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Subject: Change to New 1981-2010 Climate Normals: Effective August 1, 2011

The NWS will incorporate the new 1981-2010 Climate Normals into our climate text products on August 1, 2011. The products affected will be:

Daily Climatological Report (CLI)
Monthly Climatological Report (CLM)
Quarterly Climatological Report (CLQ)
Seasonal Climatological Report (CLS)
Annual Climatological Report (CLA)
Preliminary Local Climatological Data Report (CF6)

Any product that has data that crosses the August 1, 2011 implementation date, such as the quarterly, seasonal and annual Climatological Reports, will use the new 1981-2010 Climate Normals for required calculations for the entire period.

Products issued prior to the change date will not be reissued using the new Climate Normals.

Climate Normals are calculated every 10 years and are an average of 30 years of climate data. The calculations are done by The National Climatic Data Center. More information can be found at;

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normals/usnormals.html>

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