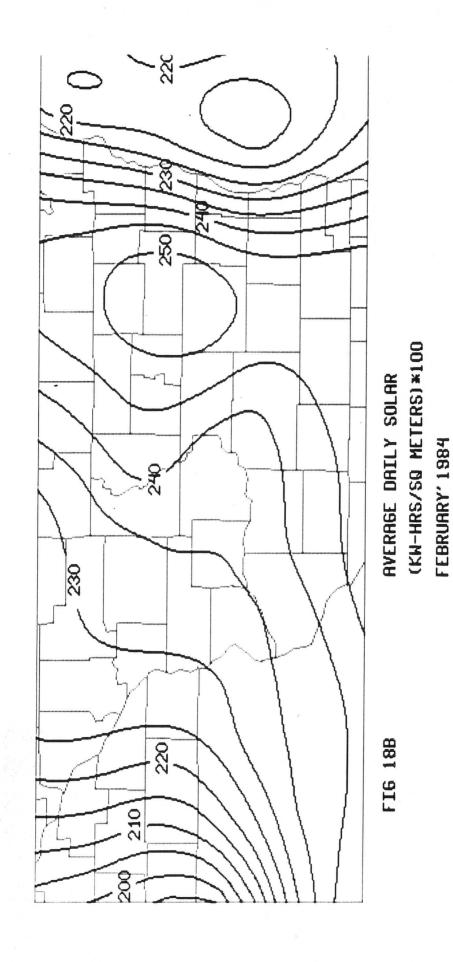


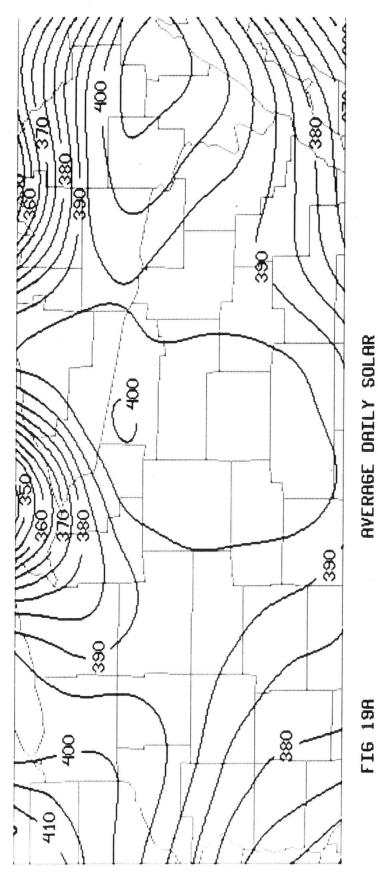




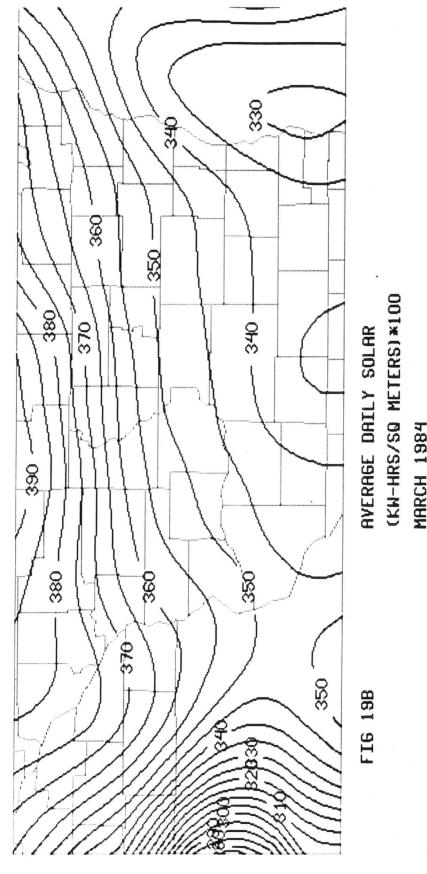


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AVERAGE DRILY SOLAR (KW-HRS/SQ METERS)*100 MARCH 1984



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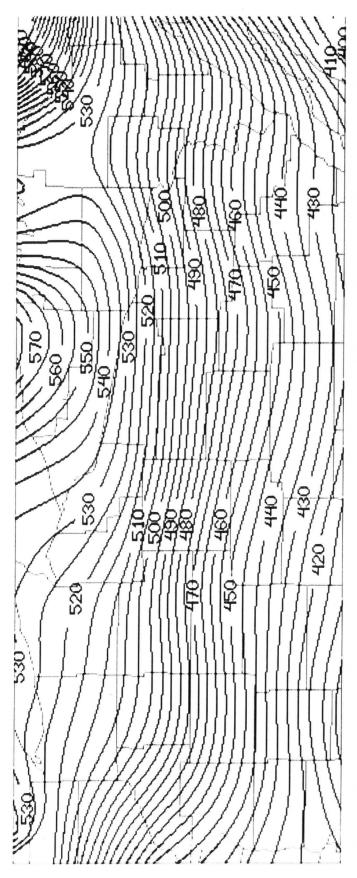
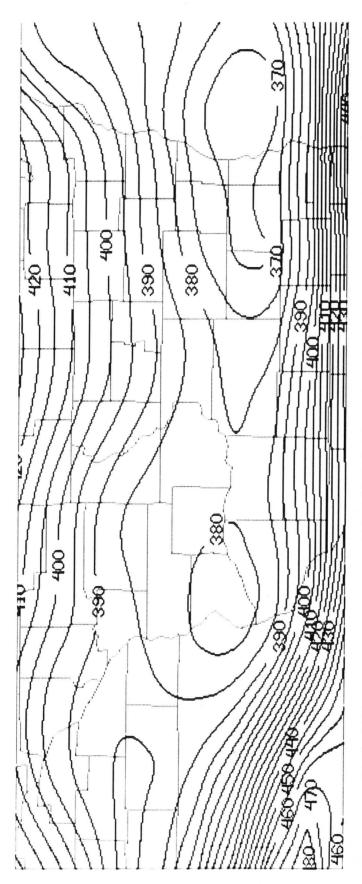


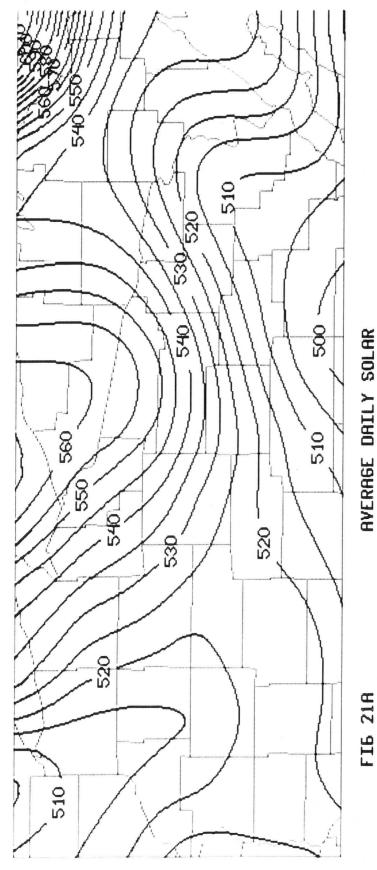
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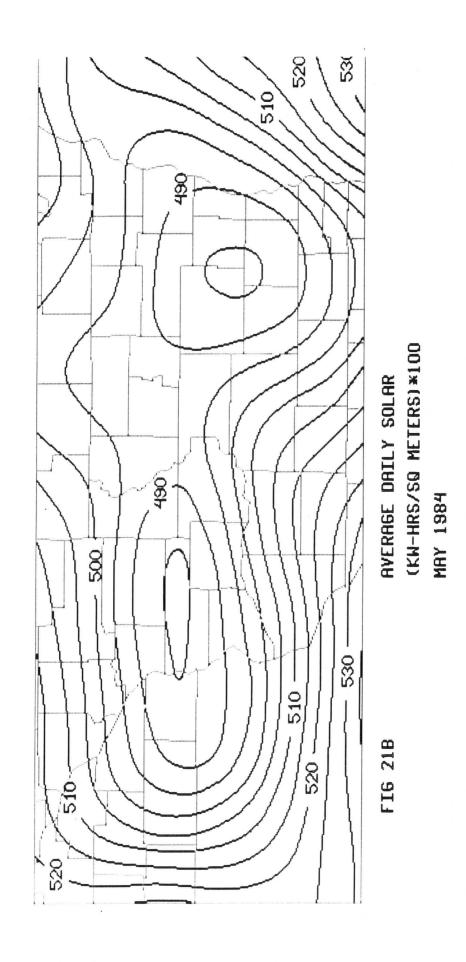


