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INTRODUCTION

Snowfall and snow cover are among the most important climatic elements of the cold season in the northeastern region of the United States. The presence and amount of snow affects a wide variety of enterprises. The Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC) receives large numbers of requests for information concerning snowfall and snow depth. Those requesting information represent a diverse group of professions: consulting engineers, law enforcement officials, transportation interests, attorneys, meteorological researchers, insurance companies, and others. In responding to these requests, it became apparent that a detailed and comprehensive presentation of the climatology of snowfall and snow depth for the Northeast would be helpful to a wide spectrum of users in government, industry and research.

Individuals wanting to manipulate electronically the data underlying the maps in this atlas can obtain raw data values and unsmoothed gridded values through the Internet computer network system. Contact the Northeast Regional Climate Center at (607) 255-1751 for further information.

HOW TO USE THIS ATLAS

Map displays

The snowfall and snow depth climatology of the Northeast for the recent past is depicted in maps of four kinds:

- (1) Selected percentiles of monthly and seasonal total snowfall;
- (2) Selected percentiles of seasonal maximum snow depth;
- (3) For specified calendar periods, percentages of daily observations in which snowfall totals for the previous 24 hours equalled or exceeded selected threshold values (1 inch, 2 inches, 4 inches, 6 inches);
- (4) For specified calendar periods, percentages of daily observations in which depth of snow on the ground equalled or exceeded selected threshold values (2 inches, 4 inches, 6 inches, 12 inches).

Maps of type (1) can be used to estimate probabilities for given monthly or winter total snowfalls. Maps of type (2) can be used in the same way, with respect to the single day during a given winter with the deepest snow cover. Maps of type (3) and (4) can be used to estimate probabilities for particular depths of snowfall and snow cover, respectively, on individual days throughout the winter.

All maps cover the same rectangular portion of North America (see map A). The core of this area is the twelve states designated as the Northeastern states for purposes of the Regional Climate Centers program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These states are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Snowfall maps are drawn for the entire land area within the rectangle. Because snow depth data are sparse in Canada, contours for snow depth are drawn in the U.S. portions of the map only.

Interpretation and use of percentile values

Percentile values have been used to characterize the climatological distributions of the snow quantities in this atlas. Percentiles divide a set of data into hundredths according to their magnitudes. For example, the 10th percentile is the amount expected to be exceeded on average 90% of the time, or the amount that is greater than 10% of the data available. For Ithaca, New York, the 25th percentile of total January snowfall for the years 1955 to 1992 is 10.2 inches. That is to say, in 25% of the Januaries less than 10.2 inches of snow fell at Ithaca, while in 75% of the Januaries 10.2 inches or more fell. Percentiles are useful because they summarize the frequencies with which different events occur in the long run. That is, they serve as estimates for the probabilities of different snow events.

The percentile representation has a number of desirable features which more than make up for its relative unfamiliarity, and make it deserving of greater use in regard to precipitation data. Particularly for asymmetrically distributed data such as snow amounts, the American Association of State Climatologists have recommended the use of percentile values in order to compactly represent climatic variability (Kunkel and Court, 1990).

The first reason for using percentiles is that daily precipitation data contain occasional large values. These large values usually represent rare but real events, but occasionally they are due to errors in the data. Even if data are carefully screened for quality, large values that are plausible but erroneous can slip through. These can greatly alter a mean but have little effect on the median (the median is another name for the 50th percentile). Percentile summaries of the data are resistant to errors due to erroneous extreme values.

A second reason why percentiles are a desirable form of summary statistic for snowfall and snow depth is that they contain frequency information. For example, knowing that the mean January total snowfall at Ithaca is 17.6 inches tells nothing about how often one might expect to receive that much snow in January at Ithaca. However, knowing that the median is 12.6 inches says that an upcoming January in Ithaca has about an even chance of exceeding 12.6 inches of snowfall for the month. This type of information is useful for planning, especially if values are given for a range of percentiles, not just for the median.

Many users of climatological data will be accustomed to using the mean (arithmetic average) as a summary statistic to characterize a set of data. It is thus important to contrast this approach with the use of percentiles, and to motivate the choice of the latter as summary statistics. It is important also to distinguish the mean from the median. The mean and median, though often confused, are not generally interchangeable.

The mean is the sum of all the observations, divided by the number of observations. The median is the value that separates the largest 50% of the observations from the smallest 50%. If the observations obey the familiar "bell-shaped curve" (the Gaussian, or normal distribution), then the mean and the median will be approximately equal. However, precipitation data do not generally adhere to the bell-curve. With precipitation, it is typical to have many small events and a few large ones. Thus, an "average" (mean) rainfall or snowfall is usually larger than a "typical" (median) rainfall or snowfall, because the average is influenced much more strongly by the few large events. As a consequence, thinking of the mean as "normal" can be misleading (Church et al. 1941, Kunkel and Court 1990). For example, at Ithaca, for the years 1955 through 1992, the 50th percentile of January total snowfall is 17.6 inches. It is therefore substantially more likely to receive less than the mean value of 17.6 inches of snow at Ithaca in January than it is to receive more than this amount.

Percentiles of monthly and seasonal total snowfall (maps 1-52)

Seven percentiles of monthly and annual total snowfall are depicted on separate maps. These are the 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 90th and 95th percentiles, for each of the seven months of October through April. Seasonal total snowfall refers to the "snow season" of October through April. Solid contours are drawn at equal intervals of snowfall, e.g., every inch, every two inches, or every four inches.

On many of the maps one or two dashed contours are also plotted. The minimum quantity of monthly total snowfall that can be recorded by the methods in use in the U.S. observation network is 0.1 inch. The dashed contour labeled "0.1" shows the boundary of areas of negligible snowfall at the given percentile.

Many of the maps also show a dashed contour labeled "1". When no solid contour with the value of 1 inch appears in a map (i.e. when the contour interval is 2 inches or greater), the 1-inch contour is dashed in. This helps delineate regions of small but non-negligible snowfall at the given percentile.

Percentiles of seasonal maximum snow depth (maps 53-59)

The seasonal maximum snow depth at a given location for a given snow season is defined as the largest snow depth (existing snow cover plus new snow) recorded during that season. Separate maps of percentiles of the seasonal maximum snow depth are similar to the monthly and seasonal total snowfall maps: again the 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 90th, and 95th percentiles are represented.

The minimum quantitative (i.e., neither zero nor trace) snow depth that is recorded by the U.S. observation network is 1 inch. Thus, on maps where no solid contour is associated with the value of 1 inch (i.e. maps for which the contour interval is 2 inches or more), a dashed line is used to represent the 1-inch contour. This delineates the boundary of the region with little or no snow on the ground at the given percentile.

Daily snowfall totals equalling or exceeding selected threshold values (maps 60-117)

These maps answer the question "How frequently during calendar period X (for example, the second half of November), did a snowfall of N inches or more occur in the 24-hour period prior to the daily observation?". Here, N is one, two, four or six inches. The "specified calendar period" varies according to how quickly the snow climatology statistics are changing at different times of the year. Since time stratification changes from map to map, expressing the event frequencies as percent of days, rather than as average numbers of days, allows better comparability across different maps.

All of January has been lumped together, as the likelihoods of the specified snowfall events do not change much during January. However, lumping all of April together would produce a set of maps that would be misleading for most of the month, understating the frequency of significant snowfalls in the early part of the month and overstating them at the end of the month. December and February are represented in halves, i.e., by two maps each. November is represented in three maps: one map for each of the first two quarters of November, and one map for the second half. (A quarter of a month is seven or eight days, as convenient.) March also is represented as three maps: one map for the first half, and one map each for the third and fourth quarters. October and April are represented in 4 quarter-monthly maps each.

Readers will notice that some maps for early and late in the snow season are omitted. An example is a map for the percentage of daily observations in the last quarter of October having

a snowfall of 4 inches or more; note that there is no such map after the 2-inch snowfall map for late October. Maps are omitted when an event is so rare over the region for the given calendar period that there is little or nothing to map.

Maps of the frequencies of specified snowfall events have solid contours at equal intervals. Where the contour interval is 2% or larger, there is a dashed contour for the 1% probability value. Some maps also have a dashed contour with a value of a fraction of 1% (0.5%, 0.2%, or 0.1%). This contour defines the approximate boundaries of regions where the specified event did not occur during the period of record.

Note that these values may seem deceptively small. Even though a large snow event has a small probability of occurring on any one day, the probability of an event of specified magnitude some time during the month will be much higher. Unfortunately, estimating the probability of a snowfall event during some period cannot be done by simply multiplying the mapped values by the number of days in the period. For many users, these maps will be most useful if the contoured probabilities are used in a relative sense, to compare different locations at a given time of year, or to investigate seasonal changes at one location.

Daily snow depths on the ground equalling or exceeding selected threshold values (maps 118-193)

These maps are conceptually very similar to the maps of frequency of specified 24-hour snowfall events in the preceding section. Here the mapped events are the relative frequencies of daily snow depths of at least two inches, four inches, six inches or twelve inches. Again, the winter is divided into periods of unequal length representing approximately constant snow depth climatologies in the region. There are four quarter-monthly maps for each of the months October, November, December, and April. January and February are represented by two half-monthly maps each. March is represented by one set of maps for the first half, and two quarter-monthly maps for the second half.

METHODOLOGY

Sources of data

The atlas is based on observations from four different observing networks: the United States National Weather Service cooperative observer network, the United States National Weather Service meteorologists stationed at airports and other locations throughout the Northeast, the cooperative observer network of the Atmospheric Environment Service of Canada, and the meteorologists of the Atmospheric Environment Service of Canada and other Canadian government agencies stationed at various locations in Canada. All the data used are available in the archives of the Northeast Regional Climate Center (Ithaca, New York), the United States National Climatic Data Center (Asheville, North Carolina), and the Canadian Climate Centre (Downsview, Ontario).

The U.S. and Canadian cooperative networks are comprised of volunteer observers who make and report daily observations of meteorological and hydrological quantities. The instruments and measurement protocols of the two networks are generally similar. The major differences between the Canadian and U.S. systems are: (1) Canadian observers may take their measurements once or twice daily, and may make certain measurements once daily and others twice daily, while U.S. cooperative observers make measurements once daily; and (2) Canadian observers report their observations in metric units (degrees Celsius and centimeters), while U.S. data is reported in degrees Fahrenheit and inches. Neither difference causes any difficulty here. Canadian data received from the Canadian Climate Centre is already reduced to equivalent once-daily observations, while metric units are easily converted to English units.

Some users, especially Canadian users and U.S. users from the research community, may object that the maps should have been produced in metric rather than in English units. English units were chosen because we expect that the majority of the intended audience for this atlas will find the information most useful in this form.

Length and completeness of records

A study of United States cooperative observer handbooks issued since the organization of the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1890 shows that present methods of snowfall and snow depth observation were standardized in the United states in the mid-1890's. For most U.S. stations, daily observations before 1948 are still on paper records only, awaiting keyed entry into the national digital data set, and are thus not accessible to an automated procedure. Most National Weather Service stations have been in their present locations since the 1950's, when they moved from downtown offices to airports. However, these are a small minority of stations.

The observers who operate the cooperative stations are primarily volunteers. When observers retire, new observers are not always found immediately, nor do the new observers necessarily live close enough to the previous observer's location to be considered as the same station. Observers can become ill, and can miss a week or a month or a year of observations. The net result of these and other unhappy realities is that the further back into the past that a complete record of observations is sought, the fewer stations there are that meet this criterion.

For possible periods of record beginning after 1948, it is necessary to balance the desire for high geographic station density against those for a complete record and a uniform period of record. After a review of the relationship between station density and length of record, a subjective judgment was made concerning requirements for uniformity of period of record, length of record and degree of completeness of record. The period of record was chosen as October 1955 to April 1992 in the twelve Northeastern states, and October 1955 to April 1991 for the included portions of Canada, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Michigan. The minimum criterion for use of a station's data in the atlas is that a station must have 19 or more winters in the period of record that are 95% complete or better, where "complete" means non-missing snowfall and snow depth data (in Canada, snowfall only) that have passed quality control screening.

Quality control of data

All data used in this atlas have been subjected to an automated quality-control procedure devised by Prof. David Robinson of Rutgers University (Robinson, 1993). Each day's observation of snowfall and snow depth must be reasonable in the sense that the values for snowfall and snow depth are consistent with the 24-hour minimum temperature, maximum temperature and precipitation; according to a specified set of criteria. Technical details of the quality-control criteria are given in the last section of this document.

Techniques of snow measurement

The technique for snowfall measurement is simple and straightforward, but good results depend on the care with which the observer carries out the standardized methods of observation and reporting. For the data sets from which this atlas is derived, snowfall is measured by inserting a measuring stick into the newly fallen snow until it reaches a solid surface known to lie beneath the newly fallen snow. If drifting has occurred, observers are instructed to make measurements at several representative points and average the measurements. The measurement of snowfall is made to the nearest tenth of an inch in the United States and to the nearest two millimeters in Canada. Snowfalls of less than a tenth of an inch (two millimeters, in Canada) are recorded non-quantitatively as a "trace". For this atlas, trace values were set to zero.

For details of official techniques for snowfall and snow depth measurement, see *Cooperative Station Observations* (National Weather Service, 1989) and *Manual of Climato-logical Observations* (Weather Services Directorate, 1992). For a more complete discussion of techniques and problems of snow measurement, see Goodison et al. (1981).

Spatial resolution of the maps

Over most of the Northeast the typical inter-station distance is about twenty miles. Some areas, such as northern New Jersey, have better data coverage; while other areas, such as most of Maine, are very sparsely covered (see map A). The mapping resolution overall is roughly at county scale — small counties where the data is dense, large counties where it is sparse. In general, the station density in the local area of interest to the user (map A) is the best guide to the effective map resolution in that area.

Temporal trends in the data

Many of the users of this atlas will employ it as a planning tool. This amounts, in effect, to assuming that the future will be like the past. In most cases, the frequencies of occurrence of various monthly or annual total snowfalls, annual maximum snow depths, daily snowfall totals and daily snow depths in the recent past are probably the best available estimates of their probabilities of occurrence in the near future.

However, it is important for some users to realize that the 20th-century snow record available for the Northeast contains at least one important trend which could be interpreted as some kind of climate change. In regions influenced by the Great Lakes' "lake-effect" snowfalls, the period from the 1920's to the present has exhibited a fairly well-established long-term increase (superimposed on the large year-to-year variations) in total annual snowfall. In some places where snowfall is heavily influenced by the Great Lakes there has been roughly a doubling of ten-year average annual total snowfalls between the 1920's and 1980's. The physical basis of this trend is poorly understood, but interested users may refer to Namias (1960), Eichenlaub (1970), and Leathers et al. (1993) for further discussion of the trend and some possible causes. It is unknown whether the trend of increasing Great Lakes snowfall will continue into the future. No major sustained trends elsewhere in the region have come to the attention of climatological observers, but such trends cannot be identified with confidence until they have been underway for several decades.

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A note concerning certain stations in Canada

In the northeast corner of the map rectangle there is a region where the St. Lawrence River intersects the northern map boundary, in which the contour density and the presence of the map boundary does not generally permit unambiguous labeling of contours. An example where the information for this region is ambiguous is map 19. Map A, the map of stations used for the atlas, shows that the St. Lawrence River near the map boundary is straddled by two stations, the names of which are La Malbaie (on the west side) and Barrage Lac Morin (on the east side). These stations differ considerably in their snowfall statistics, with Barrage Lac Morin being by far the snowier site. Thus, where unlabeled contours similar to those of map 19 appear, the interpretation is that the local extremum on the west side (La Malbaie) is a local minimum, while the local extremum on the east side (Barrage Lac Morin) is a local maximum. However, it should be borne in mind that station coverage is poor in this region, and that the high ground on neither side of the river has been adequately sampled.

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Quality control of data

The quality control criteria used in regard to U.S. cooperative observer stations and all Canadian stations were checks on each day's data for internal consistency, and consistency with the data of the previous day. No attempt was made to compare stations to their neighbors. The internal consistency criteria used were screening criteria developed by Prof. David Robinson of Rutgers University (Robinson, 1993).

Data for any day where either snowfall or snow depth data did not pass the internal consistency checks were eliminated from further consideration. When 24-hour temperature extremes or precipitation data failed the internal consistency checks, but snowfall and snow depth data passed them, the snow data were used. When one or more checks could not be performed on a snowfall or snow depth observation because accompanying non-snow data were missing, the snow observation was accepted. No attempt was made to estimate correct values in the cases of eliminated data.

Snowfall data for a particular date are considered to be internally inconsistent when any of the following conditions occurs (the units here are inches and degrees Fahrenheit):

- (a) Non-zero snowfall but minimum temperature of 40° or greater.
- (b) Snowfall greater than a prescribed state or province ceiling value.
- (c) Snowfall greater than 0.4 but precipitation zero.
- (d) Snowfall greater than 1.0 and less than 3.0, and snowfall greater than 50 times precipitation depth.
- (e) Snowfall greater than or equal to 3.0 and less than or equal to 6.0, and snowfall greater than 40 times precipitation depth, and maximum temperature of 25° or higher.
- (f) Snowfall greater than 6.0, with snowfall greater than 20 times precipitation depth, and maximum temperature of 25° or higher.
- (g) Snowfall greater than 6.0, with snowfall greater than 30 times the precipitation depth, and maximum temperature of 24° or lower.

The highest prescribed state snowfall value in the quality control system was that for New York, at 45.0 inches, with lower values for the other states in the region. The system did not explicitly include Canadian provinces. For all Canadian stations the prescribed ceiling value for snowfall was set to the highest value among the fifty U.S. states, 75.8 inches (California).

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Snow depth data for a particular date (referred to below as "today") were considered internally inconsistent when any of the following occurred:

- (a) Today's snow depth exceeds a prescribed ceiling value.
- (b) Today's snow depth exceeds yesterday's snow depth, but today's snowfall is zero.
- (c) Yesterday's snow depth is greater than or equal to today's snow depth, today's snowfall is greater than 2.0, and today's maximum temperature is 29° or less.
- (d) Yesterday's snow depth exceeds today's snow depth by 4 or more, and today's maximum temperature is 39° or less.
- (e) Yesterday's snow depth exceeds today's snow depth by 7 or more, and today's maximum temperature is 44° or less.
- (f) Yesterday's snow depth exceeds today's snow depth by 10 or more, and today's maximum temperature is 45° or greater.
- (g) Yesterday's snow depth exceeds today's snow depth by 7 or more, but today's maximum temperature is missing.

The quality control system, though requiring prescribed snow depth ceiling values, did not specify them. The snow depth ceiling value for all states and provinces represented in the map was set to 99 inches, a few inches more than historical maximum for the twelve states of the Northeast (94 inches, recorded at Barnes Corners, New York, on February 4, 1977). This value was selected so as to catch keypunch errors in snow depth in the digital data set giving apparent values of 100 or more.

A slightly modified quality control system was used in regard to snow depth for data from U.S. National Weather Service or Federal Aviation Administration stations. This was necessary, at least in principle, because the snow depth measurement reported for a given day is taken at 0700 local time, while the 24-hour snowfall, precipitation, temperature maximum and temperature minimum values reported for the same day are for the 24-hour period ending at 2400 local time. In practice, it was found that very few of the NWS and FAA data failed the tests. We thus forego a detailed description of the modified snow depth quality control scheme used to screen them.

Effect of measurement times on observations

Cooperative observers have considerable freedom in choosing their observation times. Cooperative observer data are reported for the date of observation, not the date of presumed occurrence. Thus, except for stations reading at midnight, precipitation and snowfall data recorded for the preceding 24 hours at most stations frequently include some contribution from the previous day. Overlap of the measurement period with the previous day is not an important issue for snow depth, as snow depth is an instantaneous rather than a cumulative measurement, but the measured value may be affected by time of observation in that afternoon and evening observations of snow depth will reflect the extra, typically warmer, hours which occur after morning stations have made their measurements.

From the standpoint of this atlas, the effects of differing measurement times on 24-hour temperature extremes and precipitation are not of concern, as these are used in the atlas only for quality control of daily data, and the internal consistency of the cooperative observer data are not affected by the hour of measurement. Note, however, that the fixed observation

schedule of a particular observer is arbitrary with respect to the timing of snowfall events. Thus, some long snowfall events are actually reported as having occurred on two or more days. Therefore, the daily snowfall statistics reported here will be lower on average than would have been obtained if snowfall were reported on an "event" basis.

Monthly snowfall totals are slightly affected by observation time. For stations reading in the morning, a portion of the recorded snowfall for the first and last dates of the period of interest would have in fact occurred before or after the period. For example, January monthly total snowfall for a morning station will actually include a contribution from December 31, and will not include a small amount from January 31 which is observed on February 1. The effects of this problem have been neglected as insignificant compared to other potential sources of error.

Calculation and interpolation of percentiles

The Pth percentile value V(P,X) of an ordered vector X of N observations

$$X = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_N) ; x_N \ge x_{N-1} \ge ... \ge x_2 \ge x_1$$

was defined as follows:

- When there exists an element x such that P = 100 * (j / (N+1)), then V(P,X) = x.
- When there is no jth element such that j/(N+1) is exactly equal to P/100, but there
 are jth and (j-1)th elements such that

j/(N+1) > P/100 > (j-1)/(N+1),

linear interpolation is performed to estimate the Pth percentile V(P,X) as

$$V(P,X) = x_{i-1} + s\Delta$$

where

$$\Delta = (P/100) - (j-1)/(N+1)$$
 and $s = (x_1 - x_{j-1})(N+1)$

Calculation and interpretation of percent of dally observations of snowfall and snow depth equalling or exceeding threshold values

For an ordered vector of N observations of snowfall or snow depth

 $X = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_N); x_N \ge x_{N-1} \ge ... \ge x_2 \ge x_1$

the percent of observations equal to or greater than a threshold value T₁ is defined as follows:

• When there is one or more $x_i \ge T_k$, this percentage is estimated as

$$P_{ae}(T_{\mu}, X) = 100 * [N-(j-1)] / (N+1)$$
,

where the lowest value of j such that $x_i \ge T_k$ is used.

 When there is no x_i ≥ T_k, the percentage of observations less than the threshold is estimated using

 $P_{\mu}(T_{\mu}X) = 100/(N+1)$.

Strictly speaking, $P_{lt}(T_k,X)$ is not correct (the equal sign should be a "<" sign), but this equality was selected to facilitate plotting of the dashed contour of the value of approximately 100/(N+1), below which the event did not occur in the period of record.

Map projection

The map is a projection onto a Cartesian plane with (x,y) = (longitude, latitude), tangent to the earth at the latitude of Ithaca, New York ($\phi_0 = 42.45^\circ$). Thus, the ratio of the statute length on the map of one degree of longitude to that of one degree of latitude is $\cos(42.45^\circ) = 0.738$. The map area is bounded by 66.6° W, 83.0° W, 36.9° N, and 47.7° N.

Method of interpolation and gridding

The choice of an interpolation method has been a perennial problem in mapping of precipitation. Three factors in particular cause this difficulty: (1) In any localized area of significant topographic relief, point precipitation is usually at least partly a function of altitude; (2) In many parts of the Northeast, the horizontal length scale of topographic variation is smaller than the typical distance between stations; and, (3) In areas of rough topography, the mean elevation of stations may be less than the mean elevation of the land surface, because people preferentially live and work in valleys rather than on hilltops.

Some recent research has suggested that for small areas, the techniques of geostatistics, both with and without explicit use of topography, offer improvements over simpler interpolation methods (Dingman et al. 1988; Hevesi et al. 1992a, b; Phillips et al. 1992; Tabios and Salas 1985). Unfortunately, as discussed by Phillips et al. (1992), the application of these promising techniques to areas as large as the domain of this atlas is not as straightforward as merely scaling up. Large areas lack the topographic and meteorological homogeneity that the kriging techniques in the current state of the art require, or that would be required by any interpolation method that depends on a single well-defined relationship between elevation and precipitation.

Despite their known deficiencies, methods older and simpler than geostatistical ones must be applied here, for lack of better alternatives. We have chosen a method in which stations near the interpolation point are weighted as a function of distance. The details of our method follow.

Station values for the calculated fields were cast into an 82 x 54 -cell rectilinear grid, with points spaced at 0.2° intervals. This grid is confined to the map area, but stations outside the map were also used for gridding; these influenced the gridpoints near the map edges. On the north, east and west boundaries of the map, stations located up to 1° from the map boundary were used. For, the southern boundary, stations located as far south as the southern boundaries of Virginia and Kentucky were used.

For a particular map, station values (percentiles or percentages) z_i for station locations (x_i , y_i) were used to calculate the gridpoint values $z_a(x_a, y_a)$ as

$$z_{g}(x_{g}, y_{g}) = \sum_{i} w(x_{g}, y_{g}, x_{i}, y_{i}) z_{i}(x_{i}, y_{i}) / \sum_{i} w(x_{g}, y_{g}, x_{i}, y_{i})$$

where w is a weighting function designed by McLain (1974):

 $w(d_i^2) = exp(-d_i^2/d_{scal}^2) / (f + d_i^2/d_{scal}^2)$.

Here,

$$d_i^2 = (x_e - x_i)^2 \cos^2 \phi_0 + (y_e - y_i)^2$$
, $\phi_0 = 42.45$.

Distances d_{and} d_{scal} are expressed as great circle degrees and are calculated along rhumb lines. The parameter f is a small constant (here, $f=10^{-6}$) used to prevent division by zero. The scale distance d_{rel} = 1.2°.

The special virtue of the McLain weighting function is that for $d_1/d_{scal} < -0.5$, its behavior is dominated by the inverse-square denominator, while for $d_1/d_{scal} > -1$, its behavior is

dominated by the exponential numerator. Thus it can be used to assign reasonable relative weights both at grid points with neighbor stations nearby and at gridpoints for which all neighbor stations are at some distance. (Note that the use of the McLain weighting function in this computation is different from the use of the same function as described by McLain [1974].)

The gridding algorithm finds the smallest circle around each gridpoint enclosing at least two stations, where the circle radius is an integer multiple of 0.2 great circle degrees. If the circle has a radius of 1.4 great circle degrees or less, the grid point is assigned a weighted average of the station values enclosed in the circle as described above. If the circle exceeds 1.4° in radius, the grid point is assigned a value that codes for missing data.

Smoothing, plotting and contouring

The gridded fields were smoothed using a moving average in a 3 x 3-box window, i.e. by an unweighted averaging of each grid point with its 8 nearest neighbors. No smoothing was performed on gridpoints adjacent to the edges of the map.

The gridded and smoothed data were contoured and plotted using the software package "NCAR Graphics", version 3.00 (Clare and Kennison, 1989).

An informative comparison of two mapped fields

To evaluate the success of the snow mapping technique used here, a scalar field which is very well-known at high resolution was used as a substitute for the statistics of snowfall and snow depth. This field is the land elevation itself.

Map B is an elevation map of the region made exclusively from the elevations of stations used in the snow maps (Table 1). These elevations were gridded, smoothed and contoured by the same methods used to map the snow data. Map C shows the topography of the region as plotted using a version of the United States Geological Survey's fine-scale (1 arc-sec x 1 arcsec) digital topographic data for the region (National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center, 1991), smoothed and contoured using the same methods. The USGSderived elevations are much denser than the map grid, so no interpolation was required. These two maps are of interest because they compare a smoothed contour field based on extremely high-resolution data with one interpolated from lower resolution, irregularly sampled data points. The latter sampling of the topographic field mimics the fashion in which the stationwise statistics for snow sample the unknown true field of the snow statistics.

After smoothing, the USGS data (Map C) give, as they should, quite good representations of the major topographic features of the region, and of the typical elevations and slopes, roughly at the county scale. The map constructed solely from the station elevations (Map B) shows some anomalies but is, on the whole, a good representation of the overall topography of the region when compared to Map C. The main flaw of Map B is that in areas of large topographic relief, Map B underestimates the altitudes relative to Map C. This underestimation effect is evidently due to the tendency of stations to be located in valleys, rather than on hilltops. In any case, the maximum underestimation at the appropriate horizontal scale generally does not exceed about 500 feet.

