

# NJ Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network

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*“Because every drop counts!”*

# Office of the NJ State Climatologist

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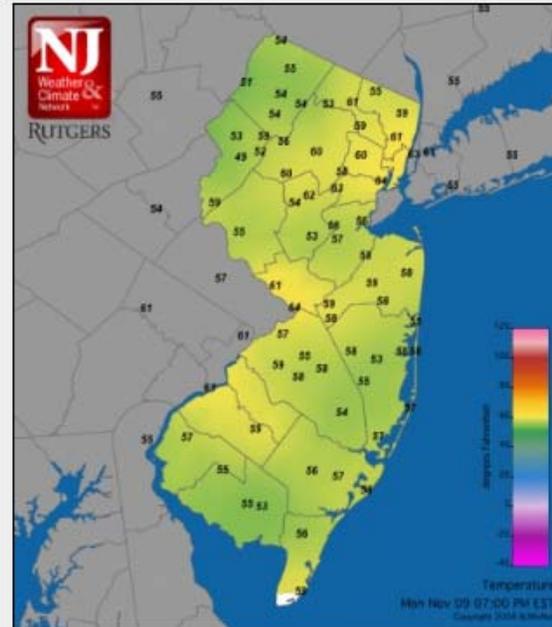
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Latest temperatures across NJ appear in the above map. Click on the map or here, the [New Jersey Weather and Climate Network](#) for much more information.

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Snow at higher elevations in Vernon, NJ, October 16, 2009  
Photo courtesy of Nick Stefano

## Cool, Wet and Briefly White: October 2009 Overview

Dr. David A. Robinson  
NJ State Climatologist  
November 5, 2009

Being a transition month, some October days provide lingering summer warmth, while others may bring early reminders of the winter ahead. Stretches of dry weather

# What Is CoCoRaHS??

***“CoCoRaHS is a grassroots, non-profit, community-based, high-density precipitation network***



***made up of volunteers of all backgrounds and ages . . .***



***. . . who take daily measurements of “just precipitation” right in their own backyards”***



**CoCoRaHS**

Snow Net.

# Just Precipitation!



Rain



Hail



Snow

**Once trained, our  
volunteers collect data  
using low-cost  
measurement tools**



4-inch diameter  
high-capacity rain gauges



Snow-measuring ruler and  
snow board



Training is important to assure  
accurate, high quality data



# Volunteers report their daily observations on our interactive website: [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)



**COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK**  
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Welcome to CoCoRaHS! "Volunteers working together to measure precipitation across the nation."



**Key**  
CoCoRaHS State  
State Joining During 2009



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TRAINING  
SLIDE-SHOWS

Things to know about...

 **Rain**

 **Hail**

 **Snow**

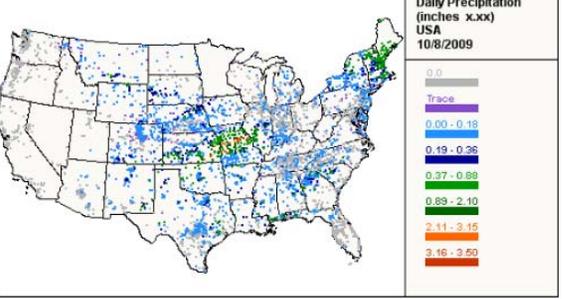


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"CoCoRaHS Article"  
and find out more about  
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from a meteorologist and  
fellow CoCoRaHS Observer



**Daily Precipitation  
(inches x.xx)  
USA  
10/8/2009**



**COCORAHS  
MINNESOTA  
COMING SOON!**



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**Precipitation Report Form**

**Station Number :** NJ-MD-5

**Station Name :** New Brunswick 1.5 SE

\* Denotes Required Field

8/27/2008  \* **Observation Date** ?

7:00 AM  \* **Observation Time** ?

1.48  \* **Total Rain and Melted Snow in gauge in inches to the nearest hundredth** ?

Yes  No **Report was taken at registered location?**

**Observation Notes:** (This will be available to the public) ?

Intense thunderstorm last evening. 1.13" of rain in 35 minutes (intense precipitation report submitted). Strong winds with small branches down.

**New Snow**

0.0  **Depth of new snow in inches to the nearest tenth** ?

NA  **Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth** ?

**Total Snow on Ground**

NA  **Depth of total snow in inches to the nearest half inch** ?

NA  **Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth** ?

**Duration Information**

If a time is unknown or the storm has not ended leave it blank.

**Precipitation Began** 7:15   AM  PM

**Precipitation Ended** 8:50   AM  PM

**Heaviest Precipitation Began** 7:25   AM  PM

**Heaviest Precipitation Lasted** 35  minutes

**These times are:** Very Accurate

**Additional Information**

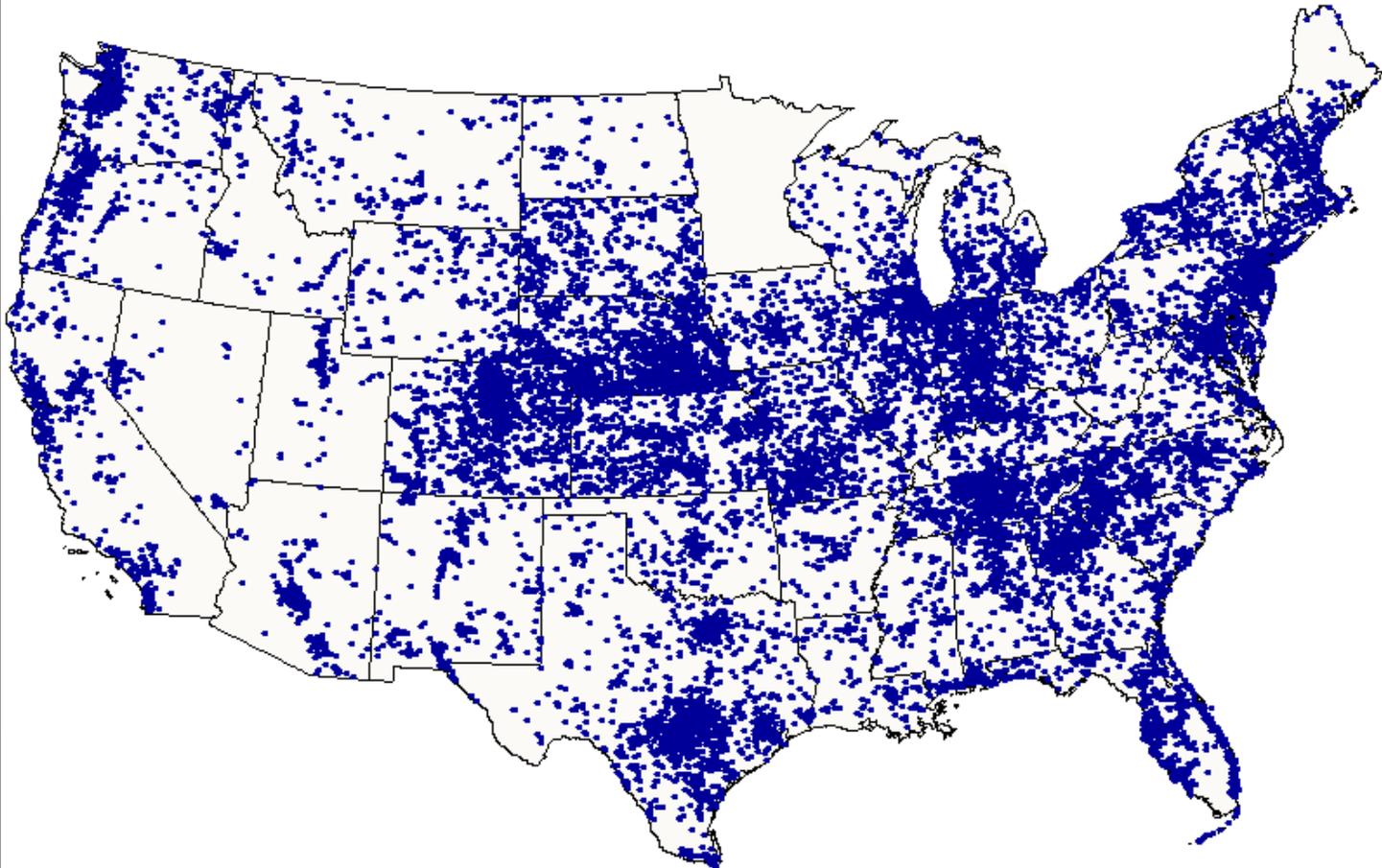
**Any Flooding?** Minor (typical). Street or field flooding

Yes  No **Did you record hourly precipitation (or other detailed time increments) for this storm?** If yes, CoCoRaHS personnel may request a copy of this data later, so please save it.

