

**Central United States Interactive Effects of Solar Radiation Related to:
the Earth's Magnetic Field, the Storage System of the Earth's
Atmosphere, Surface Temperatures, and Tornado's**

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- Taught electronics theory, flight, manufacturing, and physics in the College of Science at MSU for 30 years.
- Taught beginning, advanced, and graduate statistics, in the College of Business at MSU for 5 years.
- Have worked with solar cycles through all bands of amateur radio since 1955.
- Licensed pilot and taught weather elements for pilots for 30 years.
- Was a full time broadcaster for 15 years and Chief Engineer with a First Class Commercial FCC license. Built radio and television stations.
- Disk Jockey for Top Forty radio show for 10 years, which included news and weather.

Philosophy of Research

A good researcher strives for truth. Scientists do not skew data toward their wishes. Don't take sides. Don't place issues on your shoulders. Place them on a table where other researchers can study. Be respectful of other scientist research. (Relate to the story of the fighter pilot versus the heavy aircraft lifter.) You need to question your own work. Ask your self, "is this answer about right." If there is a mistake, the results will probably be way of target. Should you feel like a failure when making a mistake? No. You have just found out something that does not work and Penicillin was discovered by a mistake.

Weather Review 101

Where does our weather come from? There is no practical heat from the earth's molten core. All earth's energy comes from the sun. In general, it's solar energy and how the earth's atmosphere processes and stores this energy with protection via the earth's magnetic field. Since the magnetic field is fairly constant the two basic concepts are:

1. the varying solar energy.
2. the storage and delay characteristics of the earth's atmosphere.

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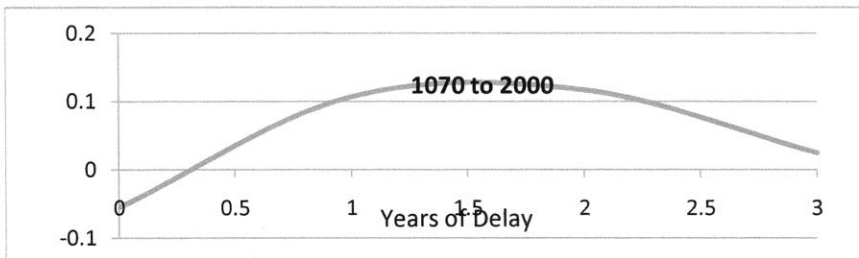
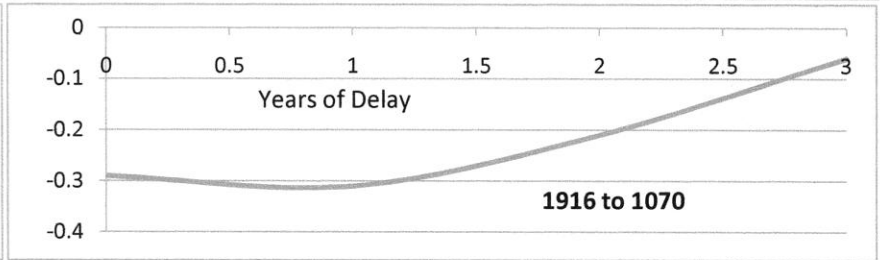
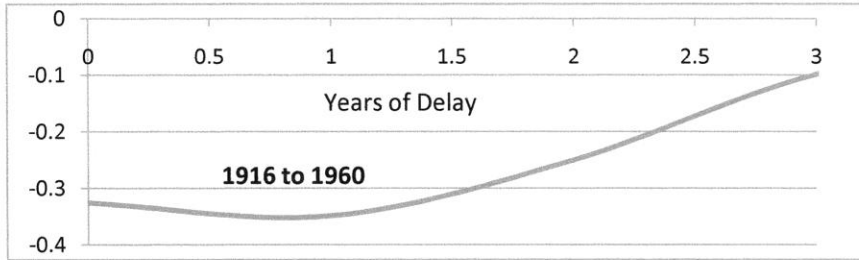
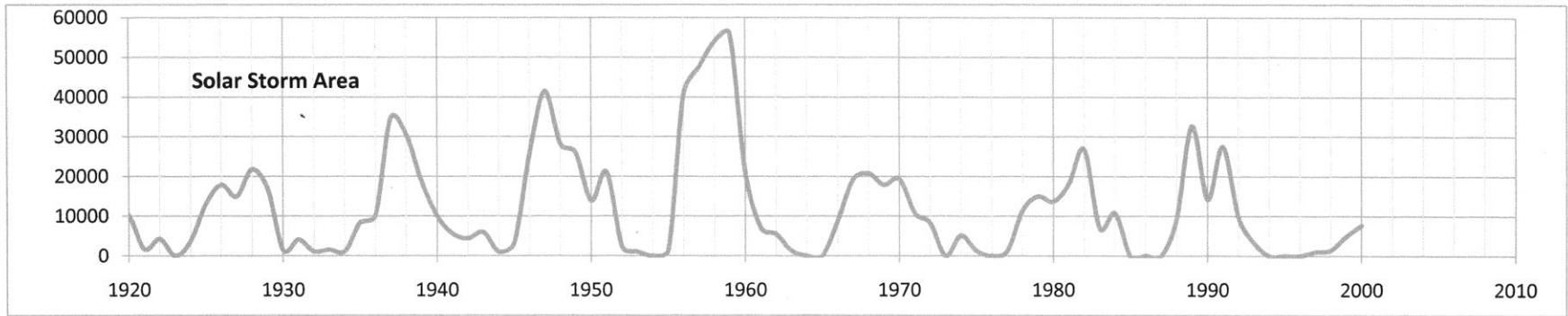
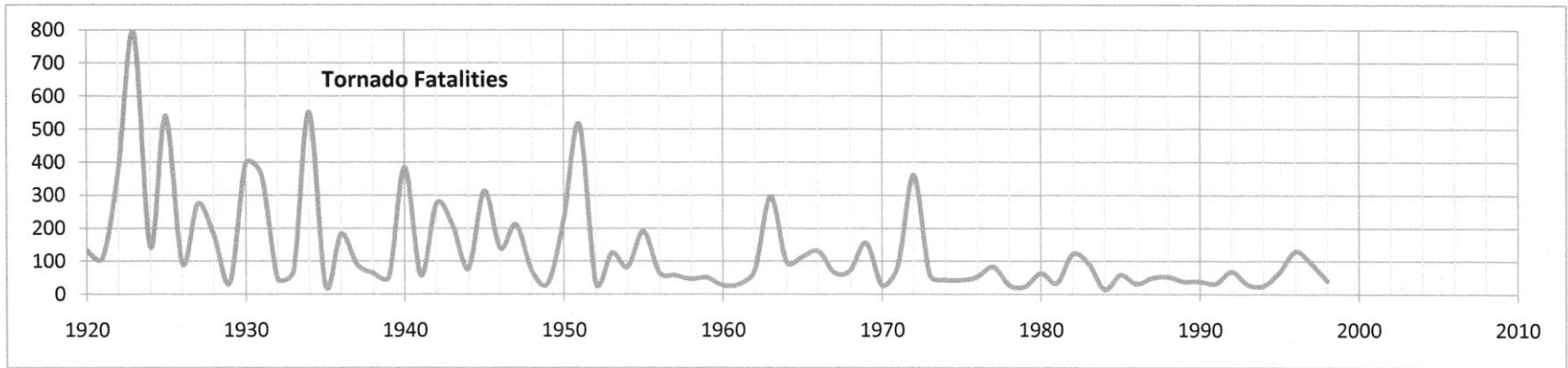
- the earth's rotation
- the 23 ½ degree tilt of the earth's axis
- Hadley cells and the creation of the three major wind belts
- Rossby waves
- distortions or kinks that develop in Rossby waves

Rossby waves of the earth are not a perfect circle like in your coffee cup. The kinks are the beginning of a low pressure area and mass or frontal systems. The other two methods of developing warm moist air up lift are orographic and convectional. Ninety degree wind shifts from high pressure to low is caused by pressure gradient, frictional effects, and the coriolis force. Attention should also be made to specific humidity rather than relative humidity. Since our star's output is not constant and the direct rays on the earth vary because of our 23 ½ degree tilt, neither is our weather stable on planet earth. The variations of the sun's output is basically in the form of solar storms which is often commonly called sunspots. However, many researchers use the intensity or area that a solar storm covers. Two major methods of forecasting weather is looking at weather patterns using historical data, the other is trying to understand how the weather machine of the earth works.

Tornado Observations

Figure 1, is a plot of fatalities and solar activity. Notice that when solar activity is greater, the number of fatalities are down. When solar activity is less, fatalities are on the rise. Notice the delay of about a year or a year and half. Notice there were far more fatalities in the early part of the 20th century when the population was much less than the present. Notice also of the dwindling fatalities from about 1975 to 2000. If the question is ask, “What causes Tornado’s,” Where do you start to answer such a question? If you ask what makes a country strong and two answers are a strong military and a good economy, then how do you get a strong military and a good economy. It must be traced back to how much success a country has competing in the global market place. Where do you trace the earth’s weather system back to? Not the jet stream, not the El’ Nino, not how the Rossby system and kinks develop, but when solar energy hits the atmosphere of the earth.

Solar Storm Areas Coorelated with Tornado Fatalities Related to Years.



Vertical Axis is Coorelation Coefficient

After 1970 any effects between solar storms and tornado fatalities does not appear to be significant.

This data may reveal some small evidence of a atmospheric delay.

Figure 1.

Temperature Effects of Solar Radiation

The popular press, government, and many scientist have been warning us of our part in atmospheric change. Half of our atmosphere in weight is less than 18,000 feet. That's 3.409 miles straight up. The earth has a diameter of 7926.28 miles, so we should be concerned about our very thin atmosphere. However, Dr. Roy Spencer and Dr. John Christy of NASA and the University of Alabama once stated that earthlings are contributing about 2 or 3 percent of change in our atmospheric characteristics. A Nobel Prize might be earned by the study that could prove exactly how much different the atmosphere would be if humans where not present on the planet earth. The North Magnetic pole, which is really the south magnetic pole, is beginning to shift faster than it has in the last 100 years. In the last 300 years the earth has lost 10 percent of it's magnetic field. The earth's magnetic field is a strong player in our weather system because without it, we would lose our life support system. We are assuming when Mars lost it's magnetic field, it lost it's water.

Since the time of Galileo we have observed the 11 year solar cycle. Starting in about 2008, we have experienced a significant change in this 11 years cycle. Figure 2, reveals a startling decline in sunspot magnetic field strength. The cycle stayed low with little activity until near 2010.