Note that both Map B and Map C contain elevation contours which intersect the Great Lakes shores. In the case of Map C, this is an artifact of smoothing; in the case of Map B, it is due to smoothing, to the coarse scale of station coverage, and to the fact there are no actual lake-surface elevations in the data set, since there are no stations located in the lakes. These two maps suggest that the station distribution is adequate to draw the main features of the topographic field at roughly county-scale resolution (i.e. on the order of a few tens of miles) over most of the Northeast. By implication, it also suggests that the station distribution is adequate to draw the main features of the snow fields over most of the region. In areas of large topographic relief, especially where data coverage is uneven, there is probably a tendency for the maps to represent the snow fields occurring at elevations somewhat below that of the local mean elevation of the land surface in those areas, but this difference in elevation generally does not exceed 500 feet. For users in these mountainous regions whose need for data is largely confined to populated areas, this underestimation may in fact be desirable.

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TABLE 1. LIST OF STATIONS USED

Station number	Station name	Latitude (degrees)	Longitude (degrees)	Elevation (feet)	Station number	Station name		Latitude (degrees)	Longitude (degrees)	Elevation (feet)	
CONNECTICUT					MARYLAND (c	and the second second		-			
060806	BRIDGEPORT WSO AP	41.17	73.13	10	189195	WALDORF POLICE BARRACKS		10 CF	76.00		
060918	BROOKLYN	41.78	71.95	240	189750	WOODSTOCK		38.65 39.33	76.88	210	
061762	DANBURY	41.38	73.47	510				29.25	76.87	460	
063207	GROTON	41.35	72.05	40	MASSACHUSE	TTS					
063451	HARTFORD BRAINARD FLD	41.73	72.65	20	190049	ADAMS		42.65	73.10	750	
063456 064488	HARTFORD WSO AP	41.93	72.68	160	190120	AMHERST		42.38	72.53	150	
064767	MANSFIELD HOLLOW LAKE	41.75	72.18	250	190190	ASHBURNHAM		42.65	71.88	1190	
065077	MIDDLETOWN 4 W MOUNT CARMEL	41.55	72.72	370	190408	BARRE FALLS DAM		42.43	72.03	910	
065445	NORFOLK 2 SW	41.40 41.97	72.90	180	190535	BEDFORD		42.48	71.28	160	
069067	WESTBROOK	41.30	73.22 72.43	1340 40	190666	BIRCH HILL DAM		42.63	72.12	860	
069775	WOODBURY	41.55	73.23	650	190736 190770	BLUE HILL WSO		42.22	71.12	630	
			10.20	0,0	190998	BOSTON WSO AP		42.37	71.03	20	
DELAWARE					192107	BUFFUMVILLE LAKE EAST BRIMFIELD LAKE		42.12	71.90	500	
071330	BRIDGEVILLE I NW	38.75	75.62	50	192451	EAST WAREHAM		42.12 41.77	72.13	680	
072730	DOVER	39.15	75.52	30	192642	FALL RIVER		41.72	70.67 71.13	20	
073570	GEORGETOWN 5 SW	38.63	75.45	50	193505	HAVERHILL		42.77	71.07	190 20	
075320	LEWES	38.77	75.13	20	193624	HINGHAM		42.23	70.92	30	
075915 076410	MILFORD 2 WSW	38.90	75.47	30	193702	HOLYOKE		42.20	72.60	100	
079595	NEWARK UNIV FARM WILMINGTON WSO AP	39.67	75.73	90	193985	KNIGHTVILLE DAM		42.28	72.87	630	
079605	WILMINGTON WOO AP	39.67	75.60	80	194744	MIDDLETON		42.60	71.02	90	
075005	WIEMINGTON FORTER RESVR	39.77	75.53	270	195524	NORTHBRIDGE 2		42.12	71.68	320	
KENTUCKY					196245	PEABODY		42.53	70.98	170	
152791	FARMERS 2 S	38.12	02 55	(00	196486	PLYMOUTH		41.95	70.67	90	
156136	PAINTSVILLE 1 E	37.82	83.55 82.78	680	196783	READING		42.52	71.13	90	
		37.02	04./0	630	196977	ROCKPORT I ESE		42.65	70.60	80	
MAINE					197627	SOUTHBRIDGE 3 SW TAUNTON		42.05	72.08	720	
170275	AUGUSTA FAA AP	44.32	69.80	350	198573	TULLY LAKE		41.90	71.07	20	
170355	BANGOR FAA AP	44.80	68.82	160	198757	WALPOLE 2		42.63	72.22	690	
171175	CARIBOU WSO AP	46.87	68.02	620	199316	WEST MEDWAY		42.17 42.13	71.25	150	
171628	CORINNA	44.92	69.27	220	199923	WORCESTER WSO AP		42.13	71.43 71.87	210	
172426	EASTPORT	44.92	67.00	90				42.27	/1.0/	990	
172765	FARMINGTON	44.G8	70.15	420	MICHIGAN						
172878	FORT KENT	47.25	68.58	520	200230	ANN ARBOR UNIV OF MICH		42.30	83.72	900	
173892 173897	HOULTON FAA AP HOULTON	46.12	67.78	500	200417	BAD AXE		43.82	83.00	710	
	JONESBORO	46.13	67.83	410	201299	CARO REGIONAL CENTER		43.45	83.40	670	
	MACHIAS	44.65	67.65	190	202015	DEARBORN		42.32	83.23	610	
	NEWCASTLE	44.72	67.47	40	202846	FLINT WSO AP		42.97	83.75	770	
	PORTLAND WSMO AP	44.05 43.65	69.53	190	203477	GROSSE POINTE FARMS		42.38	82.90	610	
	ROCKLAND	44.10	70.32 69.12	60 40	203529	HALE LOUD DAM		44.47	83.72	820	
	RUMFORD 1 SSE	44.53	70.53	630	203585	HARBOR BEACH 1 SSE		43.83	82.63	600	
	SPRINGFIELD	45.40	68.17	440	203947 204655	HOWELL WWTP LAPEER		42.60	83.93	920	
	SQUA PAN DAM	46.55	68.33	610	205488	MILLINGTON 3 SW		43.05	83.35	870	
	VANCEBORO 2	45.57	67.43	390	205650	MOUNT CLEMENS ANG BASE		43.23 42.60	83.57	760	
	WATERVILLE PUMP STN	44.55	69.65	90	206658	PONTIAC STATE HOSPITAL		42.60	82.83 83.30	580	
179314	WEST BUXTON 2 NNW	43.70	70.62	150	206680	PORT HURON SEWAGE PLANT		42.98	82.42	980 590	
MARY AND					207350	SANDUSKY		43.42	82.83	770	
MARYLAND 180465	BALTIMORE WEG AD				207820	STANDISH 5 SW		43.95	84.03	650	
	BALTIMORE WSO AP BELTSVILLE	39.18	76.67	200	209014	WILLIS 5 SSW		42.08	83.58	660	
	BELTSVILLE PLANT STN 5	39.03	76.88	120	209188	YALE		43.15	82.80	820	
	BENSON POLICE BARRACKS	39.02	76.95	100		the second se					
	BOYDS 2 NW	39.50 39.22	76.38	370	NEW HAMPSHI						
	CAMBRIDGE WTR TRMT PLT	38.57	77.33 76.07	580 10	270681	BENTON 5 SW		44.03	71.93	1200	
	CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK	39.65	77.48	1610	270690 270703	BERLIN BETHLEHEM		44.45	71.18	930	
	CENTREVILLE	39.05	76.07	60	270705	BLACKWATER DAM		44.28	71.68	1380	
	CHESTERTOWN	39.22	76.07	40	270910	BRADFORD		43.32	71.72	550	
	CLARKSVILLE 3 NNE	39.25	76.93	370	271647	COLEBROOK 2 E		43.25 44.90	71.97 71.48	970	
	COLLEGE PARK	38.98	76.95	90	271683	CONCORD WSO AP		43.20	71.40	1040 350	
	CONOWINGO DAM	39.65	76.17	40	272174	DURHAM		43.15	70.95	70	
	DENTON 2 E	38.88	75.80	50	272999	FIRST CONN LAKE		45.08	71.28	1660	
	ELKTON	39.62	75.83	40	273182	FRANKLIN FALLS DAM		43.47	71.65	430	
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE FORT GEORGE G MEADE	39.68	77.30	420	273850	HANOVER		43.70	72.28	600	
	FREDERICK POLICE BRKS	39.10	76.75	140	274399	KEENE		42.92	72.27	480	
	GLENN DALE BELL STN	39.42	77.43	380	274475	LAKEPORT		43.55	71.47	560	
	HAGERSTOWN	38.97 39.65	76.80	150	274556	LANCASTER		44.48	71.58	910	
	HANCOCK FRUIT LAB	39.70	77.73 78.18	660 430	274656	LEBANON FAA AIRPORT		43.63	72.32	560	
	LA PLATA 1 W	38.53	77.00	140	275013	MACDOWELL DAM		42.90	71.98	970	
	MC HENRY 2 NW	39.58	79.37	2680	275150 275400	MARLOW		43.12	72.20	1170	
185985	MILLINGTON 2 WNW	39.27	75.87	30	275400	MILAN 7 NNW MILFORD		44.67	71.22	1180	
	OAKLAND 1 SE	39.40	79.40	2420	275868	NEWPORT		42.82	71.65	300	
	OWINGS FERRY LANDING	38.68	76.67	160	276550	OTTER BROOK LAKE		43.37	72.18	780	
	PARKTON 2 SW	39.63	76.70	600	276697	PETERBORO 2 S		42.95 42.85	72.23 71.95	680	
	PRESTON 1 S	38.70	75.92	50	276818	PINKHAM NOTCH		92.85 44.27	71.95	1020 2010	
	ROCKVILLE 1 NE	39.10	77.10	440	278539	SURRY MOUNTAIN LAKE		43.00	72.32	550	
	ROYAL OAK 2 SSW	38.72	76.18	10	278855	WALPOLE 2		43.05	72.45	300	
	SALISBURY	38.37	75.58	10	279940	WOODSTOCK		43.98	71.68	720	
	SALISBURY FAA AP	38.33	75.52	50							
	SAVAGE RIVER DAM SNOW HILL 4 N	39.52	79.13	1500	NEW JERSEY						
	UPPER MARLBORO 3 NNW	38.23	75.38	30	280311	ATLANTIC CITY WSO AP	3	39.45	74.57	140	
	VIENNA	38.87 38.48	76.78 75.83	100	280346	AUDUBON		39.88	75.08	40	
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	GINIA (continued)				ONTARIO (con	tinued)			
468662	SUTTON LAKE	38.65	80.68	840	6124700	LUCKNOW	43.95	81.50	950
468777	TERRA ALTA 1	39.45	79.55	2630	6084770	MADAWASKA	45.50	77.98	1038
468807	THOMAS	39.15	79.50	3070	6104880	MALLORYTOWN GRAHAM LAKE	44.57	75.88	
469011	UNION 3 SSE	37.55	80.53	2110	6065043	MCVITTIES	46.28	80.85	400
469086	VALLEY HEAD	38.55	80.03	2430	6115099	MIDHURST	44.45	79.77	700
469281	WARDENSVILLE R M FARM	39.10	78.58	960	6115127	MIDLAND	44.75	79.90	740
469333	WEBSTER SPRINGS 1 E	38.48	80.42	1540	6155183	MILLGROVE	44.75		593
469345	WEIRTON	40.40	80.60	1040	6165195	MINDEN	45.52	79.97	837
469368	WELLSBURG WTR TRTMT PL	40.28	80.62	660	6065250	MONETVILLE	44.95	78.72	900
469436	WESTON	39.03	80.47	1030	6145267	MONTICELLO		80.30	725
469683	WINFIELD LOCKS	38.53	81.92	570	6105460	MORRISBURG	43.97	80.40	1580
				570	6135583	NEW GLASGOW	44.92	75.18	268
ONTARIO					6135638		42.52	81.63	650
6150100	ALBION	43.93	79.83	900	6085682	NIAGARA FALLS	43.13	79.08	600
6150135		43.32	79.87	475	6155790	NORTH BAY	46.32	79.47	660
6100345		45.42	76.37	350		ORANGEVILLE MOE	43.92	80.08	1350
6140348		43.82	80.57	1483	6115820	ORILLIA TS	44.62	79.42	720
6110605		45.13	79.38	950	6155854	ORONO	43.97	78.62	485
6100720		44.48	76.77		6106052	OTTAWA LEMIEUX ISLAND	45.42	75.73	200
6060773		47.30	82.10	480	6106090	OTTAWA NRC	45.45	75.62	320
6150815				1335	6126210	PAISLEY	44.27	81.37	801
6120819		43.98	77.22	300	6116254	PARRY SOUND	45.33	80.00	635
6150830		43.72	81.38	1150	6136335	PELEE ISLAND	41.75	82.68	575
6140954		43.92	78.67	325	6166428	PETERBOROUGH DOBBIN TS	44.32	78.40	800
		43.13	80.23	643	6166450	PETERBOROUGH STP	44.28	78.32	630
6100969		44.60	75.70	300	6126499	PETROLIA TOWN	42.88	82.17	660
6100971		44.60	75.67	300	6156515	PICKERING AUDLEY	43.90	79.05	360
6121025		43.55	81.55	850	6156533	PICTON	44.02	77.13	250
6151042		44.03	78.80	1025	6156545	PINE GROVE	43.80	79.58	600
6151064		43.33	79.83	325	6076572	PORCUPINE ONT HYDRO	48.47	81.27	980
6141095		43.33	80.32	880	6136606	PORT COLBORNE	42.88	79.25	575
6151137		44.30	77.80	480	6136626	PORT DALHOUSIE	43.18	79.27	300
6101265		44.37	76.62	475	6136643	PORT DOVER	42.78	80.22	610
6101335		46.05	77.37	400	6156670	PORT HOPE	43.95	78.28	265
6101440		45.47	76.23	308	6136694	PORT STANLEY	42.67	81.22	600
6111467		44.40	80.90	1000	6146711	PRESTON	43.40	80.42	955
6101494		45.58	76.68	276	6106779	PURDY	45.32	77.72	1610
G151545		43.95	79.07	575	6146939	REDICKVILLE	44.23	80.22	1725
G101555		45.42	76.40	350	6157012	RICHMOND HILL	43.88	79.45	764
6151689		43.97	78.18	260	6137147	RIDGETOWN	42.45	81.88	675
6151750	COLD CREEK	43.92	79.70	823	6137285	ST CATHARINES	43.20	79.25	300
6101820	COMBERMERE	45.37	77.62	940	6137306	ST CATHARINES POWER GLEN	43.12	79.25	400
6061847	CONISTON	46.47	80.82	779	6137361	ST THOMAS	42.78	81.17	775
G101874	CORNWALL	45.02	74.75	210	6137399	ST WILLIAMS	42.70	80.45	700
6101901	CORNWALL ONT HYDRO	45.03	74.80	250	6157685	SHARON	44.10	79.43	861
6081928		46.45	79.87	745	6127887	SOUTHAMPTON	44.50		
6101955	DALHOUSIE L HIGH FALLS	44.97	76.62	525	6097915	SOUTH BAYMOUTH	45.58	81.37 82.02	610
6101958	DALHOUSIE MILLS	45.32	74.47	225	6107955	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	44.97		596
6131982	DELHI CDA	42.87	80.55	760	6148105	STRATFORD MOE		75.48	278
6101986	DELTA	44.62	76.13	320	6148120	STRATHROY	43.37	81.00	1160
6102009	DES JOACHIMS	46.18	77.70	425	6158255	THORNHILL GRANDVIEW	42.95	81.65	750
6132090	DRESDEN	42.58	82.18	600	6138270	TILLSONBURG MOE	43.80	79.42	654
6132148	DUNNVILLE PUMPING STN	42.83	79.62	575	6158370		42.85	80.72	700
6112171	DURHAM	44.18	80.82	1260	6158386	TORONTO ASHBRIDGES BAY	43.67	79.32	243
6072325	ENGLEHART	47.82	79.90	825		TORONTO BEVERLEY HILLS	43.73	79.50	475
6152335	ERINDALE	43.57	79.65	460	6158520	TORONTO ELLESMERE	43.77	79.27	538
6112340	ESSA ONT HYDRO	44.37	79.80	710	6158665	TORONTO ISLAND A	43.63	79.40	251
6122370	EXETER	43.35	81.48	860	6158762	TORONTO NORTHCLIFFE	43.68	79.45	550
6142400	FERGUS SHAND DAM	43.73	80.33		6158779	TORONTO SUNNYBROOK	43.72	79.38	515
6142402	FERGUS MOE	43.70	80.38	1370 1300	6158885	TRENTON ONT HYDRO	44.13	77.60	290
6142420	FOLDENS	43.02	80.78	1076	6068980	TURBINE	46.38	81.57	675
6152555	FRANKFORD MOE	45.02	77.60		6159124	UXBRIDGE 2	44.12	79.10	886
6152605	FRENCHMANS BAY	44.23		375	6139143	VINELAND RITTENHOUSE	43.17	79.42	310
6082612	FRENCH R CHAUDIERE DAM		79.08	250	6139145	VINELAND STATION	43.18	79.40	260
6152695	GEORGETOWN WWTP	46.13	80.02	650	6139265	WALLACEBURG	42.58	82.40	580
6142798	GLANWORTH CFPL	43.63	79.88	725	6149386	WATERLOO WPCP	43.48	80.52	1075
6142803		42.88	81.20	919	6139445	WELLAND	43.00	79.27	575
6152833	GLEN ALLAN GLEN HAFFY MONO MILLS	43.68	80.72	1325	6149455	WESTMINSTER TWP WPCP	42.92	81.22	850
6092915		43.93	79.95	1425	6159575	WOODBRIDGE	43.80	79.60	540
6153020	GORE BAY	45.92	82.47	625	6139600	WOODSLEE CDA	42.22	82.73	600
	GREENWOOD MTRCA	43.90	79.07	420	6129660	WROXETER	43.87	81.15	1100
6133047	GRIMSBY	43.20	79.57	298				1.00.	
6133120	HAGERSVILLE	42.97	80.07	725	QUEBEC				
6133121	HAGERSVILLE 2	42.93	80.08	700	7020040	ABERCORN	45.03	72.67	490
6163156	HALIBURTON A	45.00	78.58	1050	7060320	ARVIDA	48.43	71.17	335
6153298	HAMILTON PSYCH HOSPITAL	43.23	79.90	650	7070451	BGE C LAC CHATEAUVERT	47.77	73.90	1255
6153300	HAMILTON RBG	43.28	79.88	335	7080452	BARRAGE DES QUINZE	47.55	79.23	870
6133360	HARROW CDA	42.03	82.90	625	7070454	BARRAGE GOUIN	48.35	74.10	1325
6153410	HEART LAKE	43.73	79.78	850	7050455	BARRAGE LAC MORIN	47.65	69.52	650
6104025	KEMPTVILLE	45.00	75.63	326	7070456	BARRAGE MATTAWIN	46.85		
	KINGSTON PUMPING STATION	44.23	76.48	251	7080468	BARRAGE TEMISCAMINGUE	46.72	73.65	1200
6104175	KINGSVILLE MOE	42.05	82.68	650	7020560	BEAUCEVILLE		79.10	595
6134190							46.20	70.77	525
	KIRKLAND LAKE	48.15	80.02	1041	///////////////////////////////////////		47 30	70 70	1055
6134190		48.15 43.43	80.02 80.50	1041	7080600	BELLETERRE	47.38	78.70	1055
6134190 6074209	KIRKLAND LAKE	43.43	80.50	1125	7010720	BERTHIERVILLE	46.05	73.18	40
6134190 6074209 6144232	KIRKLAND LAKE KITCHENER								

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PENNSYLVAN	IA (continued)				VIRGINIA (con	rinued)			
369655	WHITESBURG	40.73	79.40	1320	445213	MANASSAS 3 NW	38.78	77.50	330
369702	WILKES-BARRE	41.23	75.88	660	445501	MENDOTA	36.70	82.32	1350
369705	W BARRE SCRANT WSO AP	41.33	75.73	930	445851	MOUNT WEATHER	39.07	77.88	1720
369714	WILLIAMSBURG	40.45	78.20	880	445931	NASSAWADOX	37.47	75.87	40
369728	WILLIAMSPORT WSO	41.25	76.92	520	446012	NEW CASTLE	37.50	80.10	1310
369933	YORK 3 SSW PUMP	39.92	76.75	390	446139	NORFOLK WSO AP	36.90	76.20	20
369950	YORK HAVEN	40.12	76.72	310	446173	NORTH FORK LAKE	37.13	82.63	1680
369995	ZIONSVILLE 3 SE	40.47	75.45	680	446475	PAINTER 2 W	37.58	75.82	30
					446491	PALMYRA 1 E	37.87	78.25	410
RHODE ISLAN	-				446626	PENNINGTON GAP	36.75	83.05	1510
370896	BLOCK ISLAND WSO AP	41.17	71.58	110	446692	PHILPOTT DAM 2	36.78	80.03	1120
374266	KINGSTON PROVIDENCE WSO AP	41.48	71.53	100	446712	PIEDMONT RESEARCH STN	38.22	78.12	520
376698 379423	WOONSOCKET	41.73 41.98	71.43	50 120	447033	RAPIDAN	38.30	78.07	300
517465	WOONJOCKET	41.90	71.50	120	447201 447285	RICHMOND WSO AP	37.50	77.33	160
VERMONT					447312	ROANOKE WSO AP ROCKFISH	37.32	79.97	1150
430499	BELLOWS FALLS	43.13	72.45	300	447338	ROCKY MOUNT	37.80 37.00	78.75	490
430661	BETHEL 4 N	43.88	72.63	660	448022	STAFFORDSVILLE 3 ENE	37.00	79.90 80.72	1230
431081	BURLINGTON WSO AP	44.47	73.15	330	448062	STAUNTON SEWAGE PLANT	38.15	79.03	1950
431243	CAVENDISH	43.38	72.60	800	448129	STONY CREEK 3 ESE	36.92	77.35	1390 70
431360	CHELSEA	43.98	72.45	800	448192	SUFFOLK LAKE KILBY	36.73	76.60	
431433	CHITTENDEN	43.70	72.95	1080	448396	THE PLAINS 2 NNE	38.90	76.00	20 530
434052	HUNTINGTON CENTER	44.28	72.97	700	448448	TIMBERVILLE 3 E	38.65	78.72	1000
435278	MONTPELIER FAA AP	44.20	72.57	1130	448547	TROUT DALE	36.67	81.40	2820
435542	NEWPORT	44.93	72.20	770	448737	VIENNA DUNN LORING	38.90	77.22	420
436335	PERU	43.25	72.90	1670	448829	WALKERTON 2 NW	37.75	77.05	420 50
436761	READSBORO 1 SE	42.75	72.93	1120	448888	WARRENTON 3 SE	38.68	77.77	500
436893	ROCHESTER	43.85	72.80	830	448894	WARSAW 2 NW	37.98	76.77	140
436995	RUTLAND	43.60	72.97	620	448903	WASH DULLES WSO AP	38.95	77.45	290
437054	SAINT JOHNSBURY	44.42	72.02	700	448906	WASH NATL WSCMO AP	38.85	77.03	70
437607	SOUTH HERO	44.63	73.30	1100	449025	WEST POINT 2 SW	37.52	76.83	20
438556	UNION VILLAGE DAM	43.80	72.27	460	449151	WILLIAMSBURG 2 N	37.30	76.70	70
438600	VERNON	42.77	72.52	230	449186	WINCHESTER 3 ESE	39.18	78.12	680
438644	WAITSFIELD 2 WSW	44.18	72.85	820	449215	WISE 1 SE	36.97	82.57	2570
438815	WATERBURY 2 SSE	44.32	72.75	760	449263	WOODSTOCK 2 NE	38.90	78.47	660
439099	WEST BURKE	44.65	71.98	900	449301	WYTHEVILLE 1 S	36.93	81.08	2450
VIRGINIA									
440021	ABINCDON 3.5	26.62	01.07	1020	WEST VIRGINI				
440166	ABINGDON 3 S ALTAVISTA	36.67	81.97	1920	460355	ATHENS CONCORD COLLEGE	37.43	81.00	2550
440193	AMISSVILLE	37.10	79.30	510	460527	BAYARD	39.27	79.37	2380
440195	APPOMATTOX	38.68 37.37	78.02	550	460580	BECKLEY V A HOSPITAL	37.78	81.18	2330
440327	ASHLAND	37.75	78.83	910 220	460633	BELINGTON	39.03	79.95	1720
440385	BACK BAY WILDLIFE RFG	36.67	75.92	10	460921	BLUEFIELD FAA AIRPORT	37.30	81.22	2870
440551	BEDFORD	37.35	79.52	980	460939	BLUESTONE LAKE	37.65	80.88	1390
440670	BERRYVILLE	39.15	77.98	600	461215 461220	BUCKEYE 1 SE BUCKHANNON 2 W	38.17	80.13	2100
440720	BIG MEADOWS	38.52	78.43	3540	461282	BURNSVILLE LAKE	39.00	80.27	1450
440766	BLACKSBURG 3 SE	37.18	80.42	2000	461363	CAMDEN ON GAULEY	38.85 38.37	80.63 80.62	790 2030
440792	BLAND	37.10	81.10	2000	461393	CANAAN VALLEY	39.05	79.43	3250
441082	BROOKNEAL	37.03	78.95	520	461570	CHARLESTON WSFO AP	38.37	81.60	1020
441136	BUCKINGHAM	37.55	78.55	460	461677	CLARKSBURG 1	39.27	80.35	950
441159	BUENA VISTA	37.73	79.35	840	461696	CLAY I SW	38.45	81.08	720
441209	BURKES GARDEN	37.08	81.33	3300	461723	CLENDENIN I SW	38.48	81.37	620
441585	CHARLOTTE COURT H 3 W	37.07	78.70	590	462718	ELKINS WSO AP	38.88	79.85	1990
441593	CHARLOTTESVILLE 2 W	38.03	78.52	870	462920	FAIRMONT	39.47	80.13	1300
441606	CHASE CITY	36.83	78.47	510	463072	FLAT TOP	37.58	81.10	3340
441614	CHATHAM	36.82	79.40	640	463353	GARY	37.37	81.55	1430
441929	COLUMBIA 2 SSE	37.73	78.15	300	463361	GASSAWAY	38.67	80.77	840
441955	CONCORD 5 S	37.28	78.97	650	463544	GLENVILLE 1 ENE	38.93	80.82	720
441999	COPPER HILL 1 NNE	37.10	80.13	2720	463846	HAMLIN	38.28	82.10	640
442009	CORBIN	38.20	77.37	220	464128	HICO 1 SE	38.10	81.00	2350
442041	COVINGTON	37.80	80.00	1250	464393	HUNTINGTON WSO AP	38.37	82.55	830
442044	COVINGTON FILT PLANT	37.80	80.00	1230	464763	KEARNEYVILLE WSO	39.38	77.88	550
442155	CULPEPER	38.47	78.00	420	465002	LAKE LYNN	39.72	79.85	900
442208	DALE ENTERPRISE	38.45	78.93	1400	465353	LOGAN	37.85	82.00	720
442245	DANVILLE (BRIDGE ST)	36.58	79.38	410	465563	MADISON	38.05	81.82	680
442729	ELKWOOD 6 SE	38.45	77.77	330	465621	MANNINGTON 1 N	39.55	80.35	980
442790	EMPORIA I WNW	36.68	77.55	100	465707	MARTINSBURG FAA AP	39.40	77.98	530
442941 443192	FARMVILLE 2 N FREDERICKSBURG NAT PK	37.33	78.38	450	465739	MATHIAS	38.87	78.87	1630
443192	GLASGOW 1 SE	38.32	77.45	90 740	465871	MC ROSS	37.98	80.75	2450
443375	GORDONSVILLE 3 S	37.62	79.43	740	465963	MIDDLEBOURNE 2 ESE	39.48	80.87	750
443991	HILLSVILLE 1 S	38.08	78.18	460	466202	MORGANTOWN FAA AP	39.65	79.92	1240
444044	HOLLAND I E	36.73 36.68	80.73	2590	466212	MORGANTOWN LOCK AND DAM	39.62	79.97	830
444101	HOPEWELL	30.68	76.78	80	466591	OAK HILL	37-97	81.15	2040
444128	HOT SPRINGS	37.30	77.30 79.83	40 2240	466849	PARKERSBURG FAA AP	39.35	81.43	830
444565	KERRS CREEK 6 WNW	37.85	79.85		466867	PARSONS 1 SE	39.10	79.67	1680
444676	LAFAYETTE I NE	37.85		1500	466982	PHILIPPI	39.15	80.03	1280
444720	LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE	37.08	80.22	1380	466991	PICKENS 1	38.67	80.22	2770
444768	LAWRENCEVILLE 5 W		76.35	10	467029	PINEVILLE	37.58	81.53	1280
444876	LEXINGTON	36.77	77.93	300	467207	PRINCETON	37.37	81.08	2410
444909	LINCOLN	37.78	79.43	1600	467552	RIPLEY 4 NNE	38.88	81.68	610
	LOUISA	39.12 38.03	77.72	500	467730	ROMNEY I SW	39.33	78.77	670
445050	LOUISA	18.01	78.00	420	467785	ROWLESBURG I	39.33	79.68	1460
445050 445096	LURAY 5 E	38.67	78.38	1200	468051	SENECA STATE FOREST	38.33	79.90	2500