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# CoCoRaHS around the country

Active Stations  
USA

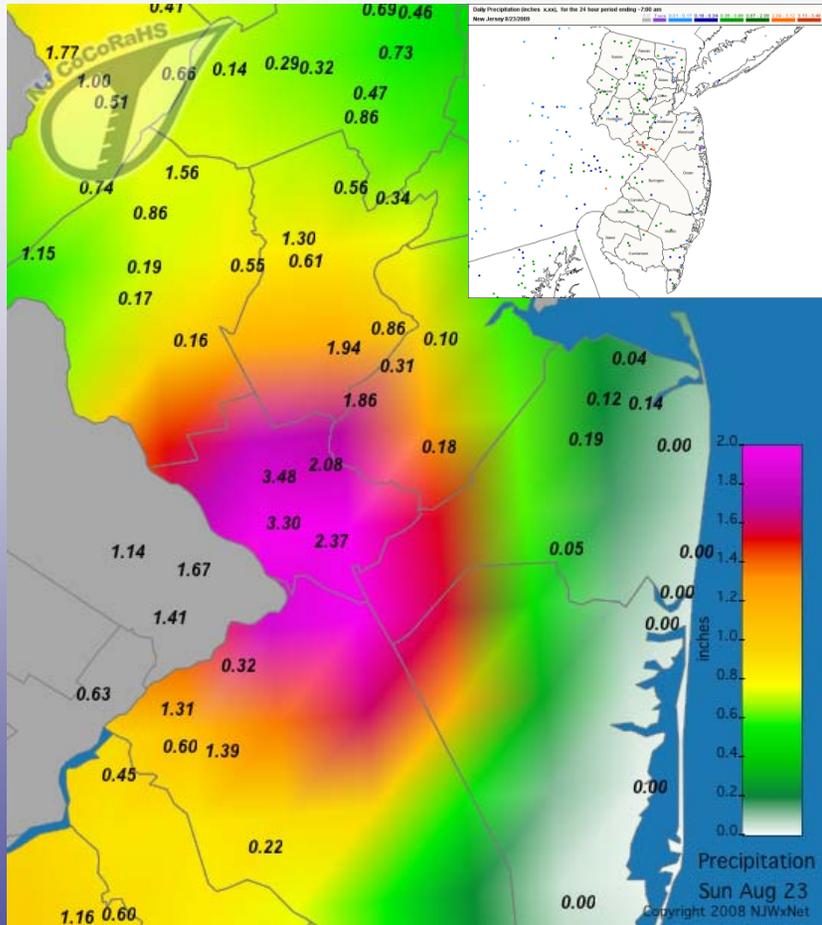


November 2009

**CoCoRaHS's main focus is to provide:**



# quality precipitation data . . .



Daily precipitation maps:  
Rainfall, Hail and Snowfall

Date	Time	Station Number	Station Name	Total Precip .ins	New Snow .in	Total Snow .in	State	County	View
8/23/2009	5:30 AM	NJ-MC-5	Lawrence Twp 1.0 NNW	3.48	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	8:00 AM	NJ-MC-9	Lawrence Twp 1.8 SSW	3.45	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	8:00 AM	NJ-MC-1	Pennington 0.6 ENE	3.36	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	6:00 AM	NJ-MC-12	Lawrence Twp 3.0 S	3.30	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-MC-2	Hamilton Twp 2.3 NE	3.23	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-MC-15	Lawrence Twp 1.8 SSW	3.19	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-MC-16	Washington Twp 1.7 WSW	2.52	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	6:00 AM	NJ-MC-4	Hamilton Twp 2.2 NE	2.37	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	8:45 AM	NJ-GL-5	Franklin Twp 4.4 SE	2.10	NA	NA	NJ	Gloucester	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	8:00 AM	NJ-MC-3	Princeton Twp 2.2 SSE	2.08	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-SS-18	Wantage Twp 2.9 WNW	2.04	NA	NA	NJ	Sussex	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-SM-1	Hillsborough Twp 4.7 ESE	1.94	NA	NA	NJ	Somerset	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	8:00 AM	NJ-MD-9	South Brunswick Twp 3.1 NW	1.86	NA	NA	NJ	Middlesex	<a href="#">View</a>
8/23/2009	6:30 AM	NJ-WR-18	Knowlton Twp 3.2 SSE	1.77	NA	NA	NJ	Warren	<a href="#">View</a>
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8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-MC-11	Ewing Twp 1.6 SE	1.65	NA	NA	NJ	Mercer	<a href="#">View</a>
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8/23/2009	7:00 AM	NJ-UN-7	Westfield 1.0 NE	1.41	NA	NA	NJ	Union	<a href="#">View</a>
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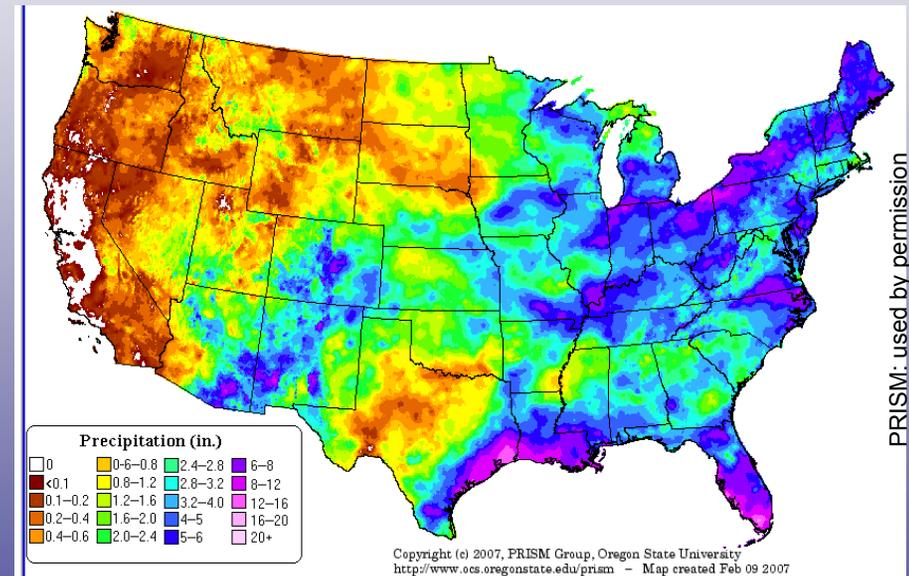
Daily data  
in tabular form



