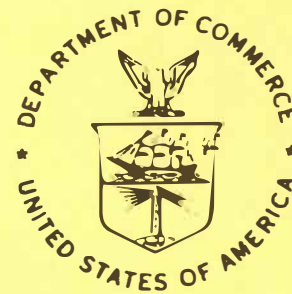


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PREFACE

This Western Region publication series is a subset of our Technical Memorandum series. This series will be devoted exclusively to the exchange of information on and documentation of computer programs and related subjects. This series was initiated because it did not seem appropriate to publish computer program papers as Technical Memoranda; yet, we wanted to share this type of information with all Western Region forecasters in a systematic way. Another reason was our concern that in the developing AFOS-era there would be unnecessary and wasteful duplication of effort in writing computer programs in National Weather Service (NWS). Documentation and exchange of ideas and programs envisioned in this series hopefully will reduce such duplication. We also believe that by publishing the programming work of our forecasters, we will stimulate others to use these programs or develop their own programs to take advantage of the computing capabilities AFOS makes available.

We solicit computer-oriented papers and computer programs from forecasters for us to publish in this series. Simple and short programs should not be prejudged as unsuitable.

The great potential of the AFOS-era is strongly related to local computer facilities permitting meteorologists to practice in a more scientific environment. It is our hope that this series will help in developing this potential into reality.

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RECORDS/NORMALS FORM PROGRAM FOR CLI.EXE PROGRAM

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I. INTRODUCTION

CLIRCNMS.EXE is an IBM-PC or compatible program that produces monthly files containing values for the following: daily temperature normals (High, Low, Avg), the record highs/lows and respective years, daily normal rainfall and annual normal rainfall to date, plus sunrise and sunset.

This program is designed to run in conjunction with the CLI.EXE program (WRCP 58).

Features of CLIRCNMS...

1. Creates/Updates the selected month (RECNORM.JAN, etc).
2. Prints the selected month (RECNORM.JAN, etc.). The Print selections are independent of the Update selection.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. ENVIRONMENT

CLIRCNMS.EXE was written in Turbo Pascal, Ver 6.0 and compiled to run as a stand alone program in the DOS environment. The program is not 'hardwired' to any local drive (i.e., C:). It must reside on the same drive as the *.CLI files. CLIRCNMS.EXE requires the appropriate subdirectory to be entered as a command line parameter (i.e., CLIRCNMS CLI) even if the CLIRCNMS.EXE program is in the same subdirectory as the *.CLI files. The program will handle multiple locations by entering the appropriate subdirectory as a command line parameter.

B. SOFTWARE STRUCTURE

The files are opened and closed as quickly as possible. If a file is not found the program will display the filename on the screen and indicate the file was not found and wait for user input before exiting the program.

As execution begins, the program looks for the RECNorm file for each month. If found, it extracts the file creation date and put it into a string variable for later use. If the RECNorm file is not found, a PLS UPDATE string is put into the variable instead of the file creation date.

From there, the program goes to the CLIDAT.CLI file to extract the location for use in each menu and in each RECNorm file. If the CLIDAT.CLI file is not found, the program displays 'CLIDAT.CLI file not found', waits for user input and then exits the program. If the CLIDAT.CLI file is found, the program extracts the location name for use on each menu.

Once invoked, the Main Menu is displayed...

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BOISE ID                                CLIRCNMS 1.0

      RECORDS MAIN MENU

A - Update the RECORDS files
B - Print the RECORDS files
X - EXIT the RECORDS program

Enter your Choice -
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The user has to enter A, B, or X in upper or lower case. The program will not recognize ANY other key.

Choosing 'A' displays the UPDATE MENU...

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BOISE ID                                UPDATE MENU

A - JAN 02/02/96   G - JUL PLS UPDATE
B - FEB 03/02/96   H - AUG PLS UPDATE
C - MAR 04/04/96   I - SEP PLS UPDATE
D - APR 05/05/96   J - OCT PLS UPDATE
E - MAY 06/05/96   K - NOV PLS UPDATE
F - JUN 07/07/96   L - DEC PLS UPDATE
X - Return to Previous Menu

Enter your Choice -
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The UPDATE MENU displays the location in the upper left corner of the screen and then displays the choices for the user. Along with the choice, the file creation date of the RECNorm file is displayed. If the RECNorm file is not found, the menu asks the user to please update the month (PLS UPDATE). The user is also given the option to return to the MAIN MENU. The program will recognize only the choices (A through L, and X) in either upper or lower case.

