

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FARGO - MOORHEAD AREA, NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA

LOCATION: The Fargo - Moorhead area is located on the border between North Dakota and Minnesota. Fargo is in North Dakota, and Moorhead is in Minnesota, the two cities separated by the Red River of the North. Elevations are about 900 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:00	10:16	11:53	13:34	15:02	15:49	15:29	14:14	12:37	10:57	9:27	8:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:23	5:39	6:43	7:57	9:14	9:47	11:08	9:49	7:30	6:07	3:44	3:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	38%	35%	39%	42%	43%	55%	53%	47%	42%	33%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	-25°	-21°	-9°	15°	27°	39°	46°	43°	30°	19°	-3°	-19°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-4°	0°	15°	32°	43°	53°	58°	56°	46°	35°	17°	4°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	15°	19°	34°	53°	67°	76°	82°	80°	70°	56°	36°	21°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	40°	54°	78°	88°	92°	96°	96°	90°	80°	59°	42°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	90%	56%	13%	0%	0%	0%	6%	42%	90%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	8%	17%	17%	4%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	71%	68%	52%	45%	51%	50%	48%	51%	54%	67%	73%
DRY DAYS	72%	73%	75%	71%	66%	62%	68%	71%	73%	77%	78%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	96%	91%	87%	84%	81%	83%	85%	88%	90%	93%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.33	0.41	0.59	0.51	0.45	0.34	0.25	0.15	0.11
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.8"	6.2"	6.8"	3.3"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	5.6"	7.0"
SNOWY DAYS	28%	24%	20%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	4%	12%	25%	27%	22%	10%	3%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	6%	6%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%

COMMENTS: Those who have seen the movie *Fargo* will have a graphic picture of the area's winters. The winter is just one of the four seasons that characterize this prairie landscape. The sun shines on some 48% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 40% in cloudy November to a high of 72% amid the blue skies of July. Annual temperatures can be expected to range from about thirty below zero during a polar outbreak in the winter, to close to the century mark on some windless and sunny afternoon in the summer. A typical summer afternoon will be long, very sunny, moderately humid, and hot. Afternoon thundershowers can be expected one day in four. Summer nights are cool and dewy. Winter afternoons are short, moderately sunny, humid, and very cold. More than three-fourths of them remain below freezing all day. Winter nights are bitterly cold, with some half of them dropping below zero. Winter snowfall is light, but winds are strong and blizzards a fact of local life. During such storms, motorist should never leave their vehicles unless they are within a very short distance of better shelter.