# Why CoCoRaHS ??



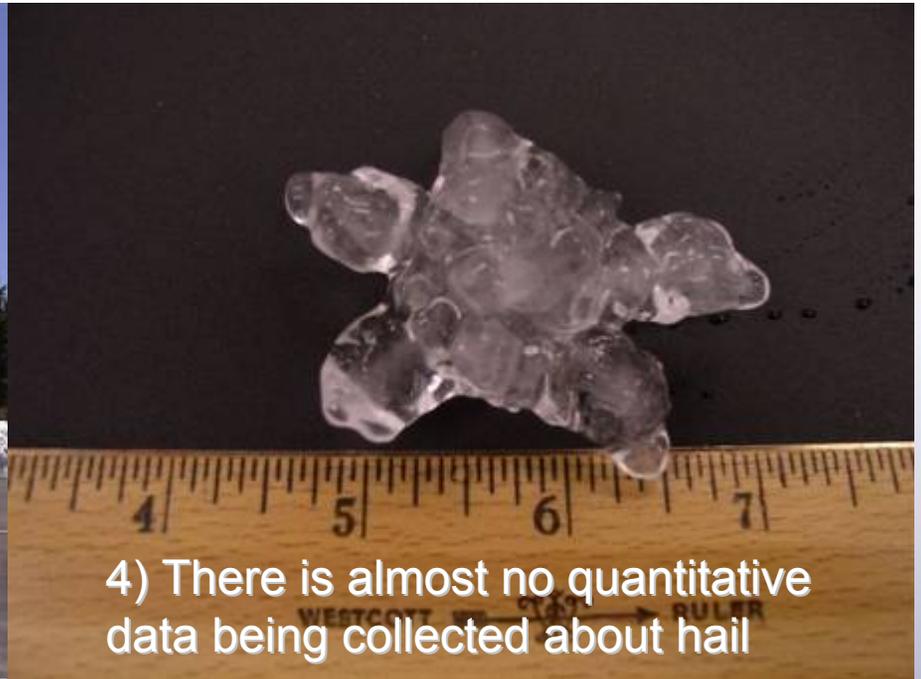
1) Precipitation is important and highly variable



2) Data sources are few and rain gauges are far apart



3) Measurements from many sources are not always accurate (especially snow)



4) There is almost no quantitative data being collected about hail

5) Storm reports can save lives

A collage of three images. On the left is a newspaper clipping from the 'Fort Collins Coloradoan' dated Wednesday, July 30th, 1997. The headline reads 'City death toll at 5; damage in millions'. The clipping lists a storm toll: 5 confirmed deaths, 40 injuries, 16 missing, and 160 rescued. It also mentions damages of tens of millions of dollars at Colorado State University, \$1.5 million to \$2 million to city roads and bridges, and \$1 million to city parks and trails. On the right are two photographs: the top one shows a flooded street at night with a car partially submerged, and the bottom one shows a building on fire at night with flames reflecting in a pool of water.

**STORM TOLL**  
Deaths - 5 confirmed  
Injuries - 40  
Missing - 16  
Rescued - 160  
Damages - Tens of millions of dollars at Colorado State University, \$1.5 million to \$2 million to city roads and bridges; \$1 million to city parks and trails; no estimate for private property.

**Wednesday**  
**FORT COLLINS COLORADOAN**  
**City death toll at 5; damage in millions**  
Thought I was over a few times  
CSU's book losses speak volumes  
Hailfall breaks 25-year record

**July 30th 1997**



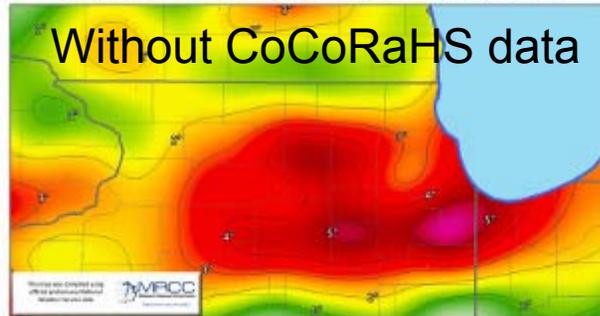
# Precipitation is very important



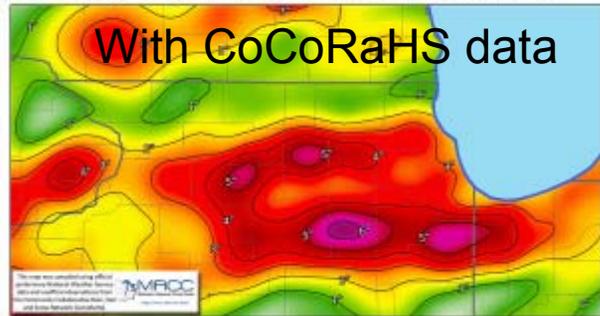
Richard Toms

# Data sources are few in some places and rain gauges can even be far apart in New Jersey

(A) August 23 & 24 Accumulated Precipitation



(B) August 23 & 24 Accumulated Precipitation

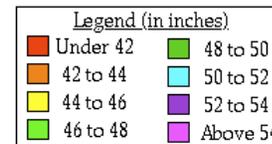


*With more observers it's like taking a photo with more pixels . . . the end result is a much clearer picture*

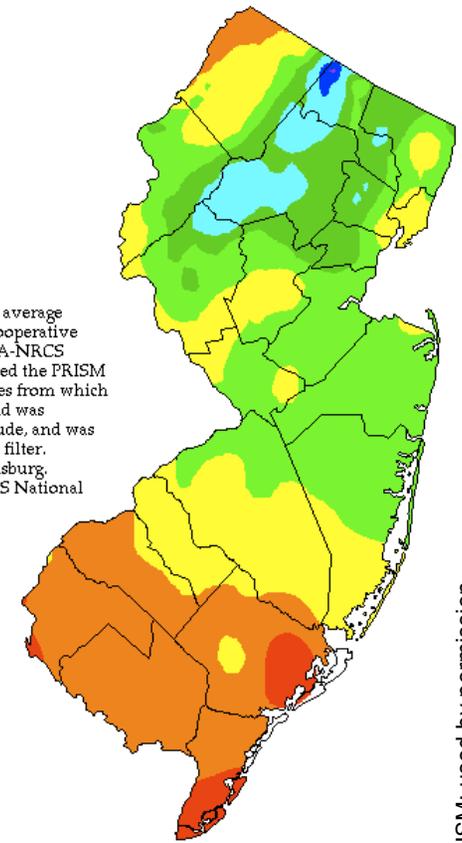
## Average Annual Precipitation

### New Jersey

This map is a plot of 1961-1990 annual average precipitation contours from NOAA Cooperative stations and (where appropriate) USDA-NRCS SNOTEL stations. Christopher Daly used the PRISM model to generate the gridded estimates from which this map was derived; the modeled grid was approximately 4x4 km latitude/longitude, and was resampled to 2x2 km using a Gaussian filter. Mapping was performed by Jenny Weisburg. Funding was provided by USDA-NRCS National Water and Climate Center.



