Wise Roads

Weather Information System to Effectively Reduce Oilfield Delays and Disruptions

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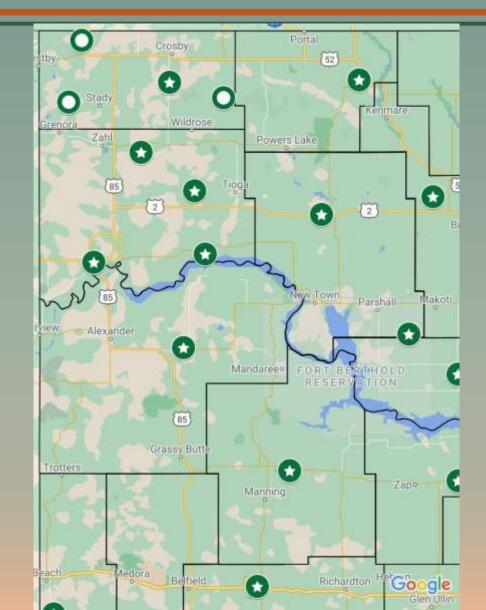
Wise Roads Project

- Expand the existing NDAWN network in oil producing counties
- Use high-density weather data, particularly rainfall, to precisely place weight restrictions
- Maximize benefit by working with research partners, agriculture and industry



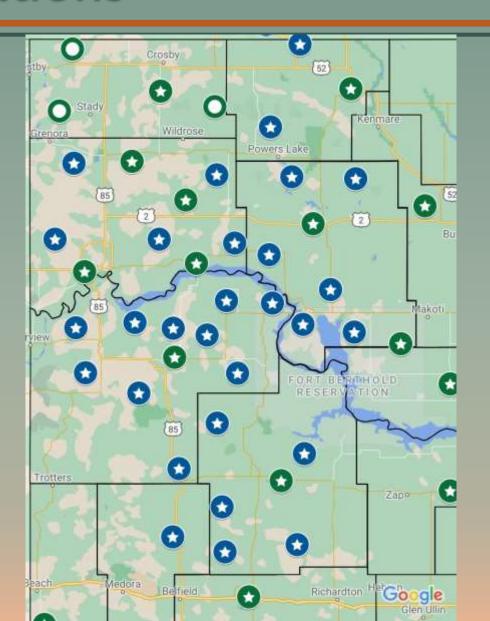
Spring 2019 NDAWN Stations

- 8 total weather stations in "Big Four" counties
- McKenzie and Dunn County each only had 1 station
- >40 miles between some stations



Current NDAWN Stations

- 30 additional weather stations installed since June 2019
- *Big Four" counties have a total of 34 stations
- ~12 mile spacing



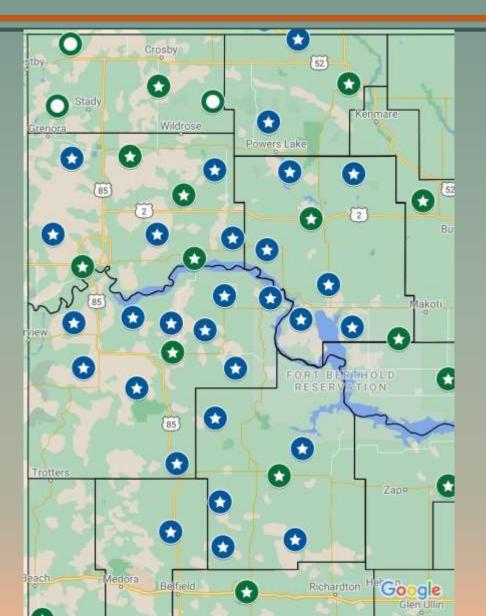
Current NDAWN Stations

Dunn: 6 (+5)

■ McKenzie: 11 (+10)

Mountrail: 8 (+6)

■ Williams: 9 (+5)



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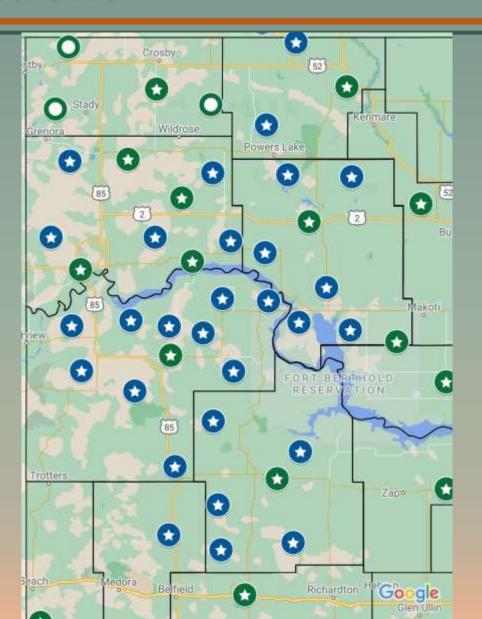
Billings: 1 (+1)