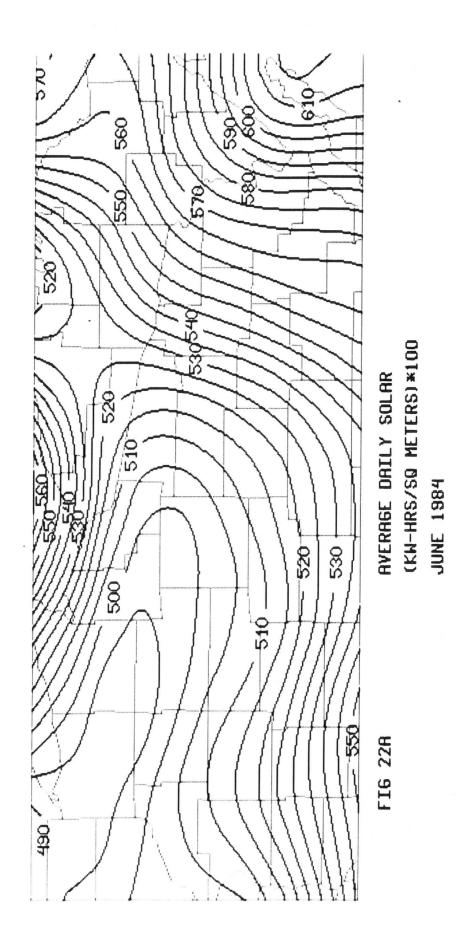
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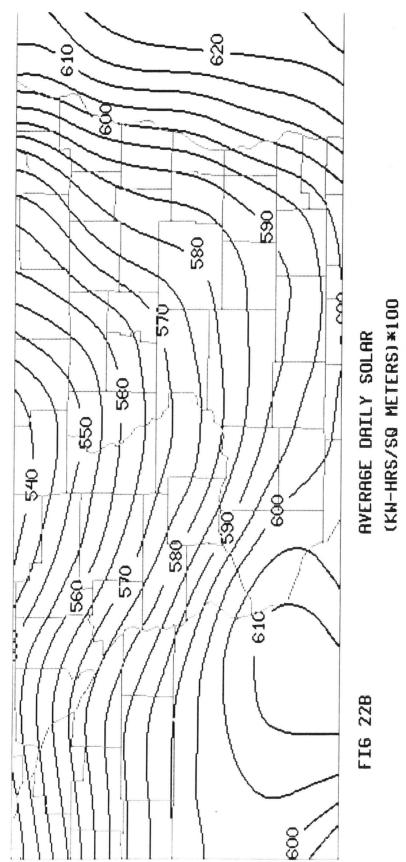
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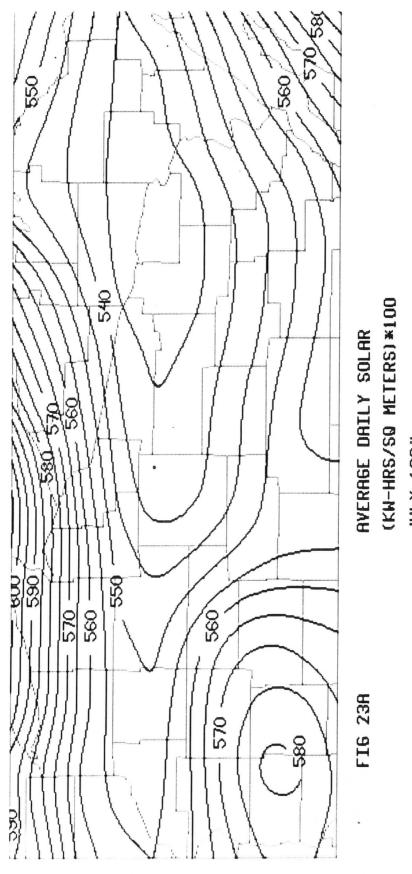
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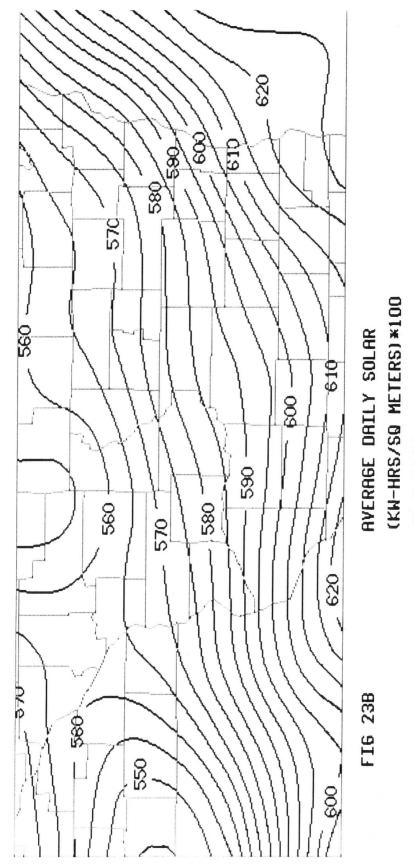