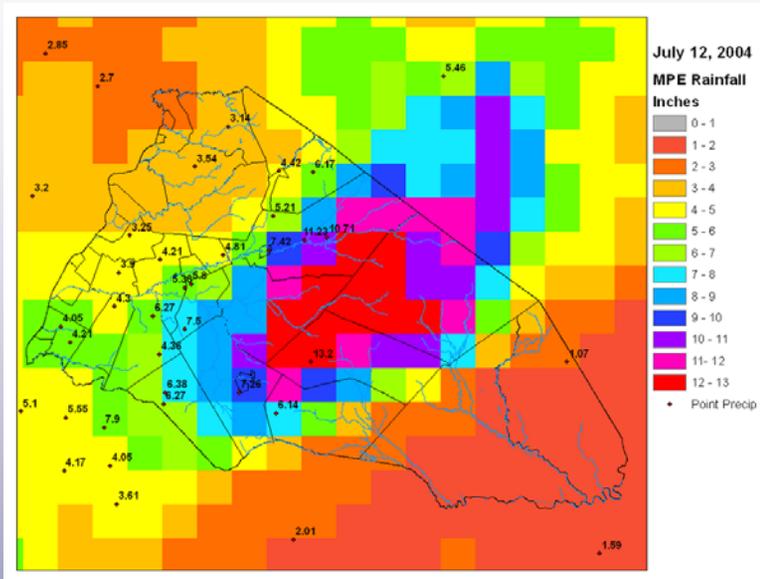
Period: 1961-1990



12/8/97

PRISM: used by permission

# Monitoring our precious water resources!

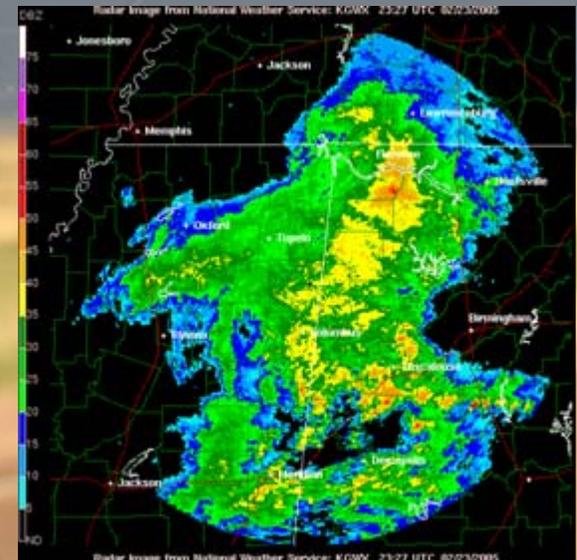


Spruce Run Reservoir, March 2002



# CoCoRaHS data are used by many

- National Weather Service
- Other Meteorologists
- Hydrologists
- Emergency Managers
- City Utilities
  - Water supply
  - Water conservation
  - Storm water
- Insurance adjusters
- USDA—Crop production
- Engineers
- Scientists studying storms
- Mosquito control
- Farm Service Agency
- Ranchers and Farmers
- Outdoor & Recreation
- Teachers and Students
  - Geoscience education tool
  - Taking measurements
  - Analyzing data
  - Organizing results
  - Conducting research
  - Helping the community



# Who Sponsors CoCoRaHS?

**New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (Rutgers Univ.)**

**The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Colorado State University and other universities**

**USDA, BLM, Cooperative Extension**

**US Bureau of Reclamation**

**National Weather Service Local Offices**

**Individual Contributors**

**As well as many others**

# SECTION ONE:

## *Observer Information*

In this section we will:

a) Explain what we will need from you before you become an observer

b) Explain what you will need before you can participate

CoCoRaHS

a) What *we will need from you*  
before you can participate as an  
observer:

CoCoRaHS

& Snow Network



**A completed application form (on-line or paper)**



**Your location – so we can produce accurate maps. Just having your address may not be good enough. We have to pinpoint it just as close as we can.**



**Your commitment to collect accurate scientific data**

**Your willingness to receive CoCoRaHS e-mails**

(spam blocking off)



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**b) What you will need before  
you can participate as an observer**

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#1

**A sincere desire to help study and learn about storms**



#2

**Training**

(in person or on-line)



#3

**A unique station number and name**  
(we will assign you one)



**Station Number : CO-LR-368**

**Station Name : FCL 3.4 SW**

**CoCoRaHS**

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#4

A CoCoRaHS “4-inch” rain gauge installed in a good location

#5

A username and password to enter data

The screenshot shows the CoCoRaHS website's login interface. At the top, the logo and text "COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK" are visible. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Login" section with a "Log In:" label. It contains two input fields: "UserName" with the text "username" and "Password" with "\*\*\*\*\*". There is a "Save Login" checkbox and a "Log In" button. Below the login fields, there are two links: "Find your login info." and "Apply to be a Cocorahs observer." The left sidebar contains a "Main Menu" with links for Home, About Us, Join CoCoRaHS, and Contact Us, and a "Resources" section with links for FAQ/Help, Education, Volunteer Coordinators, Mail List, Contributions/Donor, Help Needed, and Broken Links.

#6

Computer with an internet connection



The ability to gather accurate data and transmit it in a timely fashion

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# **SECTION TWO:**

## ***Setting Up Equipment and Observing Precipitation***

**In this section we will:**

- a) Show how/where to place the rain gauge***
- b) Explain how to measure rainfall***
- c) Introduce snow measuring tools and what gets reported***

**CoCoRaHS**

The logo for CoCoRaHS (Coastal Observing Program) is located in the bottom right corner. It features the text "CoCoRaHS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, slanted upwards. Below the text is a stylized graphic of a blue archway or bridge structure with a white interior, and a vertical blue bar on the right side with several horizontal white lines, resembling a scale or a measurement tool.

***I have an automated weather station with a rain gauge. Can I use that instead of the CoCoRaHS gauge?***

**Answer:** In order to accurately compare CoCoRaHS reports, all observers must use the 4 inch CoCoRaHS gauge. Automated rain gauges tend to underestimate a heavy rainfall and do not accurately measure water equivalent of snow. You are welcome to place the automated gauge beside the 4 inch gauge to compare measurements, but report what falls in the 4 inch gauge



# a) Placement of your rain gauge



Location! Location!  
Location!

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# Places not to place your gauge



Under trees or  
any structure

Although convenient, the deck is  
still too close to the house



The #1 all time worst place to  
put your rain gauge is to  
leave it in the box!

# Level and Bevel

Make sure your gauge is level and place the gauge top approx. 5 feet off the ground



Bevel the top of the post to reduce rain splashing into the gauge

## b) Measuring Rainfall



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# When should we read our gauges?



7:00AM is preferred

Between 5:00AM and 9:00AM is OK

Other times are accepted, but they will not appear on CoCoRaHS Maps

# Reading your rain gauge

- Reading the rain gauge is easy but accuracy & consistency are important



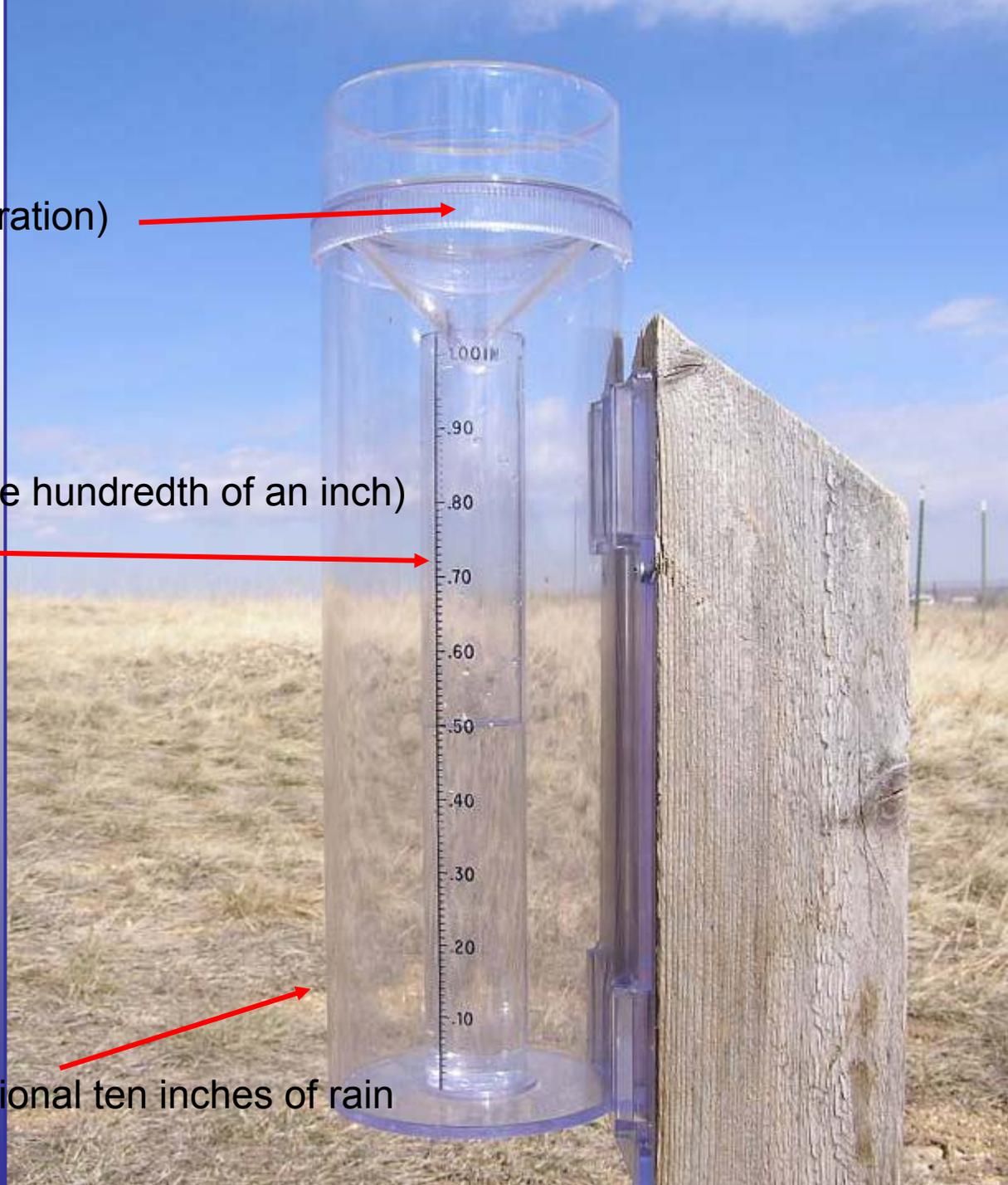
Funnel (helps prevent evaporation)



