

Major Events in the United States Weather and Climatic History
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- 1644 - 1813:** Weather Diaries—Ben Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson.
- 1814:** U.S. Army Surgeon General directs medical corps to gather weather data at forts.
- 1870:** A National Weather Program was started within the U.S. Signal Corps.
- 1881:** Governors urged to establish state weather services. ND statehood in 1889.
- 1890:** National Weather Program transferred to USDA. Renamed US Weather Bureau.
- 1893:** Cooperative Weather Network authorized within the USDA Weather Bureau. Merged with existing state networks in 1895 for standardization.
- 1941:** Weather Bureau transferred to U.S. Dept Commerce (USDC).
- 1952:** National Weather Records Processing Center (WRPC) moved to Asheville, North Carolina in January.
- 1954:** Dr. Helmut Landsberg started the U.S. Weather Bureau's National State Climatologist Program.
- 1965:** USDC reorganized; Environmental Science Services Administration formed to oversee weather and climate.
- 1966:** Weather Bureau renamed the ESSA National Weather Service (NWS), and National Data Center in Ashville NC renamed the ESSA Environmental Data Service.
- 1970:** ESSA was renamed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- 1973:** National State Climatologist Program terminated. Governors urged to establish state funded State climatologist Programs.
- 1976:** American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) organized. The Environmental Data Service was renamed the National Climatic Center.
- 1978:** National Climate Program Act passed by Congress after years of effort by many climatologists, but it was never funded. National Climate Program Office (NCPO) was created.
- 1981:** North Central (NC) Regional Research Committee on Agricultural Meteorology-Climatology (NC-94) obtained grant from the NCPO to establish a Regional Climate Center (RCC) as a 5-year demonstration project. It was established by bid at the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS).
- 1983:** The National Climatic Center was renamed the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC).
- 1986:** The RCC demonstration project was successful. NCPO worked to establish similar centers across the country. The effort succeeded, but I don't know the year.