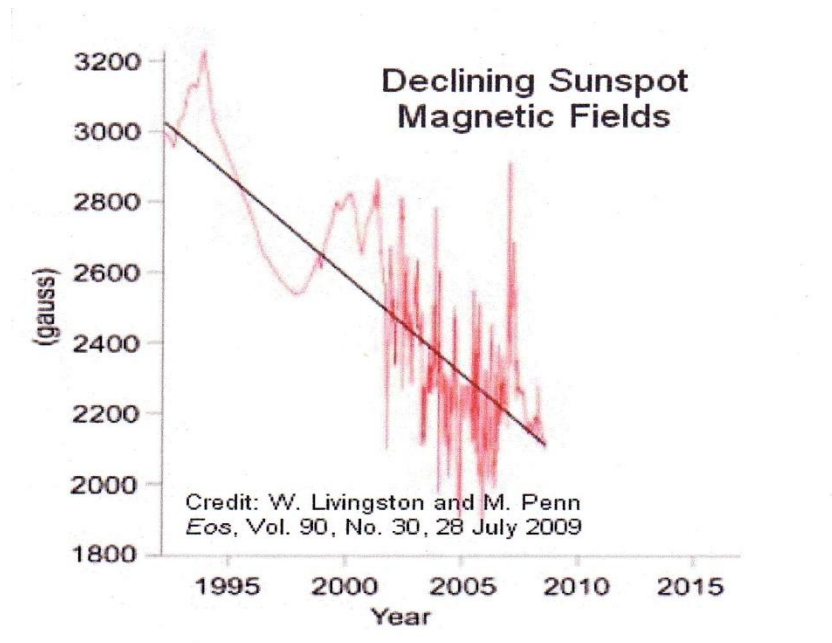


Figure 2.

The next peak was forecast for 2011 and 2012. This is not happening. Figure 3, shows the old and new forecasts.

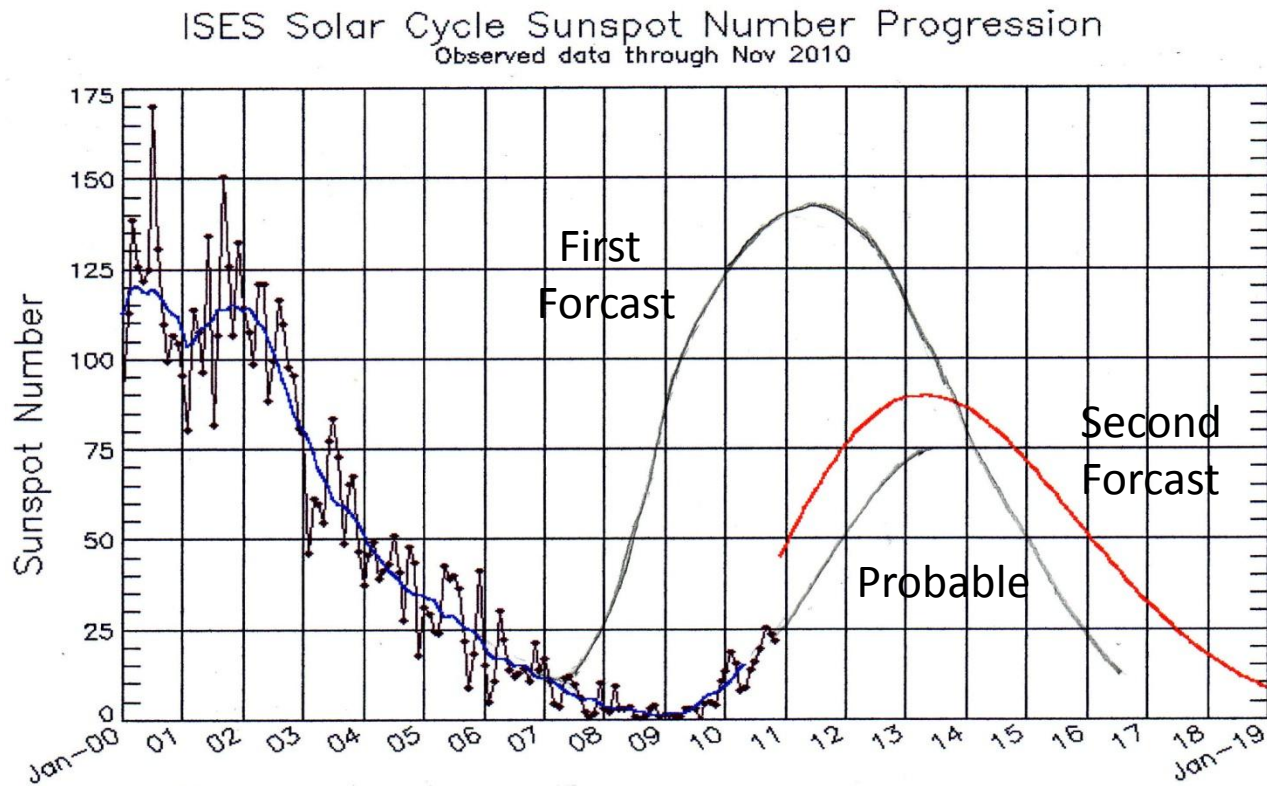


Figure 3.

Let us not forget the almost perfect correlation between sunspots and cosmic ray count in Figure 4.

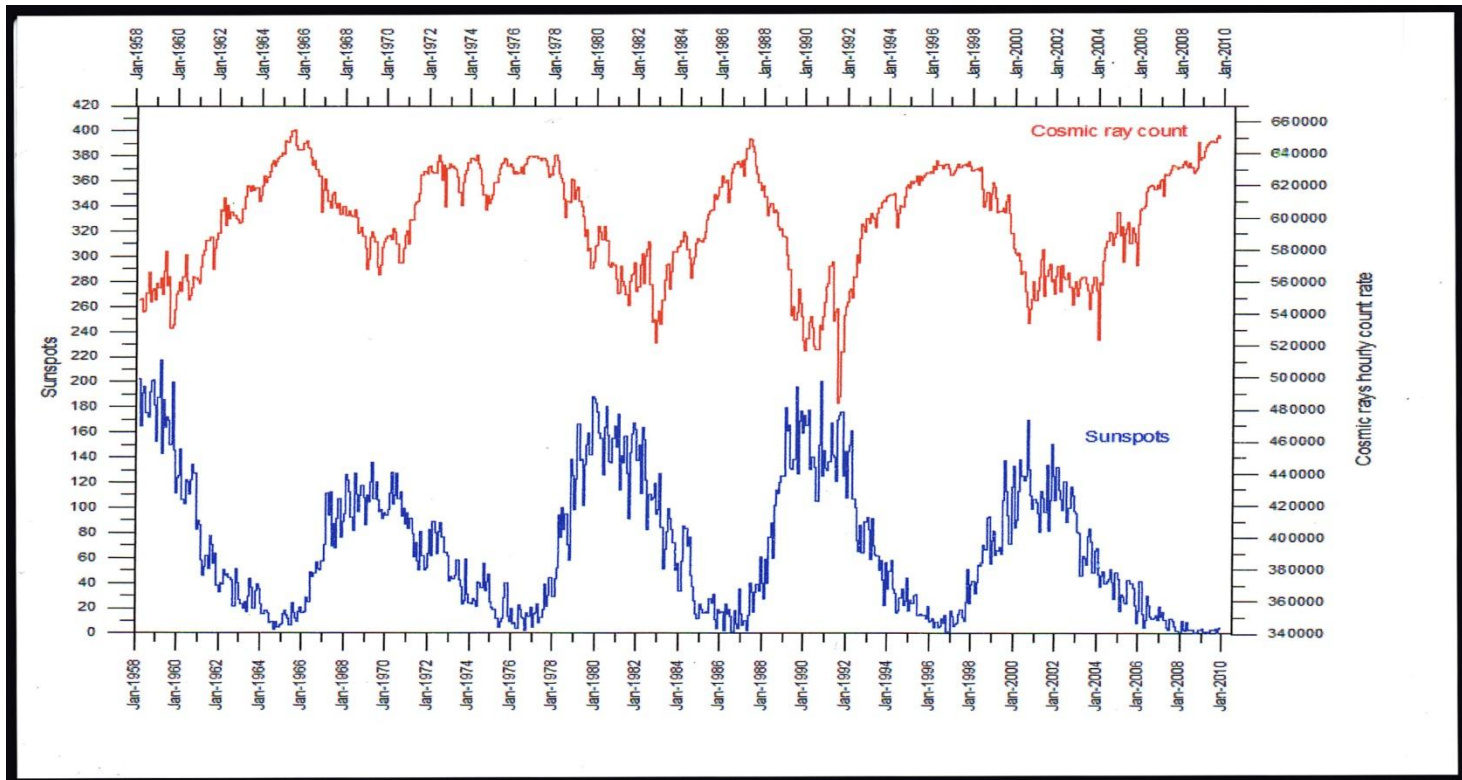


Figure 4.

With respect to temperatures, the following Figures are samples of recent temperatures during this abnormal solar cycle 24. Although the annual average may not change much the, winters and summers are showing extremes. Colder in the winter, warmer in the summers.