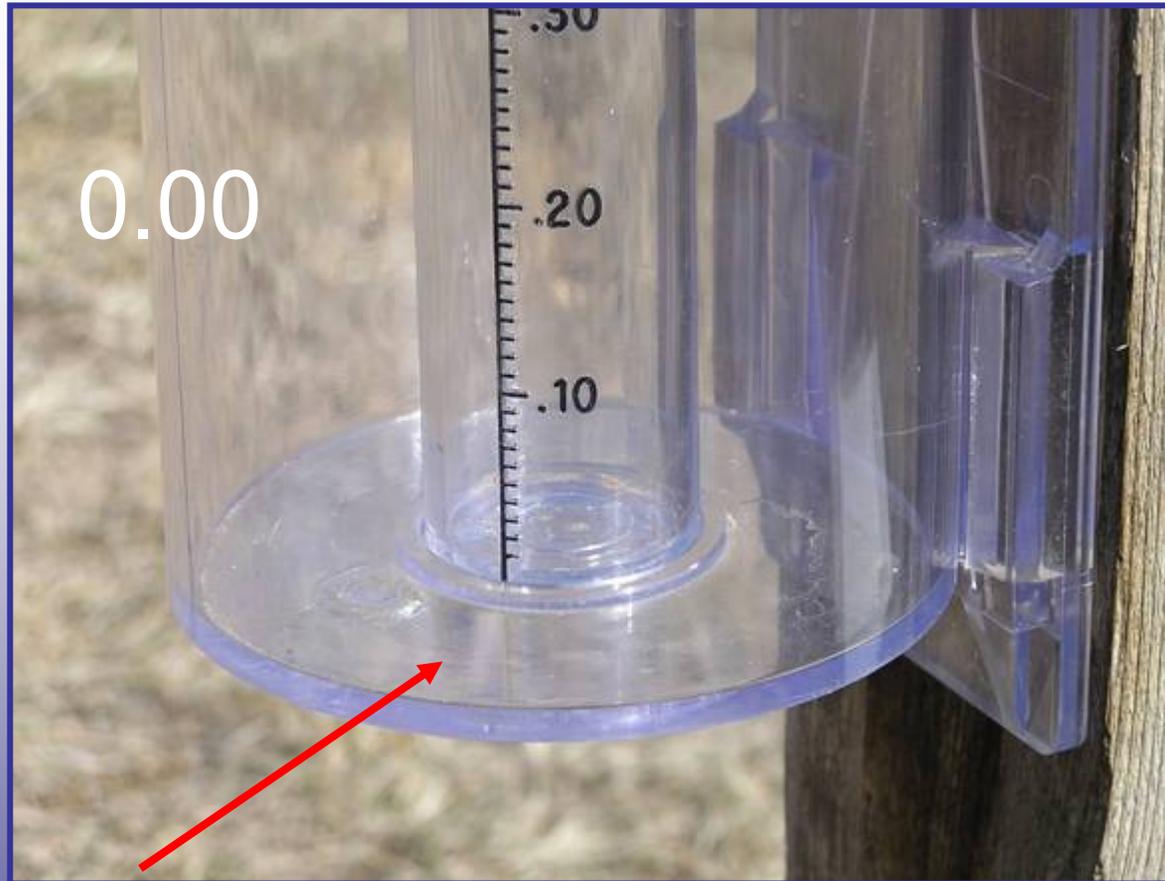
Inner Tube (measures to the hundredth of an inch)  
– holds one inch of rain.



Outer Tube – holds an additional ten inches of rain



# Your most common observation

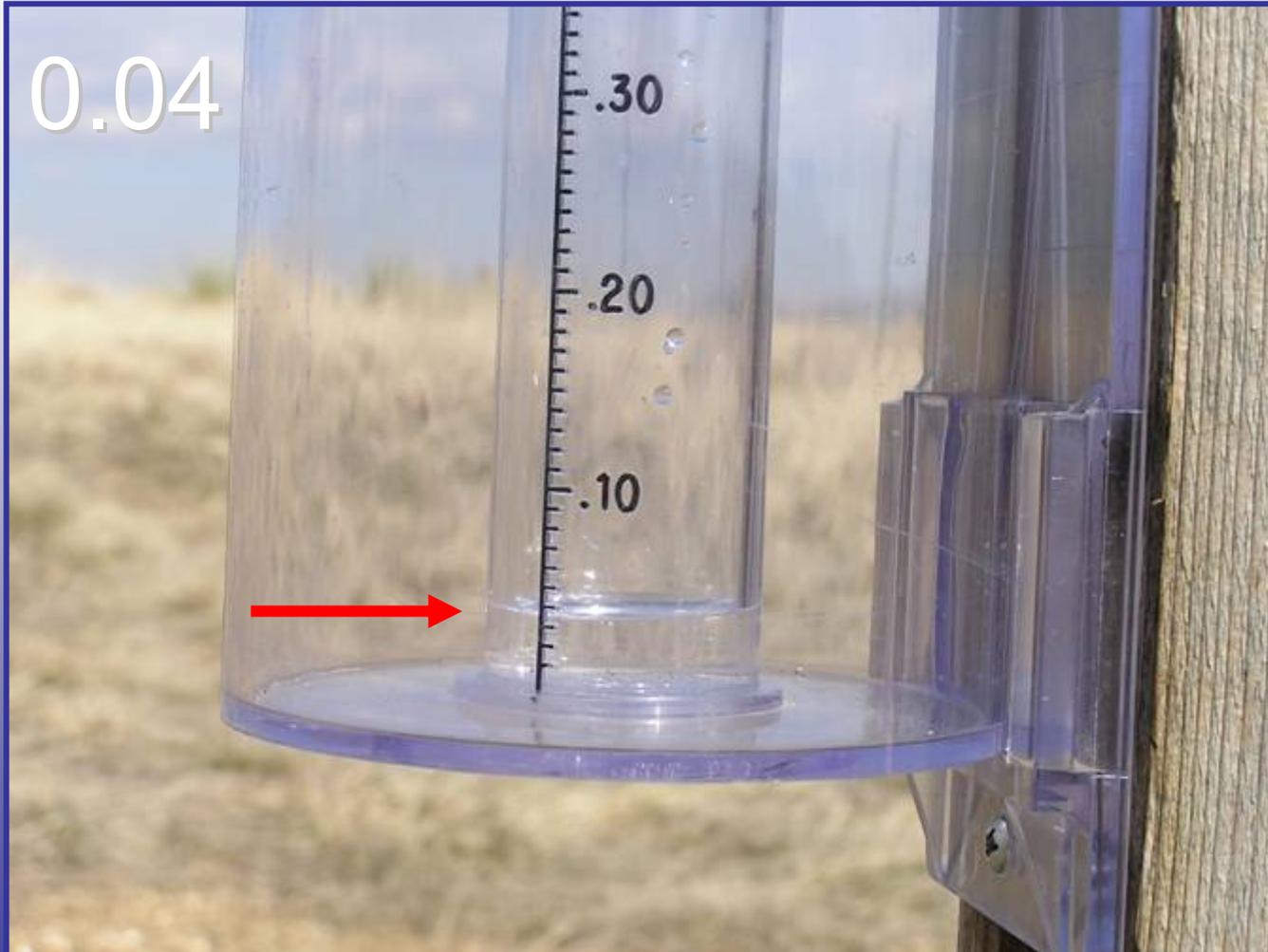


... will be zero, (0.00), nada, nothing, zilch!