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PENNSYLVANIA	(continued)				VIRGINIA (con	tinued)			
369655	WHITESBURG	40.73	79.40	1320	445213	MANASSAS 3 NW	38.78	77.50	33
369702	WILKES-BARRE	41.23	75.88	660	445501	MENDOTA	36.70	82.32	135
369705	W BARRE SCRANT WSO AP	41.33	75.73	930	445851	MOUNT WEATHER	39.07	77.88	172
369714	WILLIAMSBURG	40.45	78.20	880	445931	NASSAWADOX	37.47	75.87	4
369728	WILLIAMSPORT WSO	41.25	76.92	520	446012	NEW CASTLE	37.50	80.10	131
369933	YORK 3 SSW PUMP	39.92	76.75	390	446139	NORFOLK WSO AP	36.90	76.20	1.51
369950	YORK HAVEN	40.12	76.72	310	446173	NORTH FORK LAKE	37.13	82.63	168
369995	ZIONSVILLE 3 SE	40.47	75.45	680	446475	PAINTER 2 W			100
107775	EIGHJAILLE J JE	40.47	73.43	080	446491	PALMYRA I E	37.58	75.82	
PHODE ISLAND							37.87	78.25	4
RHODE ISLAND	DI OCK ICI AND WICO AD	/1.17	71.60		446626	PENNINGTON GAP	36.75	83.05	15
370896	BLOCK ISLAND WSO AP	41.17	71.58	110	446692	PHILPOTT DAM 2	36.78	80.03	11
374266	KINGSTON	41.48	71.53	100	446712	PIEDMONT RESEARCH STN	38.22	78.12	5
376698	PROVIDENCE WSO AP	41.73	71.43	50	447033	RAPIDAN	38.30	78.07	3
379423	WOONSOCKET	41.98	71.50	120	447201	RICHMOND WSO AP	37.50	77.33	1
					447285	ROANOKE WSO AP	37.32	79.97	11
VERMONT					447312	ROCKFISH	37.80	78.75	4
430499	BELLOWS FALLS	43.13	72.45	300	447338	ROCKY MOUNT	37.00	79.90	12
430661	BETHEL 4 N	43.88	72.63	660	448022	STAFFORDSVILLE 3 ENE	37.27	80.72	15
431081	BURLINGTON WSO AP	44.47	73.15	330	448062	STAUNTON SEWAGE PLANT	38.15	79.03	13
431243	CAVENDISH	43.38	72.60	800	448129	STONY CREEK 3 ESE	36.92	77.35	
431360	CHELSEA	43.98	72.45	800	448192	SUFFOLK LAKE KILBY	36.73	76.60	
431433	CHITTENDEN	43.70	72.95	1080	448396	THE PLAINS 2 NNE	38.90	77.75	
434052	HUNTINGTON CENTER	44.28							5
			72.97	700	448448	TIMBERVILLE 3 E	38.65	78.72	10
435278	MONTPELIER FAA AP	44.20	72.57	1130	448547	TROUT DALE	36.67	81.40	28
435542	NEWPORT	44.93	72.20	770	448737	VIENNA DUNN LORING	38.90	77.22	4
436335	PERU	43.25	72.90	1670	448829	WALKERTON 2 NW	37.75	77.05	
436761	READSBORO 1 SE	42.75	72.93	1120	448888	WARRENTON 3 SE	38.68	77.77	
436893	ROCHESTER	43.85	72.80	830	448894	WARSAW 2 NW	37.98	76.77	
436995	RUTLAND	43.60	72.97	620	448903	WASH DULLES WSO AP	38.95	77.45	
437054	SAINT JOHNSBURY	44.42	72.02	700	448906	WASH NATL WSCMO AP	38.85	77.03	
437607	SOUTH HERO	44.63	73.30	1100	449025	WEST POINT 2 SW	37.52	76.83	
438556	UNION VILLAGE DAM	43.80	72.27	460	449151	WILLIAMSBURG 2 N	37.30	76.70	
438600	VERNON	42.77	72.52	230	449186	WINCHESTER 3 ESE	39.18	78.12	(
438644	WAITSFIELD 2 WSW	44.18	72.85	820	449215	WISE 1 SE	36.97	82.57	25
438815	WATERBURY 2 SSE	44.32	72.75	760	449263	WOODSTOCK 2 NE	38.90	78.47	
439099	WEST BURKE	44.65	71.98	900	449301	WYTHEVILLE 1 S			
	WESTBORKE	44.0)	/1.90	900	449501	WITHEVILLE I S	36.93	81.08	24
VIRGINIA	ABINCDONAS	36.67	81.07	1020	WEST VIRGIN		27 (2		
440021	ABINGDON 3 S	36.67	81.97	1920	460355	ATHENS CONCORD COLLEGE	37.43	81.00	2
440166	ALTAVISTA	37.10	79.30	510	460527	BAYARD	39.27	79.37	23
440193	AMISSVILLE	38.68	78.02	550	460580	BECKLEY V A HOSPITAL	37.78	81.18	2
440243	APPOMATTOX	37.37	78.83	910	460633	BELINGTON	39.03	79.95	17
440327	ASHLAND	37.75	77.48	220	460921	BLUEFIELD FAA AIRPORT	37.30	81.22	2
440385	BACK BAY WILDLIFE RFG	36.67	75.92	10	460939	BLUESTONE LAKE	37.65	80.88	1.
440551	BEDFORD	37.35	79.52	980	461215	BUCKEYE 1 SE	38.17	80.13	2
440670	BERRYVILLE	39.15	77.98	600	461220	BUCKHANNON 2 W	39.00	80.27	1-
440720	BIG MEADOWS	38.52	78.43	3540	461282	BURNSVILLE LAKE	38.85	80.63	
440766	BLACKSBURG 3 SE	37.18	80.42	2000	461363	CAMDEN ON GAULEY	38.37	80.62	2
440792	BLAND	37.10	81.10	2000	461393	CANAAN VALLEY	39.05	79.43	3
441082	BROOKNEAL	37.03	78.95	520	461570	CHARLESTON WSFO AP	38.37	81.60	1
441136	BUCKINGHAM	37.55	78.55	460	461677	CLARKSBURG 1	39.27	80.35	
441159	BUENA VISTA	37.73	79.35	840	461696	CLAY 1 SW			
							38.45	81.08	
441209	BURKES GARDEN	37.08	81.33	3300	461723	CLENDENIN 1 SW	38.48	81.37	
441585	CHARLOTTE COURT H 3 W	37.07	78.70	590	462718	ELKINS WSO AP	38.88	79.85	1
441593	CHARLOTTESVILLE 2 W	38.03	78.52	870	462920	FAIRMONT	39.47	80.13	1
441606	CHASE CITY	36.83	78.47	510	463072	FLAT TOP	37.58	81.10	3
441614	CHATHAM	36.82	79.40	640	463353	GARY	37.37	81.55	1
441929	COLUMBIA 2 SSE	37.73	78.15	300	463361	GASSAWAY	38.67	80.77	
441955	CONCORD 5 S	37.28	78.97	650	463544	GLENVILLE 1 ENE	38.93	80.82	
441999	COPPER HILL I NNE	37.10	80.13	2720	463846	HAMLIN	38.28	82.10	
442009	CORBIN	38.20	77.37	220	464128	HICO 1 SE	38.10	81.00	2
442041	COVINGTON	37.80	80.00	1250	464393	HUNTINGTON WSO AP	38.37		4
442044	COVINGTON FILT PLANT							82.55	
		37.80	80.00	1230	464763	KEARNEYVILLE WSO	39.38	77.88	
442155	CULPEPER	38.47	78.00	420	465002	LAKE LYNN	39.72	79.85	
442208	DALE ENTERPRISE	38.45	78.93	1400	465353	LOGAN	37.85	82.00	
442245	DANVILLE (BRIDGE ST)	36.58	79.38	410	465563	MADISON	38.05	81.82	
442729	ELKWOOD 6 SE	38.45	77.77	330	465621	MANNINGTON 1 N	39.55	80.35	
442790	EMPORIA I WNW	36.68	77.55	100	465707	MARTINSBURG FAA AP	39.40	77.98	
442941	FARMVILLE 2 N	37.33	78.38	450	465739	MATHIAS	38.87	78.87	1
443192	FREDERICKSBURG NAT PK	38.32	77.45	90	465871	MC ROSS	37.98	80.75	2
443375	GLASGOW 1 SE	37.62	79.43	740	465963	MIDDLEBOURNE 2 ESE	39.48	80.87	
443466	GORDONSVILLE 3 S	38.08	78.18	460	466202	MORGANTOWN FAA AP			
443991							39.65	79.92	1
	HILLSVILLE 1 S	36.73	80.73	2590	466212	MORGANTOWN LOCK AND DAM	39.62	79.97	
444044	HOLLAND I E	36.68	76.78	80	466591	OAK HILL	37.97	81.15	2
444101	HOPEWELL	37.30	77.30	40	466849	PARKERSBURG FAA AP	39.35	81.43	
444128	HOT SPRINGS	38.00	79.83	2240	466867	PARSONS 1 SE	39.10	79.67	1
444565	KERRS CREEK 6 WNW	37.85	79.58	1500	466982	PHILIPPI	39.15	80.03	1
444676	LAFAYETTE I NE	37.23	80.22	1380	466991	PICKENS 1	38.67	80.22	2
444720	LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE	37.08	76.35	10	467029	PINEVILLE	37.58	81.53	i
444768	LAWRENCEVILLE 5 W	36.77	77.93	300	467207	PRINCETON	37.37	81.08	2
444876	LEXINGTON	37.78	79.43	1600					
					467552	RIPLEY 4 NNE	38.88	81.68	
444909	LINCOLN	39.12	77.72	500	467730	ROMNEY I SW	39.33	78.77	
445050	LOUISA	38.03	78.00	420	467785	ROWLESBURG I	39.33	79.68	1
445096	LURAY 5 E	38.67	78.38	1200	468051	SENECA STATE FOREST	38.33	79.90	2
445120	LYNCHBURG WSO AP	37.33	79.20	920	468433	SPRUCE KNOB	38.68	79.52	3

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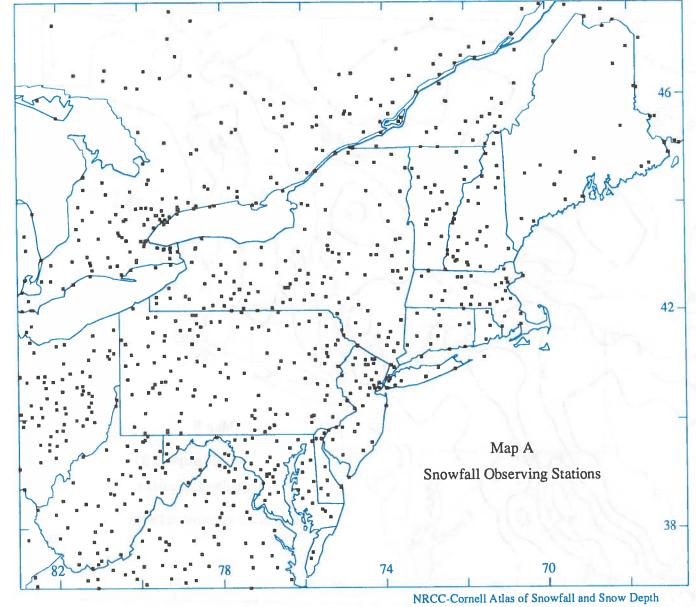
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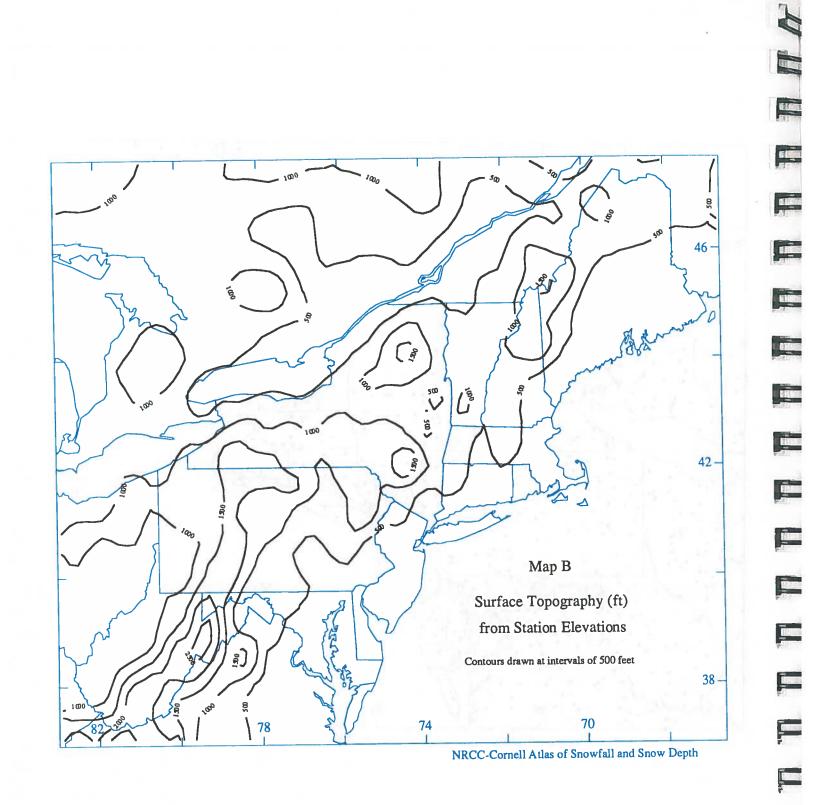
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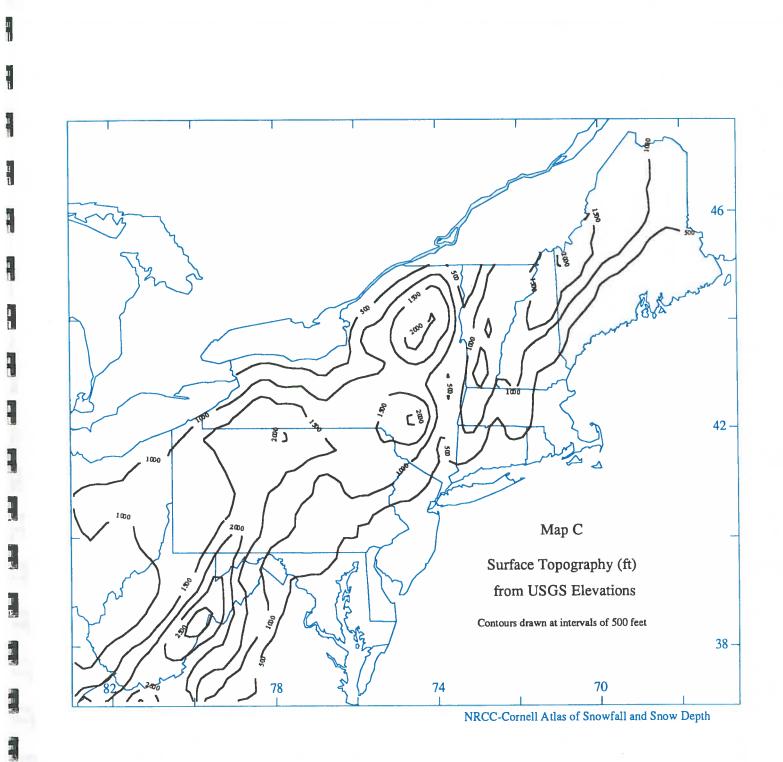
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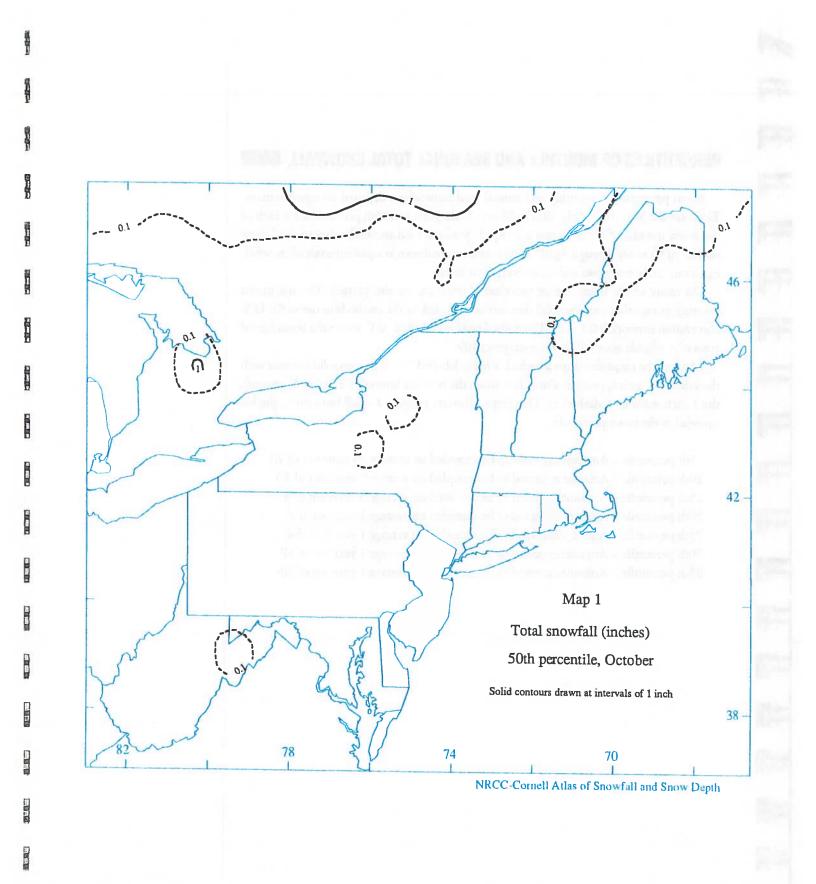
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Seven percentiles of monthly and annual total snowfall are depicted on separate maps. These are the 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 90th and 95th percentiles, for each of the seven months of October through April. Seasonal total snowfall refers to the "snow season" of October through April. Solid contours are drawn at equal intervals of snowfall, e.g., every inch, every two inches, or every four inches.

On many of the maps one or two dashed contours are also plotted. The minimum quantity of monthly total snowfall that can be recorded by the methods in use in the U.S. observation network is 0.1 inch. The dashed contour labelled "0.1" shows the boundary of areas of negligible snowfall at the given percentile.

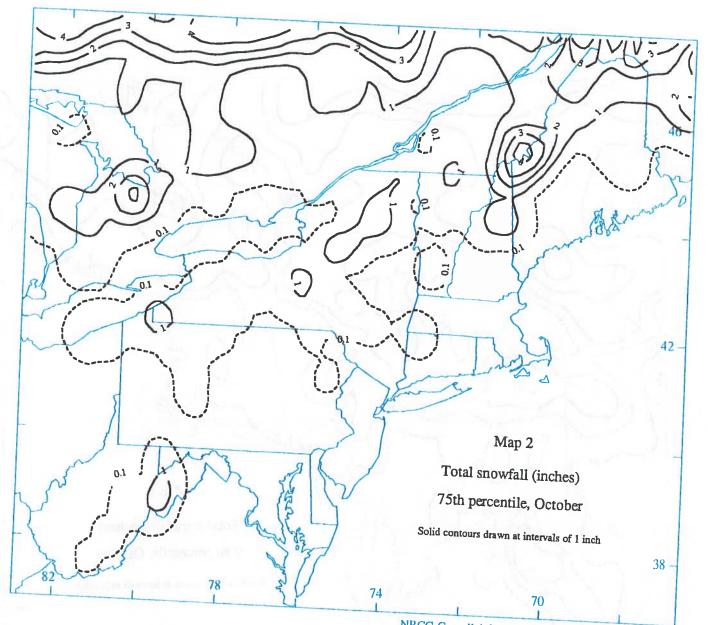
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5th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 19 years out of 20 10th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 9 years out of 10 25th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 3 years out of 4 50th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 2 75th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 4 90th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 4 90th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 10 95th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 20

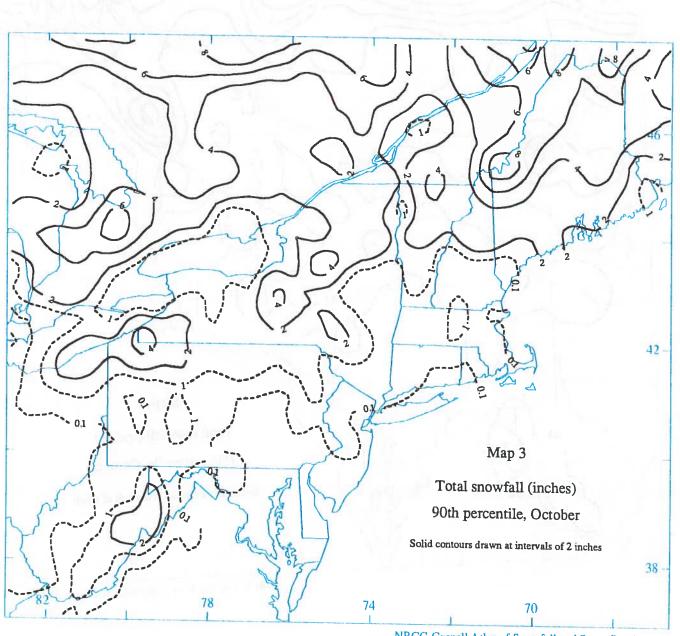


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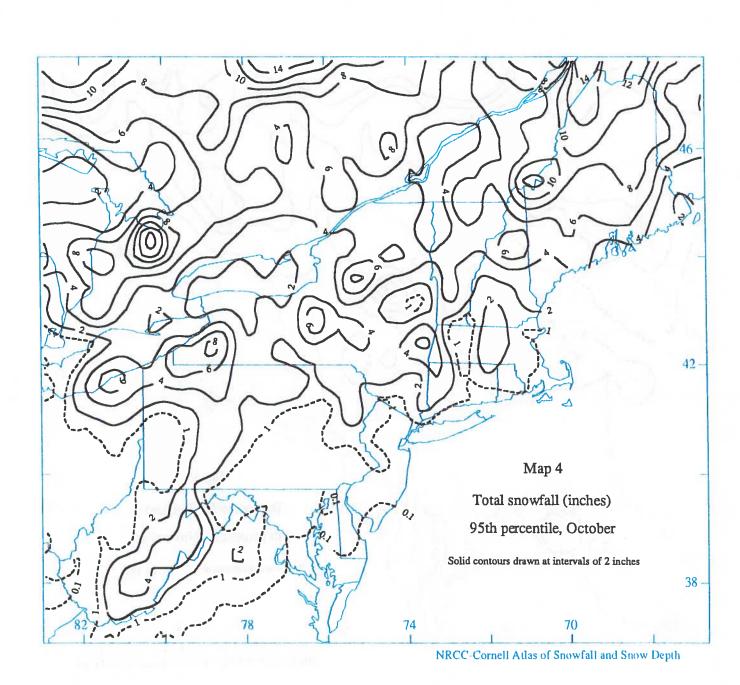