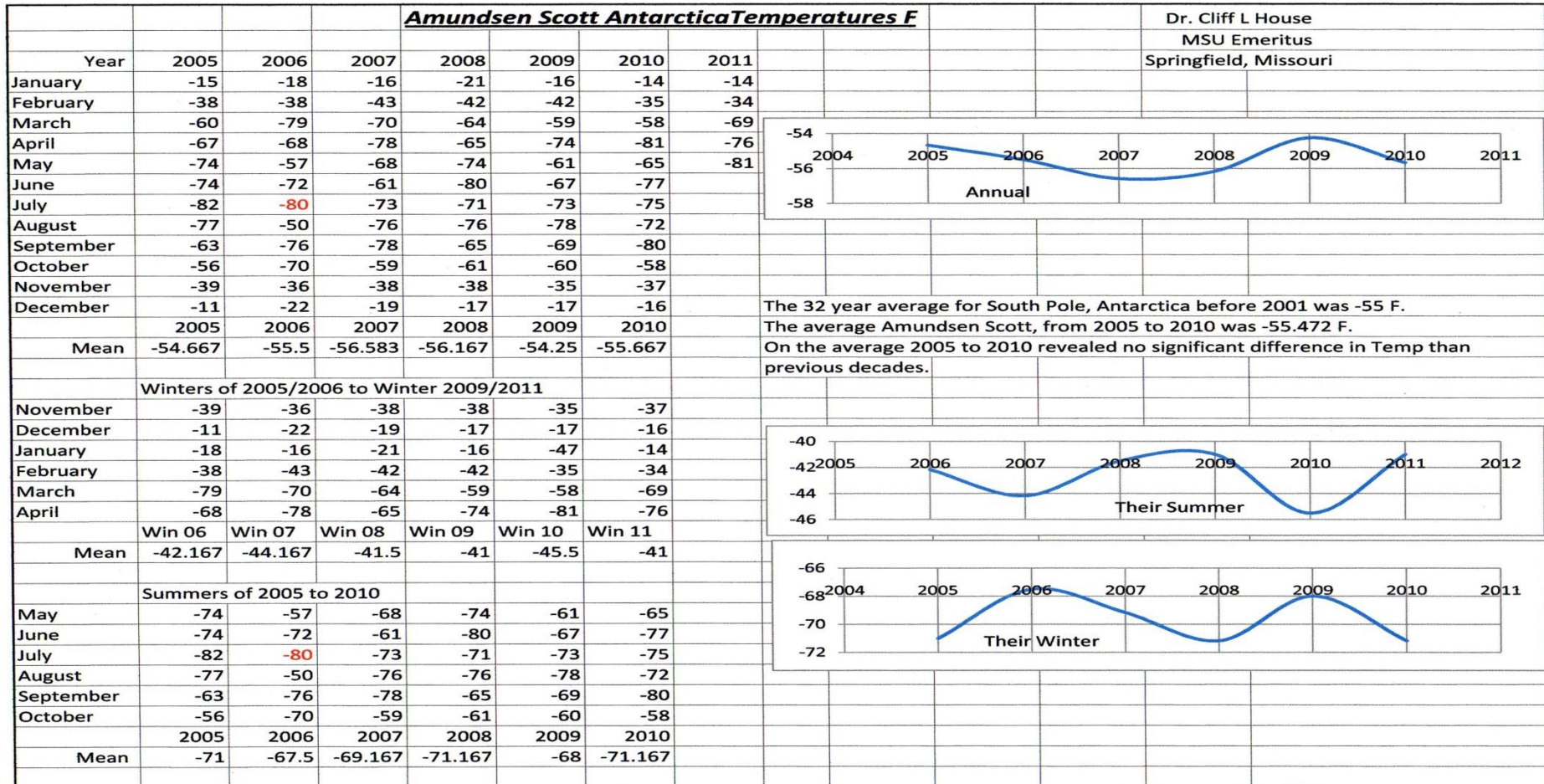


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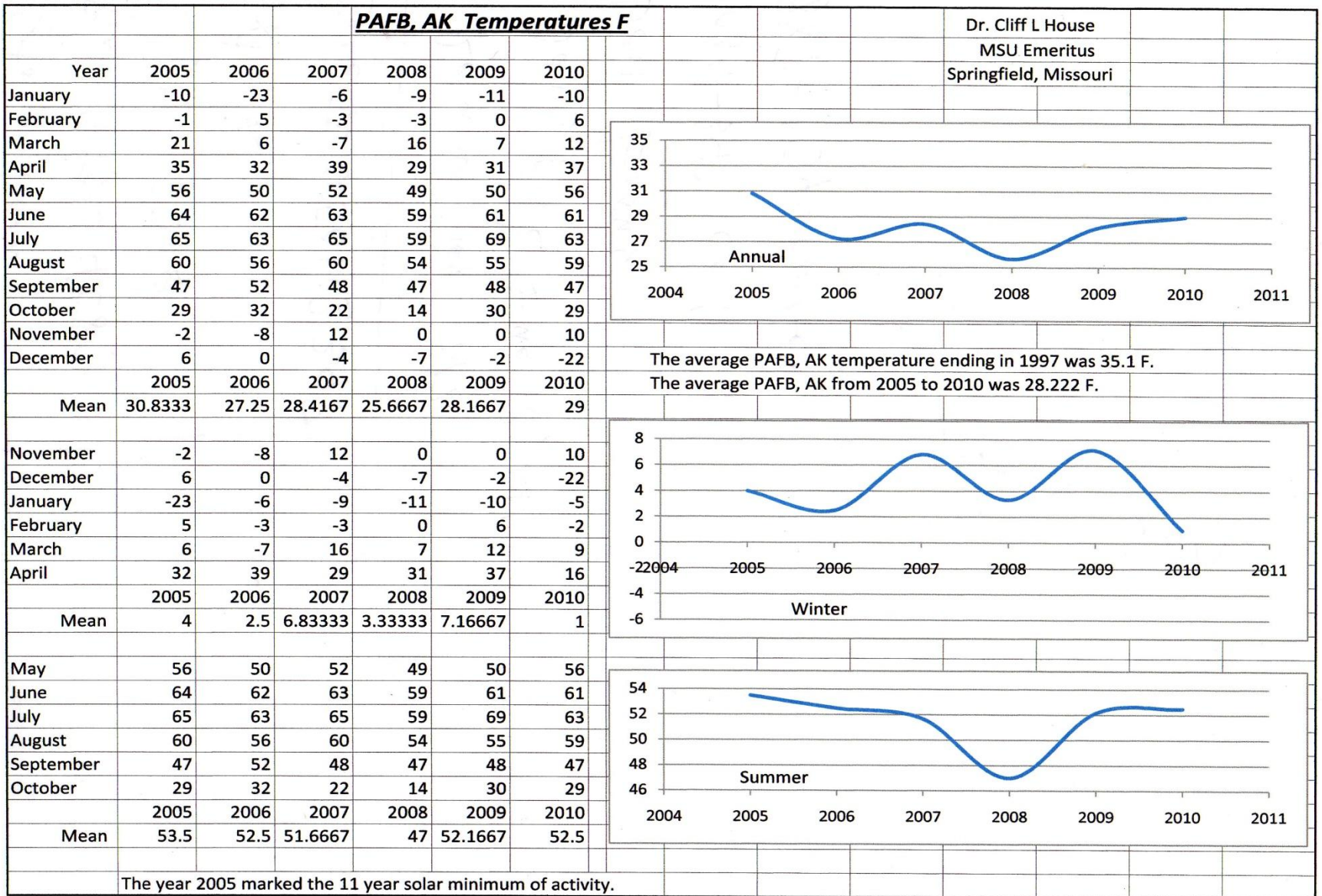


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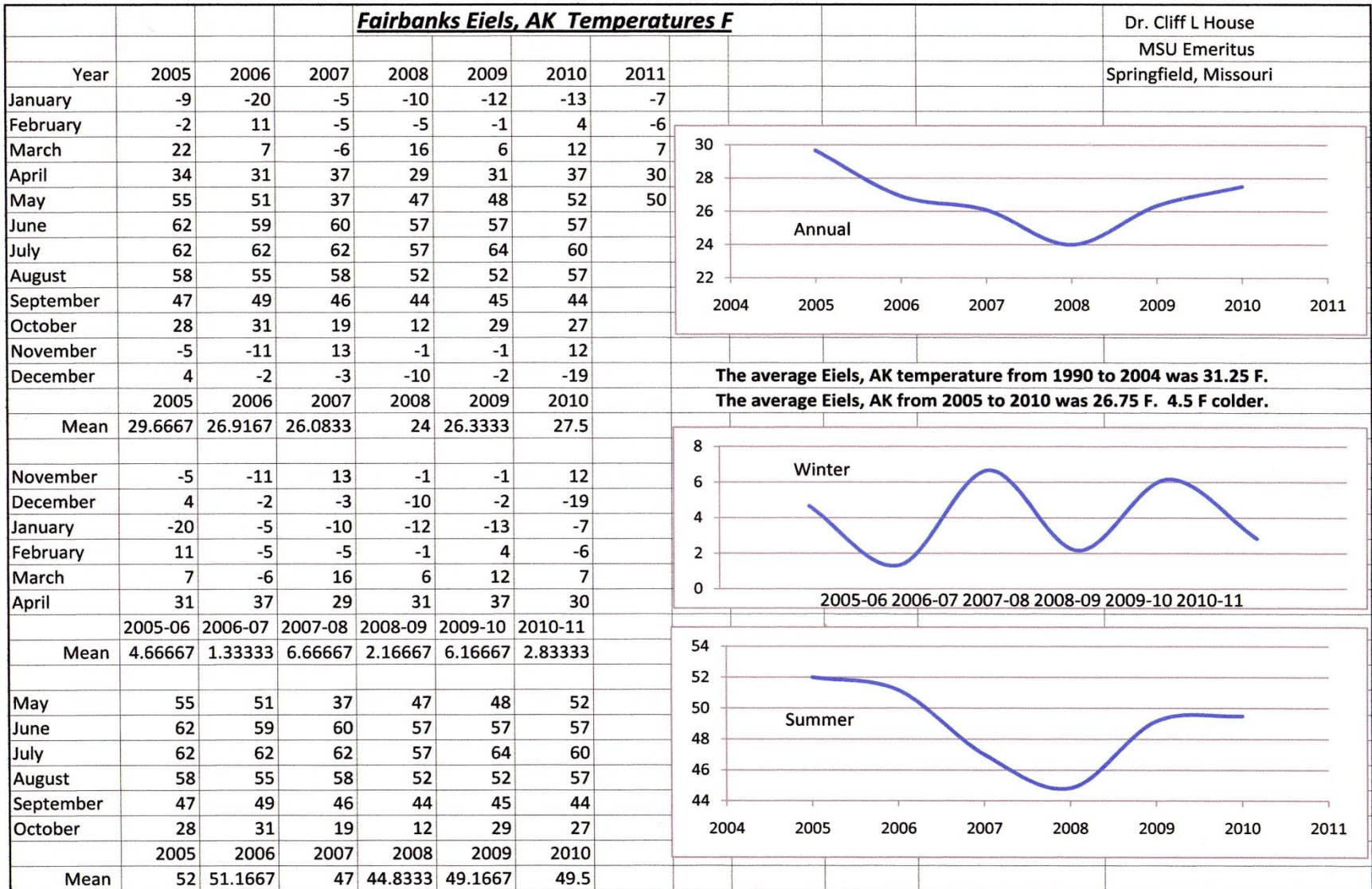