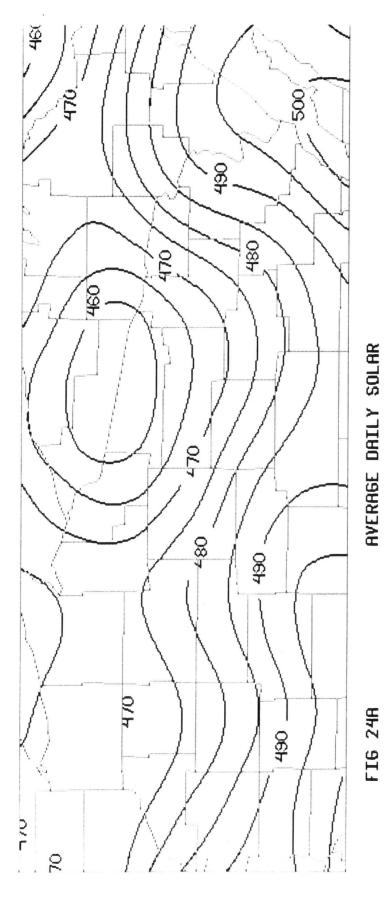
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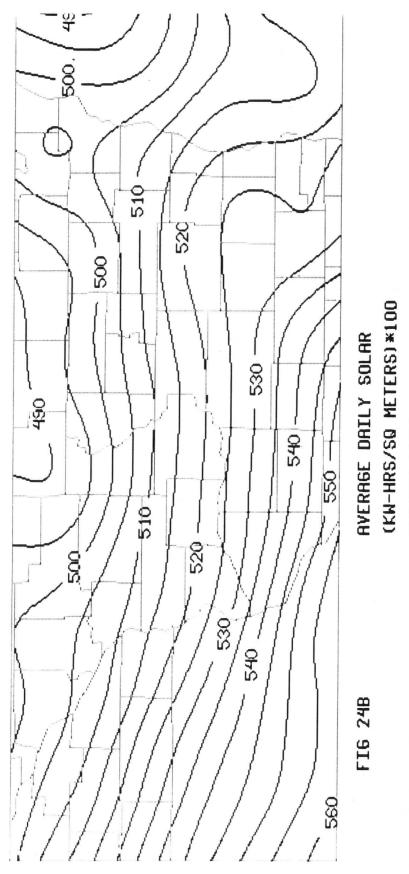
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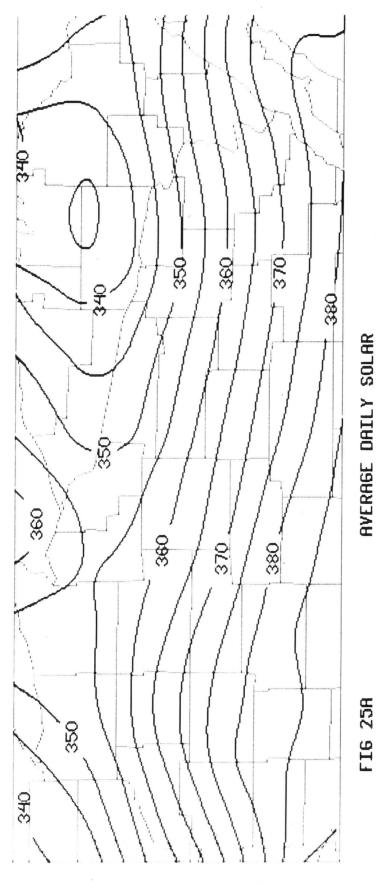
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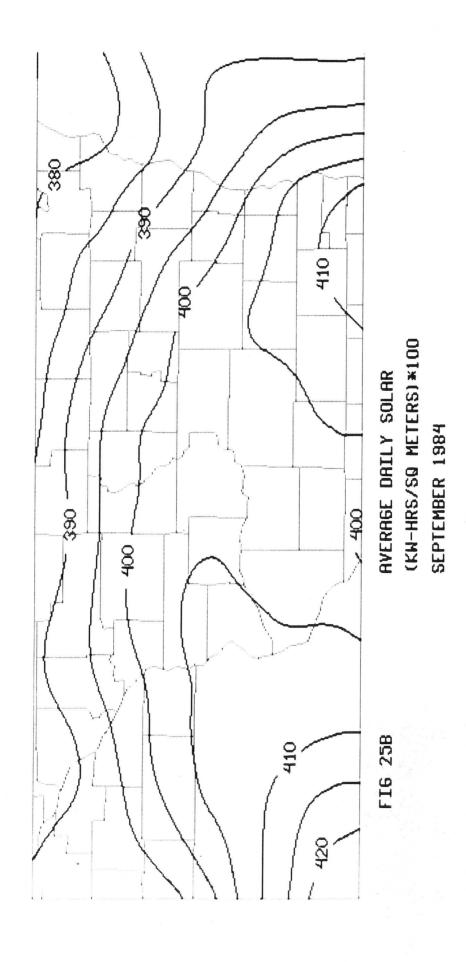
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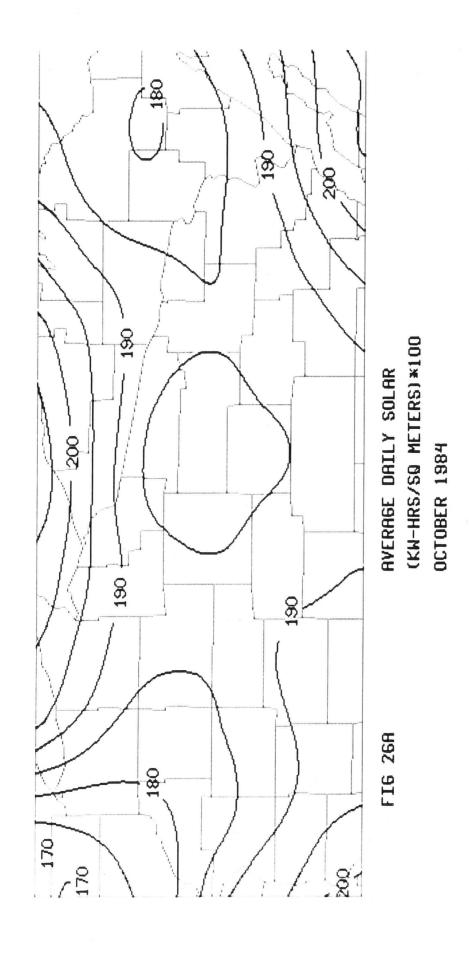


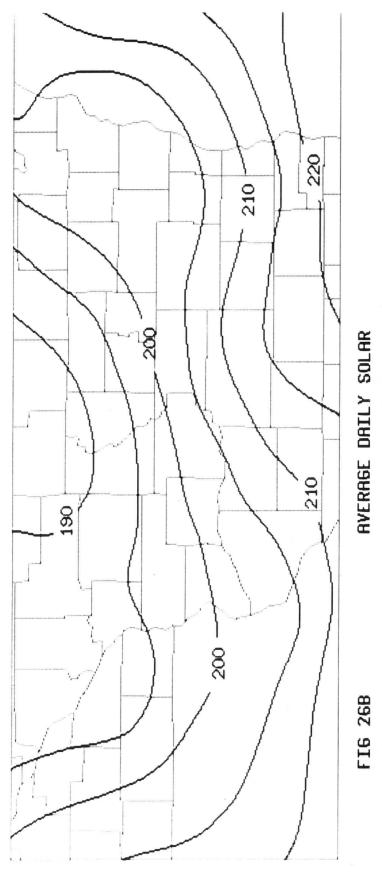
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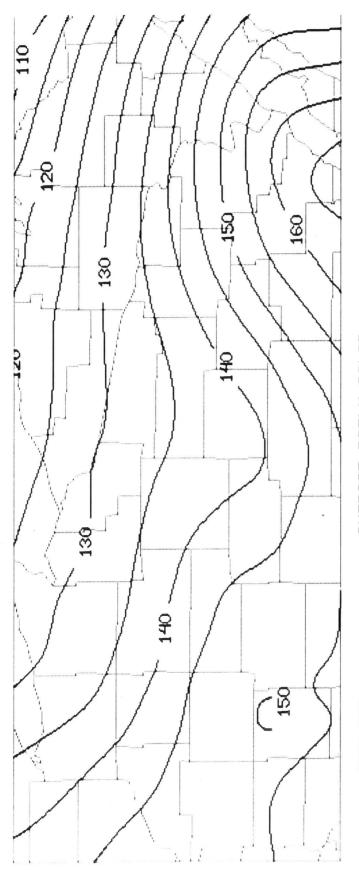
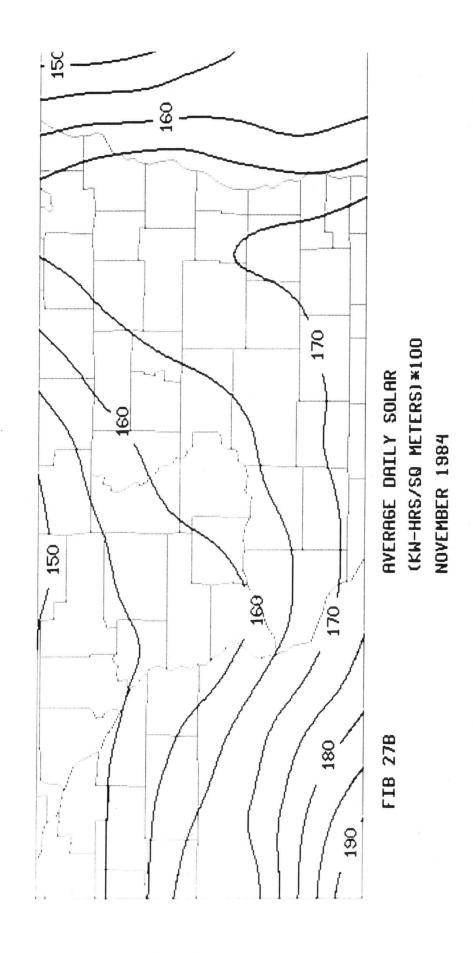
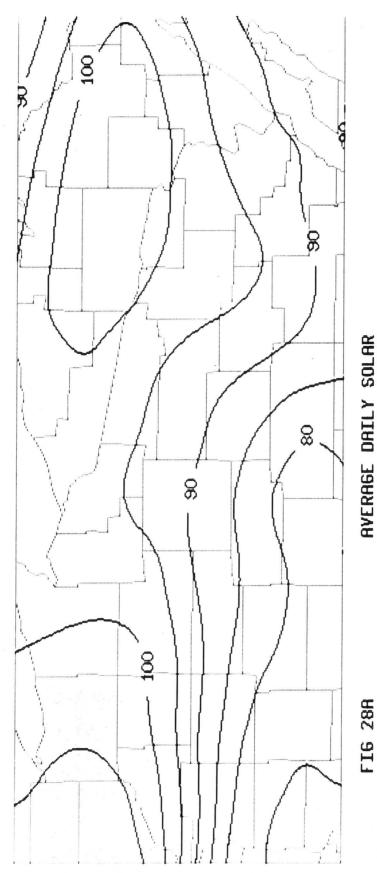