Bowman: 2 (+1)

Burke: 3 (+2)

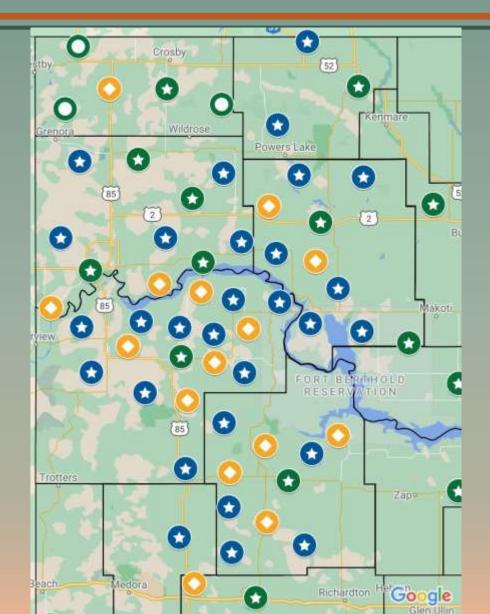
■ Divide: 4 (+0)

■ Stark: 1 (+0)



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- Connected to AC power
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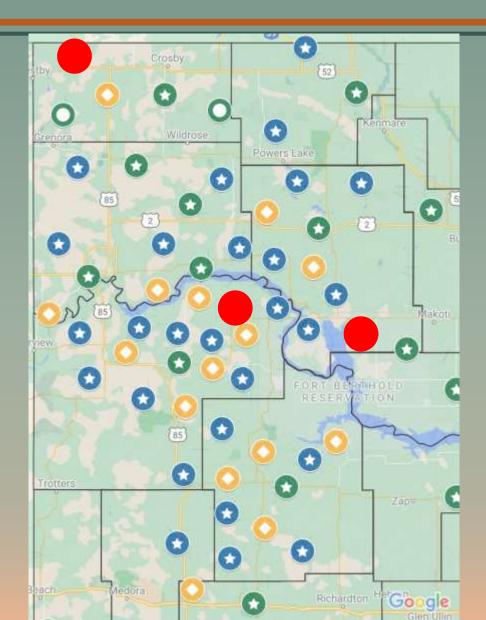


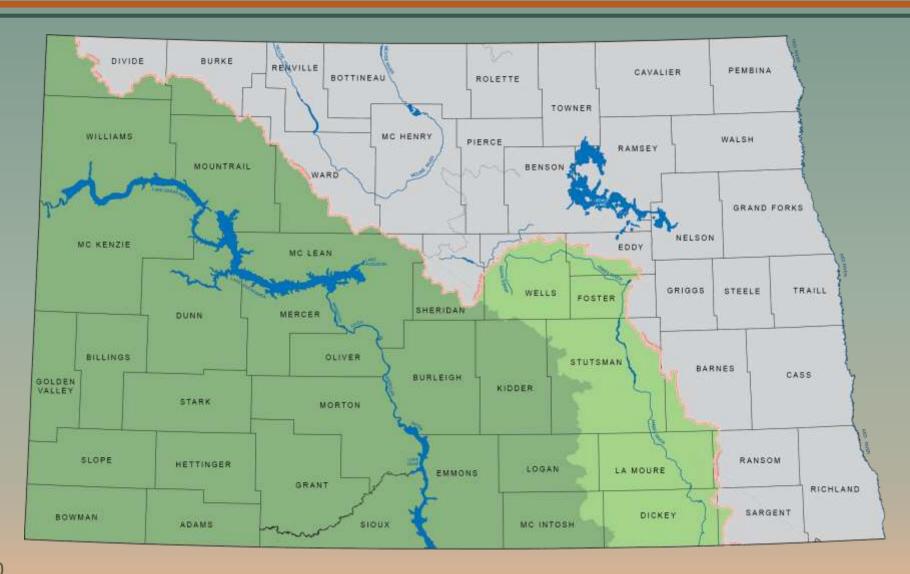


Wise Roads: Phase 4

Only 3 weather stations currently measure moisture content of winter precipitation