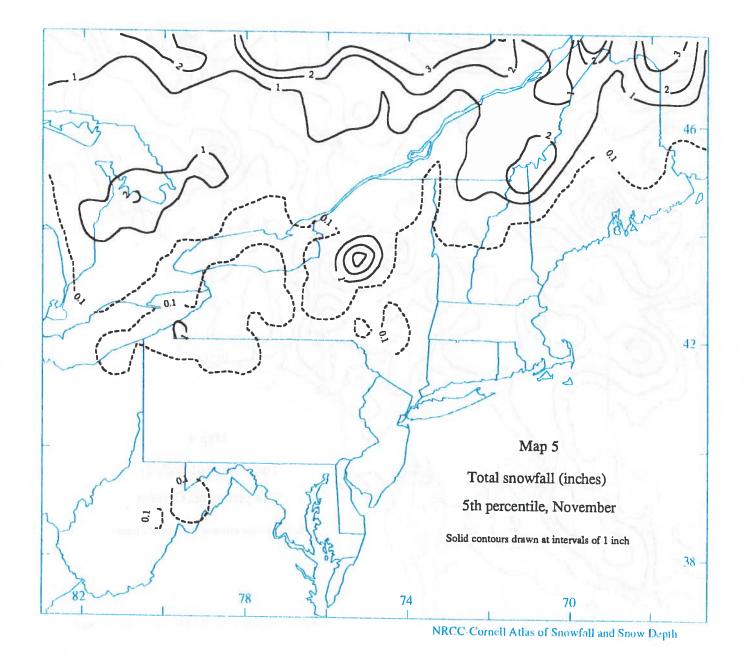
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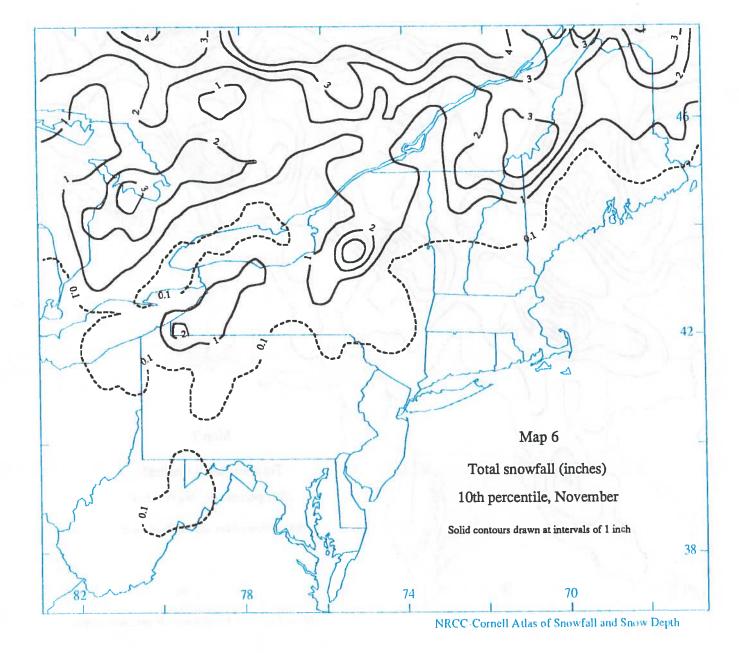
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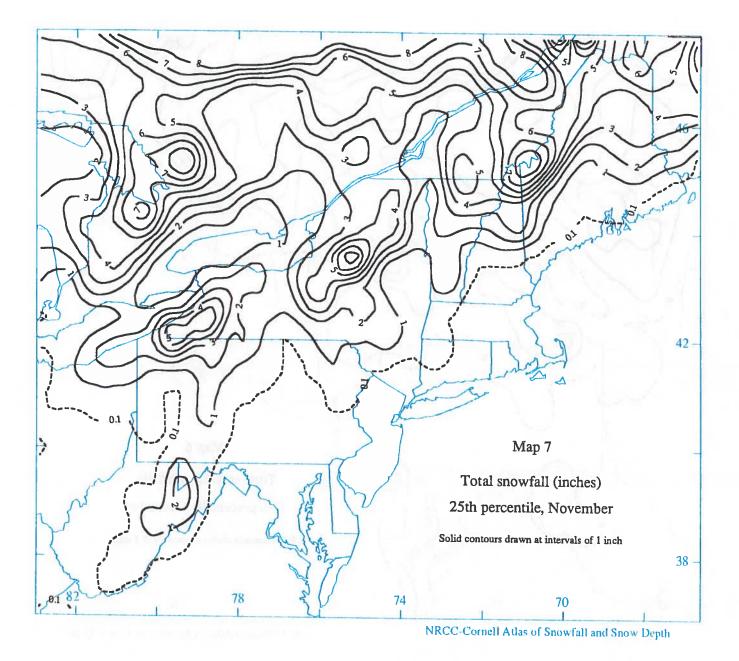
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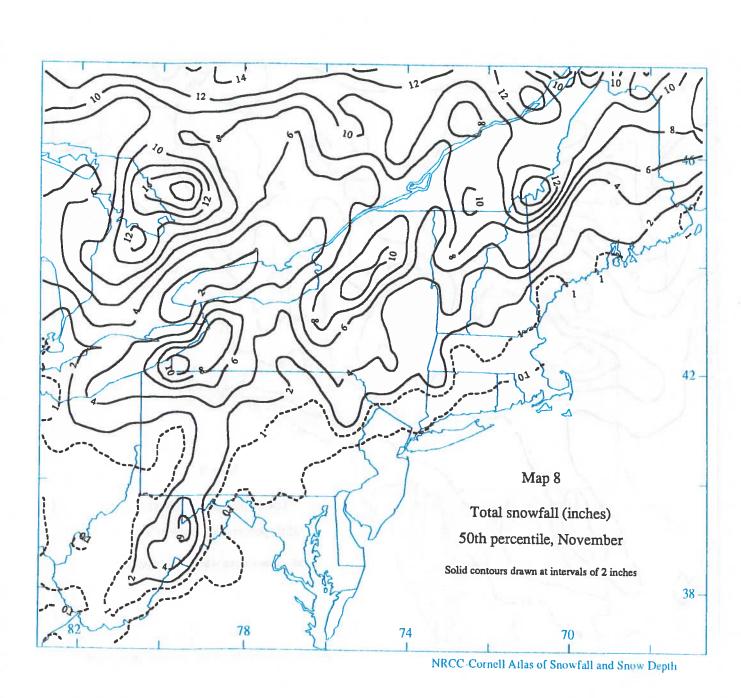
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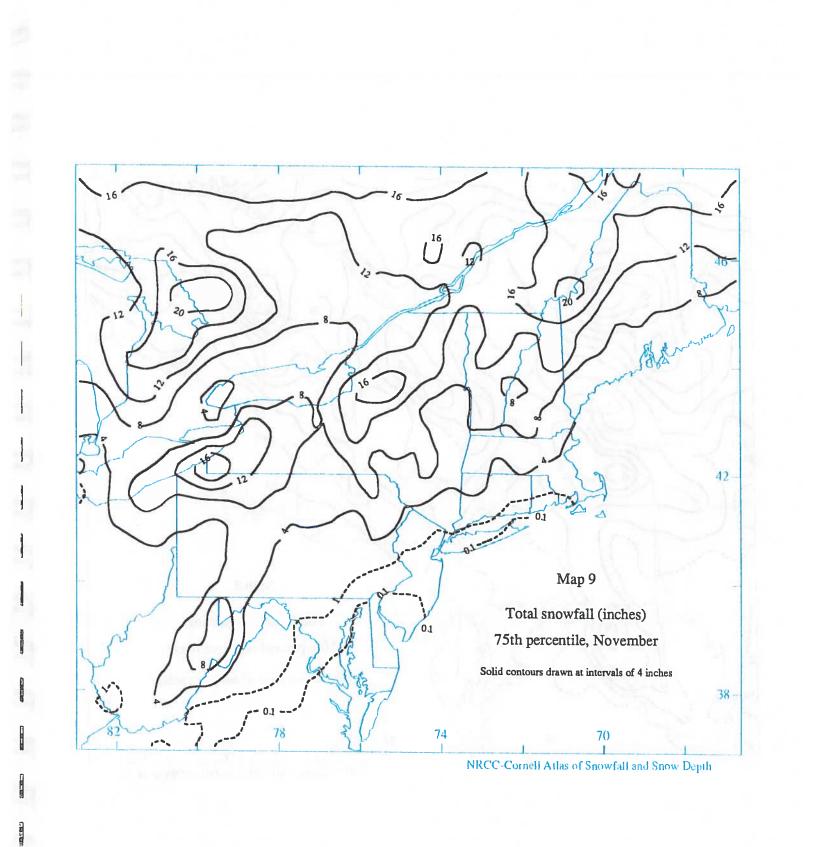


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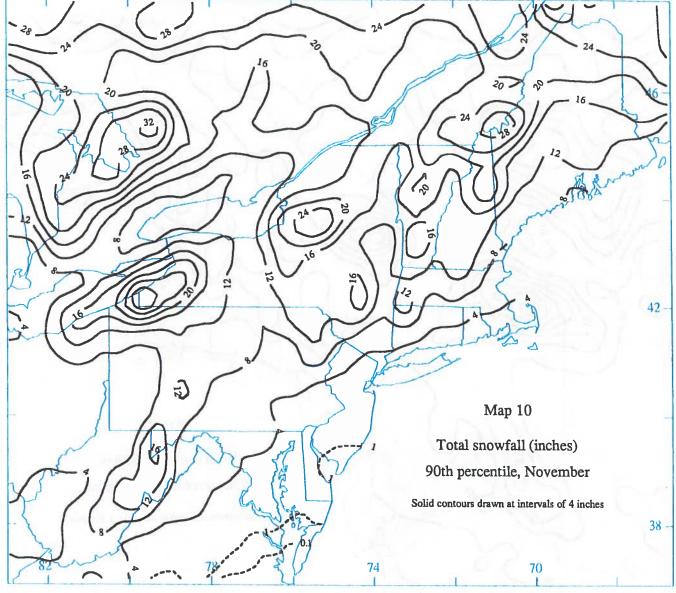
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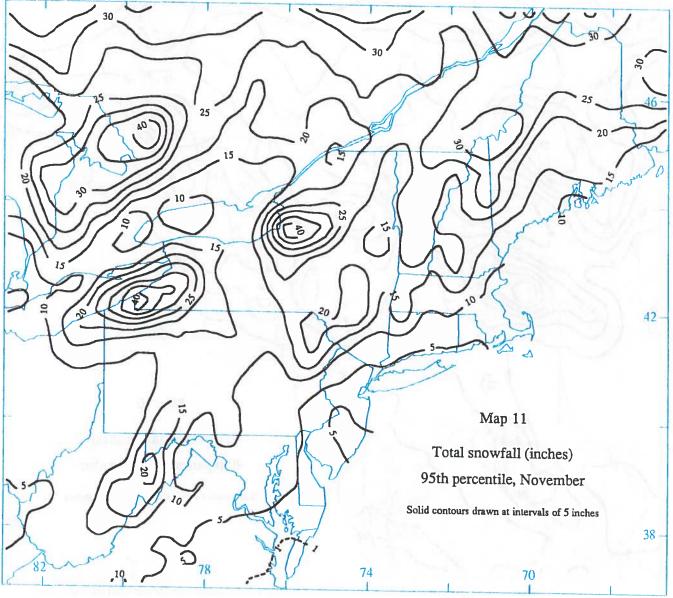
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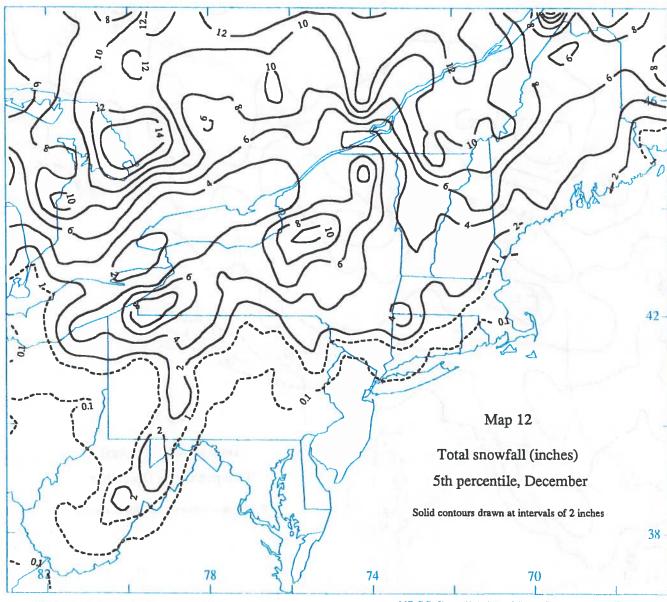
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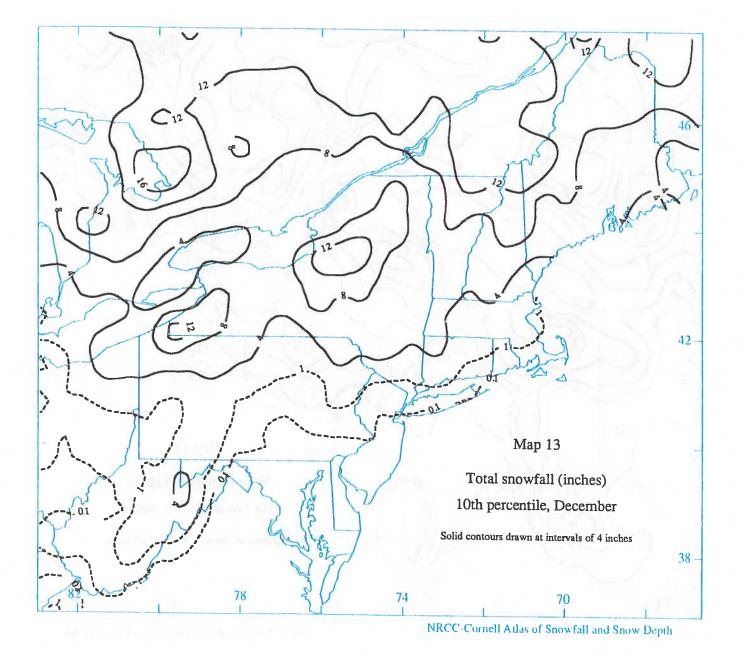
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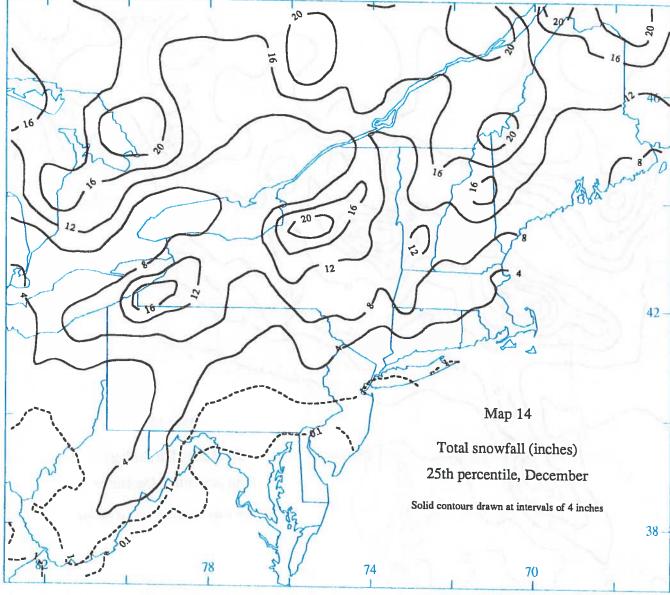


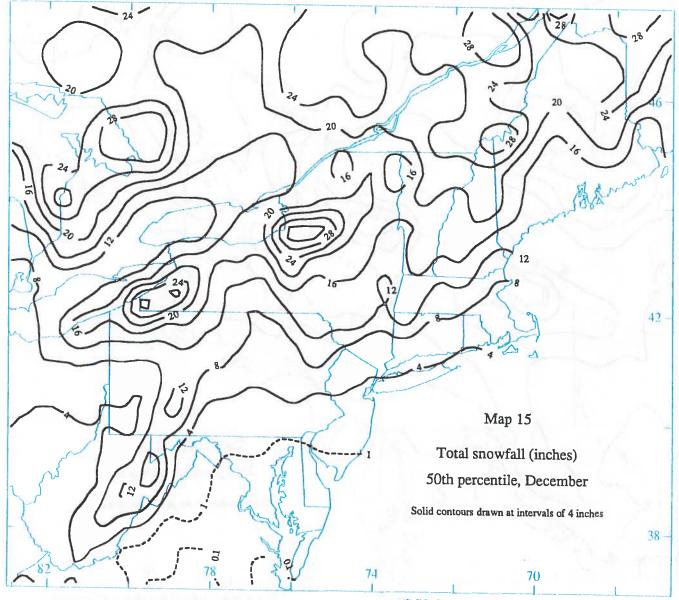


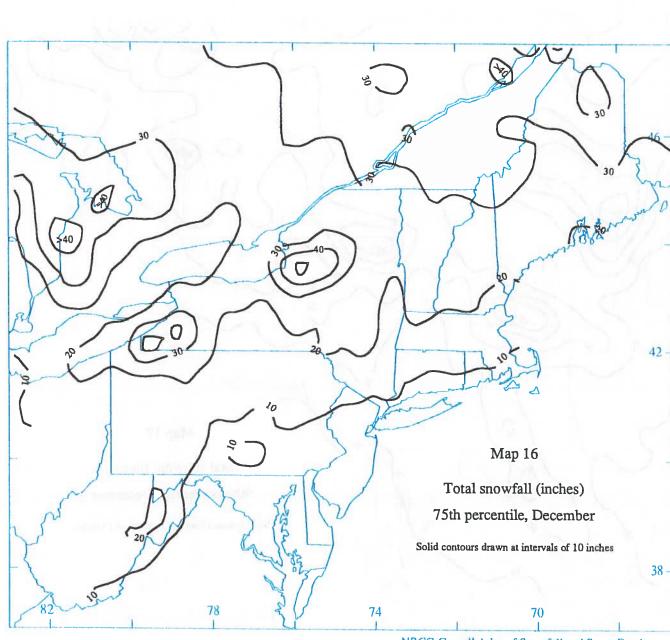
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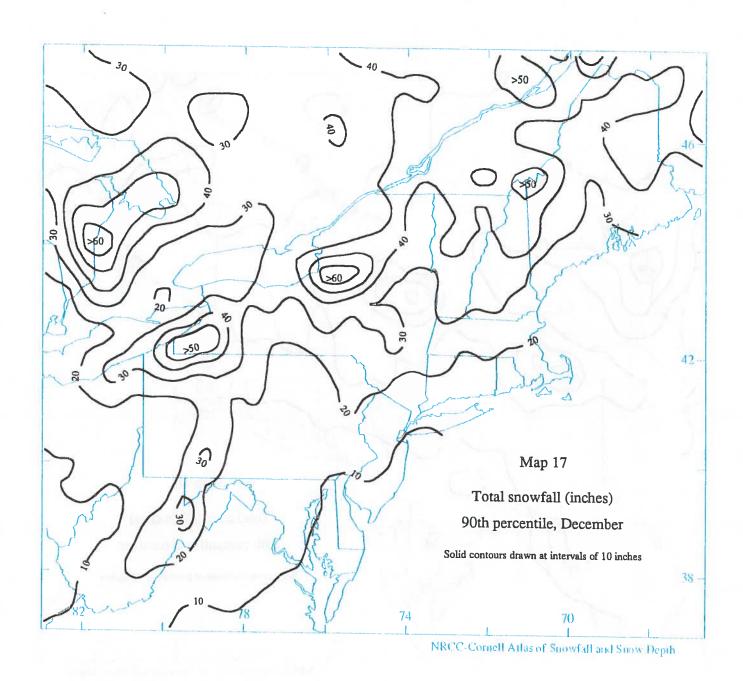
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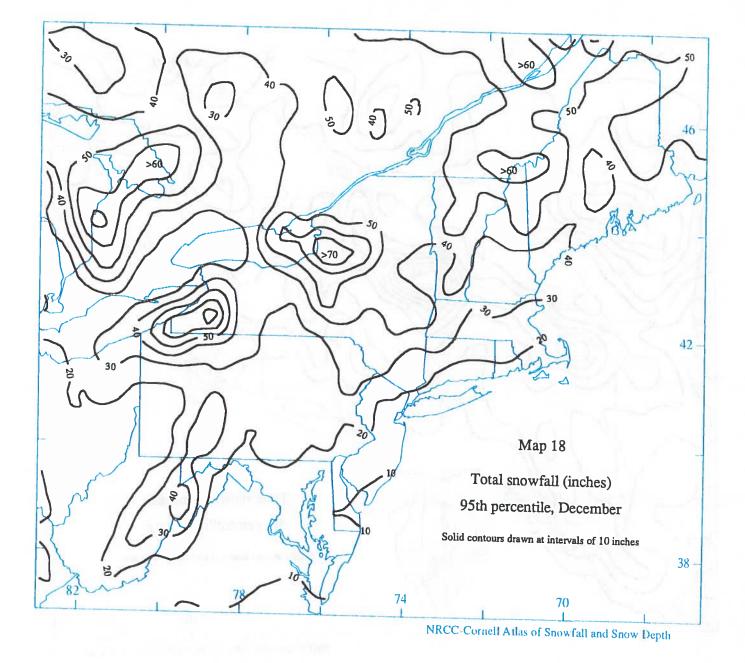


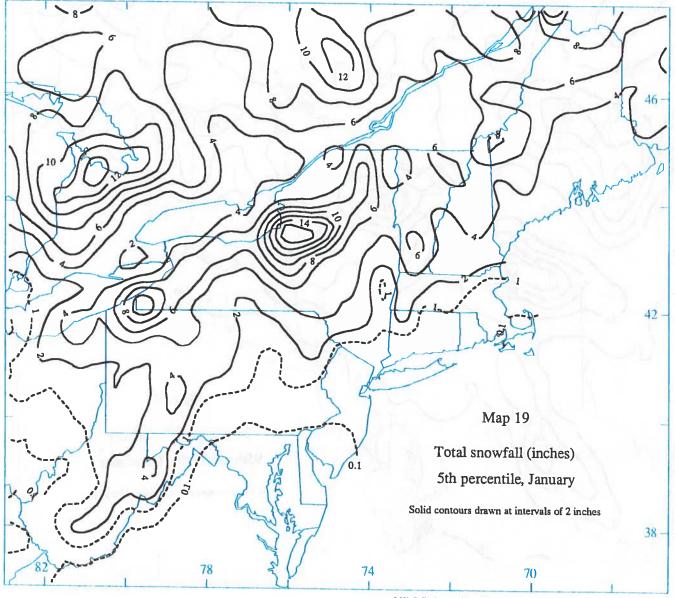




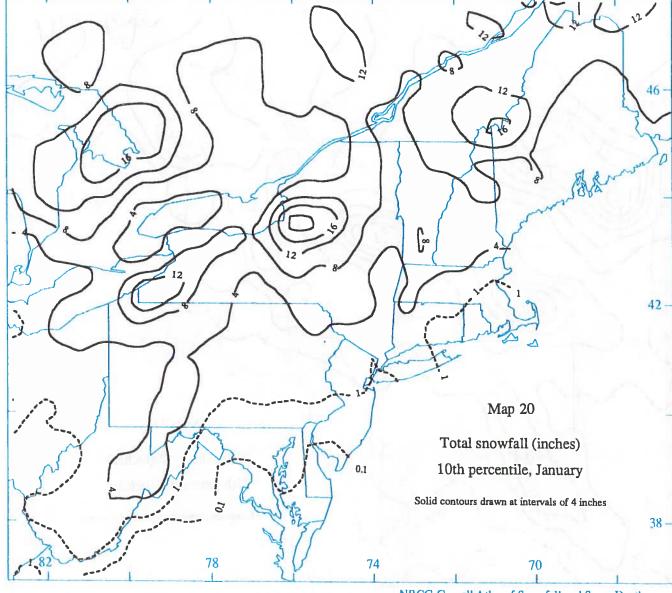


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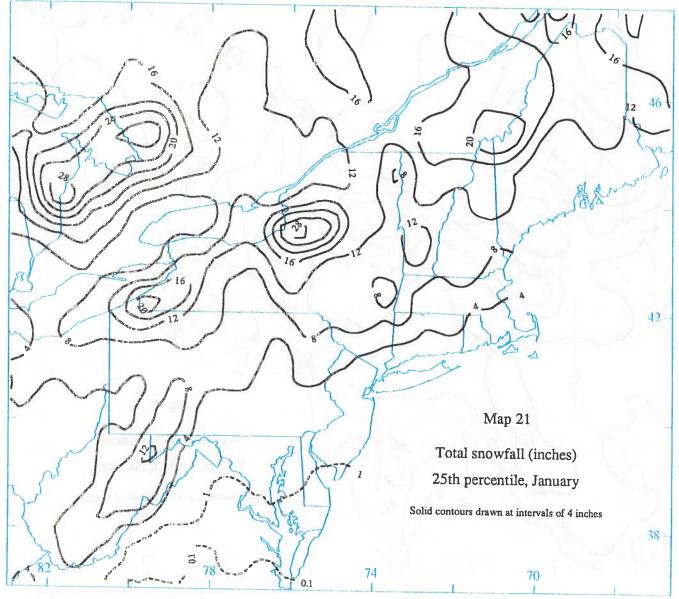
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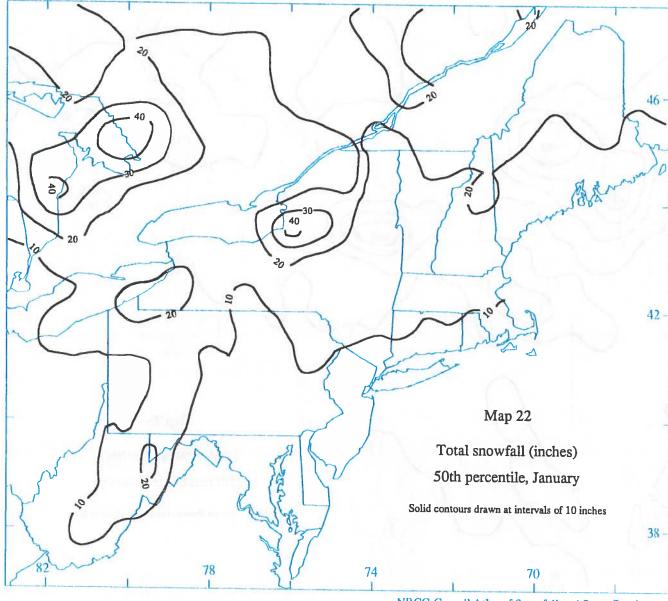
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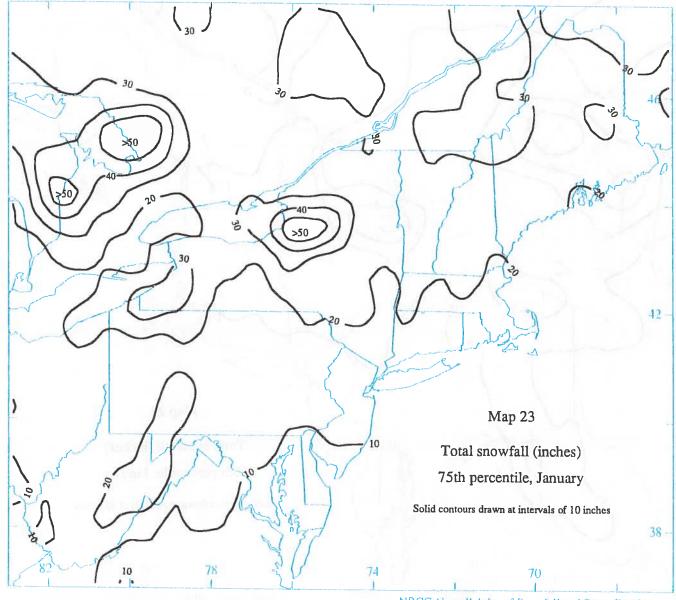
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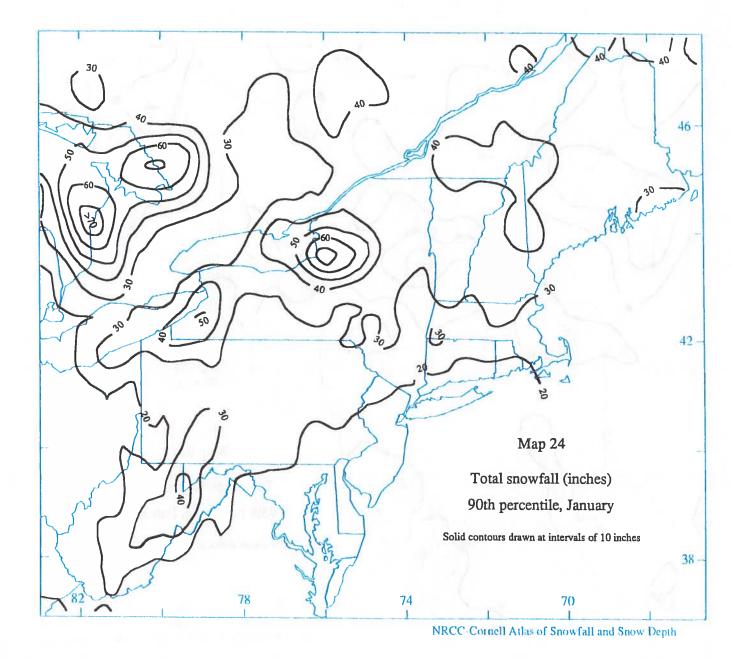
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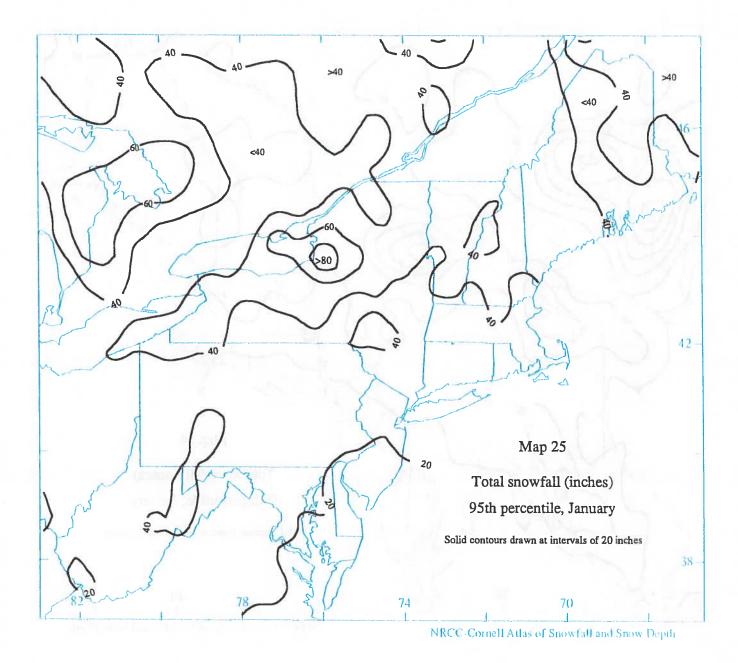
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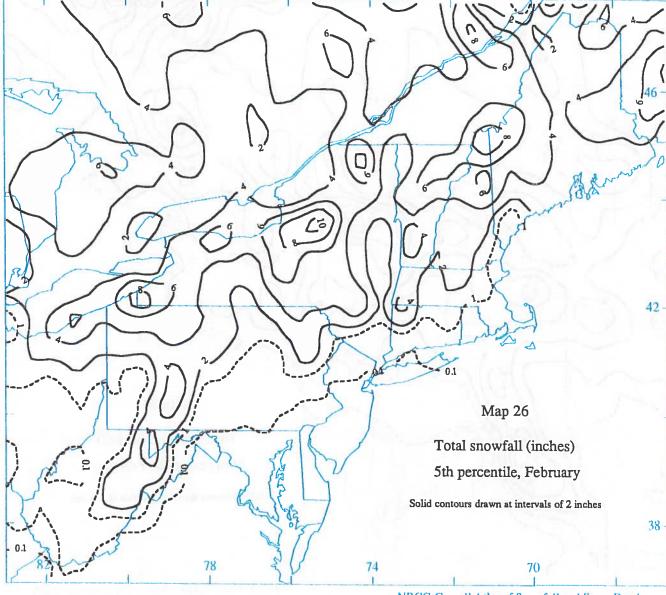
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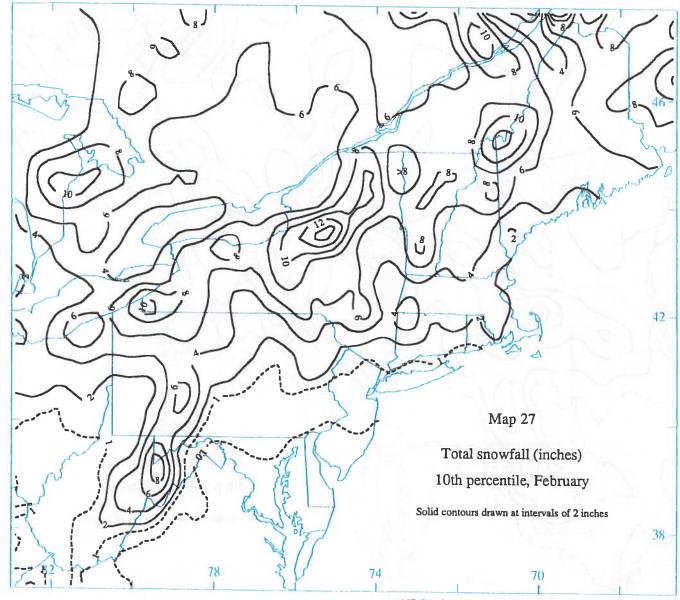


