

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HURON AREA, SOUTH DAKOTA

LOCATION: Huron is located in the central part of eastern South Dakota. It is an administrative, processing, and market center for the surrounding agricultural area. The landscape is essentially a level one, very much part of the Great Plains. The surrounding area offers fishing for walleye and northern pike in the many small lakes in the area, and hunting for upland birds (especially pheasant) in the nearby fields. Elevations are some 1,300 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:16	10:26	11:54	13:26	14:46	15:29	15:11	14:03	12:35	11:03	9:41	8:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:18	6:27	7:08	8:20	9:39	10:42	11:35	10:17	8:25	6:50	4:55	4:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	43%	38%	41%	44%	49%	59%	56%	53%	50%	41%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	-21 °	-17 °	-2 °	18 °	29 °	41 °	49 °	44 °	31 °	19 °	2 °	-14 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	2 °	7 °	20 °	34 °	45 °	55 °	61 °	58 °	48 °	36 °	21 °	9 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	24 °	28 °	41 °	58 °	70 °	79 °	86 °	84 °	75 °	62 °	43 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	50 °	67 °	82 °	88 °	95 °	100 °	99 °	94 °	84 °	66 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	87%	46%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4%	37%	87%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	15%	36%	30%	10%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	67%	62%	50%	50%	51%	47%	47%	48%	49%	60%	67%
DRY DAYS	79%	77%	74%	70%	66%	64%	71%	72%	77%	81%	82%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	93%	88%	84%	81%	78%	84%	85%	88%	90%	92%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.11	0.19	0.35	0.44	0.58	0.42	0.35	0.27	0.21	0.11	0.08
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.3 "	7.2 "	7.8 "	2.2 "	0.2 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.6 "	4.4 "	5.7 "
SNOWY DAYS	21%	22%	18%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	19%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	8%	17%	28%	28%	24%	13%	4%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	7%	7%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 50% in December, to a high of 76% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -26°, and the highest should be near 102°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Huron's four seasons are quite distinct, although spring is fairly short. All of the seasons are marked by abrupt day to day changes in the weather—often hour to hour. Most residents feel that late summer and autumn are the most pleasant times of year. Blizzards are a fact of life on the Great Plains, but most years pass without a true one in the Huron area. Winter days with high winds (the area is a fairly windy one), blowing snow, and poor visibility are more common. On the other hand, two out of five winter days are sunny with temperatures above freezing. Canny residents enjoy the latter while being fully prepared for the former.