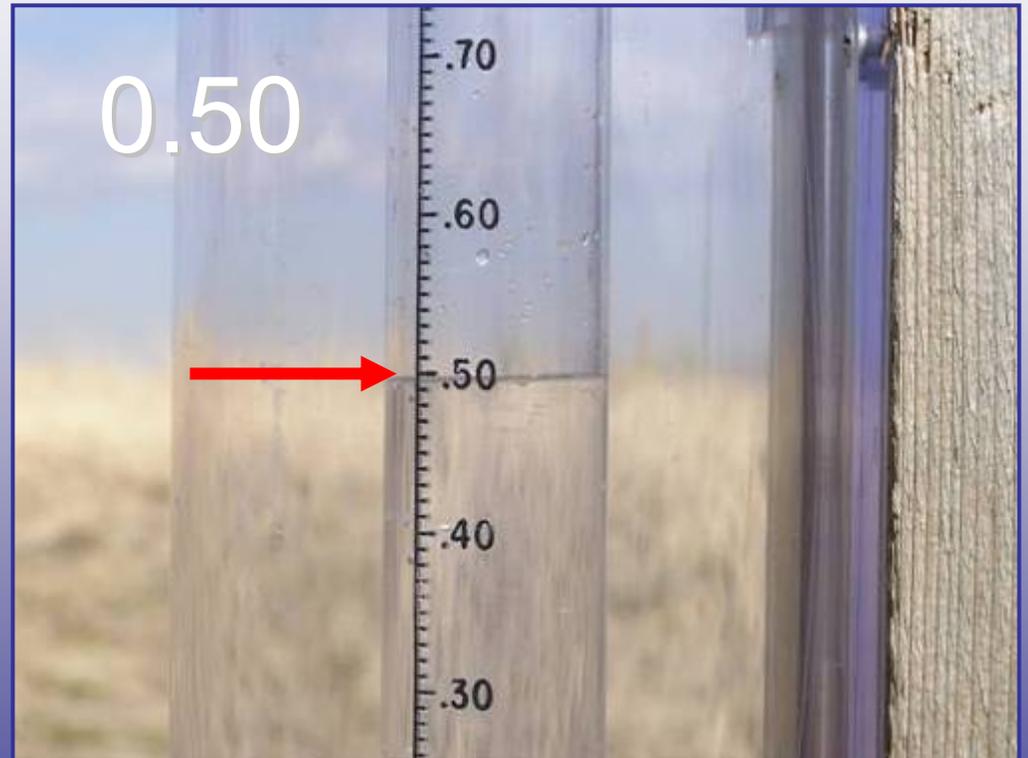
Anything less than 0.01" is recorded as a "T" for Trace

It is important to know that it did NOT rain. Please report zeros!

# Between “T” and “one tenth” of an inch



# A nice soaking rain



# Water! Water! Everywhere!



When more than an inch of rain falls the precipitation will overflow into the outer cylinder. The whole gauge has a capacity to hold 11 inches.

# To measure greater than one inch . . .



Pour out the first inch from the inner tube and write it down.



Now pour the remaining water into the funnel & measure using the inner tube.



Continue until all of the water has been measured. Make sure you keep track of your amounts along the way.



## c) Tools for measuring Snow

- Snowfall measurement is typically more difficult than rainfall
- Snowfall measurement takes a little more time

Accurate and timely snowfall measurements can be extremely important to the local National Weather Service office, public works departments, media outlets, climatologists, and other scientists

# Tools of the Trade

- Precipitation Gauge
- Snow board
  - A 24"x16" piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood painted white
- Yardstick or snow stick

# Four Snow Measurements

1. The depth of new snow
2. Liquid water equivalent of new snow
3. The total depth of new snow and old snow and ice at observation time
4. Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) of total snow on the ground (optional)

## **SECTION THREE:**

# ***Reporting Observations***

**In this section we will introduce you to the website and show you how to record your observations**

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**Rail & Snow Network**

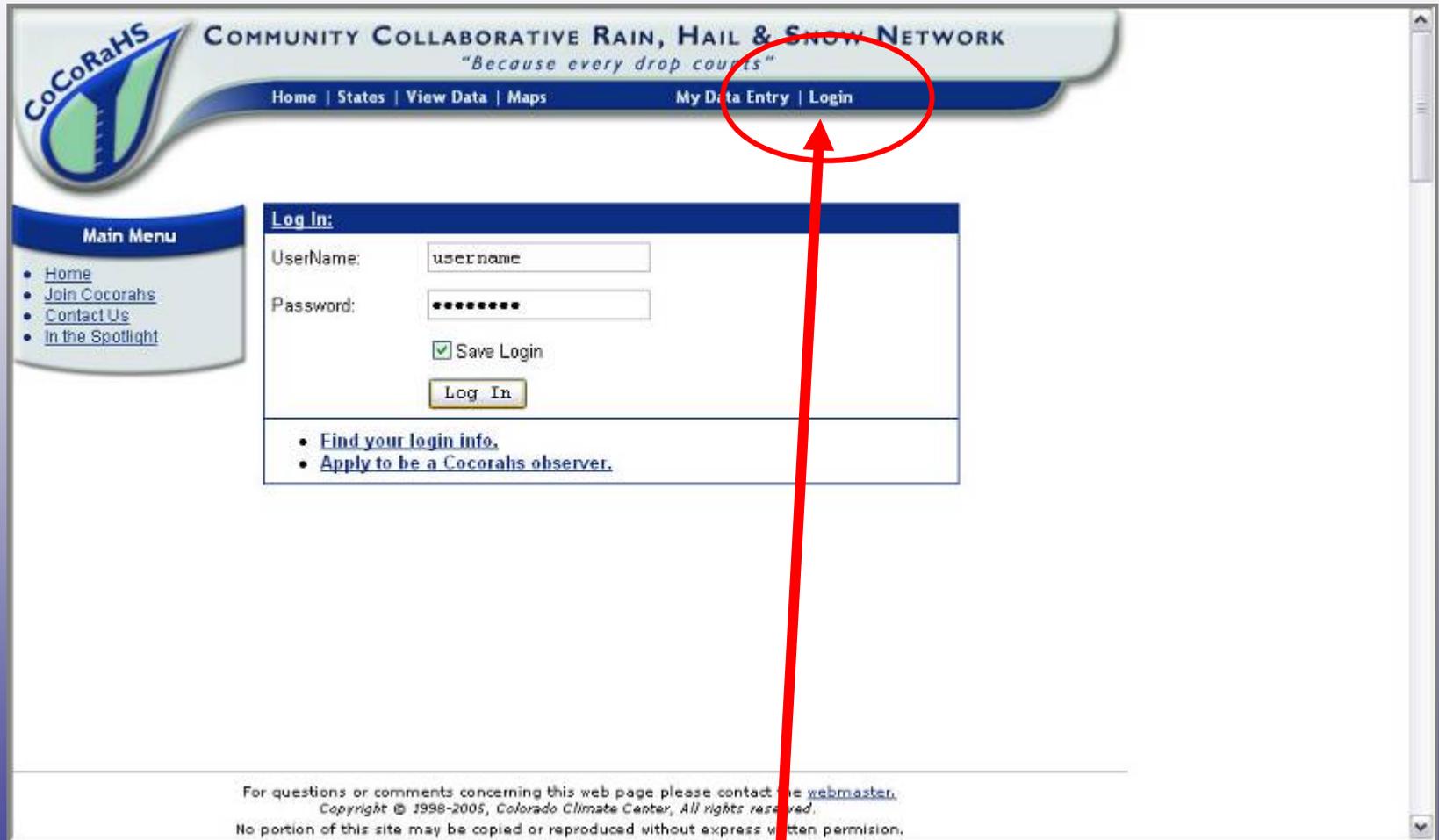
# The CoCoRaHS Website

[www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)