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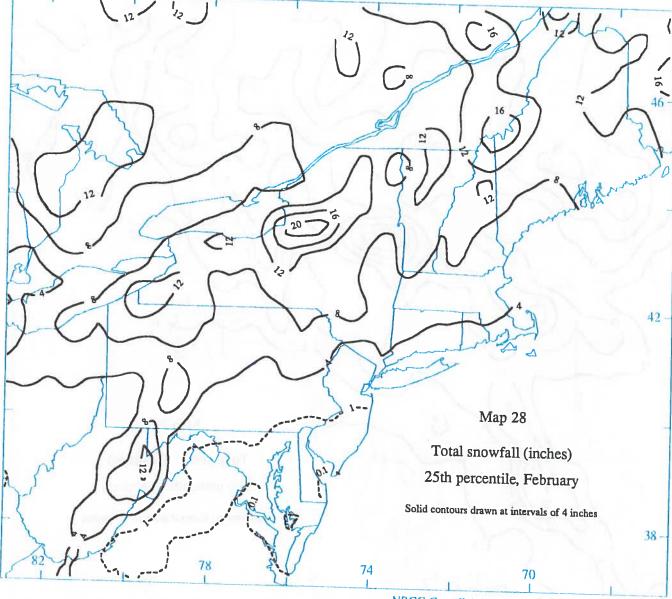
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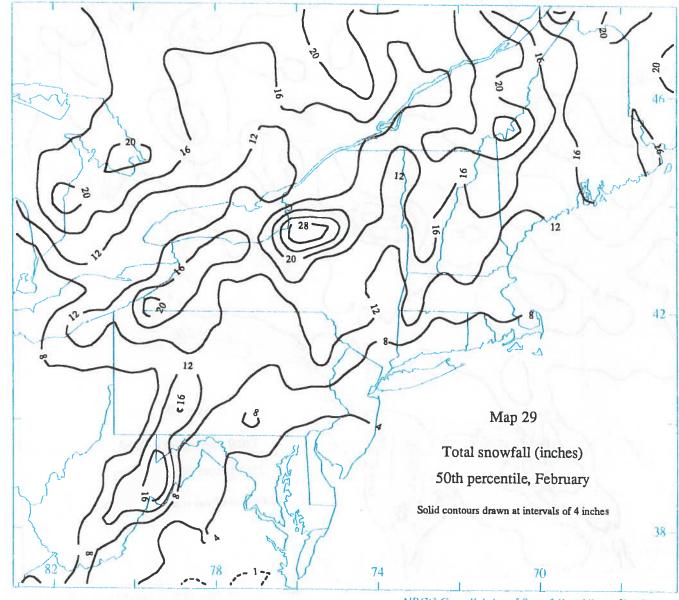
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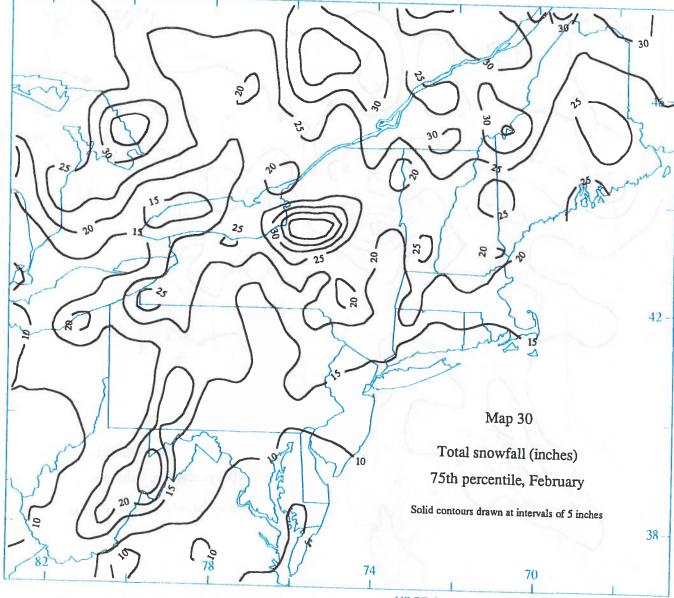
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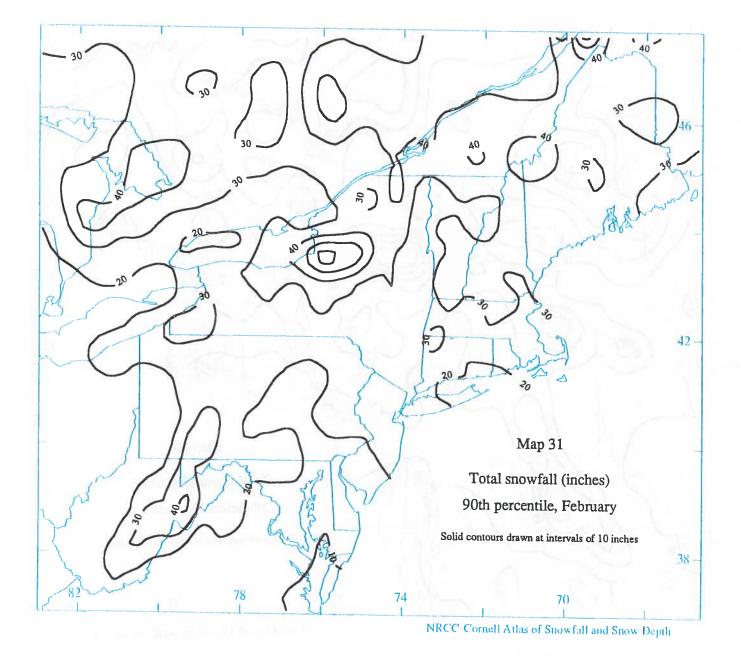
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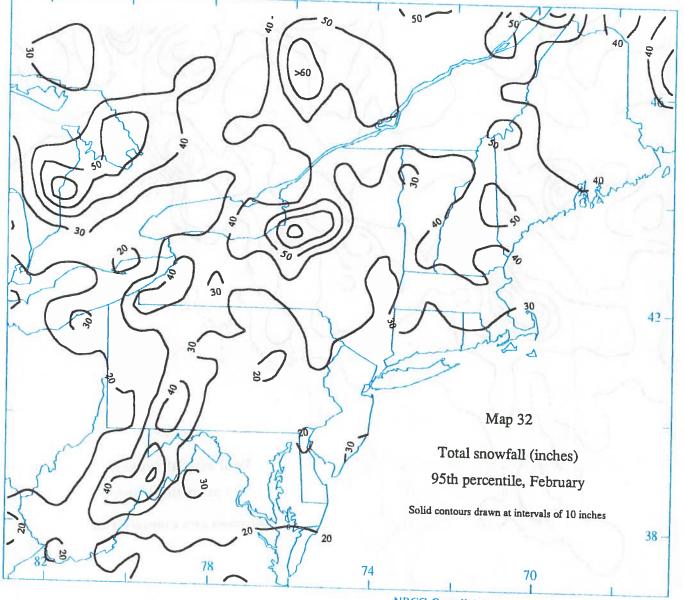
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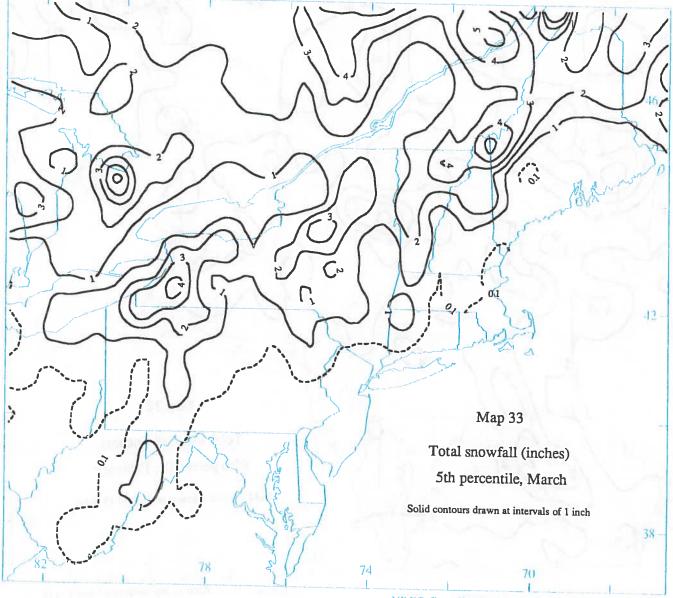
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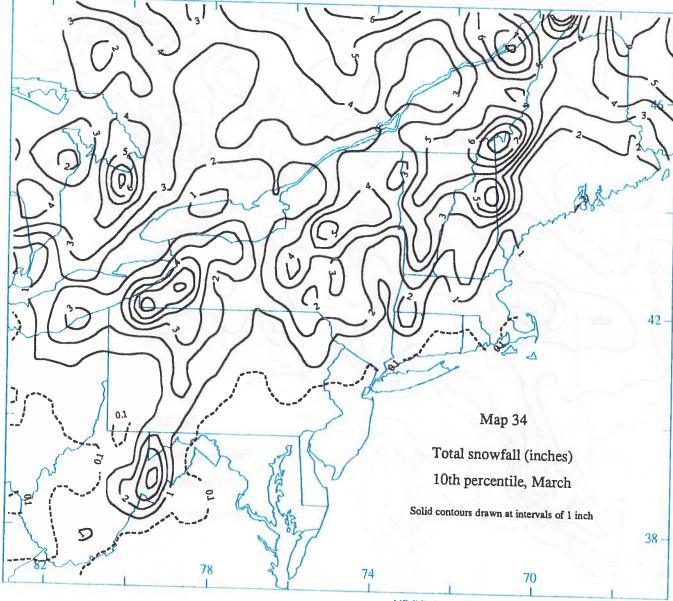
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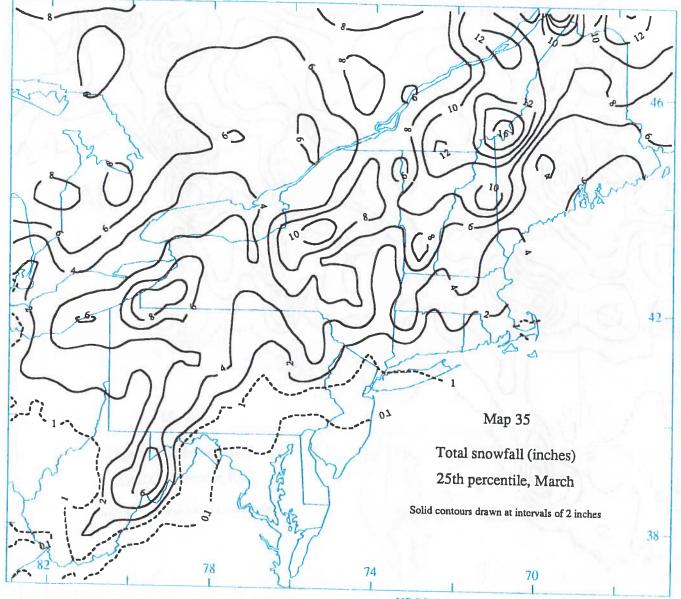
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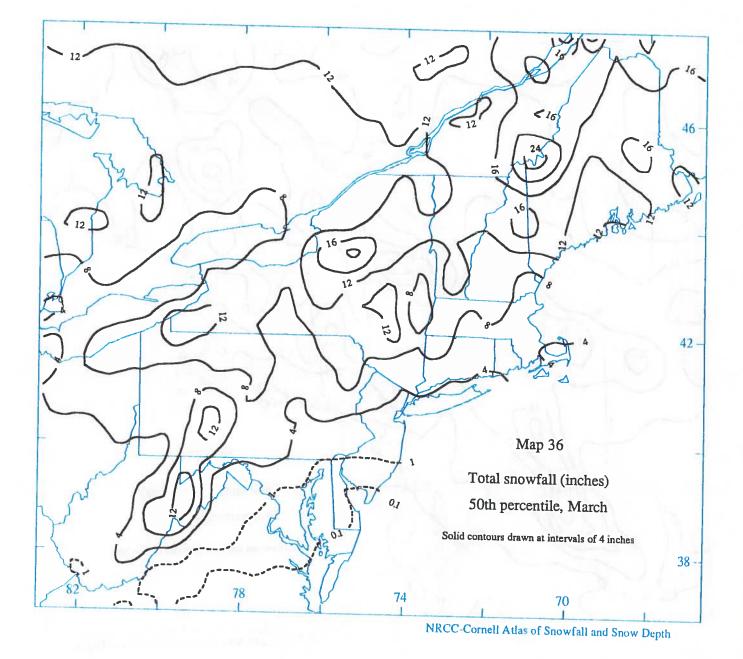




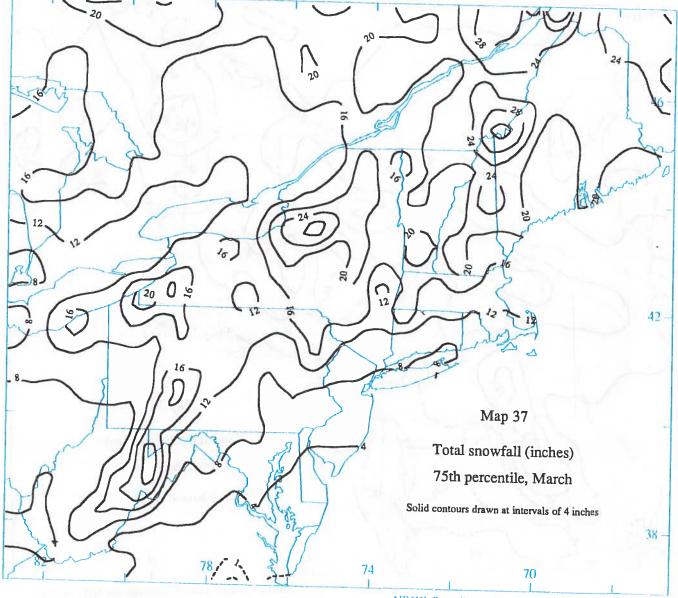


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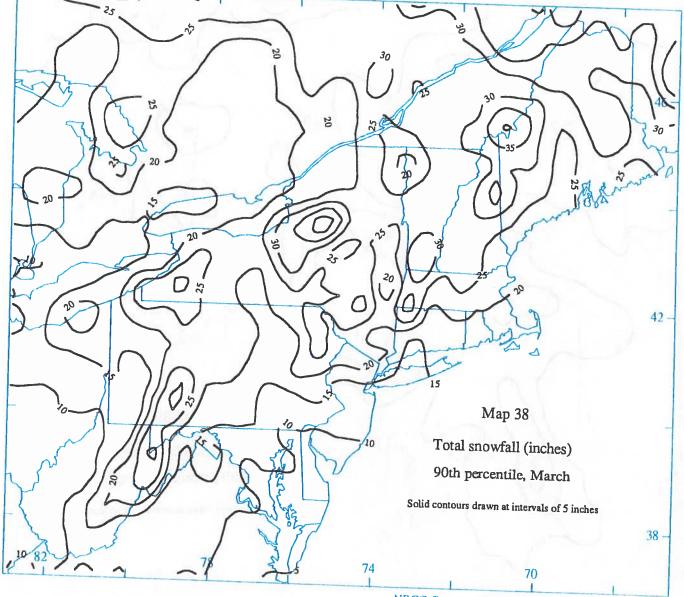
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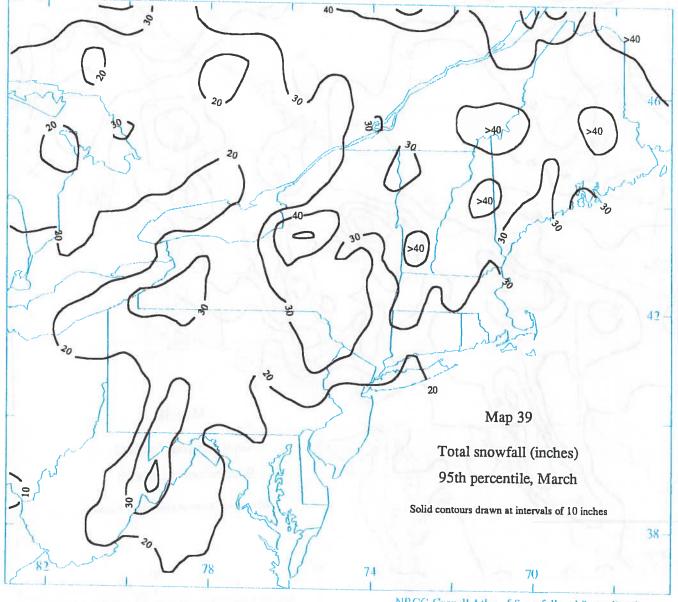
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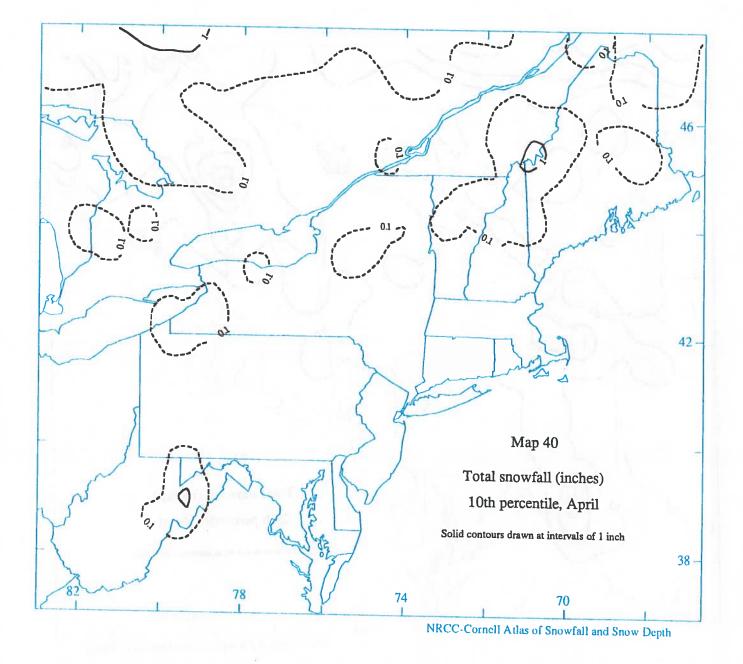


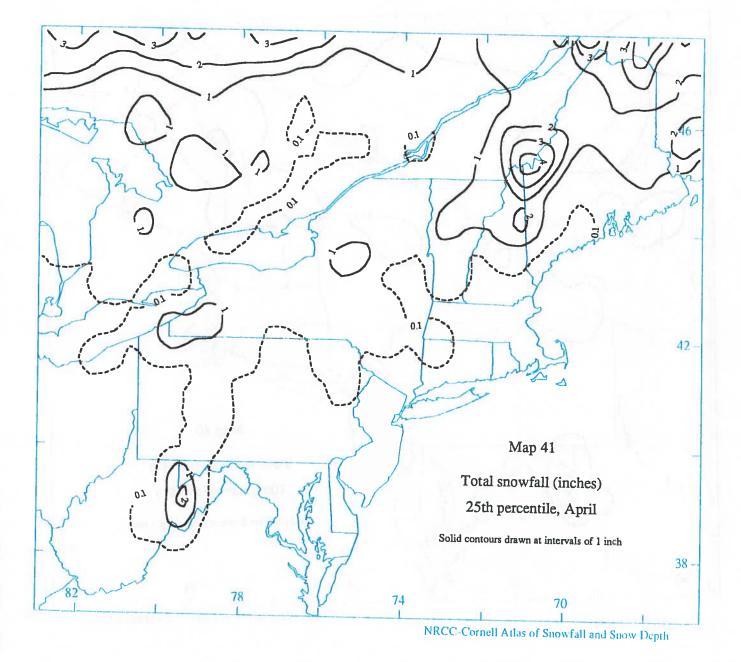
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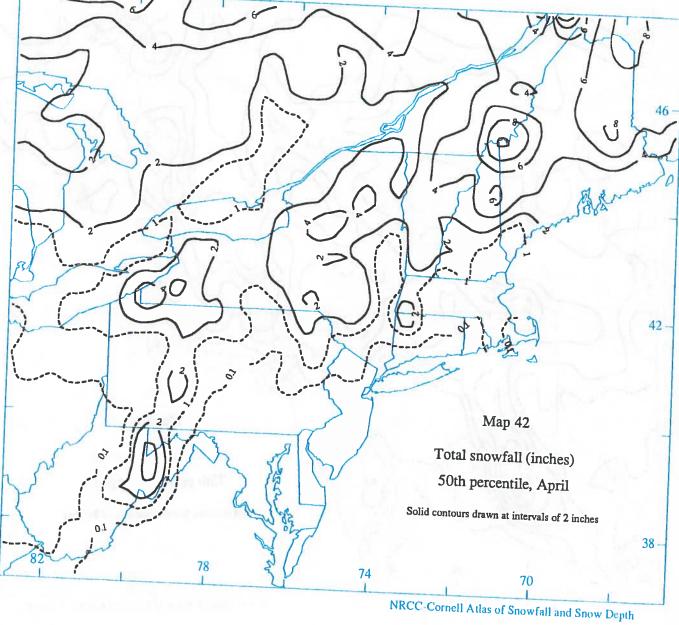


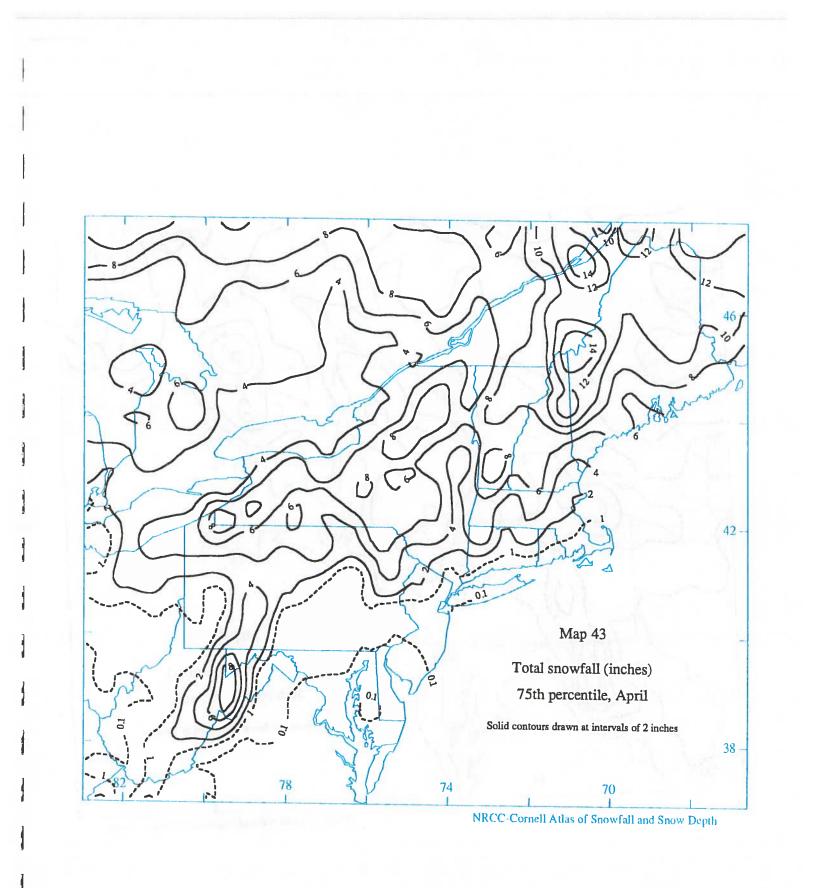
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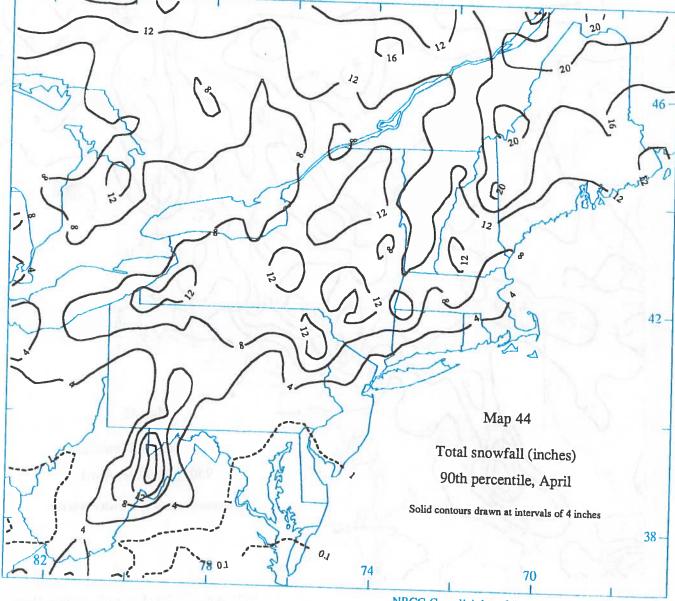