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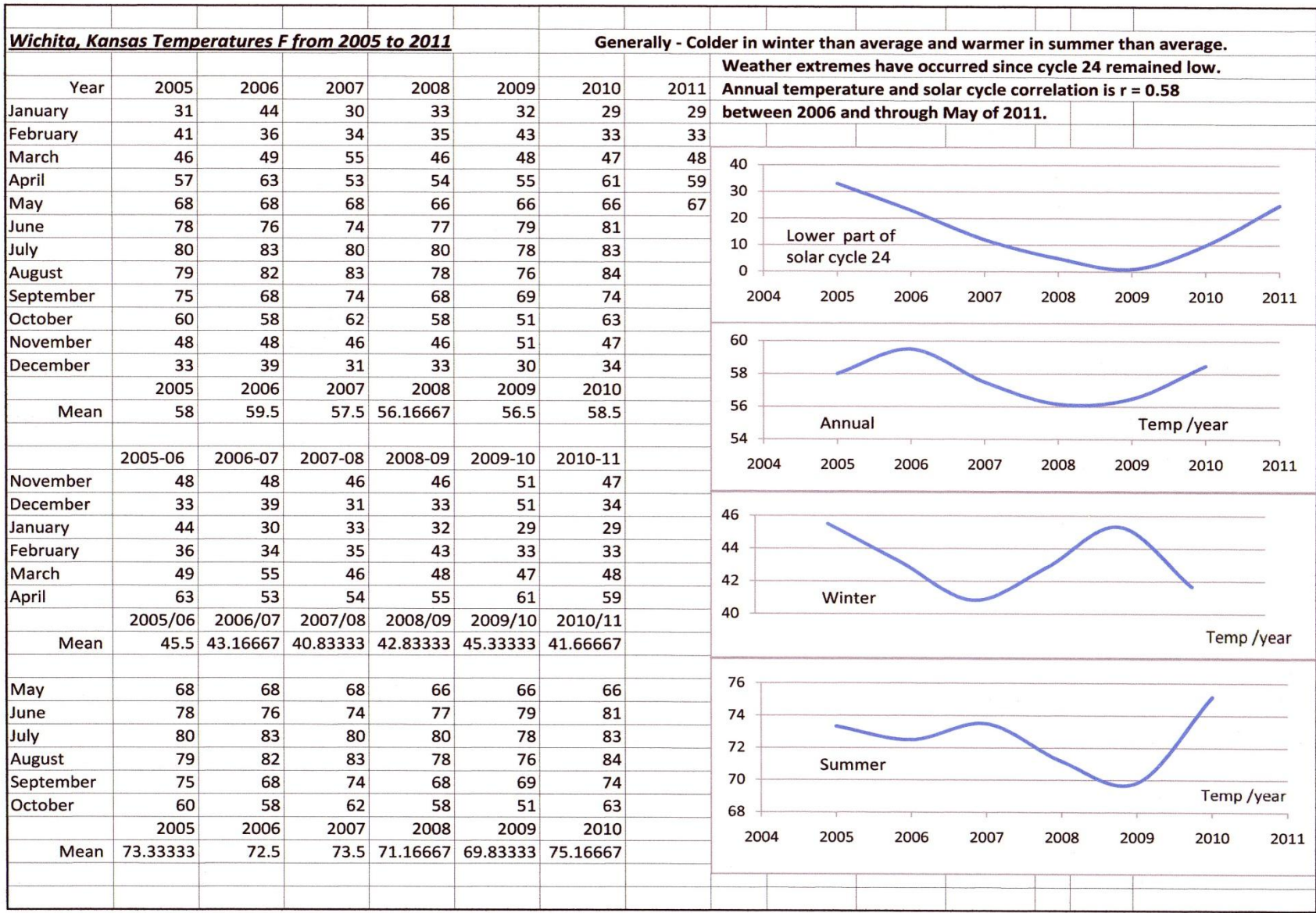


Figure 8.

Continued Work from Last Years 24th Annual High Plains Conference at Dodge City, Kansas.

Some of the following pages are from last years presentation relating to solar activity and how it effects the earth days to weeks later. Observe the outstandingly good correlation of over $r = 0.9$, on weekly forecast in Figures 9, and 10. Why is there a double peak? ***Why does the delay of solar activity to surface temperature vary from month to month or year to year?*** Why in some months there is little or no correlation? What does random numbers give us when interchanged with solar activity and surface temperatures ? Observe Figure 11.

Figures 12,13,14,15,16, and 17 shows random monthly studies of Wichita, Kansas relating to earth surface temperature affects and delays, of solar bombardment.

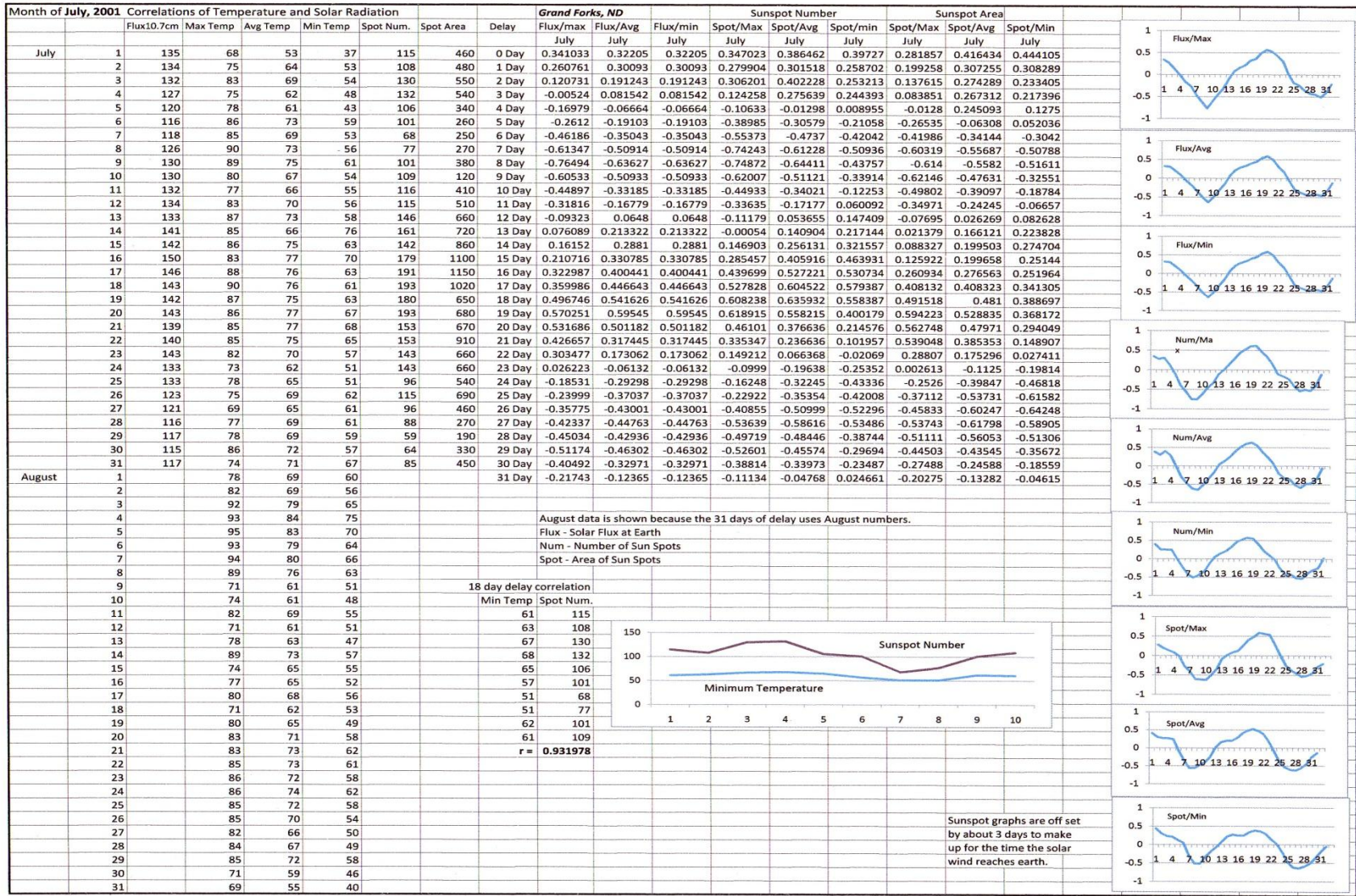


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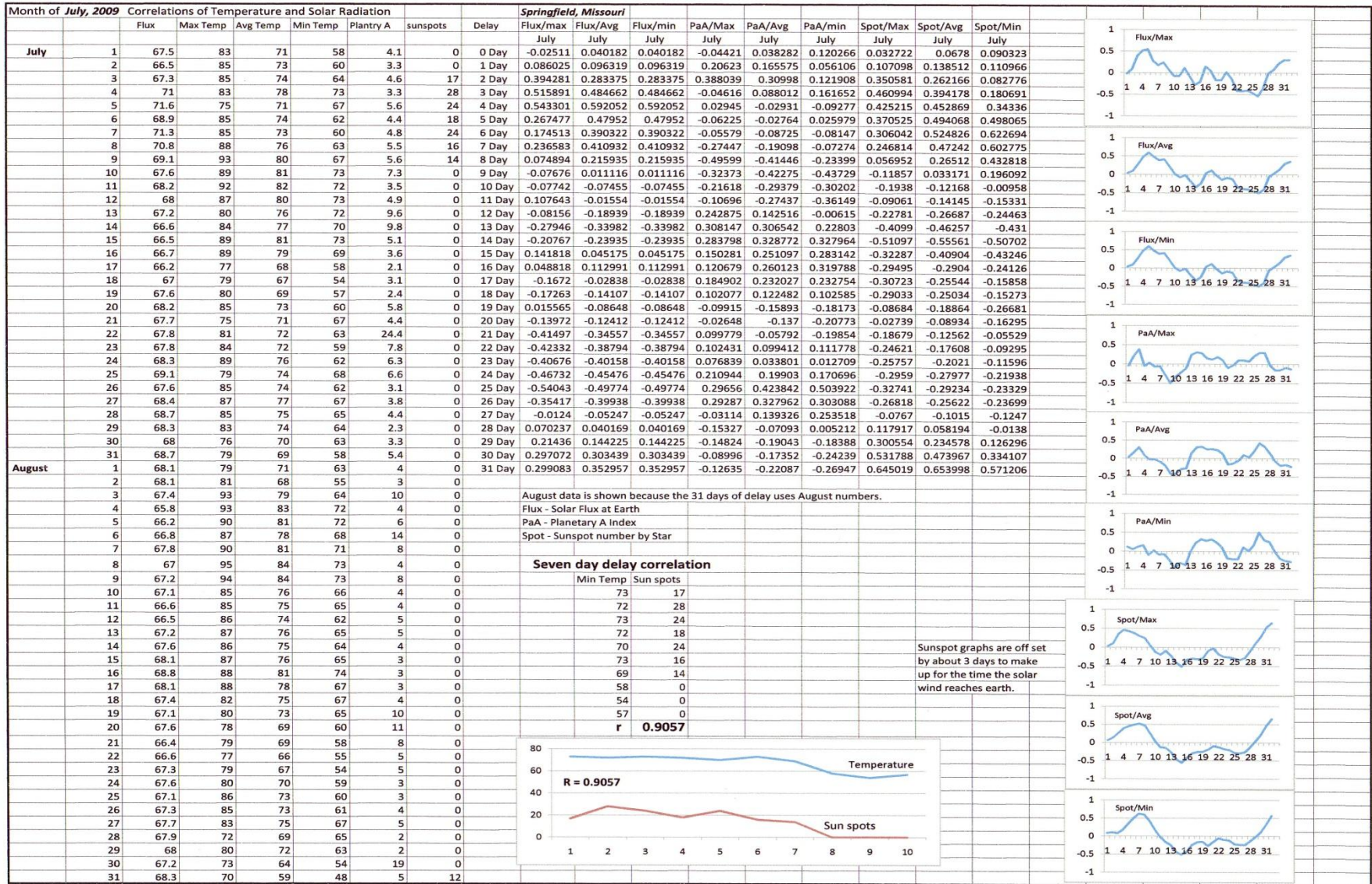
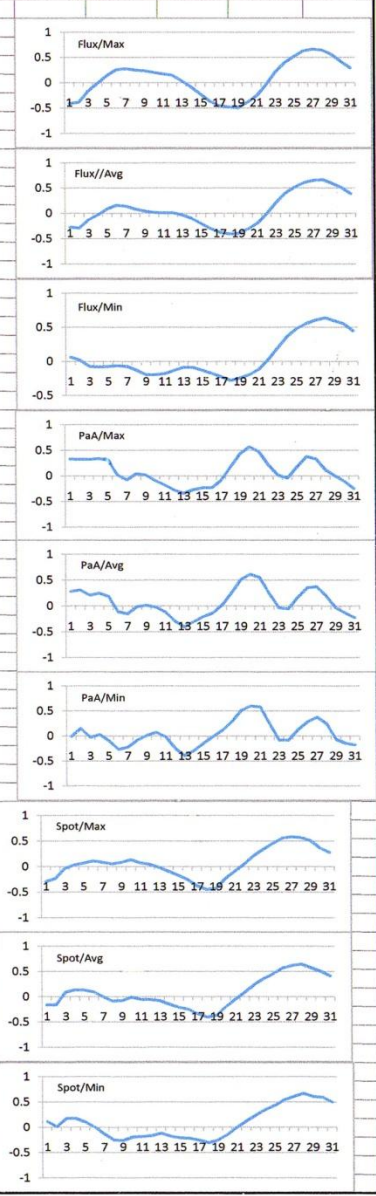


Figure 10.