- Important for spring moisture
 - □ Wet Snow
 - □ Early season rain



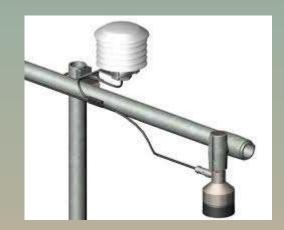


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- NDAWN awarded \$6.4 million, 5-year contract
- Part of a larger 5-state project
- ~20 new stations will be installed in ND
- Many others will be upgraded
 - □ 20-25 mile spacing
 - Likely some Wise Roads stations

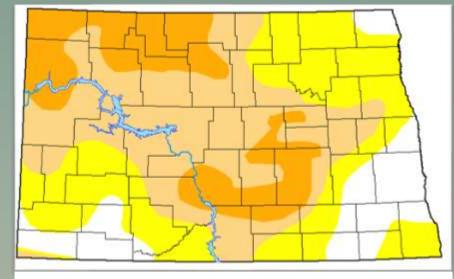


- Equipment upgrades include:
 - All-season rain gauge
 - Soil moisture / temperature sensors
 - Snow depth sensors



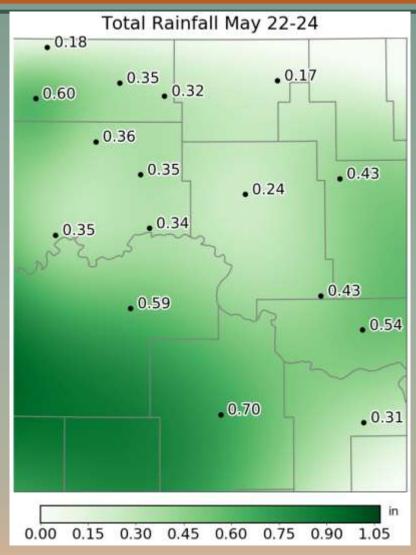


- Benefits to Wise Roads:
 - Additional winter precipitation data
 - Additional frost depth data
 - Additional stations on the periphery of the Wise Roads micronet
- Other Benefits
 - Drought Monitor
 - PRF (Rainfall Insurance)



October 6, 2020 Drought Monitor

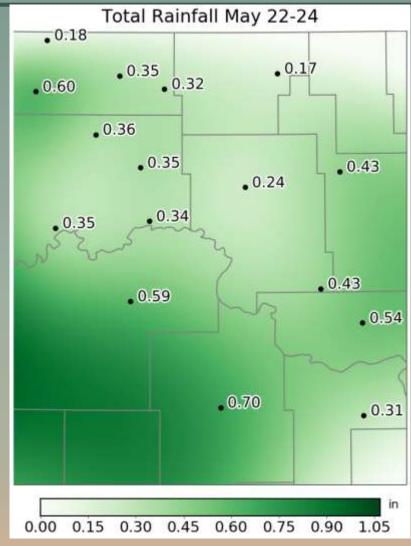
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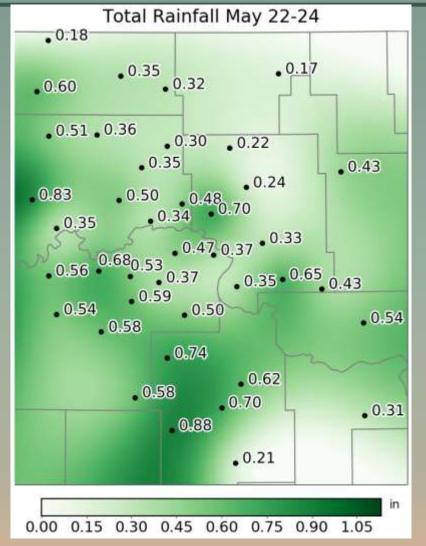