The screenshot shows the CoCoRaHS website homepage. At the top is the CoCoRaHS logo and the text "COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK" with the tagline "Because every drop counts". Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, States, View Data, Maps, My Data Entry, and Login. A welcome message reads: "Welcome to CoCoRaHS! 'Volunteers working together to measure precipitation across the nation.'" The main content area features a map of the United States with Minnesota highlighted in blue and white stripes, indicating it is a state joining during 2009. To the right of the map is a "Key" showing a green box for "CoCoRaHS State" and a blue and white striped box for "State Joining During 2009". Below the map is a "Daily Precipitation (inches x.xx) USA 10/8/2009" chart with a color-coded legend ranging from 0.00 to 3.16 inches. On the left side, there is a "Main Menu" with links for Home, About Us, Join Cocorahs, Contact Us, and Donate. Below that is a "Resources" section with links for FAQ/Help, Education, Training Slide-Shows, Volunteer Coordinators, Mail Pad, Distribution/Drop-off, Help Needed, and Printable Forms. Further down are links for The Catch, Message of the Day, Data Analysis, CoCoRaHS Blog, and Web Groups. At the bottom left is a NOAA logo with the text "FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NOAA PRODUCTS". At the bottom center is a banner for "COCORAHS MINNESOTA COMING SOON!" featuring a photo of a person in a red shirt and hat standing next to a blue rain gauge in a wooded area. At the bottom right is a box for purchasing an official CoCoRaHS 4" Rain Gauge, mentioning "The official CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge supplier" and "WEATHERYOURWAY.COM".

Our website is informative and easy to use. Here's how to begin →

# Log in to CoCoRaHS



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Precipitation Report Form		Submit Data	Reset
<b>Station Number :</b> NJ-MD-5			
<b>Station Name :</b> New Brunswick 1.5 SE			
<small>* Denotes Required Field</small>			
8/27/2008	<small>* Observation Date</small>		
7:00 AM	<small>* Observation Time</small>		
1.48	<small>* Total Rain and Melted Snow in gauge in inches to the nearest hundredth</small>		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <small>Report was taken at registered location?</small>			
<b>Observation Notes:</b> <small>(This will be available to the public)</small>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Intense thunderstorm last evening. 1.13" of rain in 35 minutes (intense precipitation report submitted). Strong winds with small branches down.</div>			
<b>New Snow</b>			
0.0	<small>Depth of new snow in inches to the nearest tenth</small>		
NA	<small>Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth</small>		
<b>Total Snow on Ground</b>			
NA	<small>Depth of total snow in inches to the nearest half inch</small>		
NA	<small>Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth</small>		
<b>Duration Information</b>			
<small>If a time is unknown or the storm has not ended leave it blank.</small>			
<b>Precipitation Began</b>	7:15	<input type="radio"/> AM <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM	
<b>Precipitation Ended</b>	8:50	<input type="radio"/> AM <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM	
<b>Heaviest Precipitation Began</b>	7:25	<input type="radio"/> AM <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM	
<b>Heaviest Precipitation Lasted</b>	35	minutes	
<b>These times are:</b> Very Accurate			
<b>Additional Information</b>			
<b>Any Flooding?</b> Minor (typical). Street or field flooding			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <small>Did you record hourly precipitation (or other detailed time increments) for this storm? If yes, CoCoRaHS personnel may request a copy of this data later, so please save it.</small>			
		Submit Data	Reset

After you log in, the screen will automatically take you to the Daily Precip. Report

# Submit your Report

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**Precipitation Report Form**

**Station Number :** NJ-MD-5

**Station Name :** New Brunswick 1.5 SE

\* Denotes Required Field

**Observation Date** 8/27/2008

**Observation Time** 7:00 AM

**Total Rain and Melted Snow in gauge in inches to the nearest hundredth** 1.48

Yes  No **Report was taken at registered location?**

**Observation Notes:** (This will be available to the public)

Intense thunderstorm last evening. 1.13" of rain in 35 minutes (intense precipitation report submitted). Strong winds with small branches down.

**New Snow**

**Depth of new snow in inches to the nearest tenth**

**Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth**

**Total Snow on ground**

**Depth of total snow in inches to the nearest half inch**

**Melted value from core to the nearest hundredth**

**Duration Information**

If a time is unknown or the storm has not ended leave it blank.

**Precipitation Began** 7:15  AM  PM

**Precipitation Ended** 8:50  AM  PM

**Heaviest Precipitation Began** 7:25  AM  PM

**Heaviest Precipitation Lasted** 35 minutes

**These times are:** Very Accurate

**Additional Information**

**Any Flooding?** Minor (typical). Street or field flooding

Yes  No **Did you record hourly precipitation (or other detailed time increments) for this storm?** If yes, CoCoRaHS personnel may request a copy of this data later, so please save it.

Click "Submit" and your data is recorded on our site

# To See Your Report on the Map

The screenshot shows the CoCoRaHS website interface for New Jersey. At the top, the logo and tagline "COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK" are visible, along with navigation links for Home, States, View Data, Maps, My Account, Admin, and Logout. The "New Jersey" page header includes a state icon and the title "New Jersey". On the left, a "State Menu" sidebar lists "New Jersey Home", "State Coordinators", and "Maps" (which is circled in red). Below this is a "New Jersey Reports" section with links for "Daily Precip", "Hail Reports", "Intense Precip", and "Multi-Day Precip". A "View All Reports" section follows with links for "Daily Precip", "Hail Reports", "Intense Precip", "Multi Day Precip", "Rainy Days", and "Stations". The "Main Menu" section includes "Home", "About Us", "Join Cocorahs", "Contact Us", and "Donate". The "Resources" section lists "FAQ / Help", "Education", and "Training Slide-Show(EMB)". At the bottom of the sidebar are "Volunteer Coordinators" and "Hail Pad". The main content area features a map of New Jersey with colored squares indicating precipitation levels. A legend titled "Daily Precipitation (inches x.xx) New Jersey 2/11/2008" shows a color scale from 0.0 (purple) to 0.10-0.11 (orange). A "View Large Map" link is provided below the map. The text "Welcome to NJ CoCoRaHS!" is displayed in red, followed by a paragraph welcoming participants and a link to state coordinators. A section titled "What do I need to participate?" states that the only requirement is the desire to watch and