Month of December, 2007									Correlations of Temperature and Solar Radiation							Springfield, Missouri				
		Flux	Max Temp	Avg Temp	Min Temp	Plantry A	Sunspots	Delay	Flux/Max	Flux/avg	Flux/min	PaA/Max	PaA/avg	PaA/min	Spot/Max	Spot/Avg	Spot/Min			
Dec	1	71.9	61	53	44	2.4	13	0 Day	-0.412163	-0.276108	0.0626643	0.3375362	0.2800111	-0.005177	-0.290857	-0.158629	0.1184987			
	2	73	69	48	26	1.9	26	1 Day	-0.384123	-0.290505	0.0175585	0.3272657	0.3125215	0.1549579	-0.230961	-0.160053	0.0173566			
	3	72.6	45	33	20	0.9	13	2 Day	-0.160707	-0.128419	-0.07229	0.3284207	0.2066266	-0.024629	-0.028581	0.0887805	0.1765523			
	4	73.6	57	45	32	1.5	13	3 Day	-0.012116	-0.024523	-0.081064	0.3412752	0.2450745	0.0292082	0.0381023	0.1361369	0.1787139			
	5	75.3	46	38	29	2.5	13	4 Day	0.1426172	0.0890689	-0.073732	0.3241345	0.185694	-0.095899	0.0737027	0.129936	0.1079097			
	6	78.2	31	29	26	1.3	29	5 Day	0.2585996	0.1619876	-0.059041	0.0288589	-0.10725	-0.265198	0.1165084	0.0979883	0.0046359			
	7	82.2	38	33	27	0.9	24	6 Day	0.277018	0.143694	-0.074688	-0.074922	-0.149298	-0.21983	0.0840787	-0.001111	-0.130473			
	8	86.9	44	40	36	0.3	36	7 Day	0.2521087	0.0834292	-0.127991	0.0470853	-0.011877	-0.074698	0.0558993	-0.086167	-0.251438			
	9	88.9	36	31	26	2.1	42	8 Day	0.2358936	0.0432235	-0.195274	0.0213918	0.0130974	0.0173517	0.0882621	-0.074076	-0.262824			
	10	86.9	42	34	26	7.6	43	9 Day	0.2042423	0.0224315	-0.191523	-0.083524	-0.019931	0.0749976	0.1387404	-0.011592	-0.190334			
	11	93.4	58	46	33	11.8	44	10 Day	0.1765639	0.0075169	-0.178008	-0.171387	-0.111892	-0.016355	0.0778326	-0.049476	-0.17843			
	12	93.9	33	32	31	7.3	39	11 Day	0.1512978	0.0129629	-0.128636	-0.267425	-0.287513	-0.245768	0.0439795	-0.056561	-0.165398			
	13	93.8	33	30	26	4.1	39	12 Day	0.0409712	-0.028467	-0.082373	-0.338134	-0.400417	-0.391617	-0.015624	-0.072981	-0.115067			
	14	91.9	43	35	26	2.5	35	13 Day	-0.082226	-0.097591	-0.085598	-0.269881	-0.303258	-0.284228	-0.090839	-0.14673	-0.177008			
	15	88.9	33	28	22	1.1	39	14 Day	-0.222399	-0.19813	-0.129171	-0.229579	-0.204236	-0.141321	-0.169312	-0.206138	-0.203208			
	16	81.7	36	25	14	1.6	28	15 Day	-0.36424	-0.297341	-0.1724	-0.229018	-0.132295	-0.007089	-0.248496	-0.246313	-0.214648			
	17	79.5	49	34	13	17.4	14	16 Day	-0.448323	-0.374553	-0.227957	-0.083802	0.0143171	0.1198141	-0.369181	-0.337454	-0.248775			
	18	76.8	51	42	33	18.5	14	17 Day	-0.477954	-0.406101	-0.278968	0.1825324	0.2498398	0.2872751	-0.444904	-0.402155	-0.301325			
	19	74.5	56	39	22	8.5	0	18 Day	-0.496011	-0.395315	-0.242645	0.4376294	0.5025603	0.5086533	-0.424272	-0.362855	-0.248478			
	20	72.6	55	43	31	12	0	19 Day	-0.385471	-0.308138	-0.193286	0.5736638	0.612946	0.6025635	-0.228273	-0.196341	-0.140535			
	21	71	60	45	29	11.3	0	20 Day	-0.259297	-0.198279	-0.113085	0.477138	0.5536061	0.5828809	-0.09003	-0.049165	0.0012103			
	22	71.5	55	39	22	7.3	0	21 Day	-0.038857	-0.008424	0.0283787	0.2163916	0.2421899	0.2496171	0.0534719	0.0891415	0.1247994			
	23	71.4	39	29	19	6.5	0	22 Day	0.2093061	0.210879	0.1998791	0.0189245	-0.028622	-0.076648	0.2232909	0.2420887	0.2498848			
	24	71.4	47	34	21	1.6	0	23 Day	0.4009496	0.3984643	0.3694843	-0.03719	-0.054402	-0.079058	0.3436271	0.3620112	0.3553866			
	25	72	52	39	25	1.8	0	24 Day	0.5216696	0.5169977	0.4818802	0.179487	0.1622877	0.1311061	0.4523439	0.4525763	0.4330609			
	26	72.6	41	35	29	1.8	0	25 Day	0.6286737	0.6099909	0.5569228	0.3847612	0.3485102	0.2884828	0.5612417	0.5710999	0.5472238			
	27	72.1	38	36	33	4.4	0	26 Day	0.6664409	0.6561655	0.606967	0.339077	0.3733679	0.3787576	0.5879153	0.617761	0.6120639			
	28	71.8	37	32	27	2.1	0	27 Day	0.6460463	0.6692592	0.6425101	0.1251262	0.1973377	0.2505752	0.5738317	0.6449868	0.6714557			
	29	72.1	39	30	21	1.6	0	28 Day	0.5614787	0.6001562	0.6005053	0.0091224	-0.030745	-0.065362	0.5104097	0.5763833	0.6098435			
	30	75	47	36	25	2.4	0	29 Day	0.4197996	0.5127915	0.5554769	-0.100295	-0.131477	-0.141045	0.3685559	0.5047822	0.5945526			
	31	76.7	42	34	25	2.4	0	30 Day	0.2934496	0.3921252	0.4523611	-0.242898	-0.221006	-0.173888	0.2805304	0.410988	0.5016365			
Jan	1		31	24	17															
	2		25	17	9															
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	29		66	41	16															
	30		43	27	11															



January temperatures are shown because of the 31 days of delay uses January numbers.

Sunspot graphs are off set by about 3 days to make up for the time the solar wind reached earth.

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Figure 11.

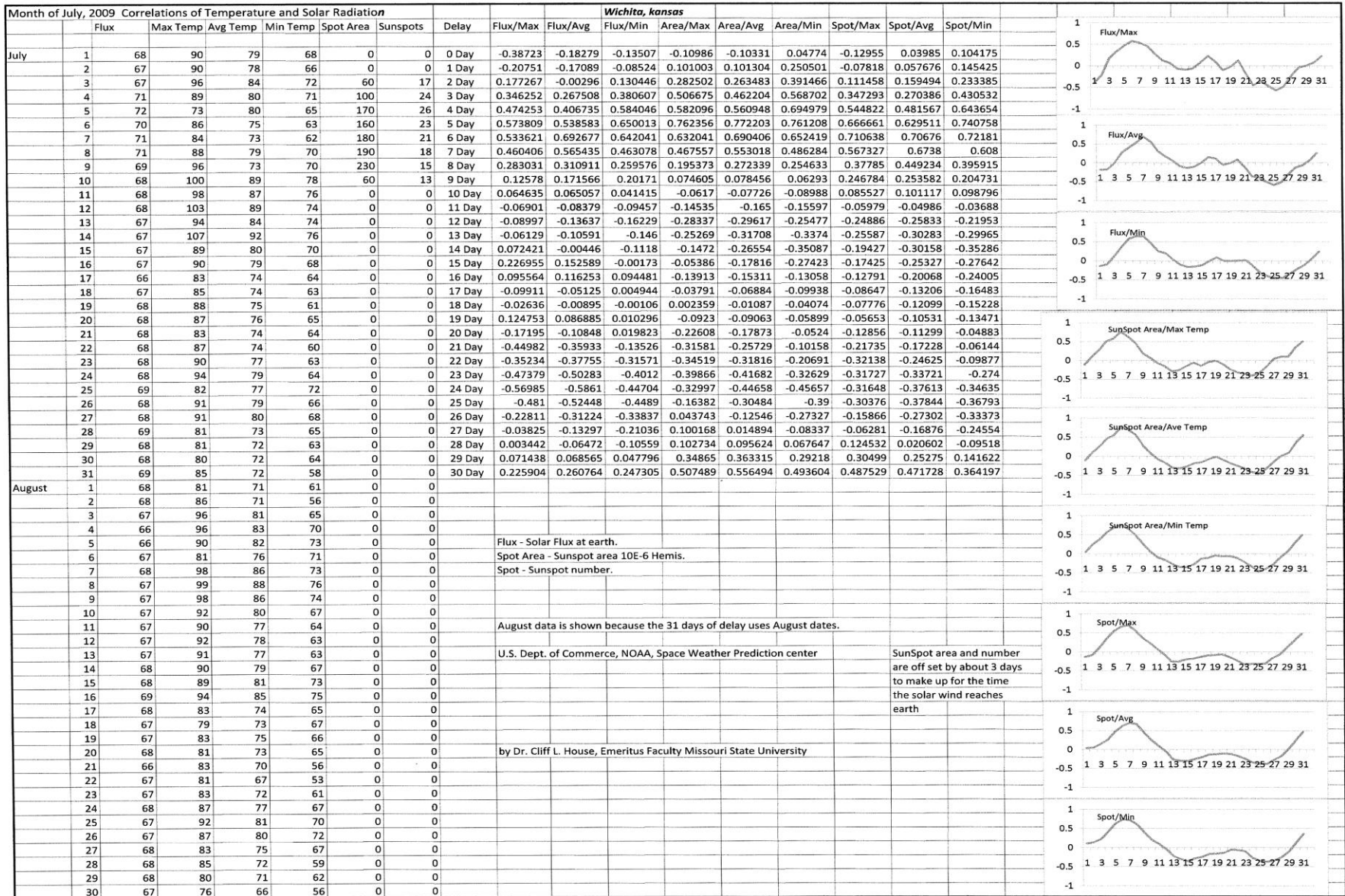


Figure 13.