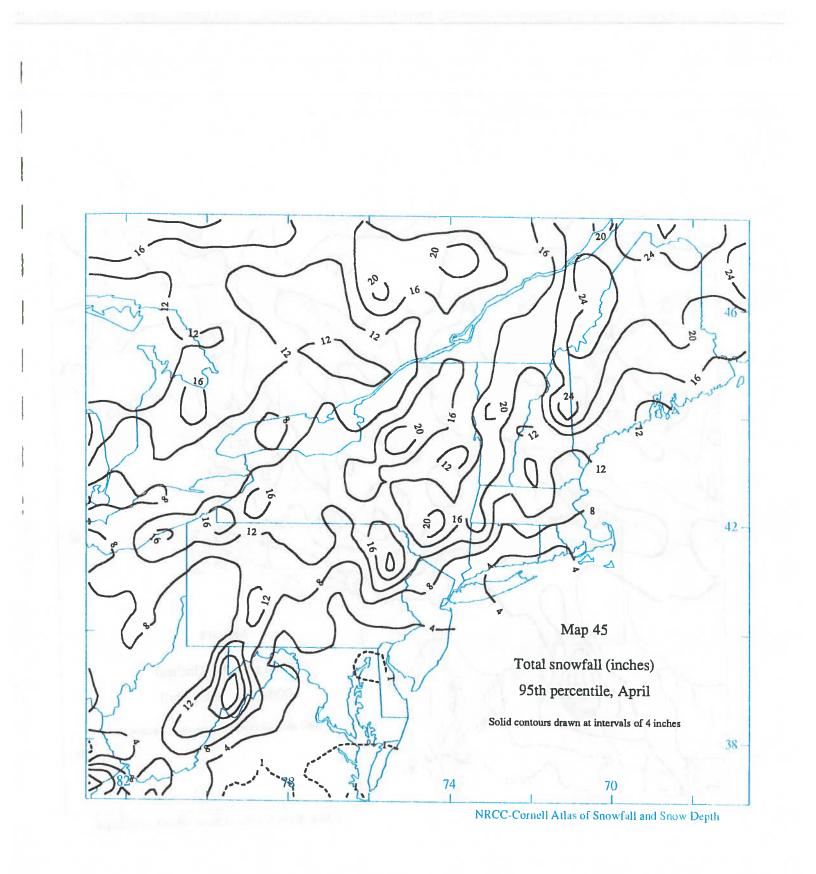


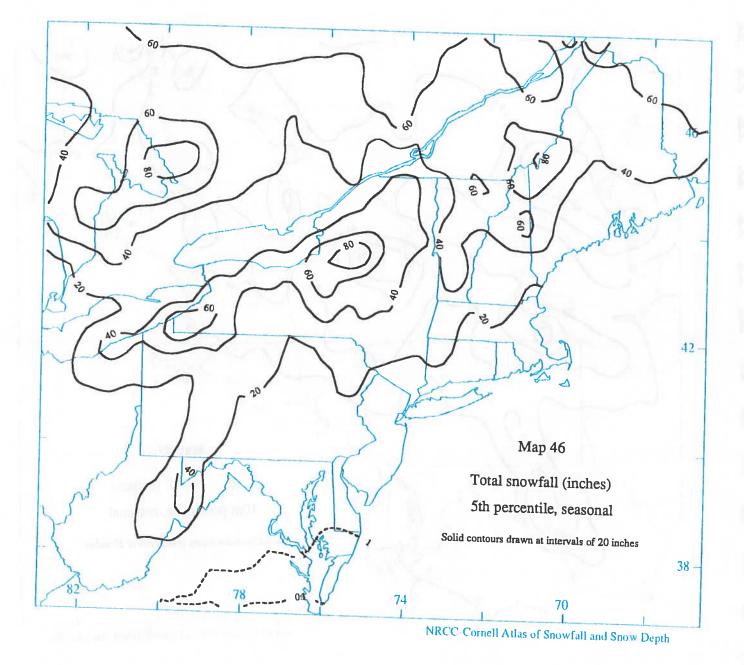


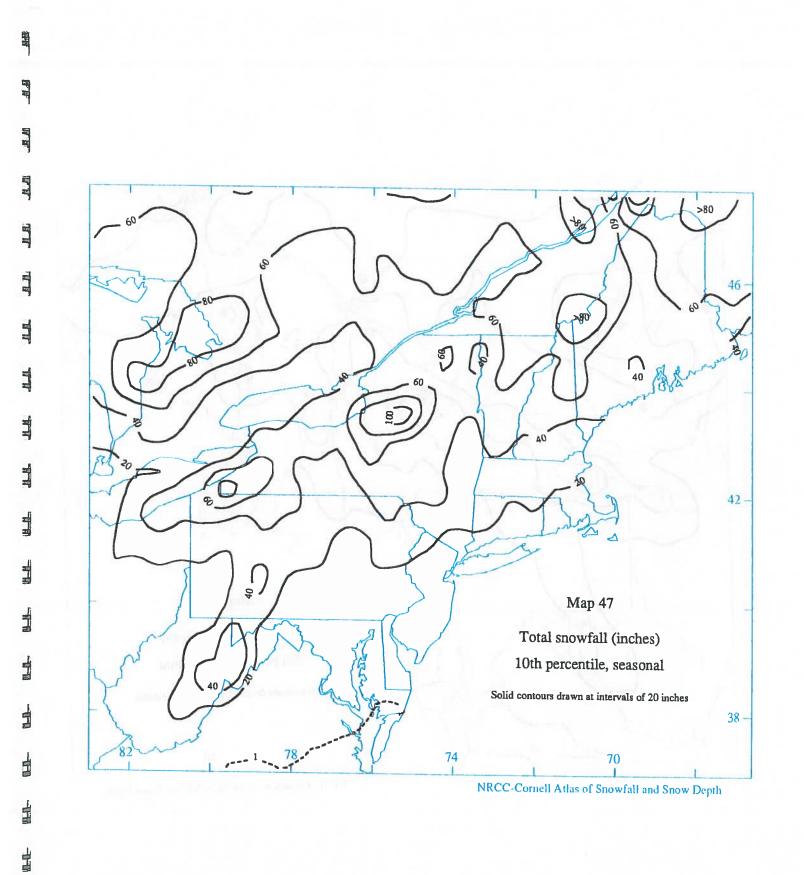




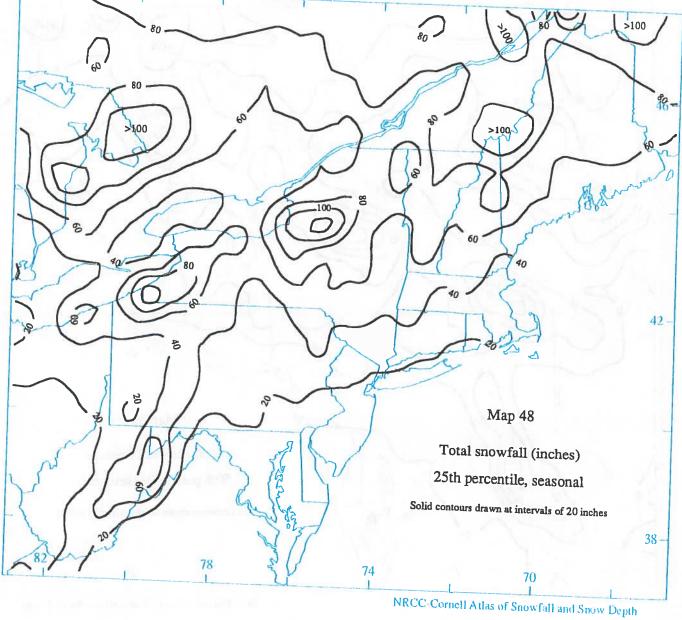


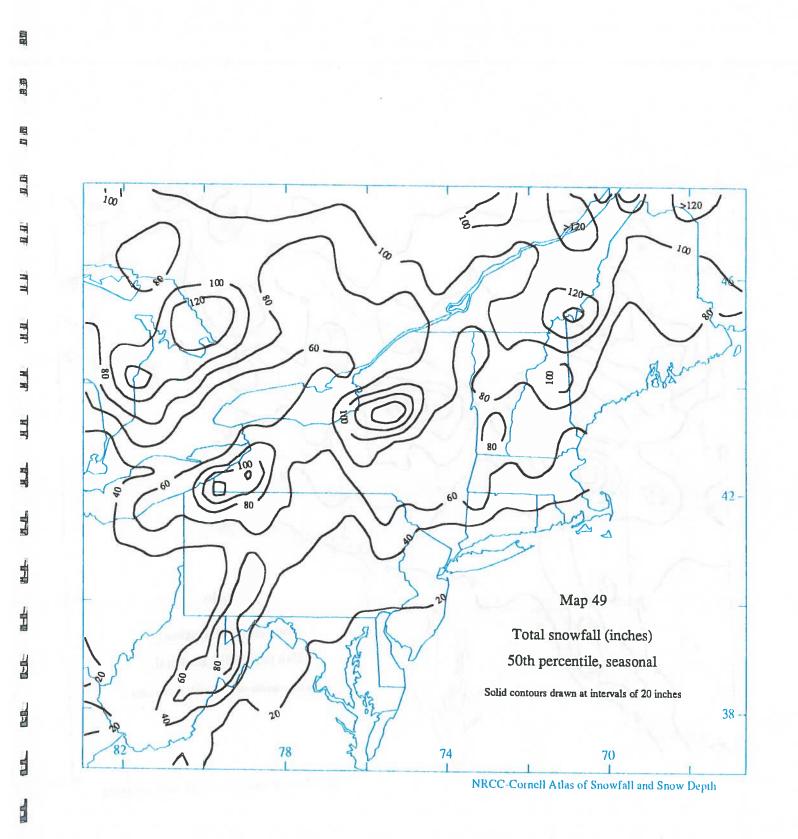


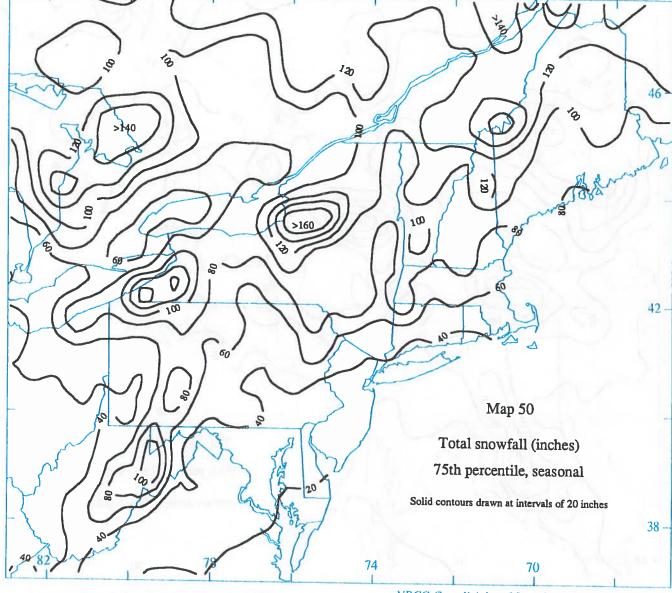


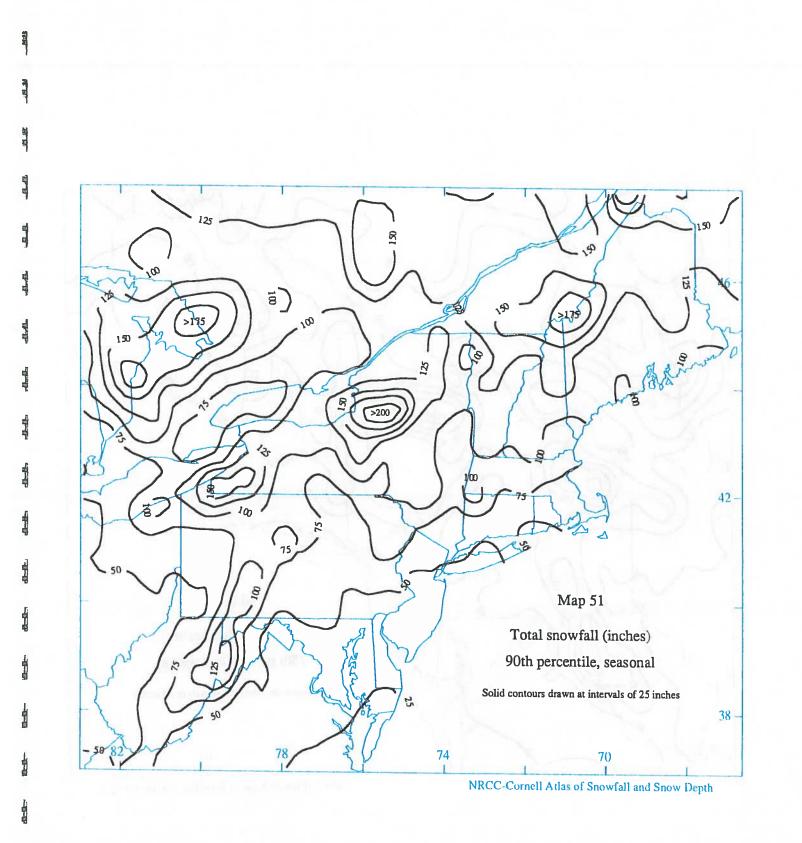


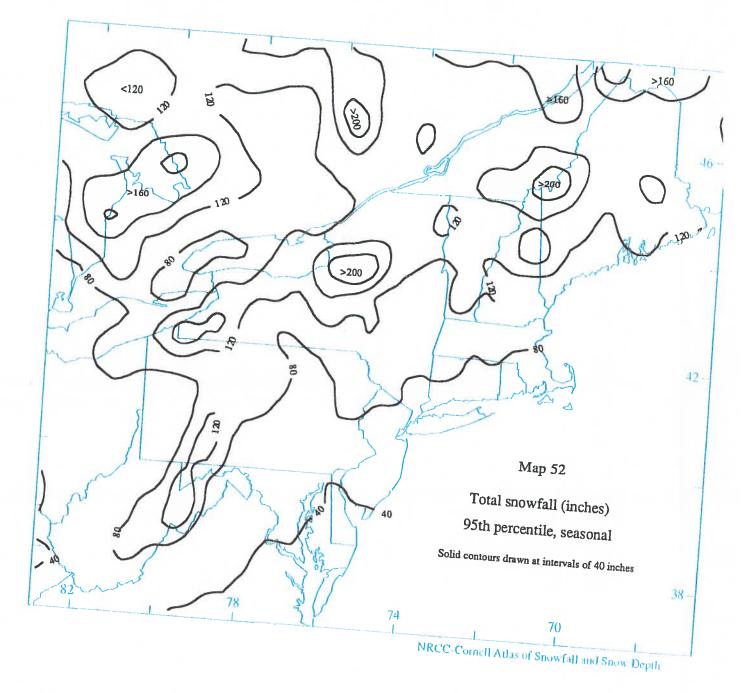
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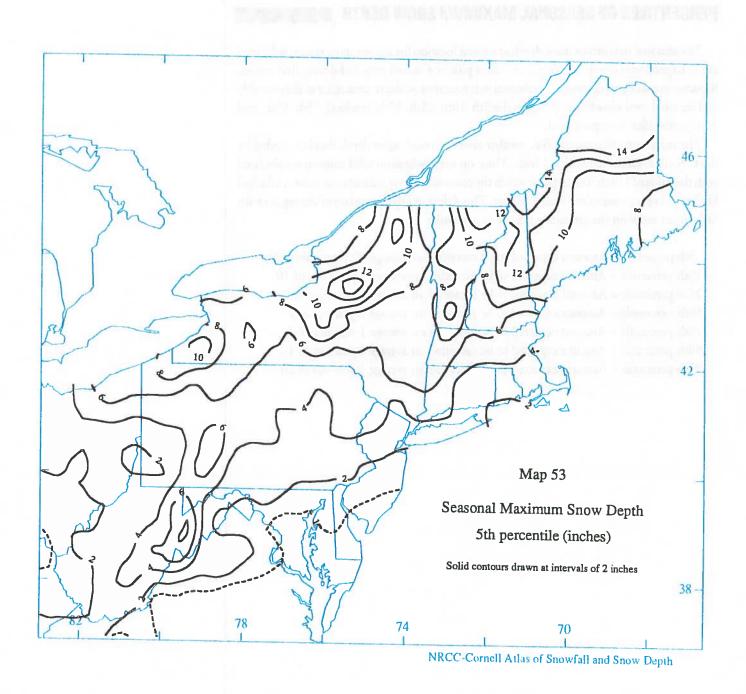


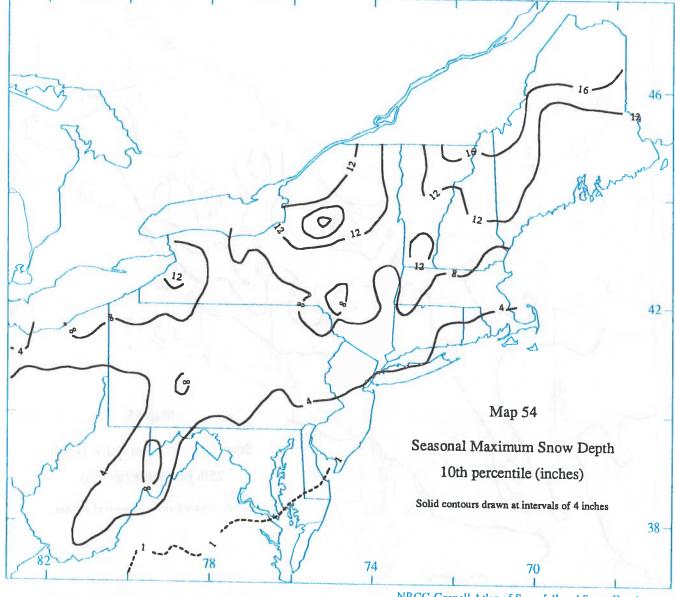
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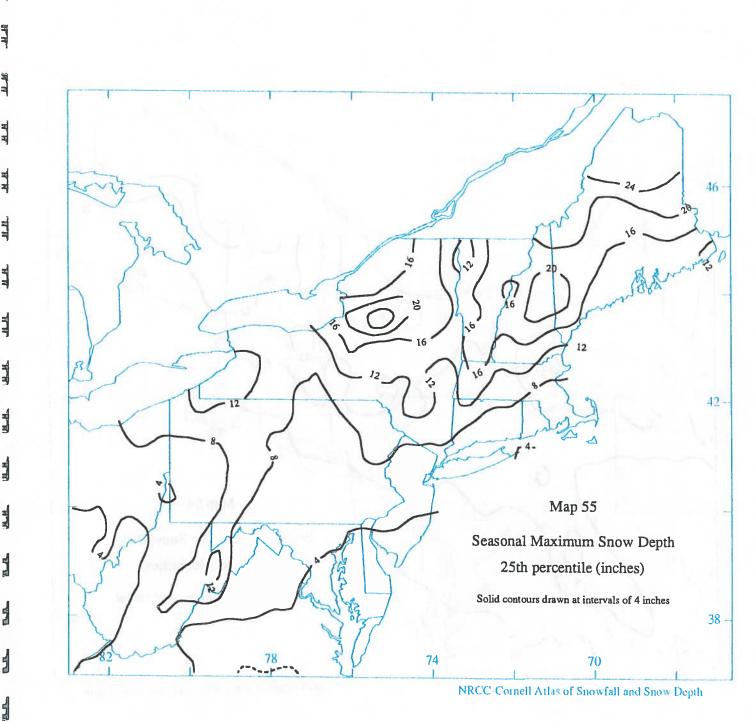
The seasonal maximum snow depth at a given location for a given snow season is defined as the largest snow depth (existing snow cover plus new snow) recorded during that season. Separate maps of percentiles of the seasonal maximum snow depth are similar to the monthly and seasonal total snowfall maps: again the 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 90th, and 95th percentiles are represented.

The minimum quantitative (i.e., neither zero nor trace) snow depth that is recorded by the U.S. observation network is 1 inch. Thus, on maps where no solid contour is associated with the value of 1 inch (i.e. maps for which the contour interval is 2 inches or more), a dashed line is used to represent the 1-inch contour. This delineates the boundary of the region with little or no snow on the ground at the given percentile.

5th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 19 years out of 20 10th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 9 years out of 10 25th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 3 years out of 4 50th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 2 75th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 4 90th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 10 95th percentile = Amount expected to be exceeded on average 1 year out of 10

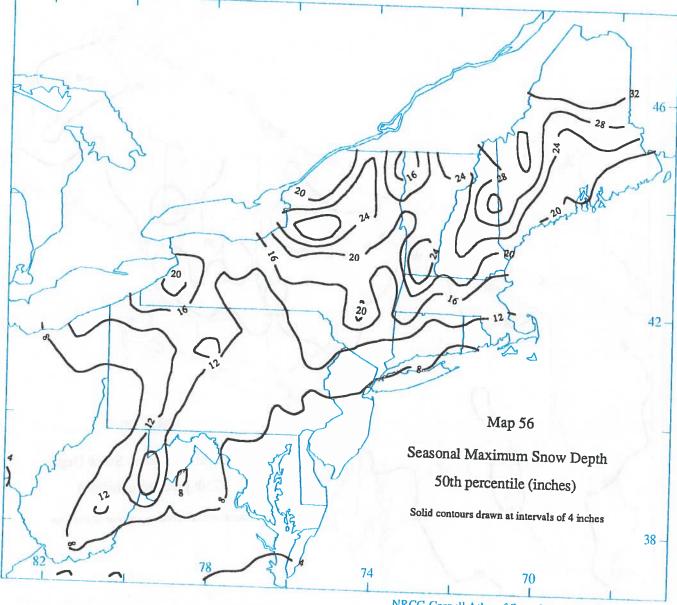


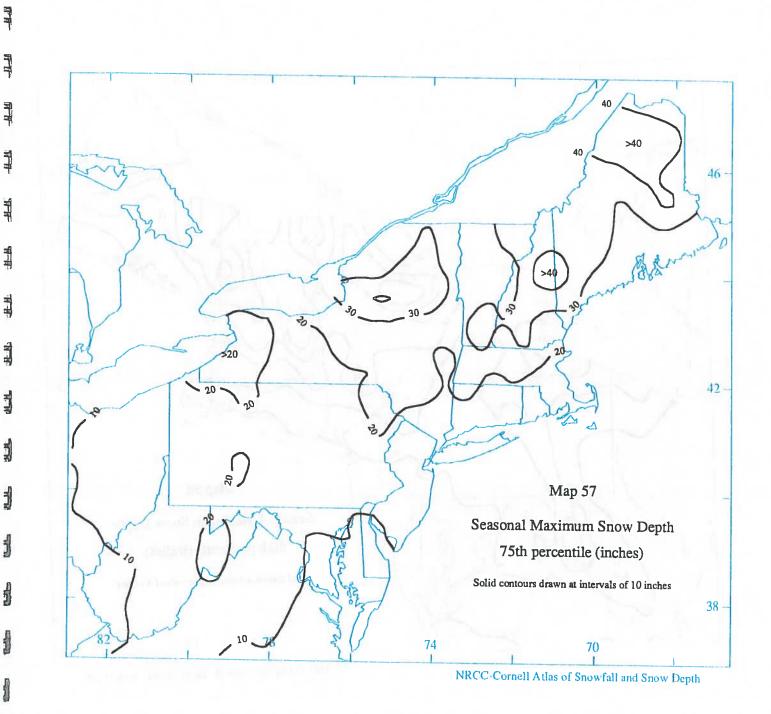




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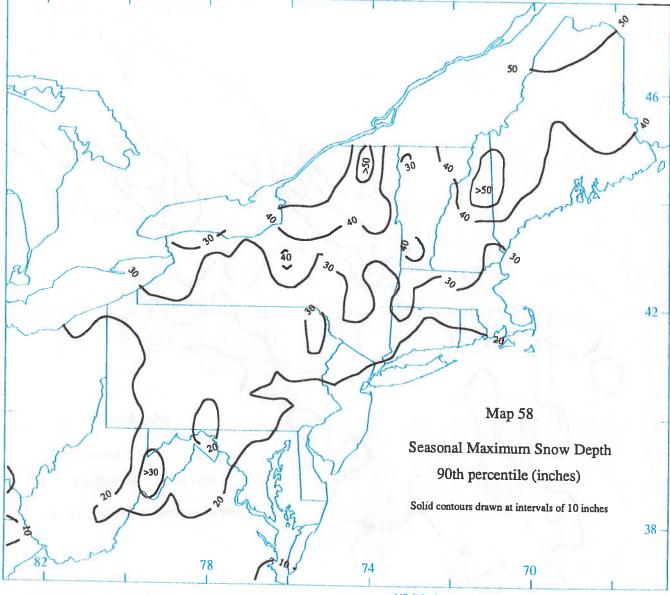
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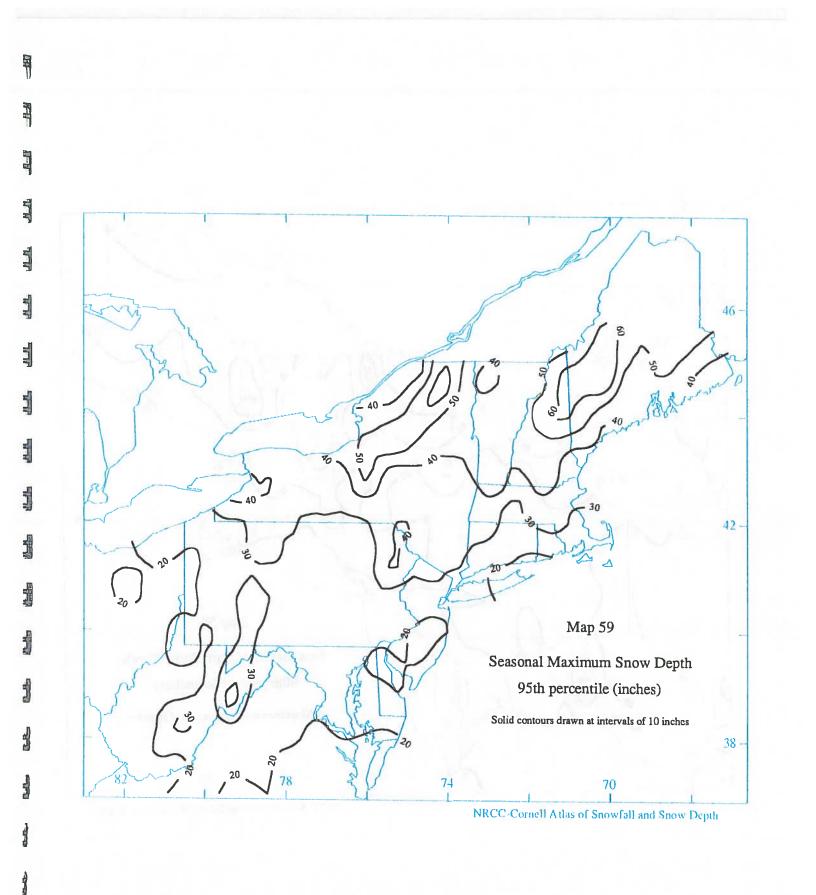
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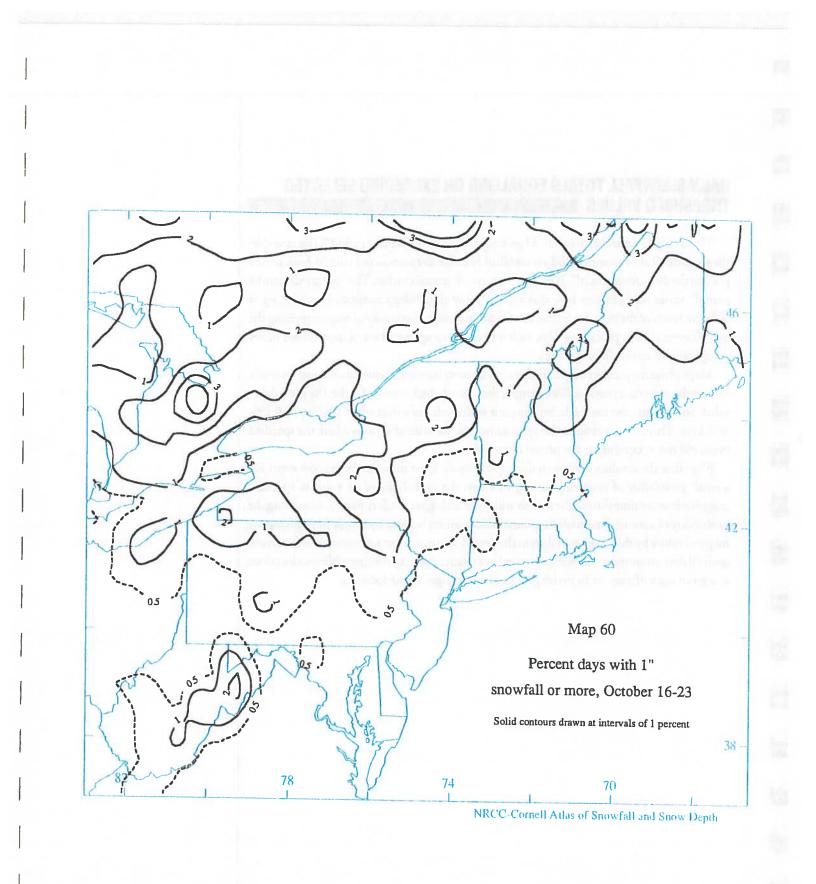
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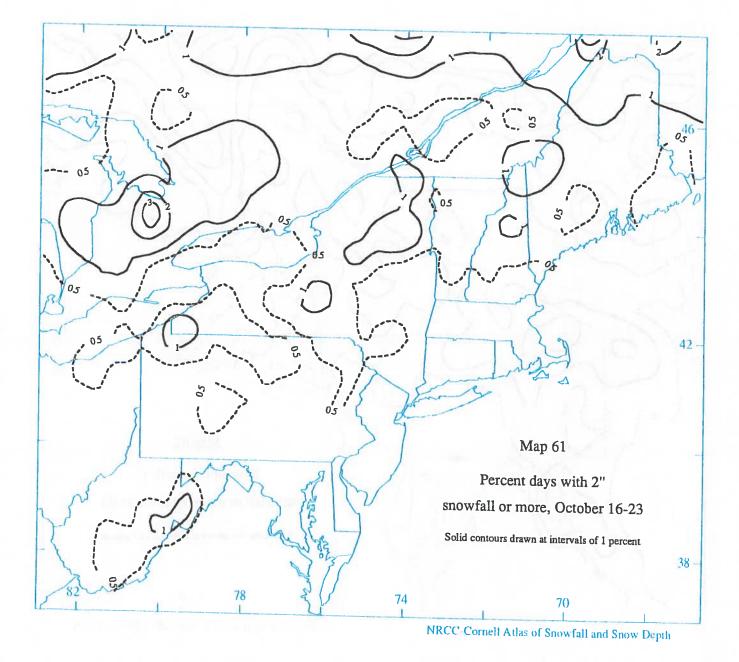
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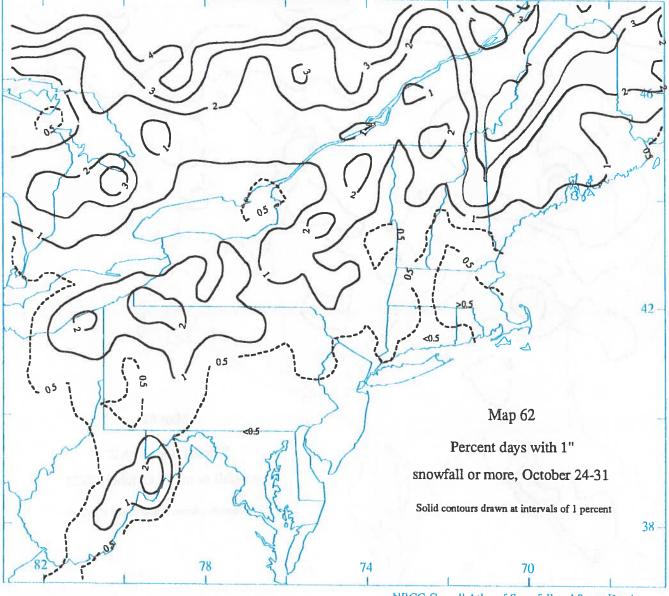
These maps answer the question "How frequently during calendar period X (for example, the second half of November), did a snowfall of N inches or more occur in the 24-hour period prior to the daily observation?". Here, N is one, two, four or six inches. The "specified calendar period" varies according to how quickly the snow climatology statistics are changing at different times of the year. Since time stratification changes from map to map, expressing the event frequencies as percent of days, rather than as average numbers of days, allows better comparability across different maps.

