### Program Updates

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#### Airport Observations



ASOS, AWOS, Observers, Communication, Outreach

 It still pays to know your Tower and Observer.

 ASOS Program maintenance is second to none. (AOMC oversite)

Communicate changes to HQ.
 ASOS changes typically orderly AWOS changes can come as a surprise.



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## NWS Forecast Offices



Constant Weather Watch
TAFs

- Constant Weather Watch is vital
   Forecast updates/Observations
- Aviation portion of the Forecast Discussion
- TAF Consistency latest 10-803
   No changes but increased focus
  - Definition and consistency of VCTS
  - NWS Chat to collaborate as needed

#### NWS Forecast Offices



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TAFs

- Aviation Outreach EAA is best known but there are many state fly-ins
- New TAFs since 2000, we've gone from
   540 to almost 700 TAFs nationwide

## NWS Forecast Offices

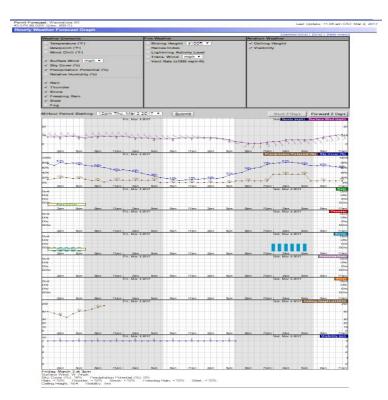


Constant Weather Watch

Digital Aviation Services

- CONUS wide DAS Grids by EOY
- DAS Grids increase forecast consistency between public zones and TAF
- DAS to be added to NDFD
  - Open potential for pilot/airline/faa
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- Aviation Outreach EAA is the biggest but many state fly-ins

#### NDFD and DAS - near future displays



Last Update: 12:43 pm EST Mar 2, 2017 37.86N 83.86W (Elev. 663 ft) abular Forecast Inide menul | Font Size: A A A Weather Elements Fire Weather Aviation Weather ✓ Ceiling Height ✓ Temperature (°F) Mixing Height ×100ft ▼ Dewpoint (°F) ✓ Visibility Haines Index Wind Chill (°F) Lightning Activity Level Trans. Wind mph ▼ ✓ Surface Wind mph ▼ 20ft Wind mph ▼ Sky Cover (%) Vent Rate (x1000 mph-ft) ✓ Precipitation Potential (%) Atmospheric Dispersion Index Relative Humidity (%) Low Visibility Occurrence Risk Index ✓ Rain ▼ Thunder **✓** Snow ✓ Freezing Rain ✓ Sleet ✓ Fog 48-Hour Period Starting: 1pm Thu, Mar 2 2017 ▼ Submit Back 2 Days Forward 2 Days 19 20 21 22 23 00 01 02 03 04 Wind Dir 

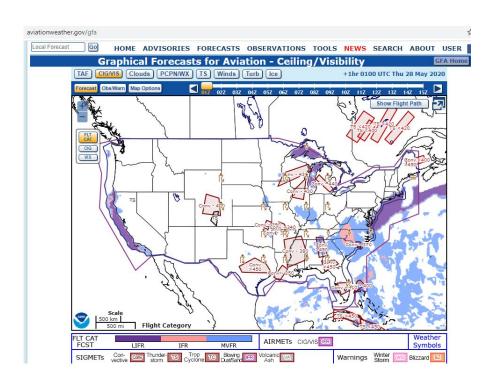
Point Forecast: Stanton KY

Weather.gov hourly weather graph

Weather.gov tabular weather

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Aviationweather.gov

weather.gov/forecastpoints

Weekly Summary	Wed May 27	Thu May 28	Fri May 29	Sat May 30	Sun May 31	Mon Jun 1	Tue Jun 2	Wed Jun 3
Max Temp, °F	76	72	65	67	69	70	80	82
Max Heat Index, °F	76	72	65	67	69	70	81	82
Min Temp, °F	69	61	53	48	46	50	59	64
Max Wind, mph	3	7	10	5	2	9	8	6
Min Wind, mph	3	2	2	1	2	2	5	5
Max Wind Gust, mph	8	17	22	16	14	18	17	20
Max Cloud Cover, %	89	100	39	47	34	84	83	68
Min Cloud Cover, %	82	38	5	11	6	38	57	54
Max Prob. of Precip., %	41	100	2	6	7	38	36	31
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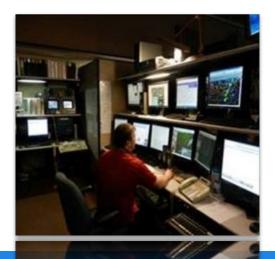




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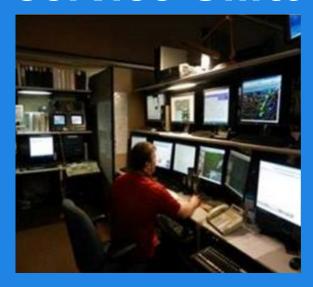






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## Center Weather Service Units



Imbedded DSS
Aviation Forecasters

- Direct daily interaction with aviation customers
- Forecast Collaboration
- Products
  - Center Weather Advisories
  - Collaboration of thunderstorm forecasts
  - 3x daily Video briefings direct to:
    - FAA Center
    - TRACONs
    - Towers

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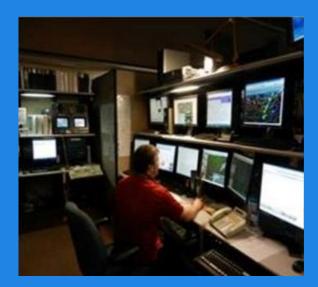


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- Preduty Weather Briefings
  - 3x daily Video briefings direct to:
    - FAA Center
    - TRACONS
    - Towers
  - FAA Controllers are required to view the weather briefing prior to handling traffic
  - Ground breaking DSS
    - using video to reach many

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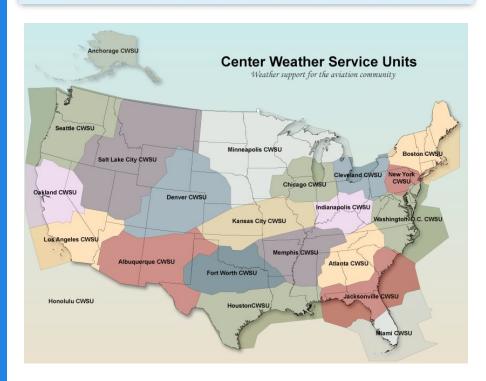


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### These are not the best times for flying

But it won't last and NWS aviation weather forecasts continue to expand and improve.



# Hope to see you in person next IWAWS

Best to all of you and your family!