Month of July, 2010 Correlations of Temperature and Solar Radiation																		
Month	Day	Flux	Max Temp	Avg Temp	Min Temp	Spot Area	Sunspots	Delay	Wichita, Kansas									
									Flux/Max	Flux/Avg	Flux/Min	Area/Max	Area/Avg	Area/Min	Spot/Max	Spot/Avg	Spot/Min	
July	1	73	90	79	68	110	11	0 Day	0.685727	0.694628	0.56028	0.281144	0.354973	0.424569	0.48908	0.473532	0.352974	
	2	73	89	80	71	100	11	1 Day	0.701123	0.679614	0.521098	0.285502	0.338679	0.4037	0.424869	0.424692	0.369703	
	3	72	80	77	73	150	11	2 Day	0.691725	0.679864	0.551581	0.317487	0.353777	0.386028	0.279118	0.269007	0.22227	
	4	72	79	74	69	110	11	3 Day	0.61018	0.607014	0.529978	0.270406	0.248345	0.185665	0.184121	0.187275	0.203276	
	5	73	82	75	68	110	23	4 Day	0.54602	0.506881	0.375501	0.180372	0.135906	0.060812	0.251295	0.194726	0.04769	
	6	73	88	78	67	120	23	5 Day	0.492332	0.464729	0.341862	0.172132	0.086985	-0.08466	0.29503	0.212826	-0.00354	
	7	74	84	78	71	110	22	6 Day	0.449751	0.442491	0.323538	-0.0061	-0.0476	-0.14019	0.278716	0.247738	0.107498	
	8	76	81	76	71	50	11	7 Day	0.425612	0.440604	0.34945	-0.08757	-0.03512	0.035979	0.344214	0.381251	0.344819	
	9	80	86	78	69	30	12	8 Day	0.429746	0.462264	0.383095	-0.01952	0.081438	0.195509	0.384271	0.440384	0.421424	
	10	80	89	78	67	100	18	9 Day	0.482795	0.534611	0.464498	0.230226	0.282034	0.22985	0.462424	0.51918	0.502348	
	11	83	94	84	73	120	25	10 Day	0.539391	0.608869	0.55957	0.493773	0.53982	0.476631	0.486262	0.518639	0.486712	
	12	80	92	81	70	130	22	11 Day	0.546683	0.621898	0.584281	0.613927	0.617468	0.489332	0.49132	0.507741	0.41715	
	13	79	97	84	71	80	28	12 Day	0.499635	0.54369	0.482093	0.575071	0.578132	0.404886	0.25984	0.277833	0.225706	
	14	78	98	88	78	100	16	13 Day	0.466113	0.44579	0.303748	0.460422	0.397601	0.19051	0.202873	0.167025	0.050817	
	15	76	91	82	73	60	15	14 Day	0.307882	0.301837	0.220291	0.278221	0.198177	-0.02136	0.156066	0.176281	0.147626	
	16	77	95	84	73	50	17	15 Day	0.049937	0.051622	0.040044	-0.04492	-0.0461	-0.05179	0.116571	0.182648	0.236439	
	17	79	99	86	72	20	13	16 Day	-0.06382	-0.07329	-0.09124	-0.17394	-0.16174	-0.14394	0.030165	0.106596	0.229431	
	18	77	100	86	72	10	12	17 Day	-0.05255	-0.08934	-0.20555	-0.37081	-0.36887	-0.36105	0.174104	0.170792	0.06925	
	19	80	101	89	76	140	25	18 Day	-0.02696	-0.06954	-0.19494	-0.26959	-0.30513	-0.39106	0.176536	0.163325	0.061531	
	20	87	99	88	76	160	32	19 Day	0.048156	0.004371	-0.12624	-0.18908	-0.22585	-0.27757	0.270752	0.218891	0.068848	
	21	89	98	87	76	320	38	20 Day	0.065687	0.0276	-0.09633	-0.03946	-0.06549	-0.08444	0.150904	0.081963	-0.08026	
	22	88	99	88	77	240	39	21 Day	0.117223	0.057017	-0.10084	0.115513	0.008145	-0.18719	0.188207	0.092536	-0.12127	
	23	86	100	89	78	200	45	22 Day	0.13404	0.074848	-0.06247	0.099025	0.036477	-0.08476	-0.07643	-0.14692	-0.26141	
	24	85	102	88	74	160	41	23 Day	0.037231	-0.00973	-0.1046	-0.01516	-0.04435	-0.08926	-0.26262	-0.28728	-0.30637	
	25	85	92	81	70	150	39	24 Day	-0.14608	-0.18934	-0.24982	-0.36619	-0.39084	-0.41763	-0.34286	-0.39662	-0.46178	
	26	84	95	83	71	100	39	25 Day	-0.39179	-0.42585	-0.42349	-0.62242	-0.62115	-0.54631	-0.46757	-0.42006	-0.2883	
	27	83	93	83	73	70	15	26 Day	-0.5745	-0.58106	-0.52562	-0.75049	-0.75805	-0.68338	-0.43172	-0.42412	-0.34805	
	28	85	95	84	72	270	31	27 Day	-0.63085	-0.62077	-0.52992	-0.77004	-0.80736	-0.76264	-0.4062	-0.39496	-0.32785	
	29	85	93	83	73	350	31	28 Day	-0.55444	-0.57195	-0.52056	-0.45616	-0.56014	-0.62052	-0.20333	-0.21551	-0.19048	
	30	83	101	88	74	210	29	29 Day	-0.46483	-0.50224	-0.49696	-0.25414	-0.339	-0.40982	-0.24516	-0.25434	-0.22898	
	31	82	100	89	77	230	12	30 Day	-0.34231	-0.39865	-0.4381	-0.0514	-0.10836	-0.1822	-0.25366	-0.28458	-0.29398	
August	1	80	100	88	76	290	13											
	2	79	108	93	78	280	17											
	3	81	109	92	75	190	13											
	4	81	100	88	76	280	27											
	5	83	94	85	76	430	54											
	6	82	94	84	73	430	49											
	7	91	97	86	74	300	47			Flux - Solar Flux at earth.								
	8	83	105	91	77	340	46			Spot Area - Sunspot area 10E-6 Hemis.								
	9	84	103	90	76	380	53			Spot - Sunspot number.								
	10	84	103	91	78	210	56											
	11	86	105	90	75	200	66											
	12	84	106	91	75	290	50											
	13	84	109	94	79	120	51											
	14	85	103	88	73	150	31											
	15	86	87	78	68	130	33											
	16	85	90	79	67	100	39											
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	18	81	89	79	69	20	23											
	19	78	94	80	66	0	11											
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	25	74	83	70	57	100	23											
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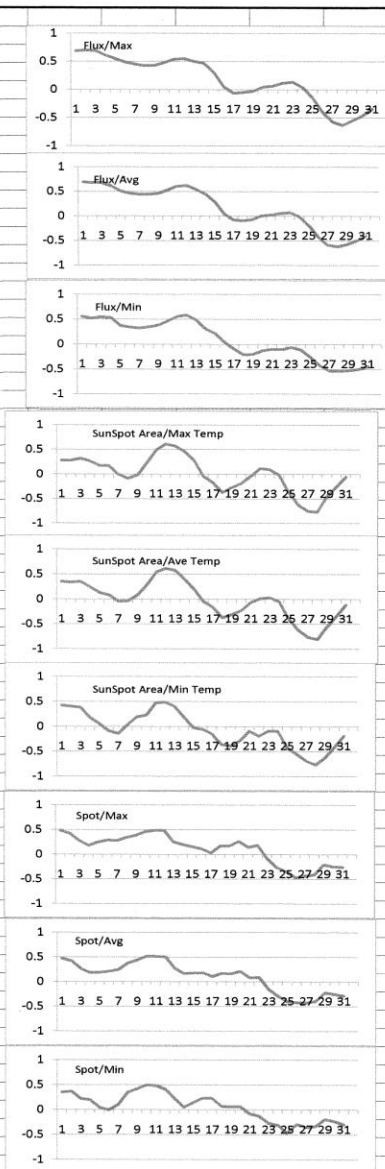