If the user chooses 'X' the program returns to the main menu. If a month is chosen, the program reads, and formats the data in the NMAX, NMIN, NRMT, RECH, MAXYR, RECL, MINYR, PCPN, SUNR, & SUNS CLI files. At this point the program calculates the Annual Rainfall to date and then creates/updates the chosen RECNorm file using the ASCII format.

Choosing 'B' displays the PRINT MENU...

BOISE ID	
PRINT MENU	
A - JAN 02/02/96	G - JUL PLS UPDATE
B - FEB 03/02/96	H - AUG PLS UPDATE
C - MAR 04/04/96	I - SEP PLS UPDATE
D - APR 05/05/96	J - OCT PLS UPDATE
E - MAY 06/05/96	K - NOV PLS UPDATE
F - JUN 07/07/96	L - DEC PLS UPDATE
X - Return to Previous Menu	
Enter your Choice -	

The PRINT MENU operation is similar to the UPDATE MENU, recognizing only the displayed choices in either upper or lower case.

If a month is chosen, the program checks for the chosen RECNorm file. If the file is found, the user is prompted to '...Check the Paper in the Printer for Proper Position...' and displays a prompt to 'Hit the RETURN key to continue'. Upon hitting the RETURN key, the program prints the RECNorm.XXX file and returns to the PRINT MENU. If the appropriate file is not found, the program displays '... (chosen month) needs Updating ...' and prompts the user to 'Hit the RETURN key to continue'. At this point, the user is returned to the PRINT MENU.

C. PROGRAM FILES

Executable file CLIRCNMS.EXE

Required CLI files CLIDAT.CLI
 MAXYR.CLI
 MINYR.CLI
 NMAX.CLI
 NMIN.CLI
 NRMT.CLI
 PCPN.CLI
 RECH.CLI
 RECL.CLI
 SEASON.CLI
 SUNR.CLI
 SUNS.CLI

Created files RECNorm.JAN
 RECNorm.FEB
 RECNorm.MAR
 RECNorm.APR
 RECNorm.MAY
 RECNorm.JUN
 RECNorm.JUL
 RECNorm.AUG
 RECNorm.SEP
 RECNorm.OCT
 RECNorm.NOV
 RECNorm.DEC

III. CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- A. The CLIRCNMS.EXE file must be on the same drive (either floppy or hard drive) as the *.CLI files.
- B. The program requires one (1) command line parameter. For example, if the *.cli files are located in the subdirectory CLI, the user would invoke the program by typing:

CLIRCNMS CLI

If no subdirectory is entered on the command line, the program will prompt the user with '...CLIDAT.CLI file not found...' and 'Hit the RETURN Key to continue'. Upon hitting the

RETURN key, the user exits the program. For this reason, I recommend a batch file, or a pif file if the program is run under WINDOWS, to run the program.

- C. If the monthly normals (high, low, normal, pcpn) do not agree with the published normals, check the daily entries in the *.CLI files for that month against the published daily normals.
- D. The Print function of the program is designed to use a local printer attached to the PC running the CLIRCNMS.EXE program. The program creates a RECNORM.XXX file for each month. If the PC has no printer attached, the user can transport the appropriate RECNORM.XXX file to any PC with a printer.

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26	35	14	24	54	1971	-14	1957	.03	0.84	719 AM	719 PM
27	35	14	25	51	1971	-25	1957	.03	0.87	718 AM	718 PM
28	35	15	25	51	1975	-10	1971	.03	0.90	717 AM	717 PM
29	35	15	25	50	1953	-18	1957	.03	0.93	716 AM	716 PM
30	35	15	25	56	1971	-16	1957	.03	0.96	715 AM	715 PM
31	36	16	26	58	1971	-20	1950	.03	0.99	714 AM	714 PM

January Average High : 33.6 * and Previous Years
 January Average Low : 13.0
 January Average : 23.3
 January Average Rain : 0.99

CLIRCNMS.EXE

PART A: PROGRAM INFORMATION AND INSTALLATION

PROGRAM NAME: CLIRCNMS.EXE Version 1.0

PURPOSE: The CLIRCNMS program creates a one page form for each month of the year. The form contains the normals (high, low & average), the record high temperature and year, the record low temperature and year, the normal daily rainfall, the normal annual rainfall to date, plus sunrise and sunset times for each day of the month. The form also contains the monthly normals (high, low, average, & rainfall). The data is taken from the *.CLI files used in the CLI.EXE program (WRCP 58).