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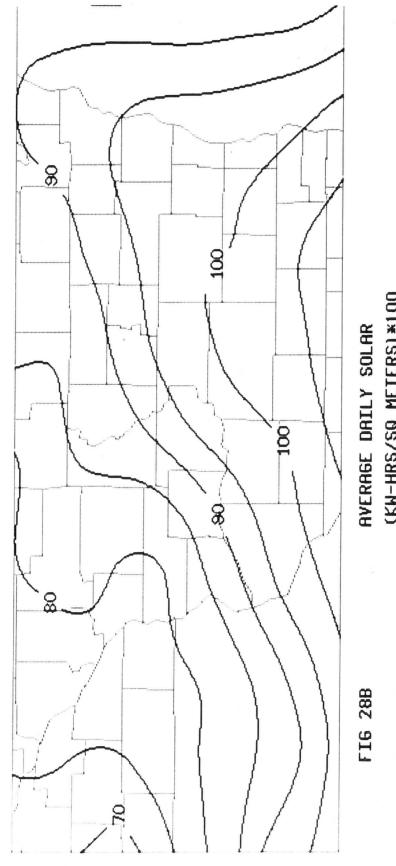
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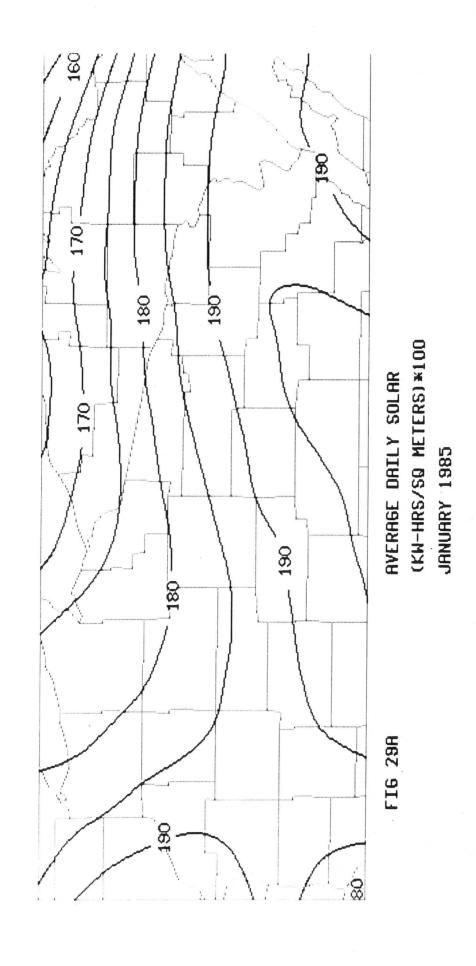


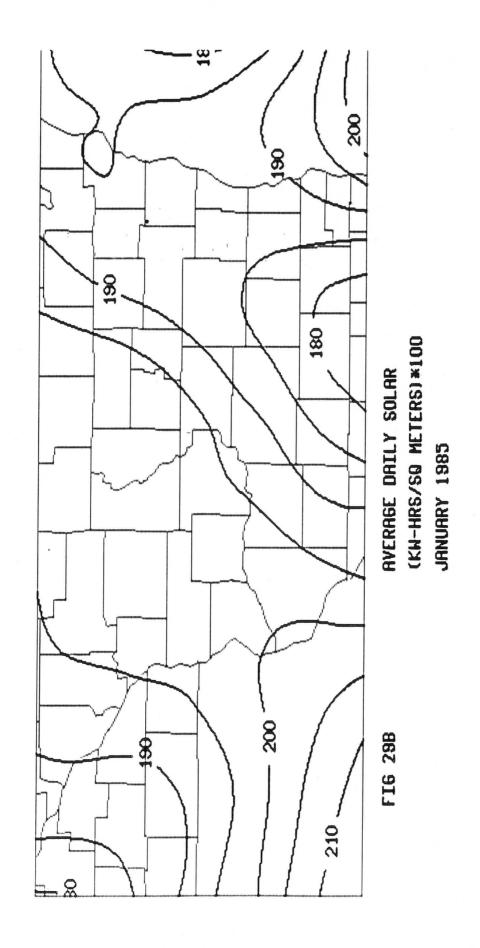


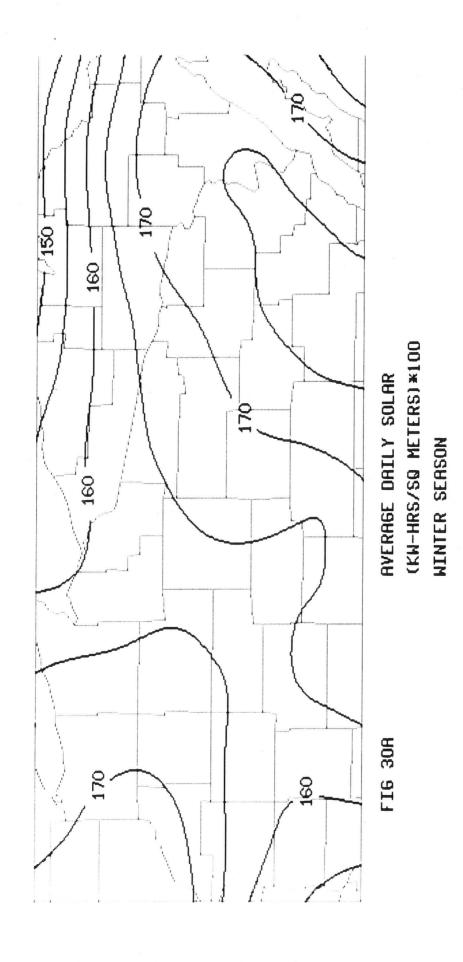
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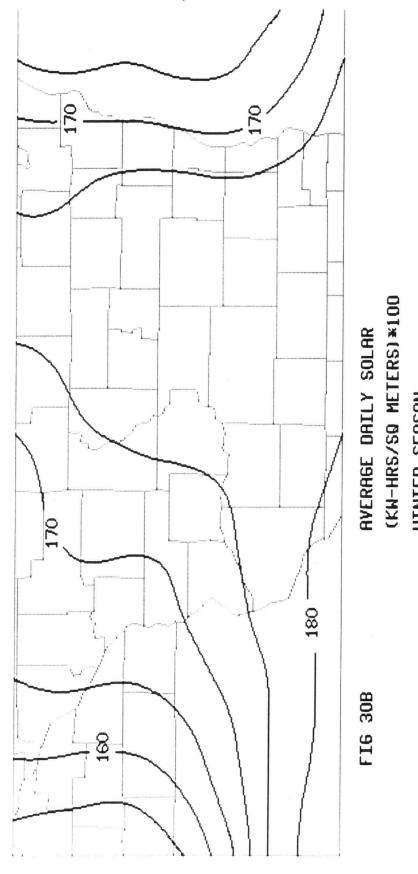