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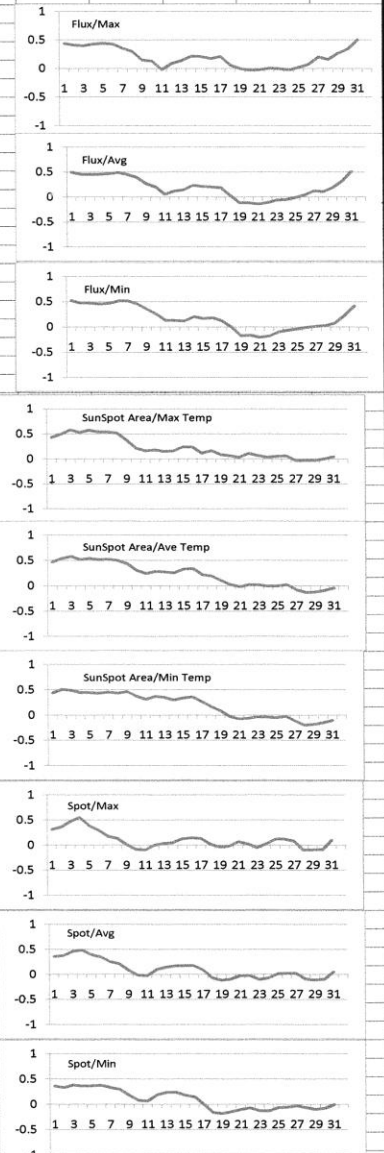
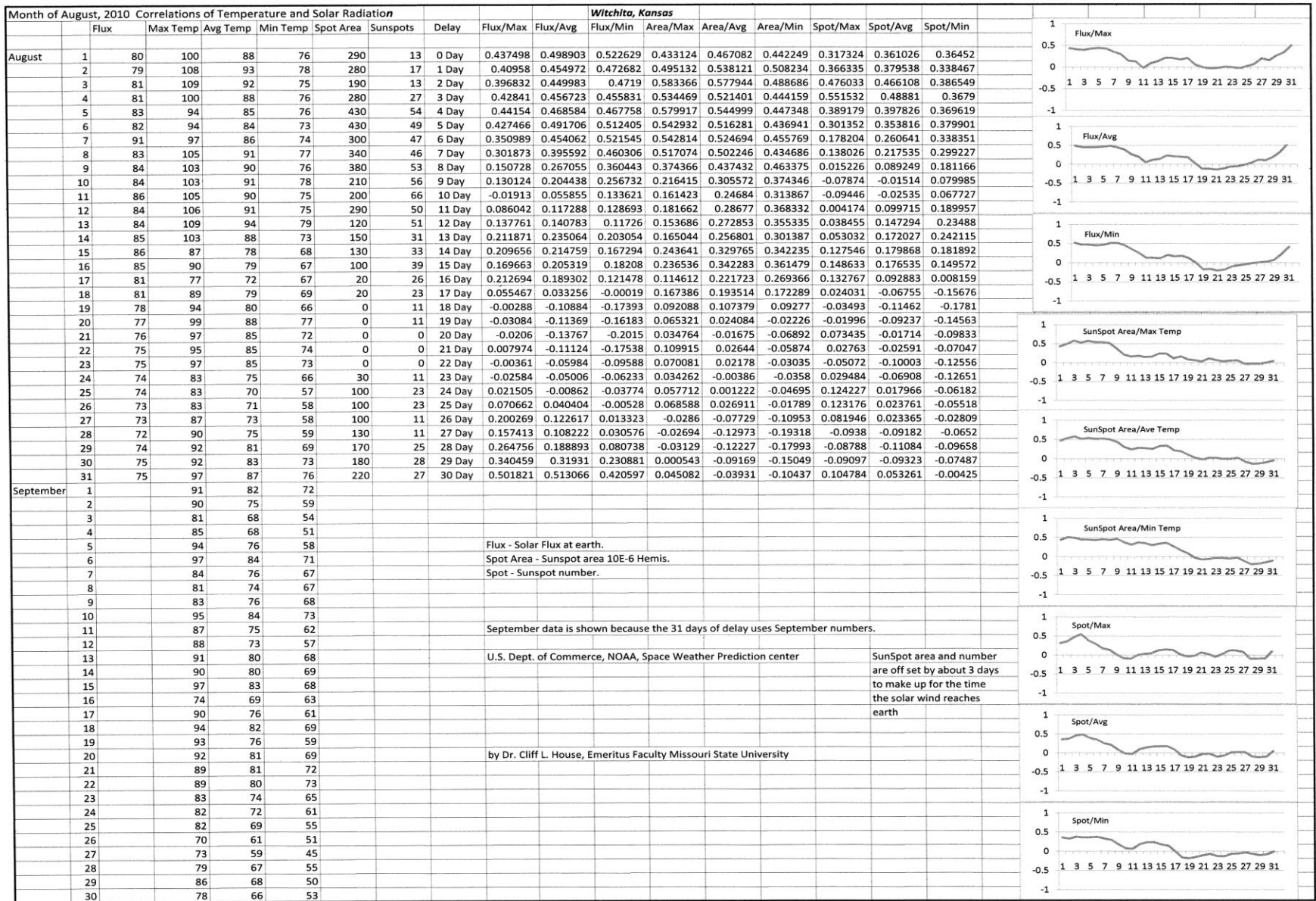


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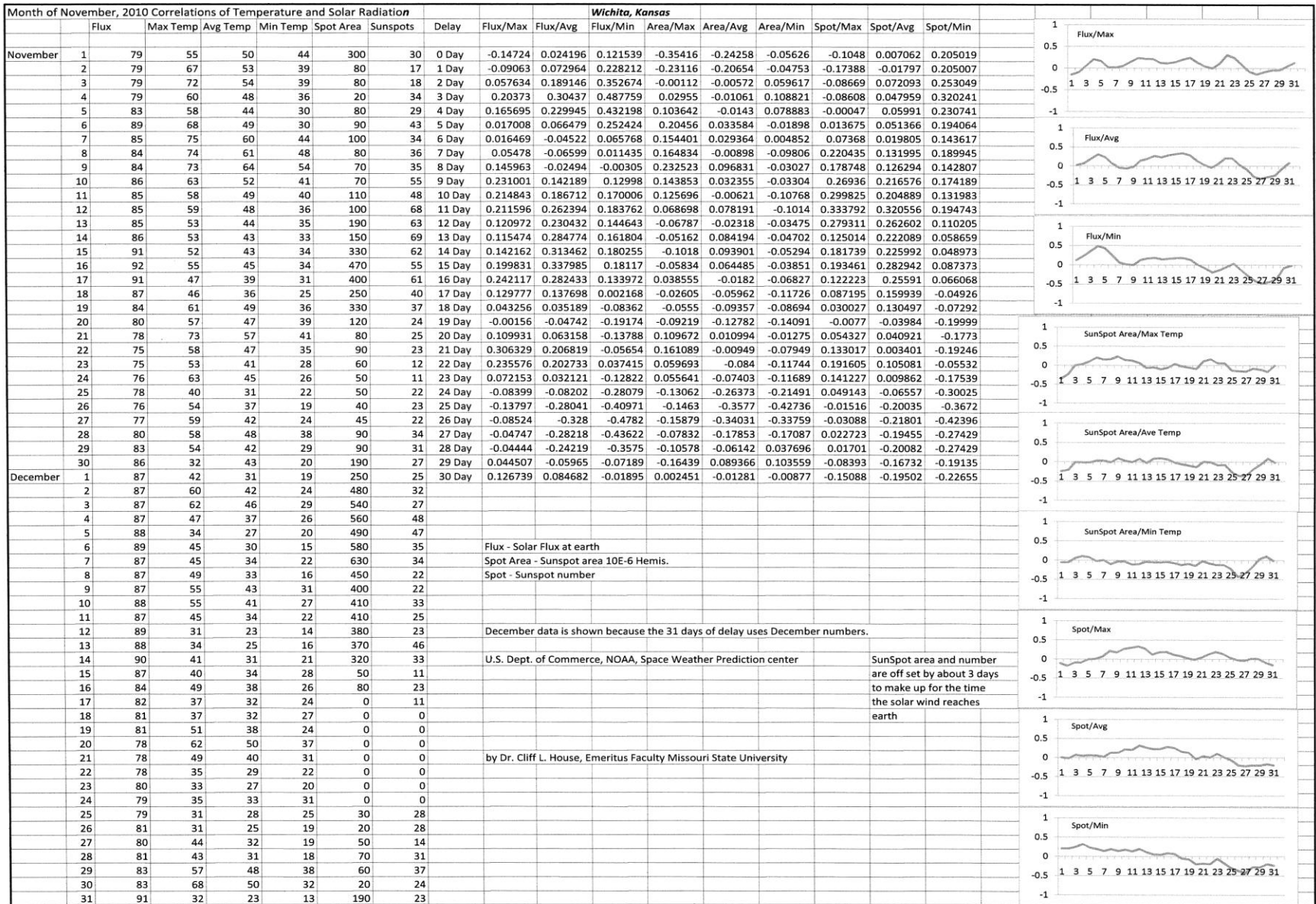


Figure 17.

Why, Study These Patterns?

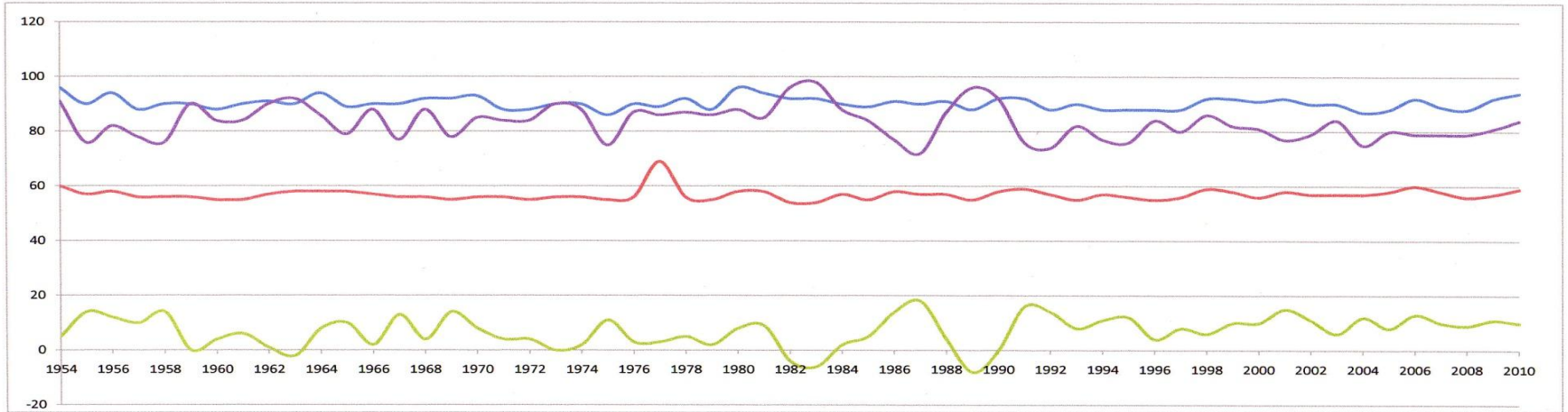
An example: After Katrina hit New Orleans, the general word on the popular press was that it was just the beginning of several years of really devastating hurricanes. It was a topic of discussion at Missouri State University. Studying cycles and cycles with in cycles the data suggested little Hurricane activity would be present for a number of years. Was this forecast bases on understanding the weather system of the earth, as it should have been. Unfortunately not, it was based on studying the heart beat or rhythm of hurricanes.

Patterns can be helpful or may lead to a better understanding of how our weather system works. There are so many factors that determine the earth's weather, none can be overlooked. Example: The movement of air is modified by the surface it is passing over, is a huge factor. There are so many factors to factor out it is difficult to identify just a small number. As a result, the understanding of weather and weather forecasting is difficult at best. Little by little we are gaining on the mystery. As break through's are made, it will still be difficult to alter, change, or modify the earth's weather.

Conclusion

The weather machine of the earth is perhaps one of the most difficult studies earthlings have encountered. It appears to have far more unknowns than the human body. Hopefully researchers will not give up on their quest to discover earlier warnings to hazardous weather situations. Altering the weather to fit a significant quality of life may not be a possibility for a long long time. From the press release July 26, 2011, Dr. Roy Spencer, research scientist, NASA, Earth System Science Center, University of Alabama, states the following: “Data from NASA’s Terras satellite shows that when the climate warms, earth’s atmosphere is apparently more efficient at releasing energy to space than models used to forecast climate change than has been programmed to believe. The result is climate forecasts that are warming substantially faster than the atmosphere.” This concept rides parallel with the weather extremes that we have experienced since solar cycle 24 has remained low in solar activity. The following are miscellaneous items that relate to this paper.

Annual Maximum, Average, and Minimum Temperatures for Wichita, Kansas.



