

**OFFICIAL POLICY ON ACCESS TO DATA ARCHIVES OF THE
OKLAHOMA MESONET:**

**(Adopted by the Mesonet Steering Committee,
September 17, 1996; Amended August 27, 2003)**

Category I - Direct Sales

- Annual Mesonet CDs will be produced on a three-year lag and will be available for \$1000 per CD-ROM;
- Data costs for other requests will be assessed according to Mesonet Steering Committee policy (attached);
- A data handling fee of \$50 per hour will be assessed for data tailored to special needs, with a minimum charge of \$20;
- All data are copyrighted; no redistribution is allowed - penalty is termination of access to data archives and possible legal action to recover lost revenue;
- Approval of the Director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey or designee is required before data will be delivered;
- All direct sales shall consist of Mesonet data with quality-assurance pre-applied;
- Special requests, including fee waivers, non-standard data, or data without quality-assurance pre-applied shall be subject to review of the Mesonet Steering Committee.

Category II - Mesonet Partners

- Partners shall pay an annual fee of \$50,000 for access to standard Mesonet data (defined below);
- Annual fee includes:
 - 1) One copy of annual Mesonet standard data on CD-ROMs, which may be copied and distributed to researchers sponsored by the Partner;
 - 2) Access to all archives of standard Mesonet data (since commissioning of the network) via a self-serve web-based interface (when available);
 - 3) Access to observed data accompanied by separate quality-assurance flags (i.e., not pre-applied quality-assurance as on the annual CD-ROMs).
- Partnership includes a site license for redistribution within a group specified in the terms of the contract;
- Data can be used in collaborative projects among other Partners with the written authorization of the Mesonet Steering Committee or designee;
- All data are copyrighted; no redistribution is allowed to non-contracted users - penalty is termination of access to archives and possible legal action to recover lost revenue;
- Contract and funds must be received before data access will begin.

Category III – State and Academic Institutions

- State-funded institutions, including Oklahoma academic institutions and state agencies, shall have identical access as Mesonet Partners, subject to the following additional restrictions:
 - 1) Data may be used only for projects within qualifying Oklahoma institutions;
 - 2) Any collaboration with individuals or entities external to the institution requires advance written approval of the Mesonet Steering Committee or designee;

- 3) Mesonet acknowledgement is required on all publications which utilize Mesonet data and/or derived products (see below for an example);
- Funded research projects are strongly encouraged to include funds for acquiring Mesonet data according to the Mesonet's Fee Structure;
- The Director of each unit acquiring Mesonet data shall sign a statement agreeing to these provisions prior to the release of data;
- Annual fee shall be waived as long as the State of Oklahoma provides core funding, as determined by the Mesonet Steering Committee.

Category IV – Fee Waivers

- Waiver or reduction of Mesonet fees may be provided at the discretion of the Director of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, subject to consultation with the Mesonet Steering Committee;
- Waivers will be recommended for projects engaged in unfunded, exploratory research or small-dollar grants where regular Mesonet costs would be prohibitive;
- The Mesonet data provider will make a recommendation to the Steering Committee outlining the waiver request, including the individual and institution requesting the data, purposes of use of Mesonet data, the value of Mesonet data being waived, and a recommendation on whether to grant or deny the request;
- If no official response from the OCS Director either (1) altering the recommendation, or (2) postponing the recommendation is given within ten (10) business days, the recommendation will be accepted;
- Any granted waiver will be accompanied by a letter stating the terms of use of the data, including prohibitions on redistribution and requiring acknowledgement on any publication.

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- ◆ *Archives are defined as data more than one week (7 days) old or no longer residing on public data servers.*
 - ◆ *Access to real-time data from the Mesonet is covered under separate policies.*
 - ◆ *Standard Mesonet Data includes only the following variables: Air Temperature and Relative Humidity at 1.5 meters, Wind Speed, Direction, and Standard Deviations at 10 meters, Rainfall, Barometric Pressure, Solar Radiation, Soil Temperatures, Wind Speed at 2 meters, Air Temperature at 9 meters, and Calibrated Soil Moisture Temperatures. All other data are considered proprietary and are not subject to distribution under these terms.*
 - ◆ *Archives include application of Mesonet quality-assurance, unless otherwise requested (in such case quality-assurance flags will be delivered as a separate, but accompanying, file).*
 - ◆ *Publication Acknowledgment should read: "Oklahoma Mesonet data are provided courtesy of the Oklahoma Mesonet, a cooperative venture between Oklahoma State University and The University of Oklahoma and supported by the taxpayers of Oklahoma."*
 - ◆ *Redistribution restrictions do not include images in printed media or academic articles.*
 - ◆ *Mesonet data archive access records are managed by the Oklahoma Climatological Survey.*
 - ◆ *Decisions made by the Mesonet Steering Committee's designated data archive manager are subject to appeal to the Mesonet Steering Committee.*

FEES FOR ARCHIVED DATA FROM THE OKLAHOMA MESONET:

Last Update: 27 August 2003

Individual Station (\$20 minimum)

	<u>per observation</u>	<u>per day</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>per year</u>
• Daily			\$1.00	\$12.00
• Hourly	\$0.01	\$0.24	\$7.00	\$84.00
• 30-minute	\$0.01	\$0.40	\$10.00	\$120.00
• 15-minute	\$0.01	\$0.60	\$15.00	\$180.00
• 5-minute	\$0.01	\$0.85	\$25.00	\$300.00

Whole Network (\$20 minimum)

	<u>per file</u>	<u>per day</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>per year</u>
• Daily		\$5	\$50	\$600
• Hourly	\$0.50	\$10	\$300	\$3,600
• 30-minute	\$0.50	\$20	\$500	\$6,000
• 15-minute	\$0.50	\$30	\$750	\$9,000
• 5-minute	\$0.50	\$40	\$1,000	\$12,000

MCDs \$1 per page (station-month) (\$5 minimum)
Annual subscription \$15; \$10 each additional station

Model / Archived Files \$1 per file (\$20 minimum)

Summarized Data \$1 per day of data included in summary (\$20 minimum)

Data for multiple stations are prorated according to the number of stations requested, up to the whole-network fees.

Fees apply to all standard variables or any subset of those variables measured by the Mesonet; fees will not be prorated on a per-variable basis.

Redistribution of Mesonet data purchased under this policy is prohibited. Mesonet Data (observations) are subject to additional charges for limited redistribution privileges.

Fees are subject to change without notice.