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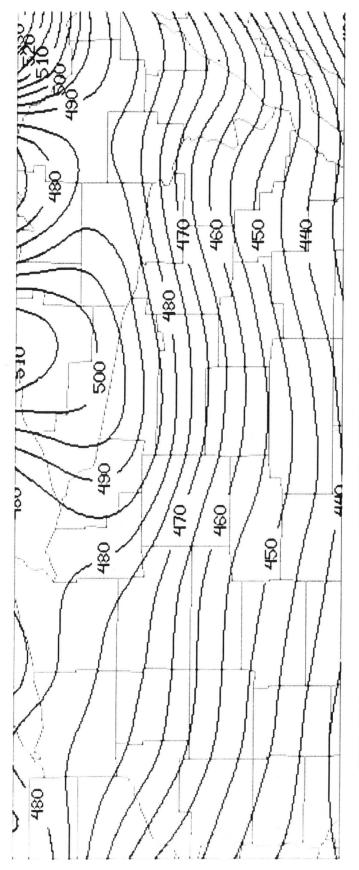








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AVERAGE DAILY SOLAR (KW-HRS/SQ METERS)*100 SPRING SEASON

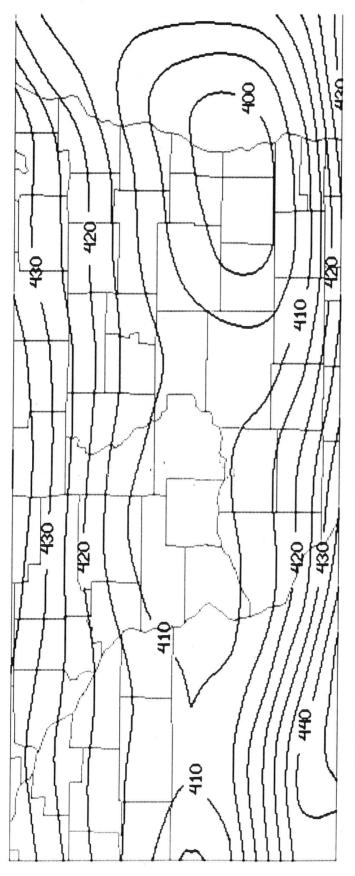
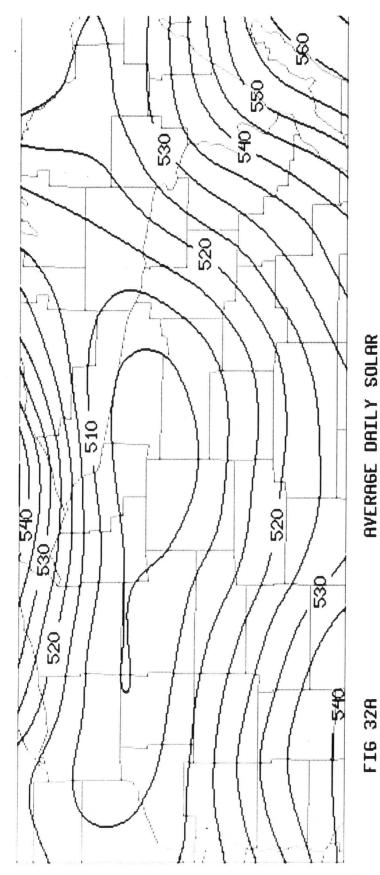
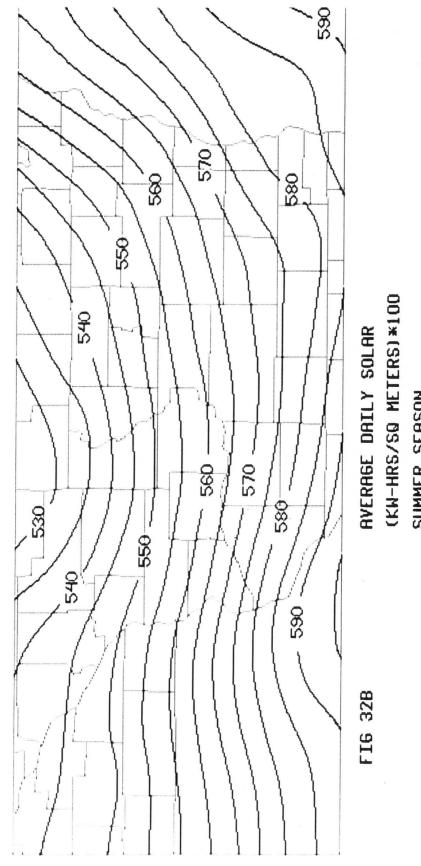