Blue - Max Purple - Average Red - Minimum Green - Difference between Max and Min

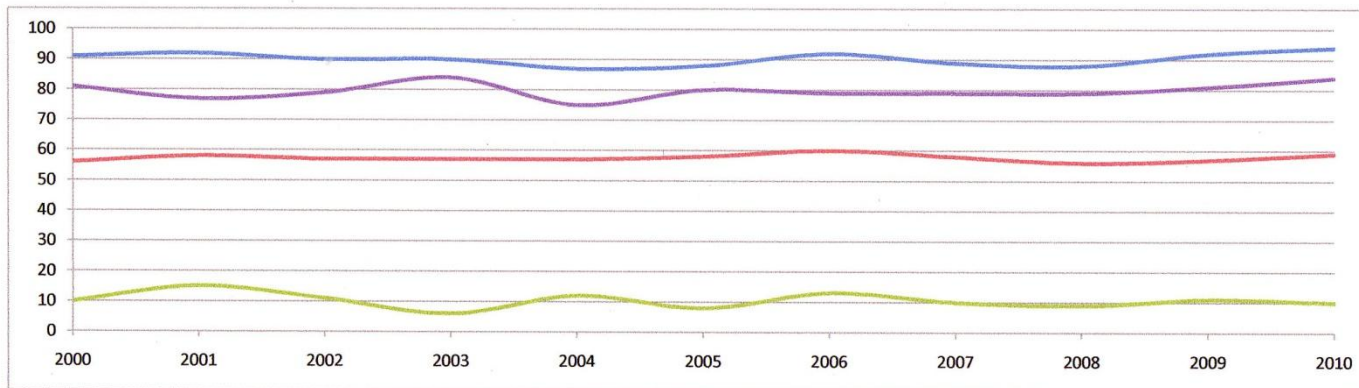


Figure 18

Solar Activity Minimum and Maximum

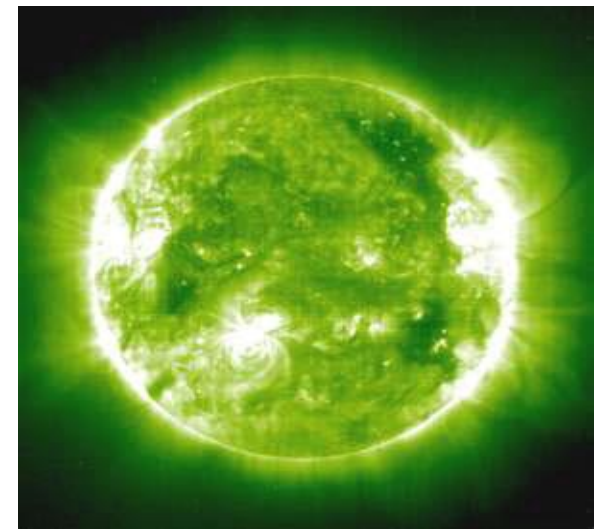
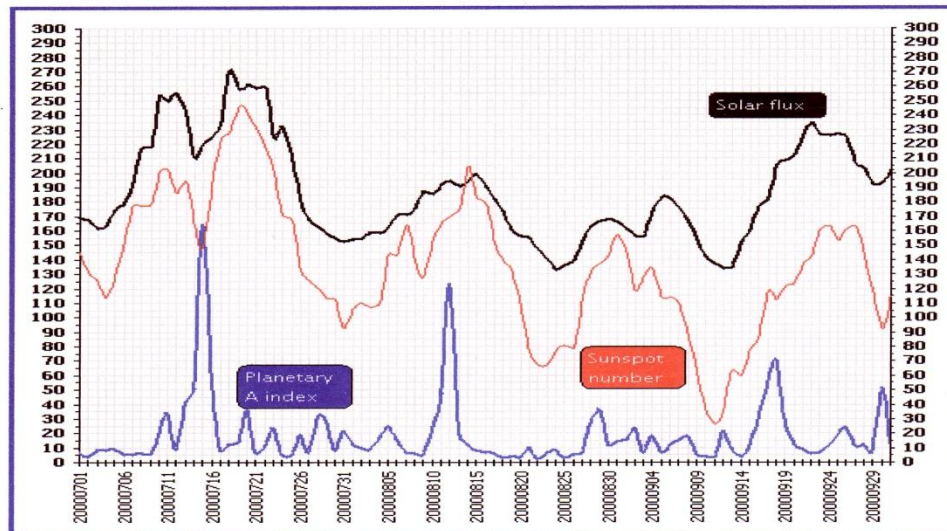
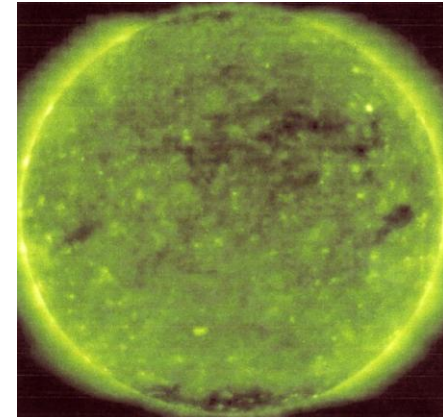
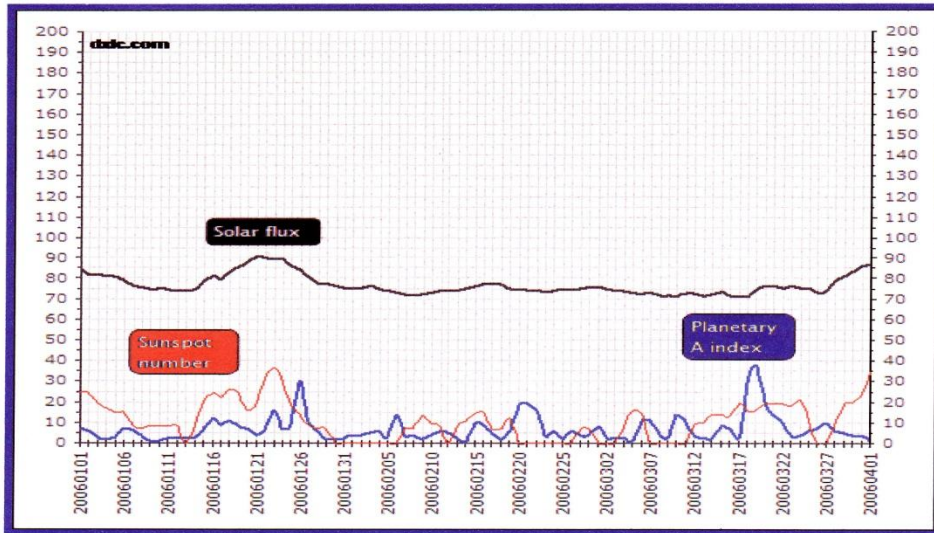
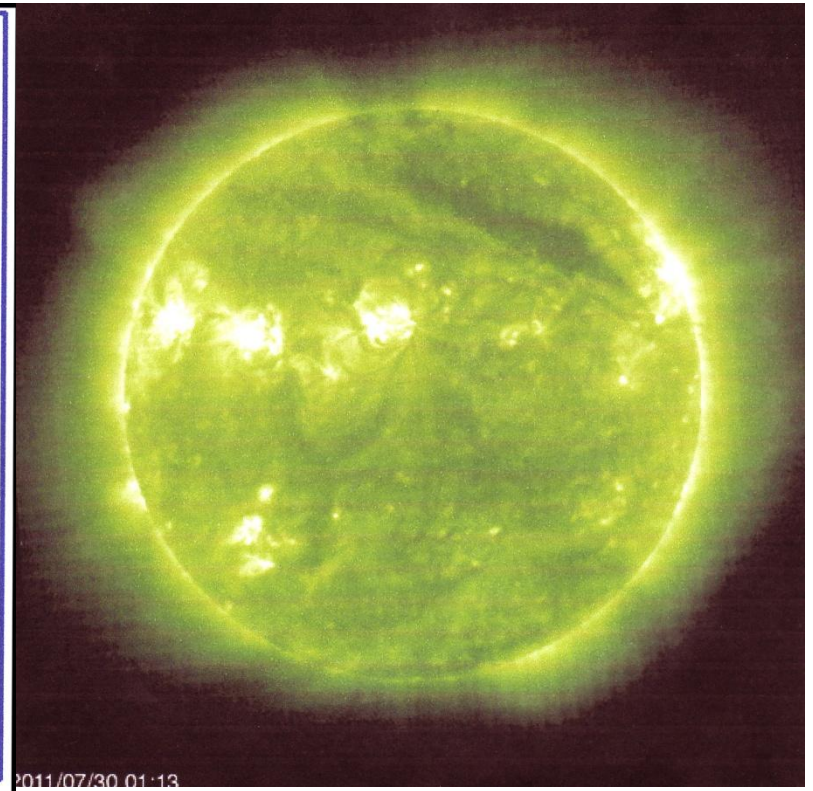
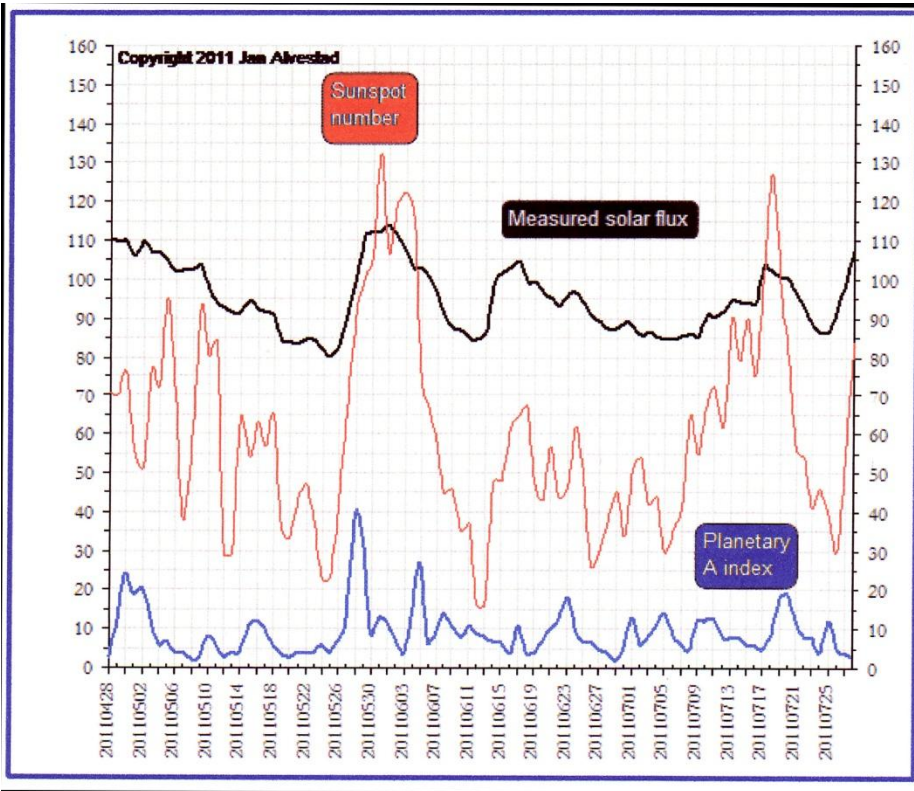


Figure 19.

Solar Activity May Through July 2011



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