

APPENDIX E
INSOLATION AND TEMPERATURE DATA
FOR EIGHT FLORIDA CITIES

INTRODUCTION

In this appendix we present data on the solar energy available at each of eight Florida cities. The average daily radiation is given in Btu/ $\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{day}$ for each month of the year for a horizontal surface and for a variety of collector orientations. Data is presented for azimuth values of 0° (due south) 15° , 30° and 45° , and for slope (or tilt) values of 20° , 40° , 50° , 60° , 70° , 80° and 90° (vertical). From this data one can compute the approximate energy that may be harvested annually at a given site in Florida, or estimate the best orientation for a system which will be used only in certain months of the year.

Solar insolation levels for horizontal surfaces have been measured by weather stations in many American cities. Pages E-3 through E-10 convert information to a more useful form for water and pool heating applications in eight Florida cities. These pages show daily averages as they apply to surfaces of varying tilt and orientation.

A thorough discussion of how the conversions are made is beyond the scope of this text, but the following simplified explanation conveys the idea:

Since the earth moves in a slightly elliptical path around the sun, the quantity of energy impinging on a square foot of surface just outside the earth's atmosphere and normal to the sun's rays varies by about ± 3 percent during the year. On the average it is $428 \text{ Btu}/\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr}$ (the solar constant). The amount of energy which impinges on a horizontal surface

outside the atmosphere (i.e., one parallel to a horizontal surface at a given latitude on earth) may be calculated by a straight-forward formula

any day of the year. That information is not too useful, however since the weather at identical latitudes varies greatly from place to place We can relate the computed extraterrestrial radiation to the measured horizontal surface radiation through a ratio which varies from month to month

any given location. This ration indicates the effects of clouds and atmosphere in reducing or attenuating the radiation striking a horizontal surface To estimate the radiation striking a tilted surface, collector tilt factors are derived and used as correction factors to the horizontal radiation values These corrections lead to the average daily radiation data for tilted surfaces which are presented in the following pages

**SUMMARY OF
PERTINENT COLD WEATHER DATA FOR
NINE FLORIDA CITIES**

The following summary of weather data for nine Florida cities includes those inputs required for many solar pool heating calculations: wind speed (mph), wind direction, average temperatures for both 24 hour and daytime (solar collection) periods ($^{\circ}$ F) and horizontal radiation data (Btu/ft 2 · day). Heating degree days (for a 65 $^{\circ}$ F base) are included for comparative purposes. The monthly listings progress from the coldest to the warmest months of the year during which the 24 hour average temperature is less than 75 $^{\circ}$ F.

APALACHACOL, FLORIDA

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Days	Avg. Temp. 24 Hrs	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	8.4 N	347	53.6	58.6	1078
Dec.	8.0 N	319	55.4	60.4	972
Feb.	8.8 N	260	55.4	60.4	1340
Mar.	9.0 SE	180	59.0	64.0	1623
Nov.	8.1 N	153	60.8	65.8	1226
April	8.7 SE	33	66.2	71.2	2025
Oct.	8.1 NW	16	69.8	74.8	1539
May	7.8 SE	0	73.4	78.4	2242

GAINESVILLE, FLA

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Days	Avg. Temp. 24 Hrs	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.		332	55.4	60.4	1023
Dec.	NOT	310	57.2	62.2	935
Feb.	AVAILABLE	246	57.2	62.2	1351
Mar.		174	62.6	67.6	1638
Nov.		144	62.6	67.6	1170
April		21	69.8	74.8	1984
Oct.		12	71.6	76.6	1355
May		0	75.2	80.2	2157

JACKSONVILLE, FL.

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Days	Avg. Temp. 24 Hrs	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	8.4 NW	348	53.6	58.6	984
Dec.	8.2 NW	317	53.6	58.6	847
Feb.	9.4 SW	282	55.4	60.4	1275
Mar.	9.4 NW	176	60.8	65.8	1559
Nov.	8.1 NW	161	60.8	65.8	1010
April	9.15 E	24	68.0	73.0	1894
Oct.	3.6 NE	19	69.8	74.8	1220
May	3.6 SW	0	73.0	78.0	2049

KEY WEST, FL

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Feb.	12.0 SW	25	69.8	74.8	1511
Dec.	12.0 NE	18	69.8	74.8	1076
Jan.	12.0 NE	16	69.8	74.8	1205
Mar.	12.5 SW	5	73.4	78.4	1806
Nov.	12.0 NE	0	73.4	78.4	1223

MIAMI, FL.

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	9.4 NWN	74	66.2	71.2	1263
Dec.	9.1 N	65	68.0	73.0	1174
Feb.	10.1 SE	56	66.2	71.2	1531
Mar.	10.4 SE	19	69.8	74.8	1808
Nov.	9.5 N	0	71.6	76.6	1303
April	10.7 SE	0	73.4	78.4	2003

ORLANDO, FL

Coldest Month	Wind mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	1.0 NNE	197	60.3	65.3	1096
Feb.	9.8 S	184	61.5	66.5	1218
Dec.	9.7 NNE	170	61.5	66.5	1074
Mar.	1.9 S	94	65.9	70.9	1520
Nov.	1.7 N	75	66.6	71.6	1155
April	9.5 SE	11	71.3	76.3	1708
Oct.	8.7 N	0	74.3	79.3	1351

PENSACOLA, FL.

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	.0	427	51.8	56.8	921
Dec.	.0	359	53.6	58.6	825
Feb.	.4	323	53.6	58.6	1183
Nov.	.2	189	59.0	64.0	1024
Mar.	.7	211	59.0	64.0	1493
April	.3	37	68.0	73.0	1876
Oct.	.0	32	69.8	74.8	1452
May	.5	0	73.4	78.4	2071

TALLAHASSEE, FL.

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	.7 N	375	51.8	55.8	909
Dec.	.9 N	360	53.6	58.6	1145
Feb.	.9 S	286	53.6	58.6	1145
Nov.	6.6 N	198	59.0	64.0	1340
Mar.	8.4 S	202	60.8	65.8	1557
April	7.5 S	36	66.2	71.2	1778
Oct.	6.9 N	28	68.0	73.0	1299
May	6.8 E	0	73.4	78.4	2018

TAMPA, FL.

Coldest Month	Wind (mph)	Degree Day	Avg. Temp. 24 hrs.	D/T	Horizontal Radiation
Jan.	8.9 N	202	60.8	65.8	1204
Dec.	10.0 N	171	60.8	65.8	1112
Feb.	9.5 E	148	60.8	65.8	1439
Mar.	9.8 S	102	66.2	71.2	1756
Nov.	10.0 E-NE	60	66.2	71.2	1314
April	9.6 E-NE	0	69.8	74.8	2006
Oct.	10.1 E-NE	0	73.4	78.4	1491