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SUBJECT: DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN NORTHERN INDIANA...EFFECTIVE MARCH 6 2002

ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 2002...AT 400 PM EST...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN NORTHERN INDIANA /IWX/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING AN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT CALLED THE DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT.

THE DIGITAL FORECAST IS A PRODUCT WHICH DISPLAYS FORECAST WEATHER PARAMETERS IN 3-HOUR AND 12-HOUR INTERVALS. THE DIGITAL FORMAT OF THIS PRODUCT PROMOTES QUICK VISUAL SCANNING OF SELECTED WEATHER ELEMENTS AND FACILITATES EASE OF USE WITH COMPUTERS. IT ALLOWS THE USER TO OBTAIN THE WEATHER PARAMETER/S/ OF CHOICE.

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FOR THIS PRODUCT WILL BE FOUS53 KIWX. THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER WILL BE RDFIWX. CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO ADD THESE IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IF THEY WISH TO RECEIVE THE DIGITAL FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT...ISSUED BY THE NWS OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MISSOURI:
FOUS53 KEAX 311920
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DIGITAL FORECAST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MO
318 PM EDT THU AUG 31 2000

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ATCHISON KS-CLAY-CLINTON-JACKSON-JOHNSON KS-LAFAYETTE-LEAVENWORTH-PLATTE-
RAY-WYANDOTTE-
INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON KS...KANSAS CITY...OLATHE
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     FRI 09/01/00     \ SAT 09/02/00     \
POP 12HR        0       0       0       10       20
QPF 12HR        0       0       0       0
MAX QPF         0       0       0       0
SNOW 12HR       00-00   00-00   00-00   00-00
MN/MX          49      77      54      75      53
TEMP           71 73 69 60 55 52 52 61 71 75 72 64 60 57 61 67 75 72
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/SUN 09/03/00   /MON 09/04/00   /TUE 09/05/00   /
EDT           09 15 21 03 09 15 21 03 09 15 21 03 09
POP 12HR        40      40      40      40      30      30
MN/MX          72 56 77 57 77 57
CLOUDS        BK BK BK BK BK BK
RAIN SHWRS     C C C C C C
TSTMS           C C C C S

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END OF EXAMPLE

FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW TO INTERPRET THIS PRODUCT CAN BE FOUND ON THE
PLEASANT HILL FORECAST OFFICE WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:
WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/EAX/RDFEXPLAIN.HTM

...OR CONTACT THE NORTHERN INDIANA FORECAST OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED
BELOW.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THESE PRODUCTS...PLEASE CALL MIKE
SABONES OR STEVE EDDY AT THE NORTHERN INDIANA FORECAST OFFICE AT 219-834-
1104.
NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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