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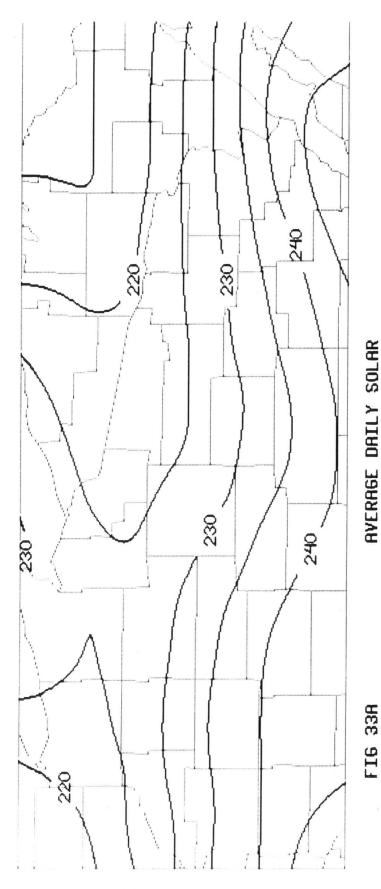
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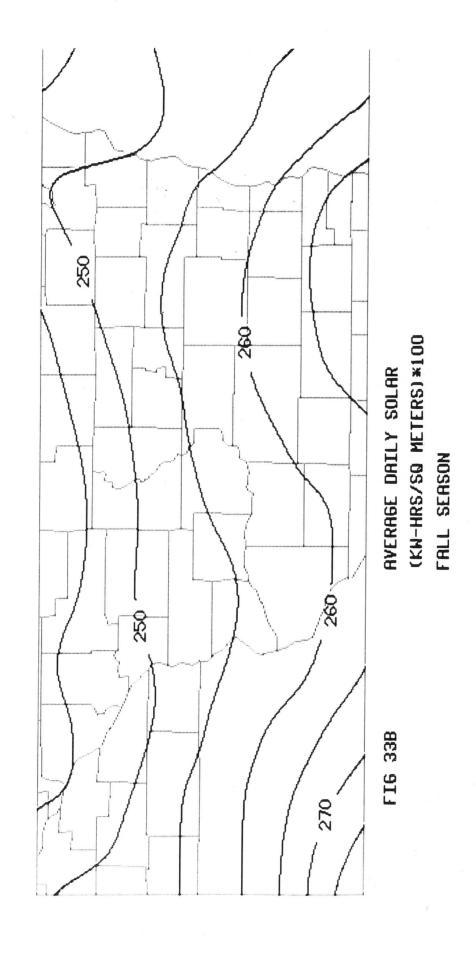
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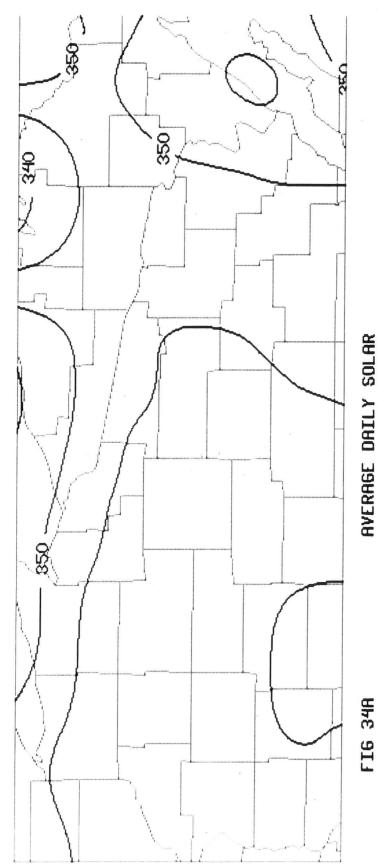


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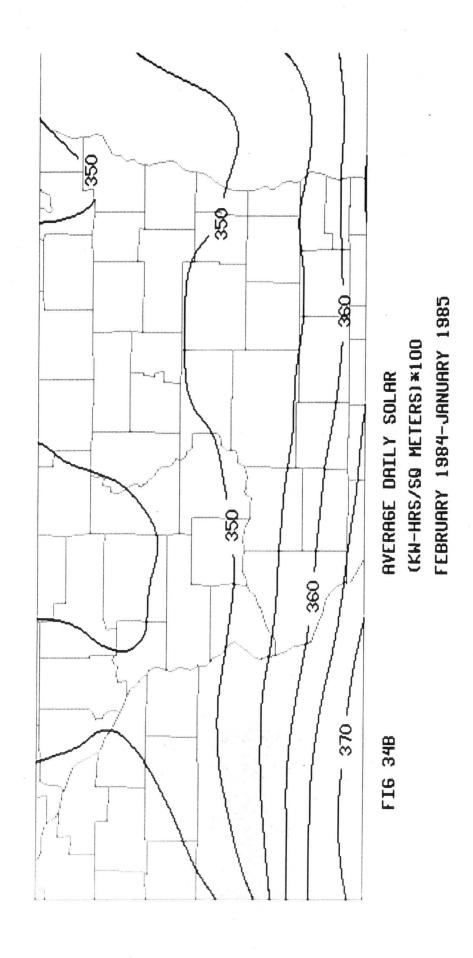


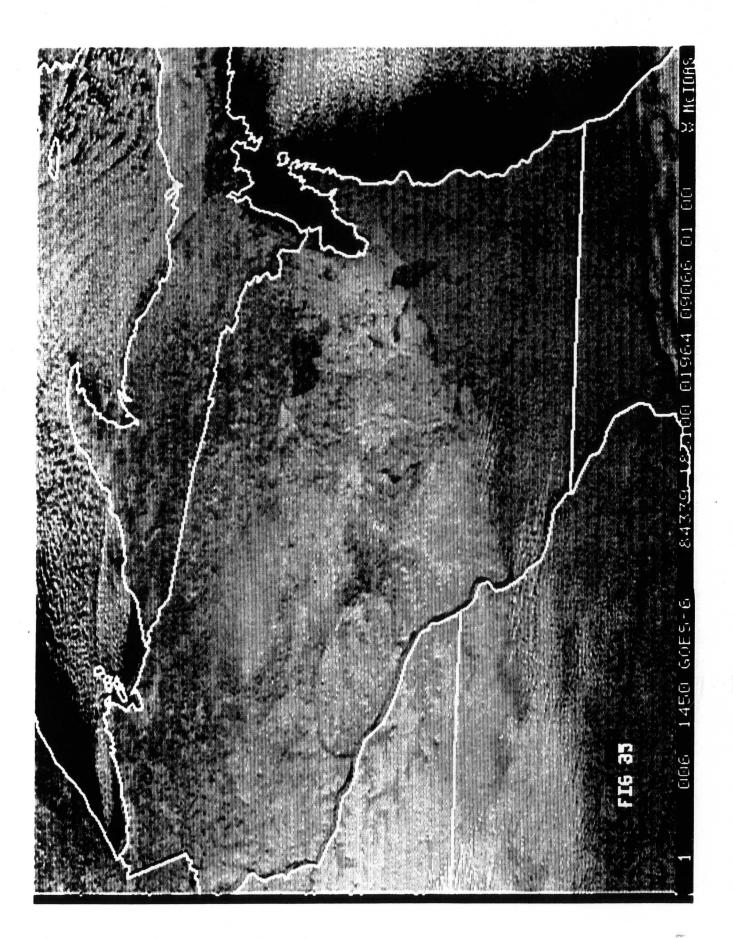
AVERAGE DAILY SOLAR (KW-HRS/SQ METERS)*100 FALL SEASON





AVERAGE DAILY SOLAR (KW-HRS/SQ METERS)*100 FEBRAURY 1984-JANUARY 1985





1984 SD	161	169	177	200	172	157	163	165	166	159	158	172	171	168	203	183	191	169	165
July 19 Mean	590	565	267	569	580	579	590	565	572	618	969	604	562	569	555	563	575	576	209
1984 SD	182	185	183	205	196	197	211	203	211	178	170	166	189	185	210	211	203	184	162
June Mean	582	573	575	536	594	569	583	553	581	594	594	969	562	577	531	549	492	588	592
984 SD	209	203	199	178	199	196	210	198	213	226	199	210	193	201	182	194	206	208	221
May 1984 Mean	502	489	502	523	492	493	484	493	492	464	515	515	488	484	909	967	510	489	208
1984 SD	219	189	176	162	188	209	201	181	197	210	210	218	196	192	158	167	144	196	217
April Mean	378	386	414	419	394	389	374	405	394	392	386	402	384	383	438	415	518	379	398
1984 SD	168	157	145	141	151	165	166	143	161	174	175	183	158	164	134	136	111	165	182
March	342	366	366	385	349	350	345	370	354	338	342	335	361	357	396	382	400	354	335
7 1984 SD	108	111	93	107	66	102	98	111	83	101	107	105	108	107	112	113	109	109	108
February 1984 Mean SD	240	230	244	227	236	245	249	244	252			245	234	231	232	241	220	5 (5)	246
Location	Madison Milwankee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wis. Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