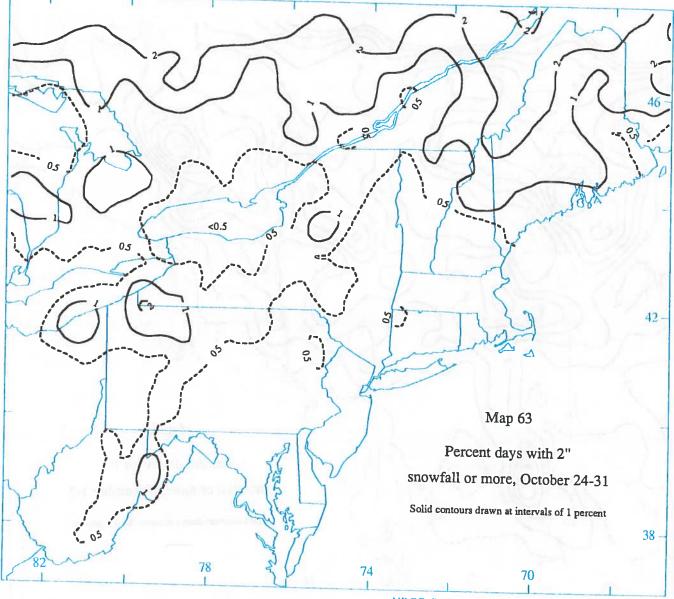
Maps of the frequencies of specified snowfall events have solid contours at equal intervals. Where the contour interval is 2% or larger, there is a dashed contour for the 1% probability value. Some maps also have a dashed contour with a value of a fraction of 1% (0.5%, 0.2%, or 0.1%). This contour defines the approximate boundaries of regions where the specified event did not occur during the period of record.

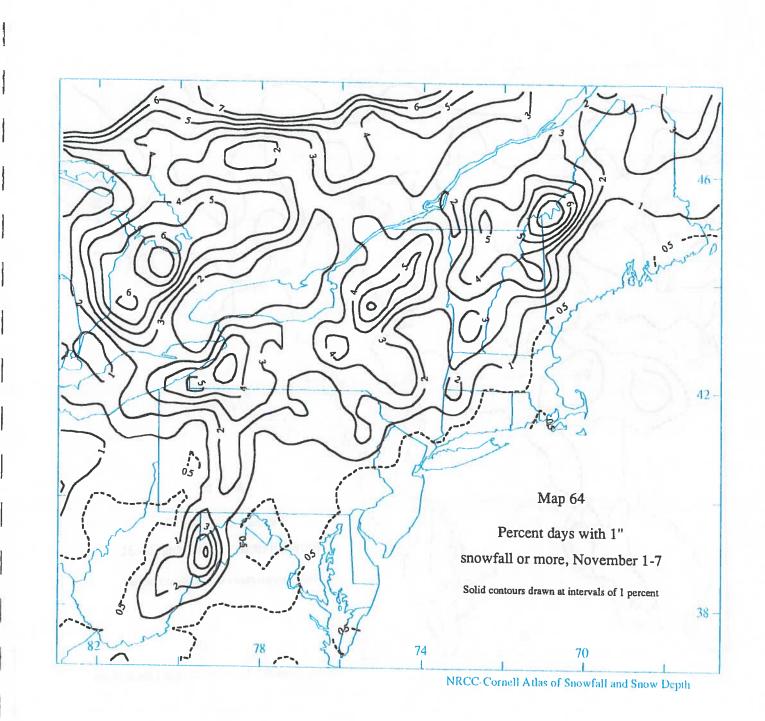
Note that these values may seem deceptively small. Even though a large snow event has a small probability of occurring on any one day, the probability of an event of specified magnitude some time during the month will be much higher. Unfortunately, estimating the probability of a snowfall event during some period cannot be done by simply multiplying the mapped values by the number of days in the period. For many users, these maps will be most useful if the contoured probabilities are used in a relative sense, to compare different locations at a given time of year, or to investigate seasonal changes at one location.