What the map would have looked like without Wise Roads

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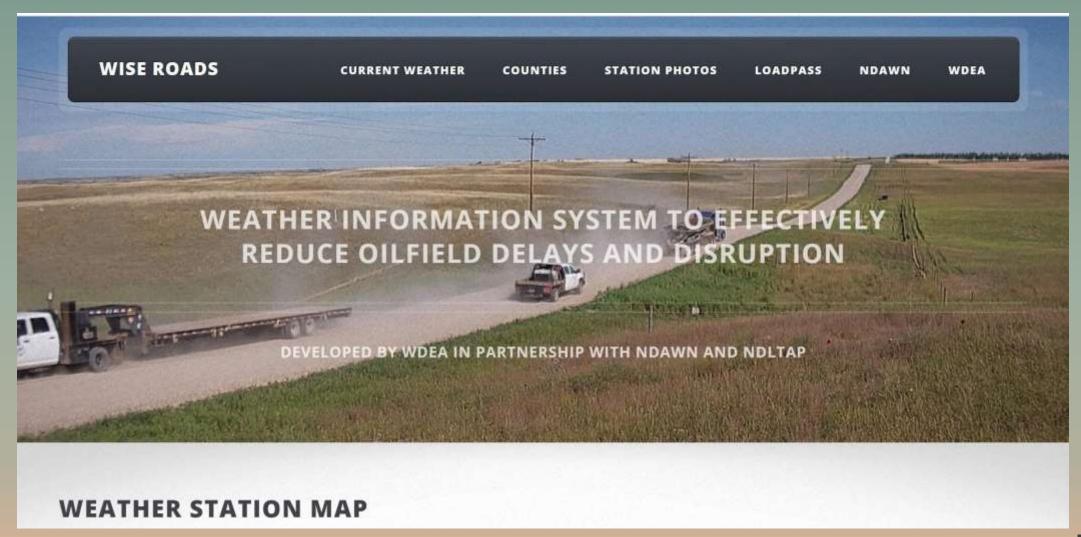


Weather Data Resources

- WiseRoadsND.com
 - Current weather maps of western ND
 - Most recent camera images
 - Links to each station's individual data
- NDAWN Website (NDAWN.org)
 - □ 10 original Wise Roads weather stations available
- Stationname.ndawn.org (ex. Hawkeye.ndawn.org)
 - Current & historical data for an individual station



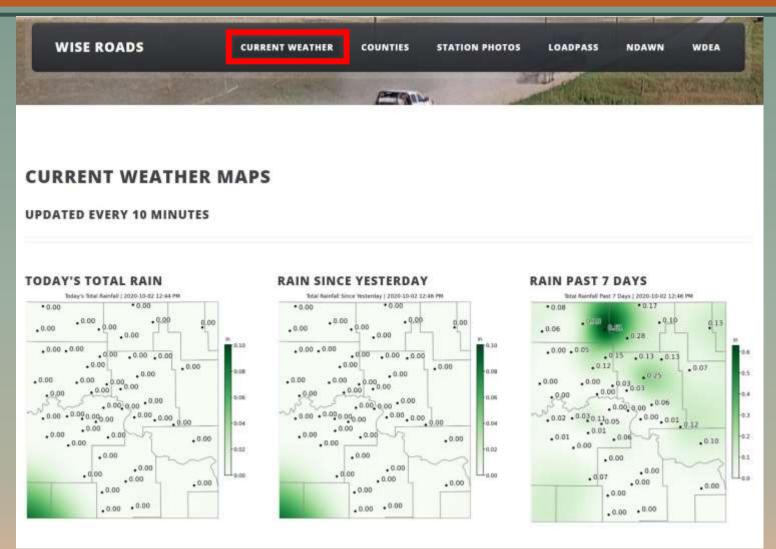
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WiseRoadsND.com – Current Weather

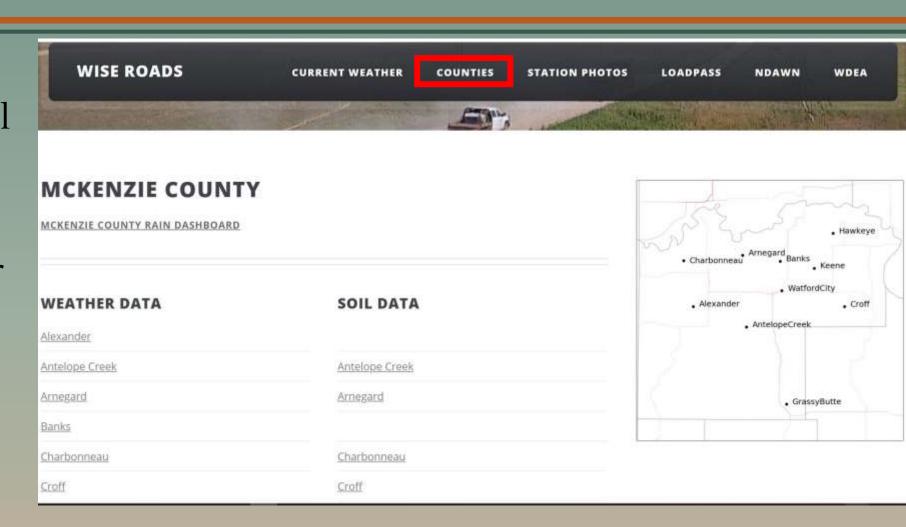
- 1-, 2- & 7-Day rain totals
- Current temp & wind
- Today's max & min temp
- Today's peak wind gust