Location	August 1984 Mean SD	1984 SD	September Mean	1984 SD	October 1984 Mean SD	1984 SD	November 1984 Mean SD	1984 SD	December Mean	1984 SD	January 1985 Mean SD	1985 SD
Madison	525	127	403	150	211	130	166	95	101	89	189	57
Milwaukee	521	101	905	144	214	137	167	88	66	89	190	89
La Crosse	509	110	401	147	194	119	155	93	79	48	197	09
Green Bay	503	88	383	151	203	125	168	85	90	59	187	54
Eau Claire	967	104	386	152	193	116	149	87	78	40	192	99
Sheboygan	208	92	387	152	203	125	168	85	96	62	186	57
Portage	512	111	401	139	201	128	164	93	96	63	196	52
Beaver Dam		107	400	149	204	129	170	06	66	99	186	52
Wautoma		66	395	141	191	122	161	89	88	52	199	99
Fond du Lac		100	392	151	202	123	168	98	95	61	186	53
Lake Geneva		129	411	142	218	132	172	89	104	72	183	52
Mineral Point		115	403	154	209	132	166	96	86	70	193	63
Monroe	542	127	405	156	215	132	171	95	104	70	184	59
Tomah	503	118	402	136	193	121	158	06	83	47	199	63
Cassville	513	116	405	143	196	118	156	91	79	47	198	27
Wausau	985	106	378	147	186	125	147	73	83	64	197	55
Wis. Rapids	493	101	390	148	189	121	158	85	85	47	200	99
Superior	473	118	346	153	180	107	137	74	105	20	183	29
Soldiers Grove	520	121	907	148	199	123	157	94	84	52	199	09
Janesville	539	134	408	154	218	133	171	76	105	72	179	65

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

-1	Vinter	Spring	Summer	Fa11	Annua1
adison	177	407	999	260	352
lilwaukee	172	399	582	262	354
a Crosse	169	414	549	250	345
reen Bay	174	427	548	251	350
Eau Claire	166	442	534	243	346
heboygan	173	412	561	253	350
ortage	179	411	553	255	350
eaver Dam	178	401	565	258	350
automa	177	423	539	249	347
ond du Lac	178	413	553	254	350
ake Geneva	178	408	579	267	358
ineral Point	177	414	575	259	356
onroe	178	417	581	264	360
omah	172	411	542	251	344
Cassville	169	408	553	252	346
ausau	171	447	524	237	345
isconsin Rapids	175	431	535	246	347
Superior	169	476	513	221	345
oldiers Grove	172	407	561	254	348
Janesville	177	412	579	266	358

TABLE 3 FEBRUARY 1984

3:00 PM	Mean	27	22	26	22	27	20	. 27	24	24	26	25	29	27	25	24	22	23	25	24	25	
2:00 PM	Mean	33	30	32	32	33	29	32	33	31	33	32	33	32	31	30	31	32	30	30	33	
1:00 PM	Mean	39	38	33	37	33	37	37	40	37	40	40	38	38	36	36	36	38	33	35	37	
12 NOON	Mean	39	37	37	40	34	39	38	42	39	42	40	38	37	37	36	37	39	32	37	40	
11:00 AM	Mean	33	32	32	35	29	35	36	34	35	35	35	33	35	33	32	31	34	28	33	37	
10:00 AM	Mean	25	22	26	28	25	26	28	26		25		25	26	25	25		qs		24	25	
	Location	Madison	Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville	

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

TABLE 4 MARCH 1984

Location	10:00 AM Mean	11:00 AM $\frac{\text{Mean}}{\text{Mean}}$	12 NOON <u>Mean</u>	1:00 PM Mean	2:00 PM Mean	3:00 PM Mean
Madison	43	57	09	56	52	43
Milwaukee	43	48	51	47	67	41
La Crosse	77	55	58	57	51	77
Green Bay	45	56	59	54	54	43
Eau Claire	77	53	09	58	5.5	47
Sheboygan	45	53	56	51	50	42
Portage	45	55	58	53	51	42
Beaver Dam	77	54	59	53	53	43
Wautoma	45	56	09	54	52	42
Fond du Lac	45	99	58	54	51	43
Lake Geneva	77	53	26	54	. 53	43
Mineral Point	. 45	54	09	55	51	43
Monroe	77	53	59	26	51	77
Tomah	77	54	57	55	52	43
Cassville	42	52	57	26	51	77
Wausau	45	59	62	59	56	94
Wisconsin Rapids	ds 46	57	. 63	57	56	94
Superior	77	51	53	61	58	51
Soldiers Grove	43	52	59	26	51	45
Janesville	77	55	59	99	51	77

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

TABLE 5 APRIL 1984

3:00 PM	41	42	40	41	45	39	39	38	43	41	41	41	38	40	40	45	45	55	40	41	
2:00 PM Mean	77	50	54	53	58	48	94	45	49	64	47	64	47	67	53	54	52	99	53	94	
1:00 PM Mean	47	47	52	57	57	54	47	48	53	50	49	48	67	51	54	57	54	63	53	48.	
12 NOON Mean	50	20	57	55	59	54	53	53	58	53	48	53	52	26	55	61	58	69	53	51	
11:00 AM Mean	53	52	99	52	53	52	54	51	57	55	53	51	51	99	54	. 09	57	79	53	51	
10:00 AM Mean	97	47	84	84	95	77	65			67		67	77	8 7	84		ls		7e 48	45	
Location	Madison	Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grov	Janesville	

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

TABLE 6 MAY 1984

4:00 PM Mean	39	41	38	77	37	38	38	38	39	41	39	41	38	39	41	38	39	39	40
3:00 PM Mean	51	50	51	53	54	50	50	52	51	48	53	53	49	64	67	50	49	53	51
2:00 PM	59	57	57	99	58	57	55	26	09	52	61	09	53	57	26	55	09	58	26
1:00 PM Mean	64	56	99	65	65	29	63	61	89	59	99	62	57	53	61	09	63	55	58
12 NOON Mean	64	63	63	29	63	65	58	61	65	63	65	62	59	58	65	58	61	58	09
11:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	61	57	09	09	55	09	57	26	26	09	62	62	58	57	09	59	58	58	61
10:00 AM Mean	58	51	55	54	26	53	55	53	52	57	57	59	54	55	55	55	65	54	58
9:00 AM Mean	44	43	43	45	43	42	38	77	41	40	43	45	77	45	45		42	45	42
Location	Madison Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

TABLE 7 JUNE 1984

Location	9:00 AM Mean	10:00 AM Mean	11:00 AM Mean	12 NOON Mean	1:00 PM Mean	2:00 PM Mean	3:00 PM Mean	4:00 PM Mean
Madison	47	56	65	74	72	71	69	50
Milwaukee	50	61	70	73	80	69	65	50
La Crosse	47	59	63	7.5	9/	73	99	48
Green Bay	52	26	61	72	78	65	62	47
Eau Claire	77	53	62	69	72	70	61	48
Sheboygan	53	59	99	71	9/	89	99	67
Portage	65	55	99	72	75	74	29	47
Beaver Dam	67	53	61	71	7.5	99	65	51
Wautoma	47	53	65	70	72	89	61	48
Fond du Lac	20	57	65	7.2	9/	71	69	67
Lake Geneva	52	26	29	71	73	63	63	47
Mineral Point	87	09	65	7.4	72	72	99	50
Monroe	20	58	89	74	73	29	99	51
Tomah	48	58	65	72	77	71	61	67
Cassville	97	58	63	71	73	69	99	20
Wausau	45	53	61	70	73	99	62	48
Wisconsin Rapids		54	. 63	71	7.5	99	61	49
Superior	43	65	59	99	29	58	54	40
Soldiers Grove	48	99	99	73	79	7.1	99	53
Janesville	20	61	69	89	92	65	65	51

