



2024 Precipitation Absurdity Results — Thank You and Welcome New Observers!

FINAL STANDINGS

<u>Station Count Rank</u>	<u>New Station Count</u>	<u>Station Count Rank ▲</u>	<u>Per Capita Count</u>	<u>Per Capita Rank</u>	<u>Population in Millions</u>
Minnesota	573	1	100.22	1	5.72
Tennessee	150	2	21.27	6	7.05
Wisconsin	148	3	25.12	3	5.89
Kansas	80	4	27.24	2	2.94
North Carolina	67	5	6.26	15	10.70

CoCoRaHS's annual March recruitment contest has come to an end, and the results are in! If you missed it, Tennessee placed **SECOND** with 150 new observers across our state. This is the second year in a row that Tennessee has placed in the top three in this contest, and that is an incredible accomplishment. To those of you who helped recruit, a big **THANK YOU!**

And to our new observers, a big **WELCOME!** We are so happy that you decided to be a part of this volunteer precipitation network. Believe me when I say that your observations are important, and I think you'll like seeing your own weather records grow over time.

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50th Anniversary of the 1974 Super Tornado Outbreak



Earlier this month marked the 50th anniversary of the historic 1974 tornado outbreak. At the time, it was the worst tornado outbreak in U.S. history before the April 2011 outbreak took its place. 148 confirmed

tornadoes touched down across 13 states, and 30 of these were rated violent tornadoes with a F4 or F5 rating. Recently, NWS offices across the southeast collaborated on a StoryMap that goes into depth on this historic event. Check it out for yourself by [clicking here](#).

Follow Tennessee CoCoRaHS on Social Media!



If you're on Facebook or Twitter/X, then give the new Tennessee CoCoRaHS account a follow! You'll occasionally find interesting weather and CoCoRaHS tidbits from all across the state. Help the account grow by [clicking here](#) for the Facebook page or by [clicking here](#) for the Twitter/X account.

The Importance of Quality Control

Did you know that there are people who look at *thousands* of CoCoRaHS data points every day for quality control purposes? It's true! It's also true that your data is used every day by meteorologists, hydrologists, researchers, water managers, insurance adjusters, and many more. So with this in mind, making sure we have the most accurate precipitation network possible is a must.

If your report is suspected of having an error, then a quality control ticket is opened and your observation will be temporarily replaced with an 'NA'. That's when a coordinator (usually myself) will reach out to verify your observation. Don't fret! Mistakes happen, and we just want to see if you accidentally mistyped a number or put your observation on the wrong date. Sometimes it's not a mistake, and your report is accurate which helps us identify localized spots of heavier or lighter precipitation. In any case, we're just trying to make sure we have the best precipitation network possible so don't worry if I'm reaching out about QC!

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Meet Rusty!

Rusty is a CoCoRaHS observer near Dickson who has been a part of the program for a year! Rusty first heard about CoCoRaHS from the news in March 2023. His interest stems from the August 21, 2021 flood. Rusty works as a chef and food service director at a Christian Camp and Conference Center, and as he was getting ready for work that morning, he noticed something wasn't right. Out of nowhere, a wall of water came gushing into the kitchen and dining room. He was trapped in 5 feet of water and had to be rescued by the fire department. As a CoCoRaHS observer, Rusty is looking forward to learning how water affects his creek and knowing when to keep an eye out. Rusty is originally from Pennsylvania and has been in Dickson since 2021. He's been married for about 8 years, and has a cat named Mia and a Boston Terrier named Knox. Rusty also loves bowling and NASCAR.

I would love to recognize and highlight YOU in these newsletters! If you're interested, tell me about yourself via [this form](#).

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