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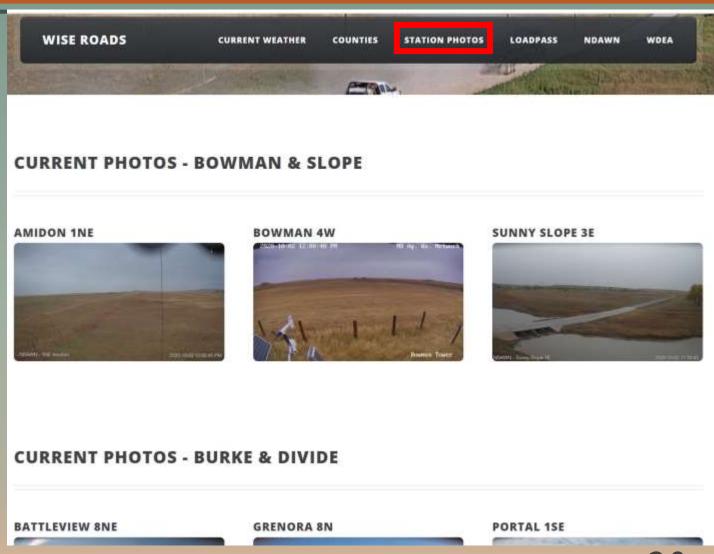
WiseRoadsND.com – Counties