Units are (KW-Hr/Sq. Meter) * 100

TABLE 8 JULY 1984

Madison 48 Milwaukee 54 La Crosse 42 Green Bay 50 Eau Claire 48 Sheboygan 52 Portage 50 Beaver Dam 51 Manage 51 Manage 50 Beaver Dam 51	Mean Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean Mean
	62	7.1	79	79	73	55	45
	29	78	83	83	73	62	53
	58	70	74	74	72	09	51
	99	72	7.5	7.5	63	52	47
F	95	29	7.5	7.4	71	63	52
F	62	73	7.5	7.5	29	26	65
	62	7.1	7.4	77	99	61	20
7.7	99	77	97	9/	29	58	65
7	63	73	7.5	73	9	56	20
ac 49	79	7.1	72	77	64	57	50
Lake Geneva 51	99	97	84	81	71	62	52
Mineral Point 49	09	7.1	80	80	73	57	50
52	62	7.5	81	80	69	58	47
97	09	70	7.8	73	73	09	54
Cassville 44	59	73	7.7	9/	73	09	53
8 7	09	73	7.5	7.1	59	53	20
Wisconsin Rapids 48	62	73	77	72	62	54	51
Superior 48	57	89	7.1	7.2	65	61	50
Soldiers Grove 45	09	7.1	9/	77	73	26	53
Janesville 50	62	74	81	79	71	62	50

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TABLE 9 AUGUST 1984

4:00 PM Mean	39	40	40	37	43	36	39	39	38	35	38	41	42	40	42	35	38	37	42	41	
3:00 PM Mean	67	53	52	47	51	48	48	50	94	67	67	54	55	52	51	45	94	97	53	52	
2:00 PM Mean	09	99	63	09	09	61	09	62	61	62	61	62	62	61	62	59	61	59	62	63	
1:00 PM Mean	71	69	69	89	64	29	69	70	70	69	69	7.0	7.1	70	70	99	89	62	71	70	
12 NOON Mean	70	89	26	65	09	62	65	29	54	99	99	65	74	54	59	48	50	55	55	73	
11:00 AM Mean	65	89	59	65	59	65	63	65	62	62	29	99	29	09	59	26	09	54	61	89	
10:00 AM Mean	57	09	48	55	47	58	53	09	52	55	61	61	62	51	51	48	51	49	54	09	
9:00 AM	42	47	32	40	30	77	39	45	38	42	45	42	77	36	37			36	39	45	
Location	Madison	Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville	

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TABLE 10 SEPTEMBER 1984

4:00 PM Mean	31	32	32	33	35	32	33	34	31	32	32	34	33	34	34	30	31	29	34	, 32	
3:00 PM Mean	41	45	77	41	41	42	77	42	77	45	77	43	43	45	44	39	42	33	43	43	
2:00 PM Mean	64	51	52	47	48	48	20	50	51	51	50	64	50	52	52	44	50	41	52	51	
1:00 PM Mean	. 65	59	57	55	54	51	55	55	26	55	57	57	57	59	59	52	53	94	58	26	
12 NOON <u>Mean</u>	57	58	62	99	61	55	59	58	57	55	59	59	61	09	62	54	26	50	09	61	
11:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	53	52	51	64	51	51	52	52	51	52	55	54	53	51	53	64	52	64	53	55	
10:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	43	45	42	77	40	77	43	41	43	43	77	42	41	43	43	42	43	38	43	40	
9:00 AM	30	34	30	32	28	31	31	32	30	31	33	31	31	31	32				31	32	
Location	Madison	Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville	

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TABLE 11 OCTOBER 1984

4:00 PM Mean	91	10	17	<u>,</u>	7 7	7.	7 7	7.	17	15	1,5	17	16	17	14	17	1.4	1.4	1.5	10 16
3:00 PM Mean	23	77	2.0	23	23	23	23	23	2.7	23	23	76	23	2.3	22	22	21	21	73	23
2:00 PM Mean	31	35	28	52	30	30	30	30	200	30	33	56	32	27	27	26	22	7.2	70	32
1:00 PM Mean	35	38	33	34	33	33	34	31	32	34	36	34	35	32	33	30	32	30	32	35
12 NOON Mean	39	39	35	37	33	35	35	36	35	38	40	38	39	34	35	32	35	30	36	40
11:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	31	30	28	29	27	30	28	30	28	28	30	30	32	28	29	27	29	25	29	33
10:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	26	27	24	27	23	27	24	26	24	26	26	26	29	23	24	25	25	21	24	27
9:00 AM Mean	18	20	16	18	16	19	17	19	17	19	19	18	19	16	17	16	17	14	17	19
Location	Madison	Milwaukee	La Crosse	Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sheboygan	Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville

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TABLE 12 NOVEMBER 1984

	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12 NOON	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Location	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean
Madison	21	26	28	29	23	17
Milwaukee	23	27	29	30	25	17
La Crosse	19	24	27	27	22	16
Green Bay	21	27	30	30	25	15
Eau Claire	18	23	25	25	21	15
Sheboygan	22	28	30	30	24	16
Portage	21	26	28	28	24	17
Beaver Dam	23	28	. 29	29	24	16
Wautoma	21	26	28	29	24	16
Fond du Lac	22	28	29	29	24	15
Lake Geneva	21	29	30	30	25	17
Mineral Point	21	27	29	30	76	19
Monroe	22	28	30	30	25	18
Tomah	19	25	27	29	23	16
Cassville	19	24	26	27	23	16
Wausau		23	24	25	21	15
Wisconsin Rapids	20	25	28	28	23	15
Superior	15	22	25	27	22	16
Soldiers Grove	18	23	27	28	25	18
Janesville	22	28	30	30	25	18

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TABLE 13 DECEMBER 1984

Location	10:00 AM	11:00 AM Mean	12 NOON Mean	1:00 PM Mean	2:00 PM Mean	3:00 PM Mean
Madison	14	19	21	19	16	11
Milwaukee	14	18	22	19	17	12
La Crosse	10	15	18	15	14	6
Green Bay	13	17	20	18	15	6
Eau Claire	11	15	16	14	13	6
Sheboygan	13	19	21	18	16	11
Portage	13	19	20	19	16	11
Beaver Dam	14	20	20	19	16	11
Wautoma	11	16	18	17	14	6
Fond du Lac	13	18	21	18	16	10
Lake Geneva	14	19	23	20	17	12
Mineral Point	13	18	20	19	16	11
Monroe	14	19	21	19	17	11
Tomah	11	14	1.7	16	14	6
Cassville	10	14	17	15	14	6
Wausau	10	- 17	19	17	14	10
Wisconsin Rapids	11	16	19	16	13	6
Superior	12	20	23	20	18	12
Soldiers Grove	11	15	18	16	14	10
Janesville	14	19	22	19	17	12

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TABLE 14 JANUARY 1985

3:00 PM Mean	23 21	23 21	23	20 23	20	23	20	21	23	23	23	22	23	22	22	24	22
2:00 PM Mean	31 30	31 28	30	32	27	32	27	28	29	30	30	30	30	31	29	31	29
1:00 PM Mean	36 38	38 35	38	38	35	39	34	34	35	35	37	38	37	38	37	38	36
12 NOON Mean	35 36	35 33	35	38 38	33	37	32	32	33	32	35	34	37	36	33	35	32
11:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	31 32	30	31	33	30	32	28	29	29	32	30	29	33	32	31	31	30
10:00 AM <u>Mean</u>	20 20	20 19	20	19 21	19	21	19	19	20	20	20	20	21	20	19	20	20
Location	Madison Milwaukee	La Crosse Green Bay	Eau Claire	Sneboygan Portage	Beaver Dam	Wautoma	Fond du Lac	Lake Geneva	Mineral Point	Monroe	Tomah	Cassville	Wausau	Wisconsin Rapids	Superior	Soldiers Grove	Janesville

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