The intent of the program is to produce a single page of climate data for each month in a form that can be easily used and updated.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Development Programmer:
William B. Patterson
Location: NWSFO Boise
Phone: (208) 334-9860, ext 235
System: IBM-PC or Compatible
Language: Turbo Pascal
Compiler: Turbo Pascal 6.0
Program Creation Date: 3/7/96
Run Time: 3 seconds on a 386 PC
Disk Space: 65,000 bytes

Maintenance Programmer:
William B. Patterson
Location: NWSFO Boise
Phone: (208) 334-9860 ext 235

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

<u>Files</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
CLIDAT.CLI	x:\dir	* Contains location
CLIRCNMS.BAT	x:\	Batch file to call 'CLIRCNMS dir'
CLIRCNMS.EXE	x:\	Should be in a subdirectory
MAXYR.CLI	x:\dir	* Record High Years
MINYR.CLI	x:\dir	* Record Low Years
NMAX.CLI	x:\dir	* Normal Daily High Temperatures
NMIN.CLI	x:\dir	* Normal Daily Low Temperatures
NMRT.CLI	x:\dir	* Normal Daily Average Temperatures
PCPN.CLI	x:\dir	* Normal Daily Precipitation

PART B: PROGRAM EXECUTION AND ERROR CONDITIONS

PROGRAM NAME: CLIRCNMS.EXE

Version 1.0

PROGRAM EXECUTION:

The command line is CLIRCNMS <dir>, where <dir> is the subdirectory containing the *.CLI files for the desired location. The program requires a <dir> entry on the command line. If <dir> is omitted, the program will prompt the user with '... CLIDAT.CLI file not found...' in the middle of the screen and 'Hit the RETURN key to continue' at the bottom of the screen.

First-time Execution:

When the Main Menu appears...
choose 'A - Update the Records files'. This will bring you to the UPDATE MENU...

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BOISE ID                                CLIRCNMS 1.0

                                RECORDS MAIN MENU

A - Update the RECORDS files
B - Print the RECORDS files
X - EXIT the RECORDS program

Enter your Choice -
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BOISE ID	UPDATE MENU
A - JAN PLS UPDATE	G - JUL PLS UPDATE
B - FEB PLS UPDATE	H - AUG PLS UPDATE
C - MAR PLS UPDATE	I - SEP PLS UPDATE
D - APR PLS UPDATE	J - OCT PLS UPDATE
E - MAY PLS UPDATE	K - NOV PLS UPDATE
F - JUN PLS UPDATE	L - DEC PLS UPDATE
X - Return to Previous Menu	
Enter your Choice -	

Now go through each menu selection, from A to L. This will create the RECNorm.XXX file for each month of the year. After you make the selection for each month, the menu will display the file creation date of the appropriate RECNorm.XXX file ('A - JAN 3/7/96').

ERROR CONDITIONS:

1. If the screen prompts '... CLIDAT.CLI file not found ...' without displaying the main menu, there are two (2) possible reasons...
 - A. <dir> not used on the command line.
 - B. CLIDAT.CLI file not in <dir> used on command line.
2. After making a selection from the UPDATE MENU: The program will prompt the user with the name of any missing file (i.e. 'NMAX.CLI file not found') in the middle of the screen and 'Hit the RETURN Key to continue' at the bottom of the screen. Upon striking the RETURN key the program will halt execution.
3. After making a selection from the PRINT MENU: If the selected RECNorm.XXX file is not found, the program will prompt the user with '...(Chosen month) needs Updating...' in the middle of the screen and 'Hit the RETURN Key to continue' at the bottom of the screen. Upon striking the RETURN key, the user returns to the PRINT MENU.
4. If there is no local printer attached to the PC running the CLIRCnms.EXE program, the program will still update and create the RECNorm.XXX files. The user will have to transport the RECNorm file(s) to a PC with a printer, or use another program to send the RECNorm.XXX file(s) to a LAN printer.

bottom of the screen. Upon striking the RETURN key, the user returns to the PRINT MENU.

4. If there is no local printer attached to the PC running the CLIRCNMS.EXE program, the program will still update and create the RECNORM.XXX files. The user will have to transport the RECNORM file(s) to a PC with a printer, or use another program to send the RECNORM.XXX file(s) to a LAN printer.

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