- Maps showing all stations in the county
- Links to weather and soil data



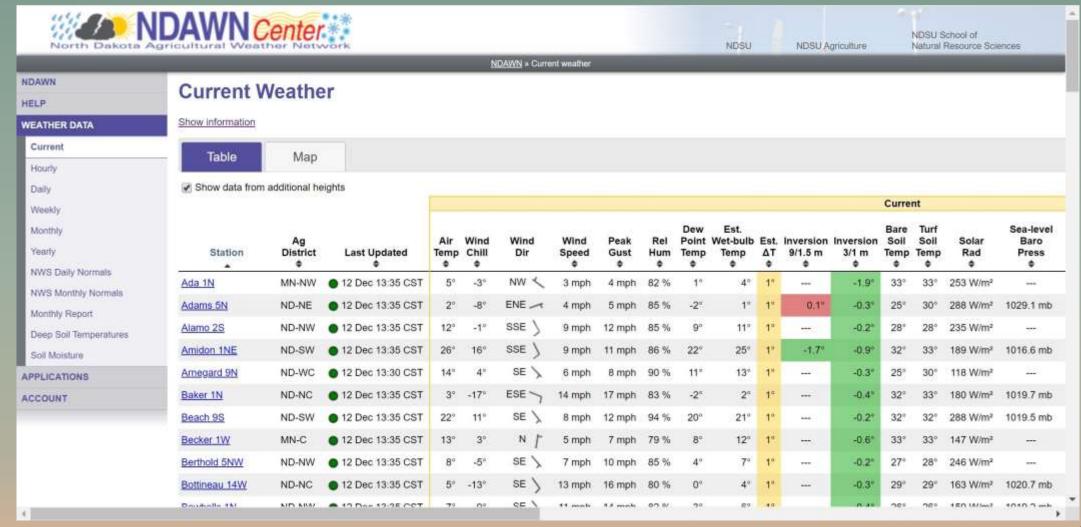
WiseRoadsND.com – Station Photos

- Latest camera images sorted by county
- All images are in HD and downloadable



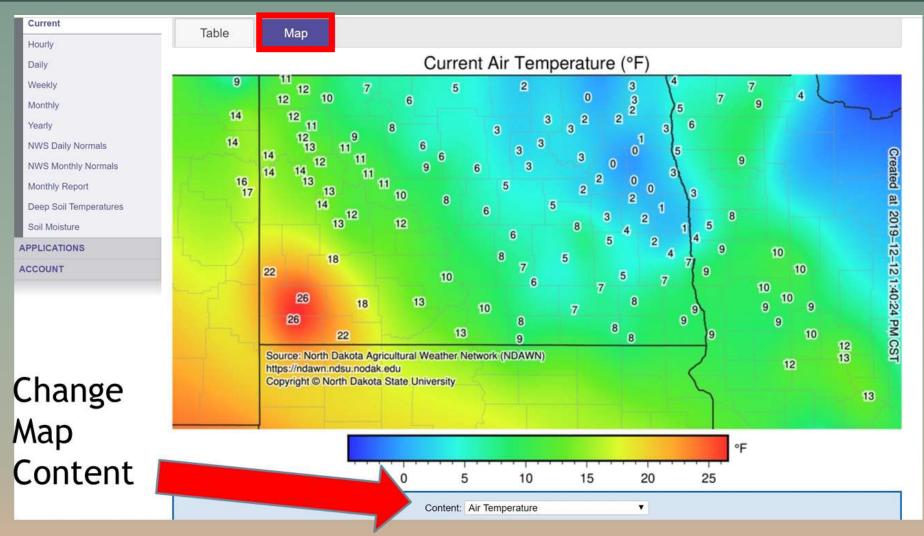
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NDAWN.org – Current Weather



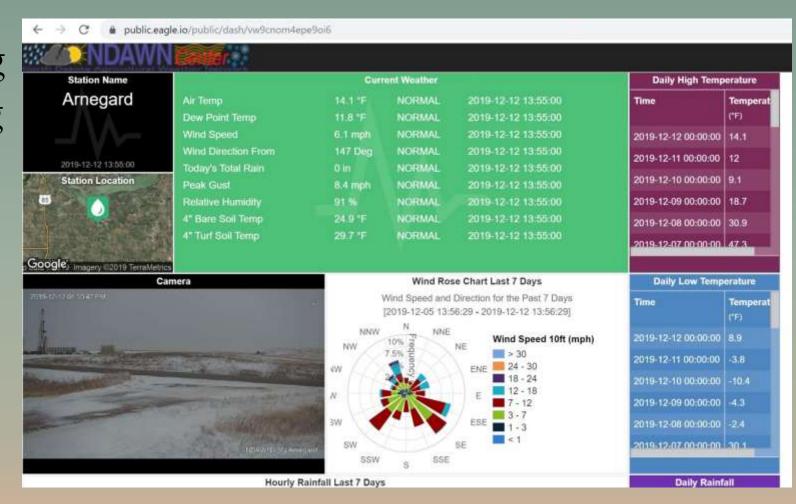
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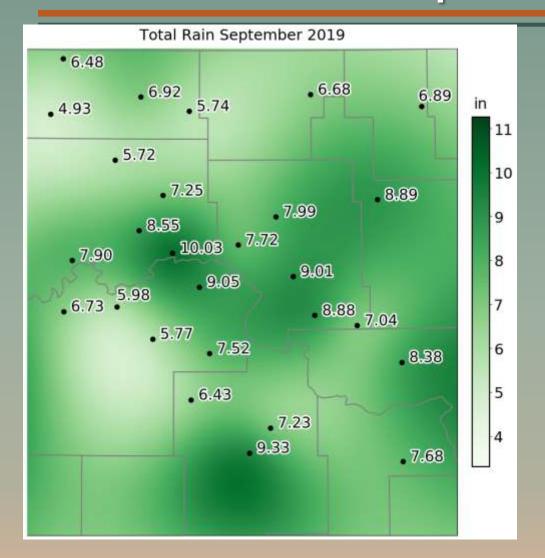
Weather Data Dashboards

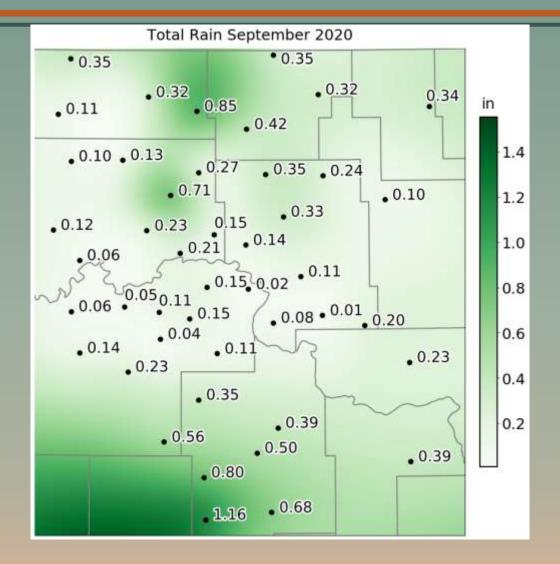
- Stationname.ndawn.org
 - ex. Croff.ndawn.org
- Current weather
- Historical daily high/low/rainfall
- Camera image



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2019 vs 2020 September Rainfall





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