Go to your state page and then click the “maps” link



# Hail Report

**CoCoRaHS** COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK  
"Because every drop counts"

Home | States | View Data | Maps | My Data | My Account | Admin | Logout

### My Data Entry : Hail Report Form

**Hail Report Form** [Submit Data] [Reset]

Station : NJ-MD-5 : New Brunswick 1.5 SE

\* Denotes Required Field

11/4/2009 \*Date of Hail Storm  
PM Time Hail Storm Began

Yes  No **Report was taken at registered location?**

**Size of hailstones**

**Smallest:** Not Selected  
**Average:** Not Selected  
**Largest:** Not Selected

**Hail Lasted**  
Minutes This time is accurate within Select Accuracy

**Hailfall was:**  Continuous  Intermittent

**Hailstones were:**  
(Check all that apply)  
 Hard  Soft  Mixed (Hard & Soft)  Clear Ice  White Ice

**Was there more rain than hail?**  Yes  No

**Hail Started:**  
 Before rain  After rain  Same time as rain

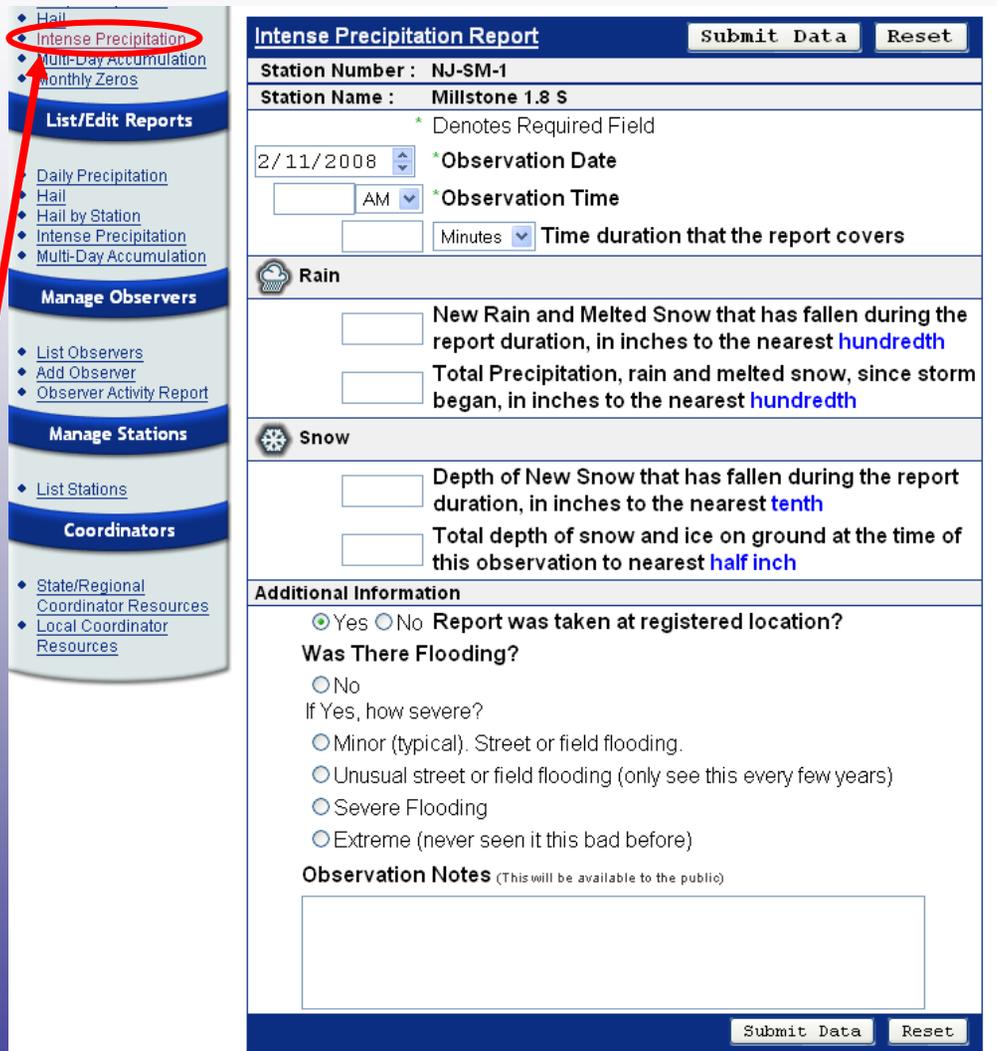
**Largest Hail Started**  
 Before smaller hail  After smaller hail  Same time as smaller hail

**Damage?**  
If the storm caused damage, please specify. (Check all that apply)  
 no damage  
 minor leaf damage  
 shredded leaves  
 dents in cars  
 damaged shingles  
 broken house windows  
 broken car windows

What angle did the hail fall most of the time? Select Angle

Hail Reports are immediately relayed to your local National Weather Service office for use in issuing severe weather warnings

# Intense Precipitation Report



**Intense Precipitation Report**

**Station Number :** NJ-SM-1  
**Station Name :** Millstone 1.8 S

\* Denotes Required Field

2/11/2008 \* Observation Date  
AM \* Observation Time  
Minutes Time duration that the report covers

 **Rain**

New Rain and Melted Snow that has fallen during the report duration, in inches to the nearest **hundredth**  
 Total Precipitation, rain and melted snow, since storm began, in inches to the nearest **hundredth**

 **Snow**

Depth of New Snow that has fallen during the report duration, in inches to the nearest **tenth**  
 Total depth of snow and ice on ground at the time of this observation to nearest **half inch**

**Additional Information**

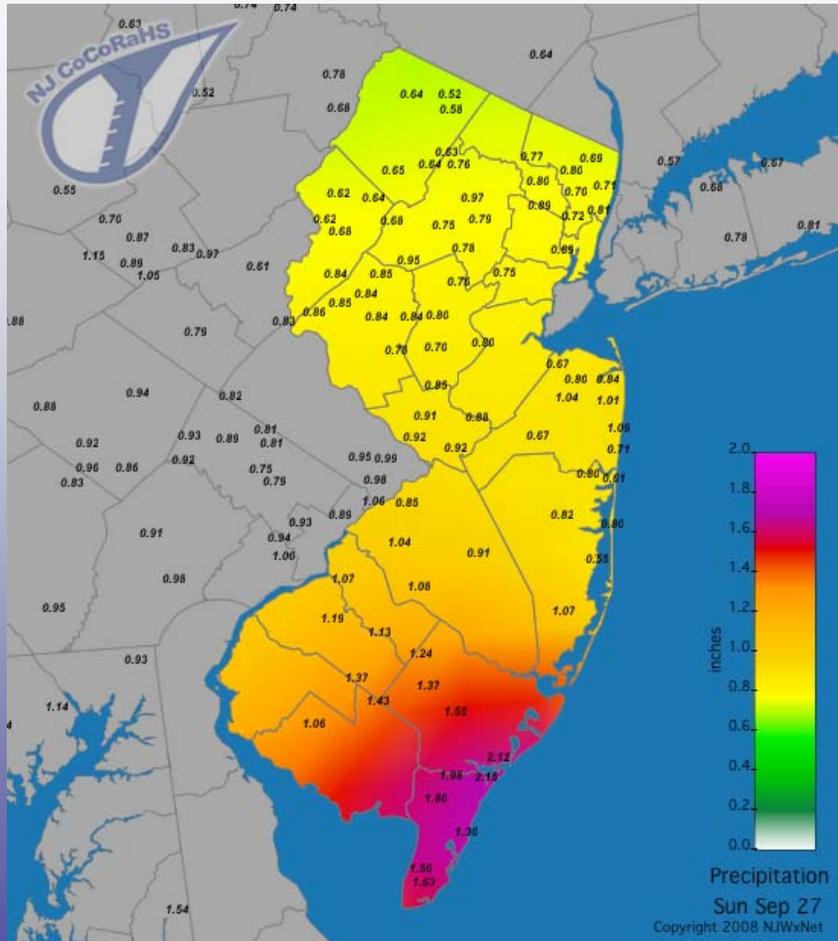
Yes  No **Report was taken at registered location?**

**Was There Flooding?**  
 No  
If Yes, how severe?  
 Minor (typical). Street or field flooding.  
 Unusual street or field flooding (only see this every few years)  
 Severe Flooding  
 Extreme (never seen it this bad before)

**Observation Notes** (This will be available to the public)

Intense Precipitation Reports are used by your local National Weather Service office to warn of flooding situations

# Become a CoCoRaHS observer!



register at:  
<http://cocorahs.org>

# Thanks for joining us today!

You can find out more about the CoCoRaHS Network by visiting our web site or sending us a note at: [njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu](mailto:njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu)



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