

Metadata

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Cary Environmental Monitoring Program 3-Minute Meteorological and Solar Radiation Data 2025

Abstract

This dataset is a contribution to the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies Environmental Monitoring Program. This program is a long-term data collection program designed to understand how the environment changes over time. The program includes monitoring of climate including temperature and precipitation, as well as variables related to air pollution, such as acid deposition and ozone, and water pollution and other streamwater chemistry. Our program also includes solar radiation monitoring, which includes diffuse and global photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), diffuse and global shortwave radiation, net radiation and UV. Long-term monitoring of solar radiation provides us with an understanding of atmospheric energy dynamics, which can affect natural and human systems.

Data provided in this dataset include 3-minute summaries of meteorological and solar radiation variables.

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Environmental Monitoring Program furnishes data under the following conditions: The data have received quality assurance scrutiny by our program, and, although we are confident of the accuracy of these data, Cary Institute will not be held liable for errors in these data. Data are subject to change resulting from updates in data screening or models used.

Those wishing to publish data from Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Environmental Monitoring Program are encouraged to contact data manager Vicky Kelly, kellyv@caryinstitute.org.

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Keywords

Cary Institute, meteorology, climate, solar radiation, PAR, net radiation, shortwave radiation, air temperature, precipitation, barometric pressure, wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity

Timeframe

The data in this file start 1 January 2025. Data collection is ongoing.

Geographic location

The meteorological and solar radiation instruments are located in a flat, open field in Millbrook, NY at an elevation of 128 m. GPS coordinates are N41.785823 W073.741447.

Methods

Meteorological and solar radiation data are collected using a Campbell Scientific, Inc. datalogger (21X 1M 1987-14 September 1993, 21XL 14 September 1993- 12 October 1999, 23X 12 Oct. 1999-December 2011, CR3000 Dec. 2011-present). All sensors are sampled every 2 seconds and all data are summarized every 3, minutes, 15 minutes, hourly and at the end of every 24-hour period. Hour-minute data units are Eastern Standard Time (EST), where 1115 is 11:12 to 11:15 EST. Three minute summary meteorological and solar radiation data have been collected since 2011 and 15-minute data since 2015.

The instruments, their accuracy and our recommendation for the number of significant figures to use are listed below. Please note that significant figures may be reported beyond the accuracy of the instruments. Data are reported in this manner to maintain the capability of backing out calculations from the raw measurements. Instrument notes including calibration, malfunctions and repairs is available upon request.

Barometric Pressure, October 1999 – 27 June 2020 Campbell Scientific, Inc. Model CS105, 27 June 2020 – present, Vaisala Model PTB110 Barometer, sensitivity 4 mb, recommended significant figs. 4. The barometric pressure sensor is located adjacent to the datalogger in a temperature-controlled room.

Net Radiation, 1988 - April 1992, Qualimetrics Fritschen Type Model 3030 3032, sensitivity 4 mV, recommended significant figs. 2. April 1992 - March 1994, Radiation and Energy Balance Systems (REBS) Model Q6, March 1994-Sept. 1995, REBS Model Q*6.7, Sept. 1995-present REBS Model Q*7.1, ventilator used Sept 1995-July 2000, sensitivity 0.01 Wm⁻²-mV, recommended significant figs. 2. Location of sensors: 2 m above a mowed grass surface (1988-July 2002), 2.5 m above mowed grass surface (July 2002-present).
PAR, 1988 - present, Li-Cor, Inc. Model LI-190SB, sensitivity 8 mA/1000 mmols-1-m², recommended significant figs. 3. Location of sensors: 2 m above a mowed grass surface (1988-July 2002), 2.5 m above mowed grass surface (July 2002-present).

Precipitation, 1988 - June 2007, Belfort Instrument Co. Universal Recording Rain Gauge, Series 5-780, sensitivity 0.05 inch (1.3 mm), recommended significant figs. 2. Precipitation amount from each event was checked using a standard plastic rain gauge and/or a snow depth / rain gauge. Location of instruments: collector openings are approximately 3 m above a mowed grass surface. July 2007-present, Geonor Precipitation Gauge Model T-200B from co-located USCRN station.

Relative Humidity, 1988 - April 1997, Phys Chem Corp. PCRC-11 or PCRC-55, sensitivity 3%, recommended significant figs. 2. April 1997-present, Campbell Scientific, Inc. HMP45C, which uses a Vaisala, Inc., capacitive polymer H chip, sensitivity 3%, recommended significant figs. 2 Temperature and relative humidity sensors are housed in a motor-aspirated shield (Climatronics Corp. series TS-10) 1.6 m above a mowed grass surface, pointed north.

Shortwave Radiation, 1988 - present, Eppley Laboratory, Inc. Model 8-48, sensitivity 11 mV/Wm⁻², recommended significant figs. 3. Location of sensors: 2 m above a mowed grass surface (1988-July 2002), 2.5 m above mowed grass surface (July 2002-present).

Temperature, 1988 - Nov. 1998, Campbell Scientific Model 107 or 207, sensitivity 0.4 deg C, recommended significant figs. 3. Nov. 1998 - present, Campbell Scientific, Inc. HMP45C temperature probe, sensitivity 0.4 deg C, recommended significant figs. 3. Temperature and relative humidity sensors are housed in a motor-aspirated shield (Climatronics Corp. series TS-10) 1.6 m above a mowed grass surface, pointed north.

Wind Speed, 1988 - July 2002, Campbell Scientific, Inc. Model 014A, sensitivity 1.5%, recommended significant figs. 3. July 2002 - June 2003, Met One Instruments, Inc. Model 50.5 Solid State Wind Sensor, sensitivity 2%, recommended significant figs. 3. October 2003 – July 2008, Climatronics Corp. sonimometer. July 2008-present, R.M. Young model 05103 Wind Monitor, sensitivity 1.0 m/s, recommended significant figs. 2. Location of sensors: approximately 10 m above a mowed grass surface.

Wind Direction, 1988 - July 2002, Campbell Scientific, Inc. Model 024A, sensitivity 5 degrees, recommended significant figs. 2. July 2002 - June 2003, Met One Instruments, Inc. Model 50.5 Solid State Wind Sensor, sensitivity 3 degrees, recommended significant figs. 3. October 2003 – July 2008, Climatronics Corp. sonimometer. July 2008-present, R.M. Young model 05103 Wind Monitor, sensitivity 5 degrees, recommended significant figs. 2. Location of sensors: approximately 10 m above a mowed grass surface.

Snow Depth, 1992-2017, ruler measurement to the nearest 0.5 inch in a snow depth gauge and on the

ground. Measurements were made within 12 hours of the completion of a snow event. October 2017 – present, snow depth was determined using a combination of ruler measurements and data from a Campbell Scientific SR50A Sonic Ranging Sensor. Recommended significant figs. 2.

METEOROLOGICAL DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL PARAMETERS AND METHODS

The quality of meteorological data collected as part of the Cary Institute Environmental Monitoring Program is assured and controlled at several levels. Instruments are returned to manufacturers for audits and calibration as recommended by the manufacturer or as needed. If an instrument is known to have malfunctioned or if it is not in place for any reason, data are either removed and replaced with missing values, or are replaced with data from a known working instrument. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation maintains an air monitoring site co-located at the Cary Institute. Temperature data from the DEC program were sometimes used when Cary Institute instruments malfunctioned or were unavailable.

Data are checked for accuracy at several levels. Programs used to process data contain range-checking steps. These steps produce a temporary dataset that put out-of-range data and data that are beyond a reasonable range equal to missing values. These data are then checked and missing values are reviewed. At the end of each year, data are compared with data from previous years and other nearby weather stations to check for outliers and drift. All outliers are checked and, if for any reason the value is suspect, the value is replaced with a missing value code.

Instrument notes including calibration schedule, malfunctions and repairs are available on request.

Data Table

Column name	Description	Unit or code explanation or date format	Empty value code
DATE	Date in MM/DD/YYYY format where MM is month number, DD is date number and YYYY is year	Date	
HOUR_MIN	Hour in hour_minute format in Eastern Standard Time. Note that data are from the preceding 3 minute period. For example, data for hour 103 are from 1:00 to 1:03 a.m EST.	numeric	Eastern Standard Time
DATETIME	Date & hour-minute in M/D/YYYY hh:mm format in Eastern Standard Time. Note that data are from the preceding 3 minute period.	Datetime	Eastern Standard Time
MAX_WS	Maximum relative humidity (%)	numeric	percent
AVE_SWS	Scalar mean wind speed (m/sec)	numeric	meters per sec
AVE_RWS	Resultant mean wind speed (m/sec)	numeric	meters per sec
AVE_RWD	Resultant mean wind direction (degrees)	numeric	degrees
WD_SD	Standard deviation of wind direction (degrees)	numeric	degrees
AVE_TEMP	Average air temperature (degrees C)	numeric	degrees C
MAX_RH	Maximum relative humidity (%)	numeric	percent
MIN_RH	Minimum relative humidity (%)	numeric	percent
AVE_GSW	Average global short-wave radiation (Watts/m^2)	numeric	Watts/m^2

AVE_DSW	Average diffuse short-wave radiation (Watts/m ²)	numeric	Watts/m ²
AVE_GPAR	Average global PAR (micromoles/m ² -sec)	numeric	micromoles/m ² -sec
AVE_DPAR	Average diffuse PAR (micromoles/m ² -sec)	numeric	micromoles/m ² -sec
AVE_NETR	Average net radiation (Watts/m ²)	numeric	Watts per meter squared
AVE_BP	Average barometric pressure (mm Hg)	numeric	mm Hg

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