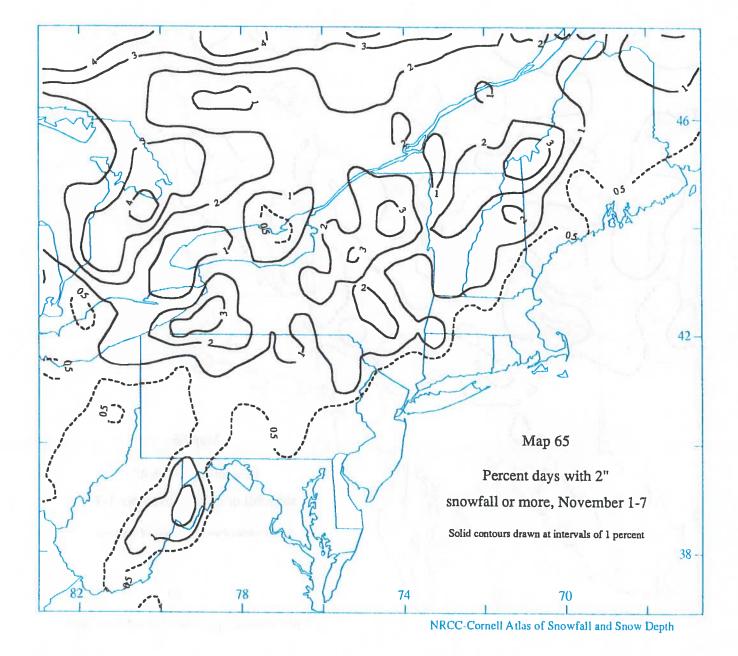


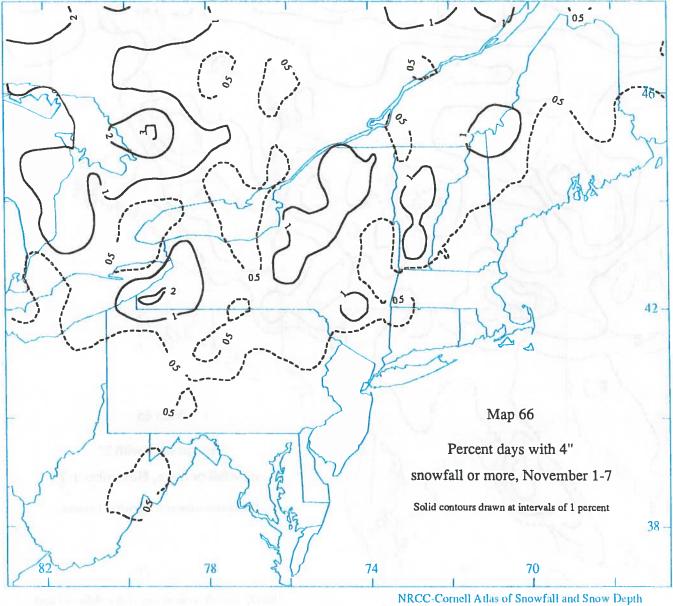


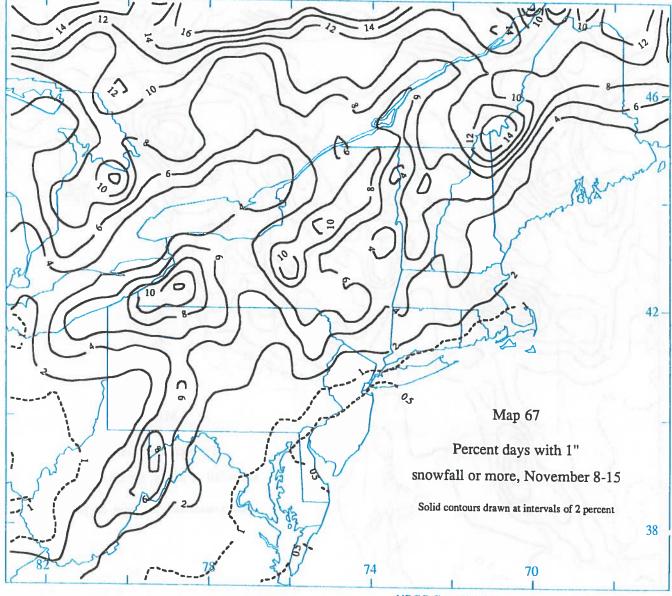


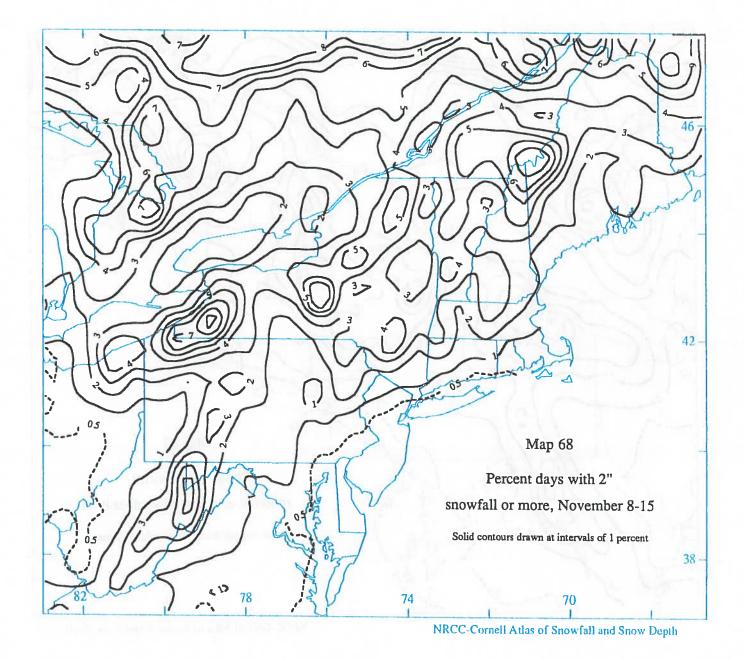


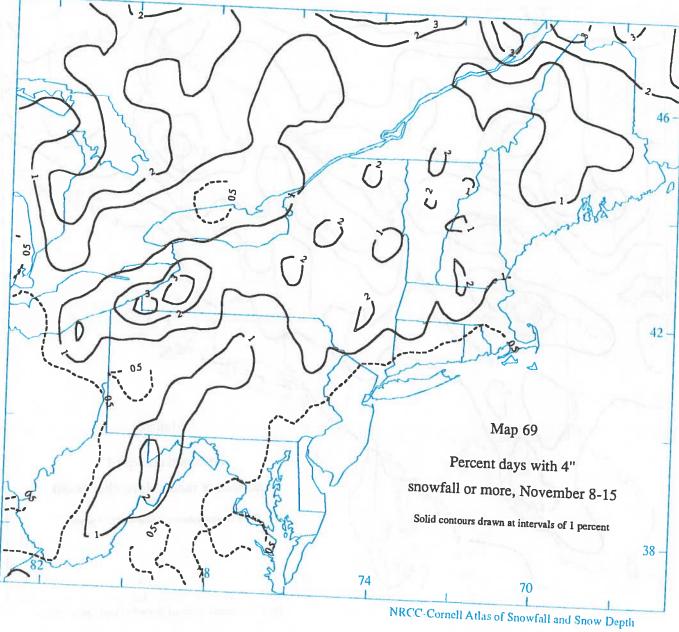


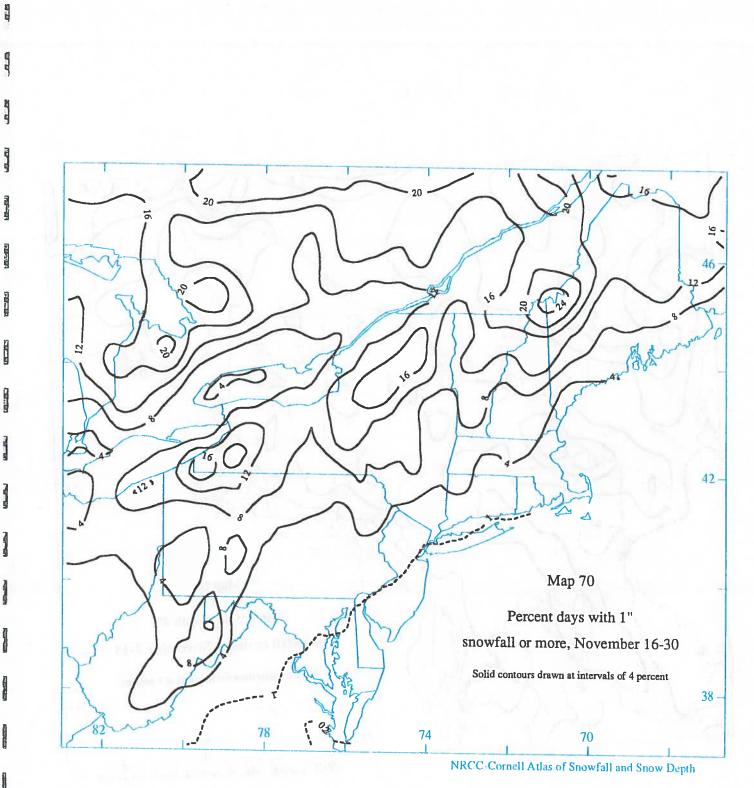


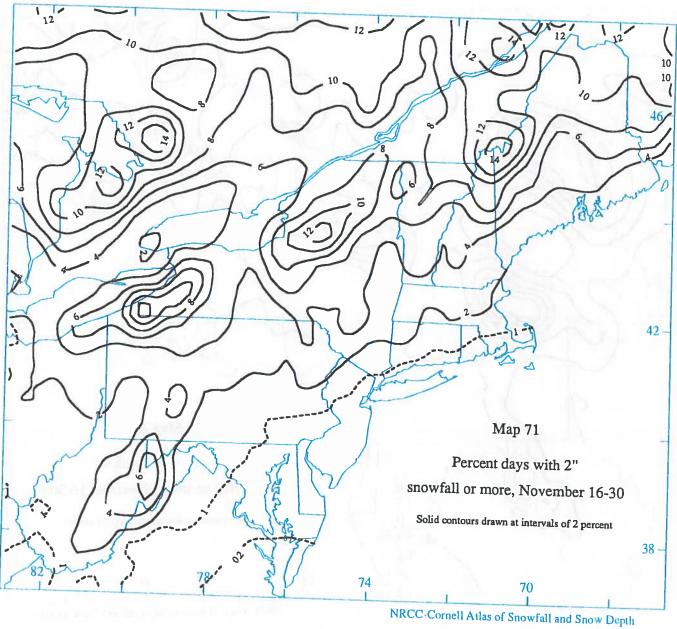


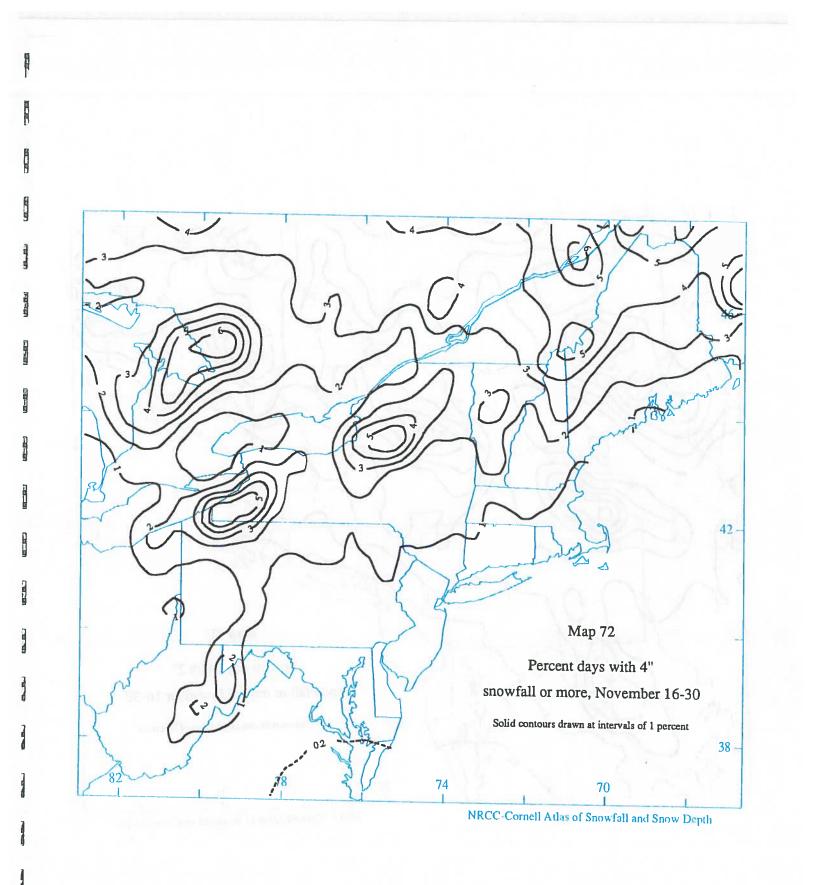


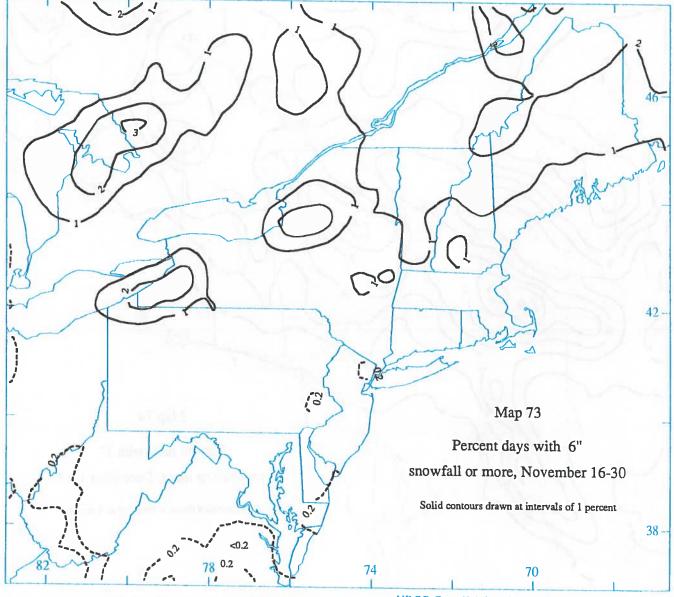


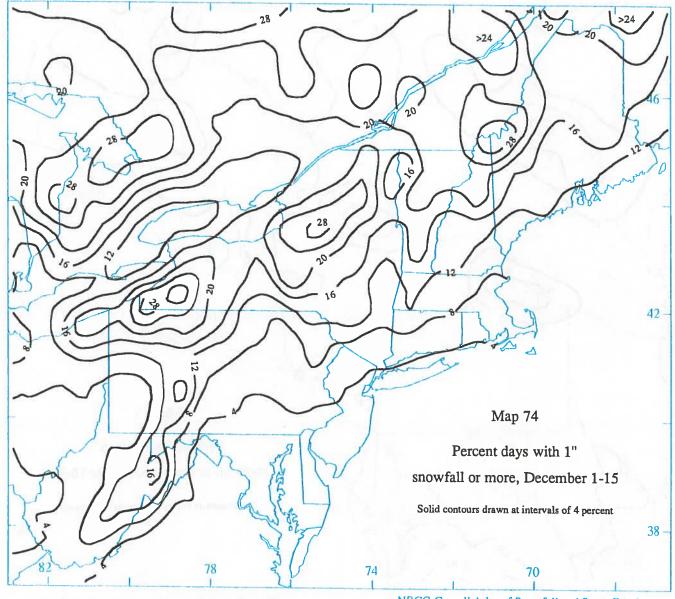


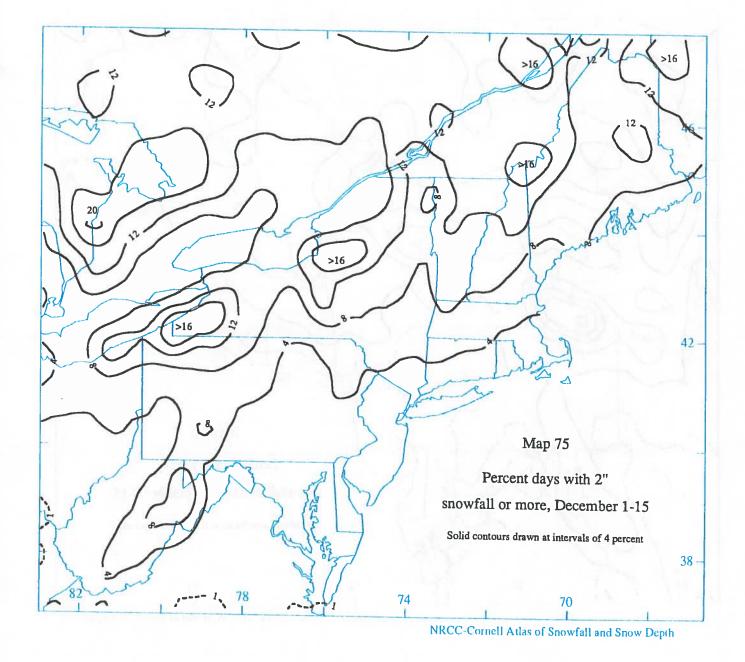








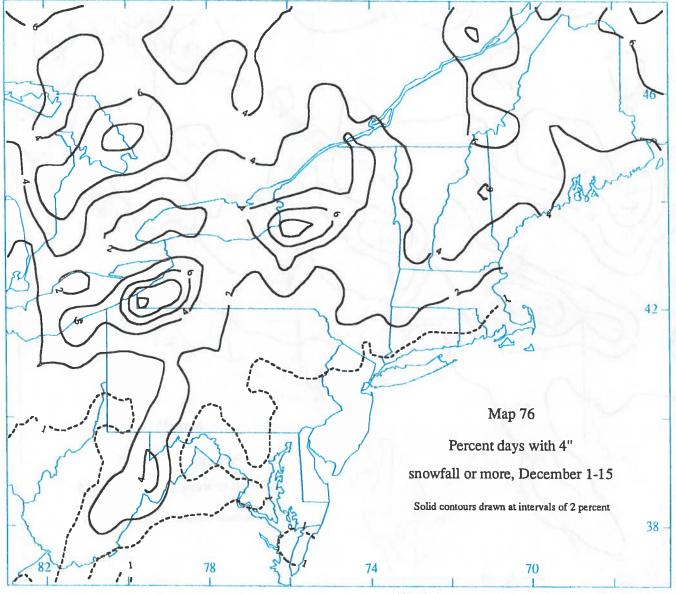


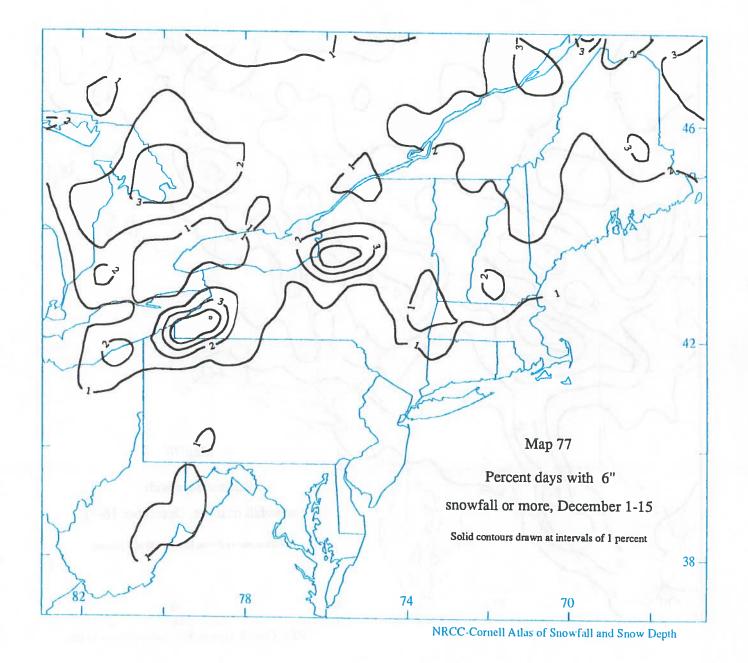


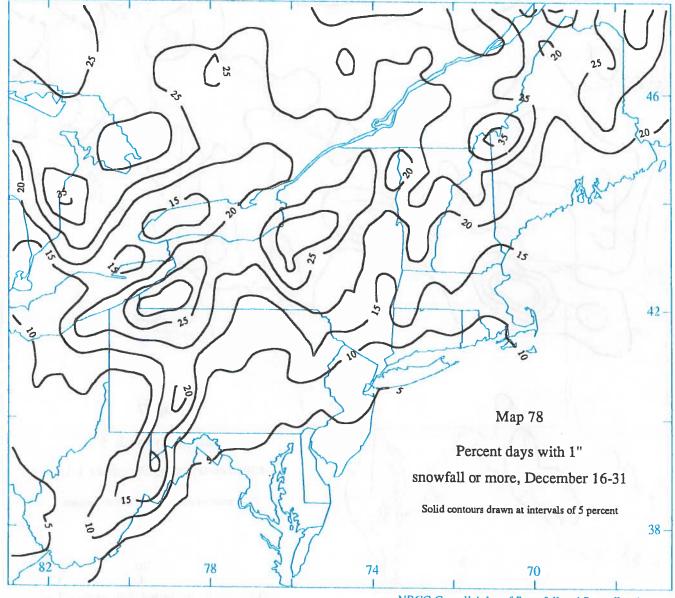
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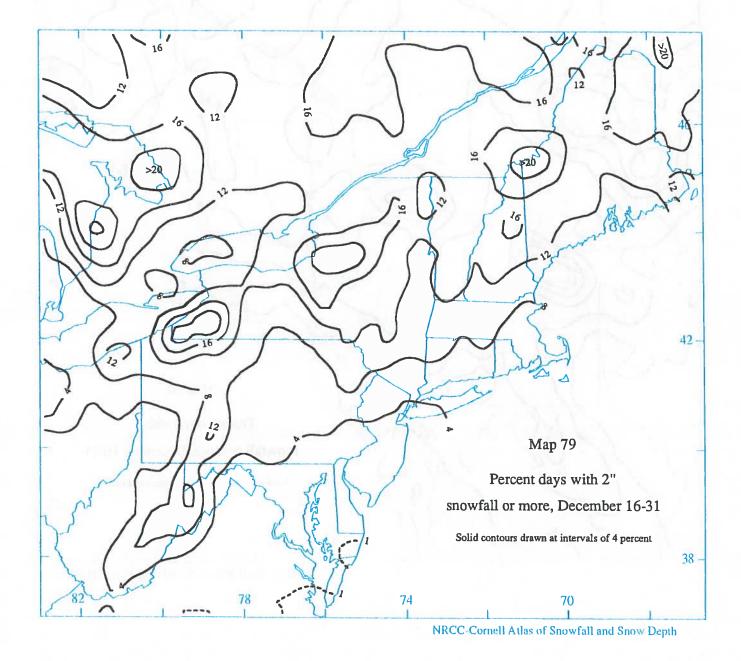
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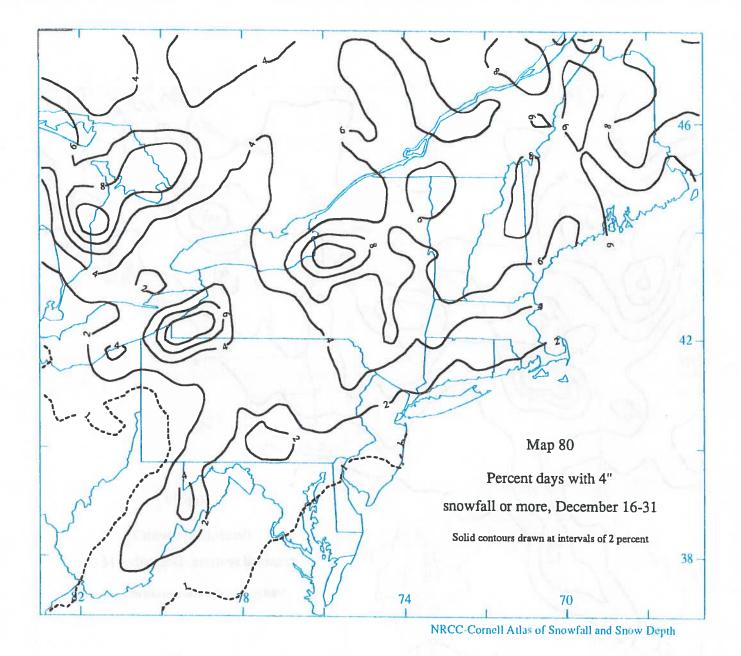
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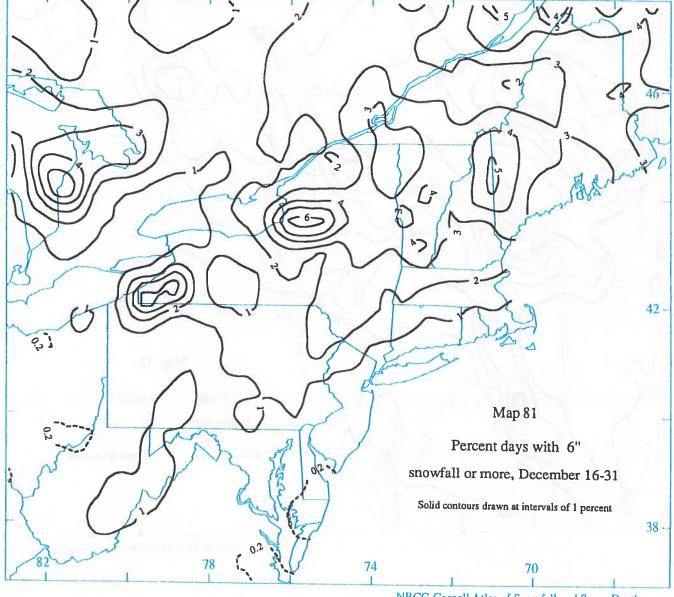


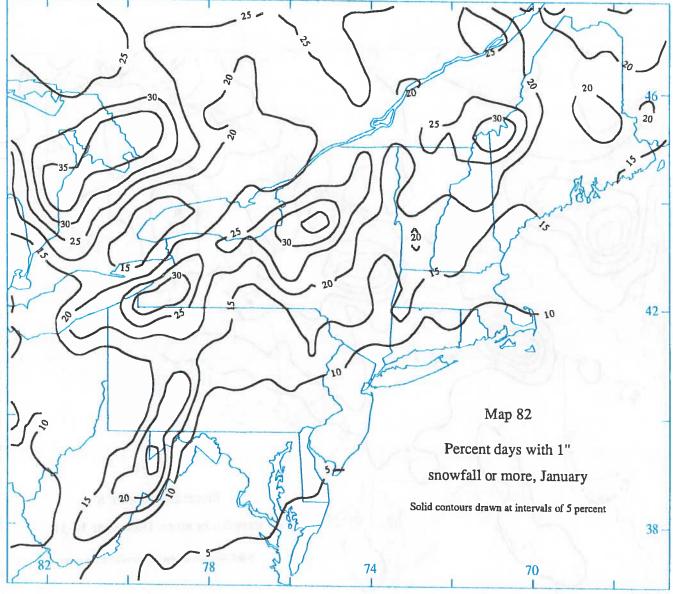


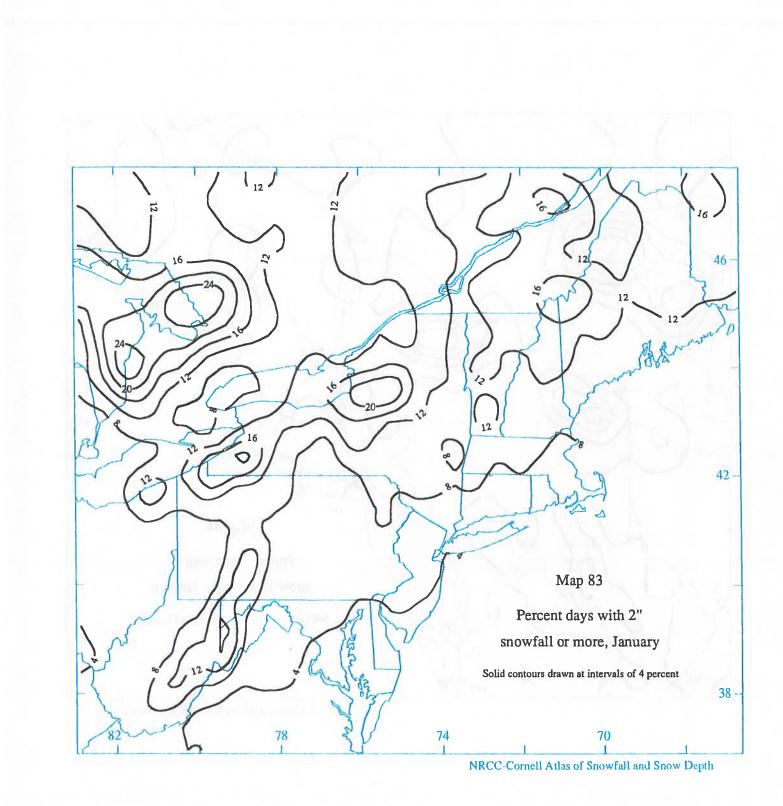


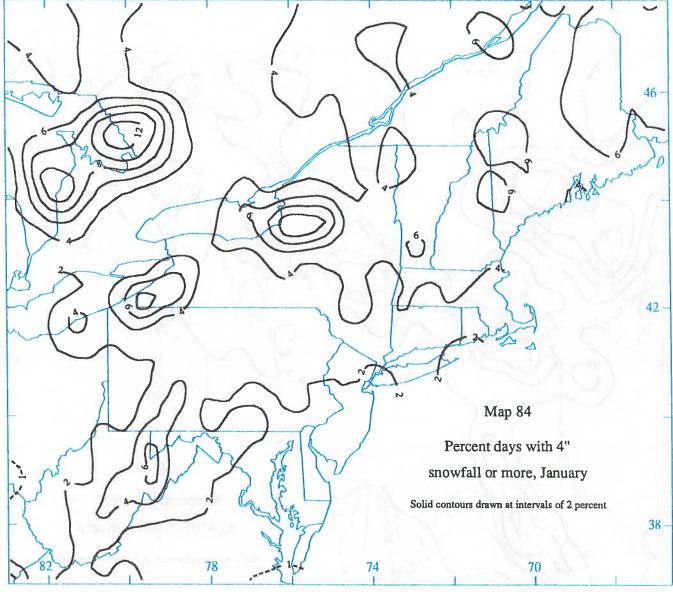




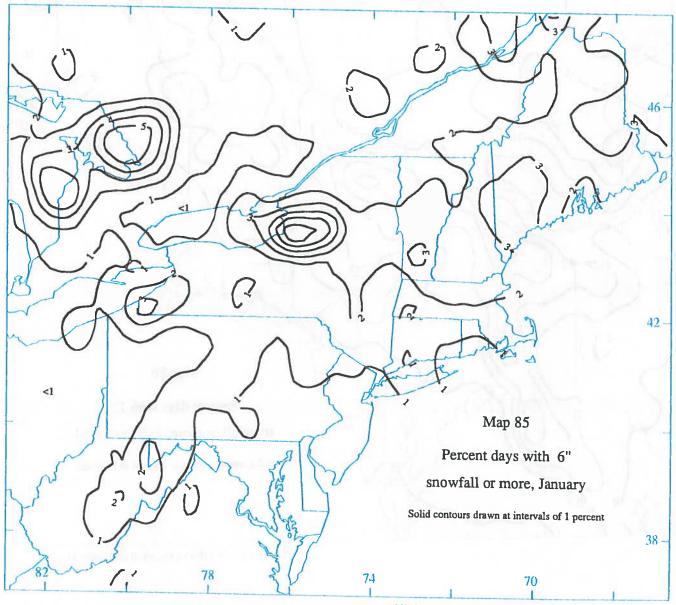




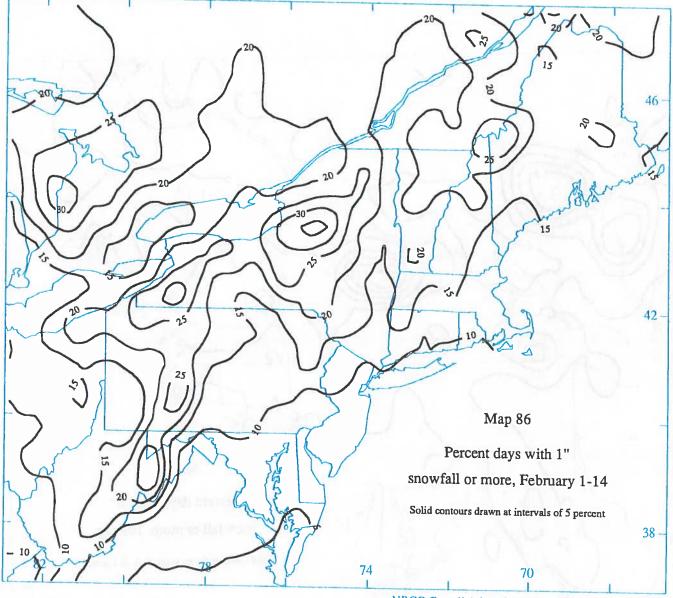


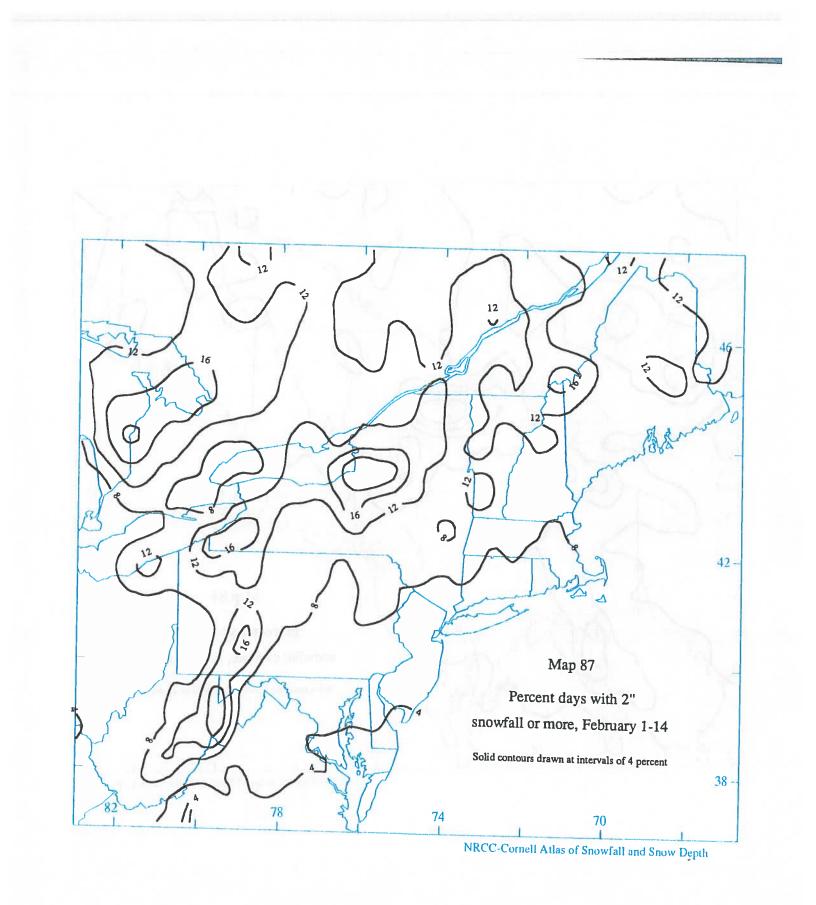


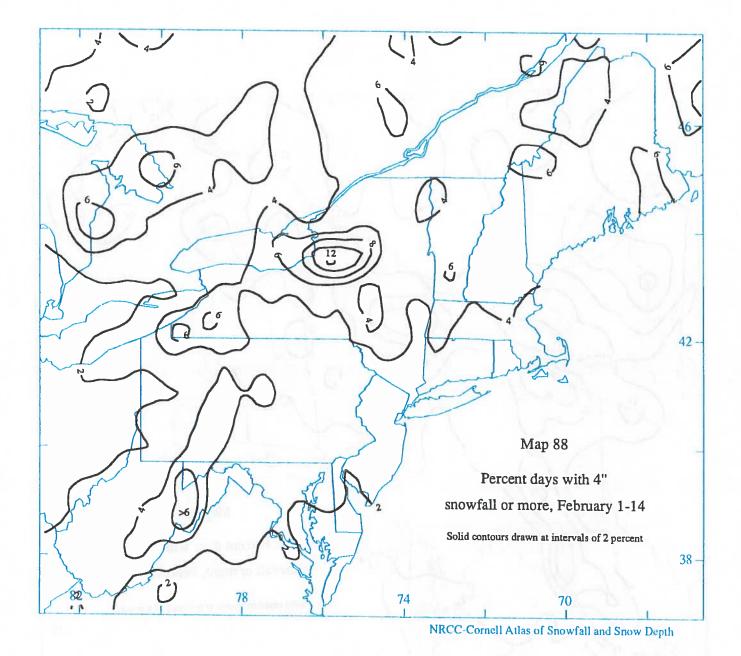
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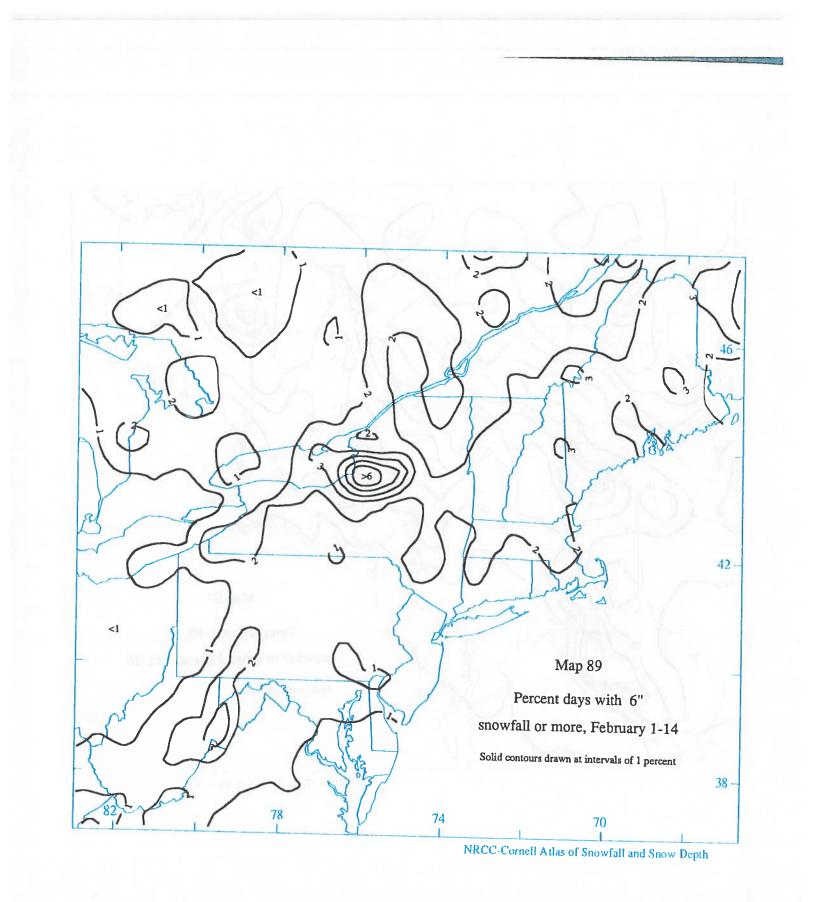


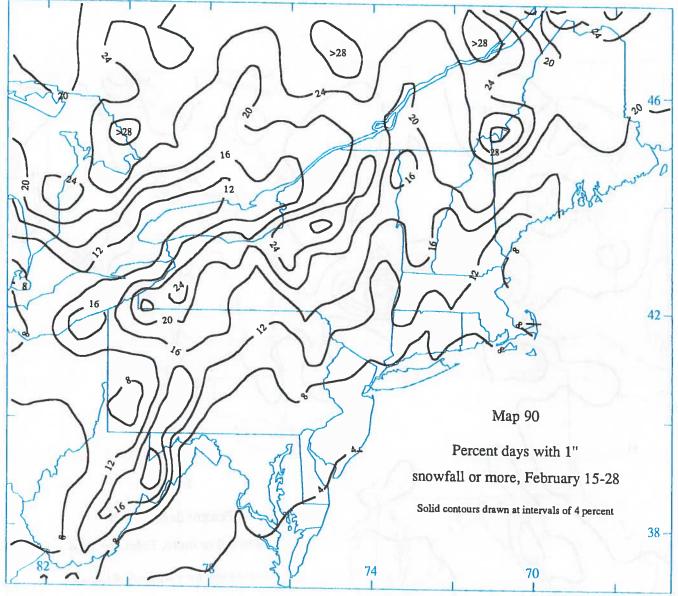
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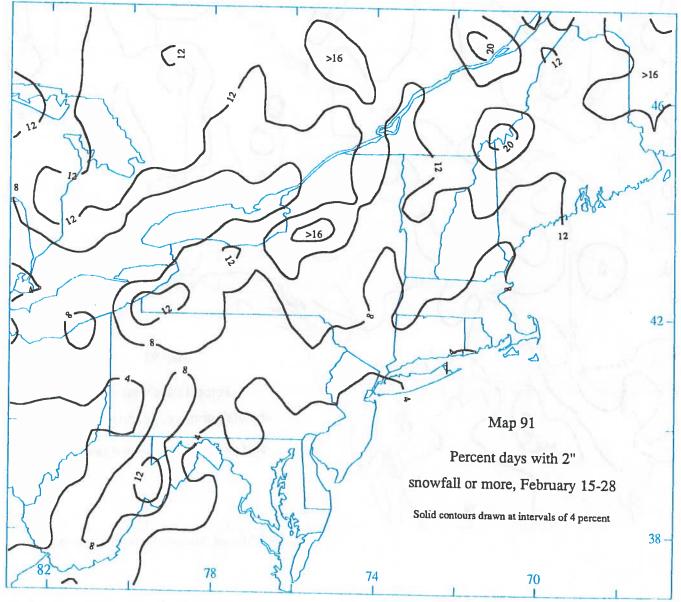




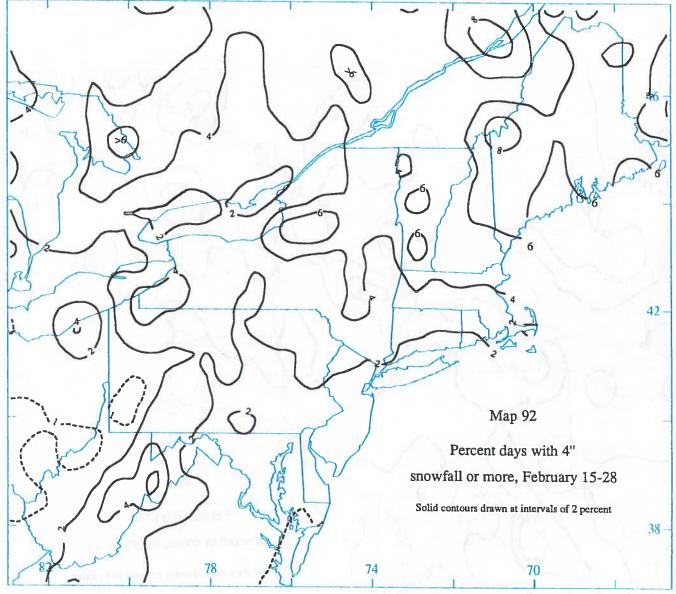


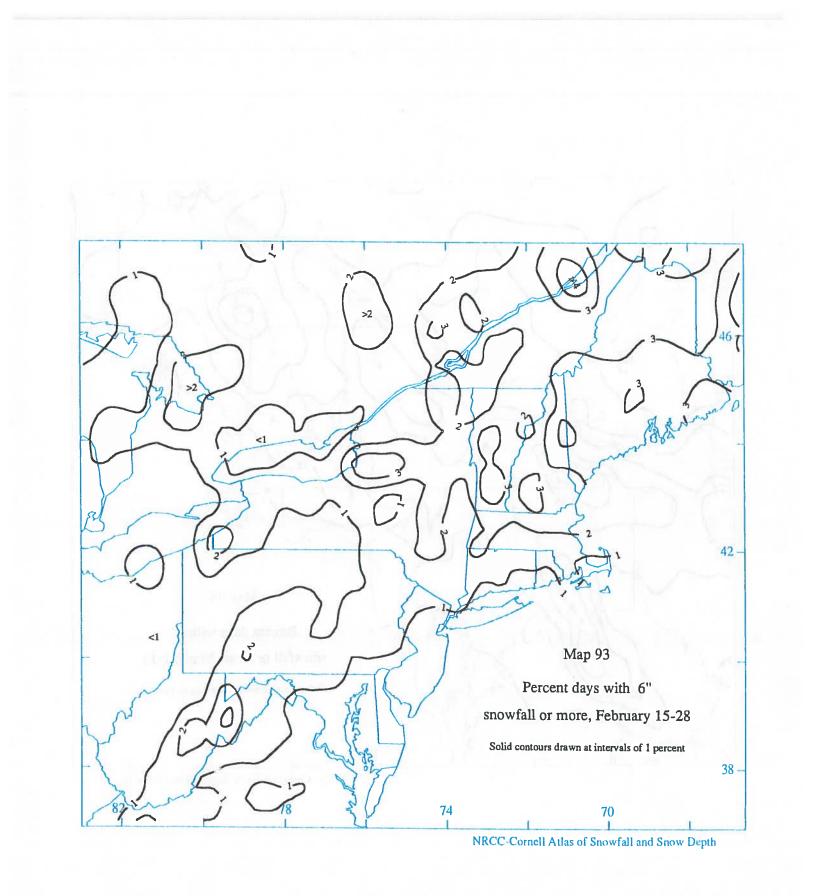


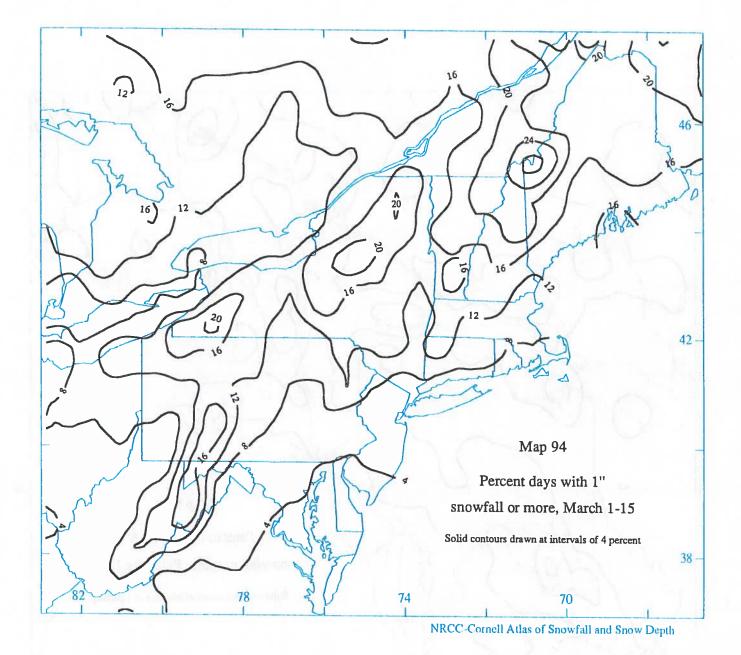


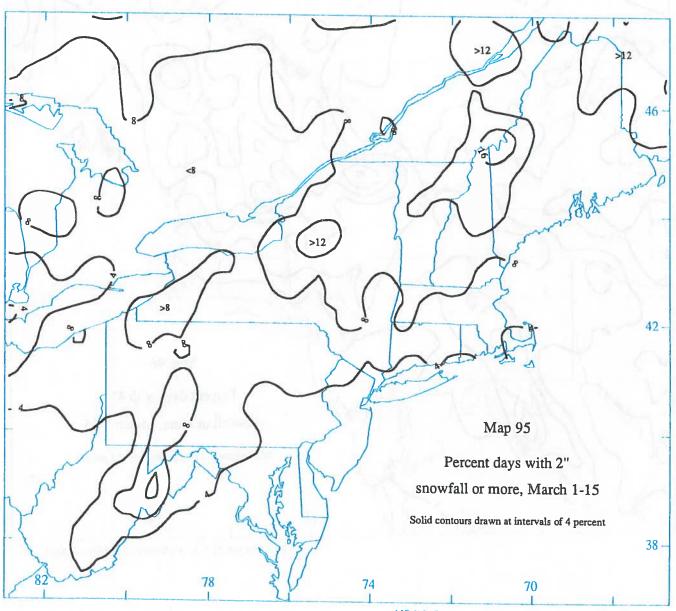


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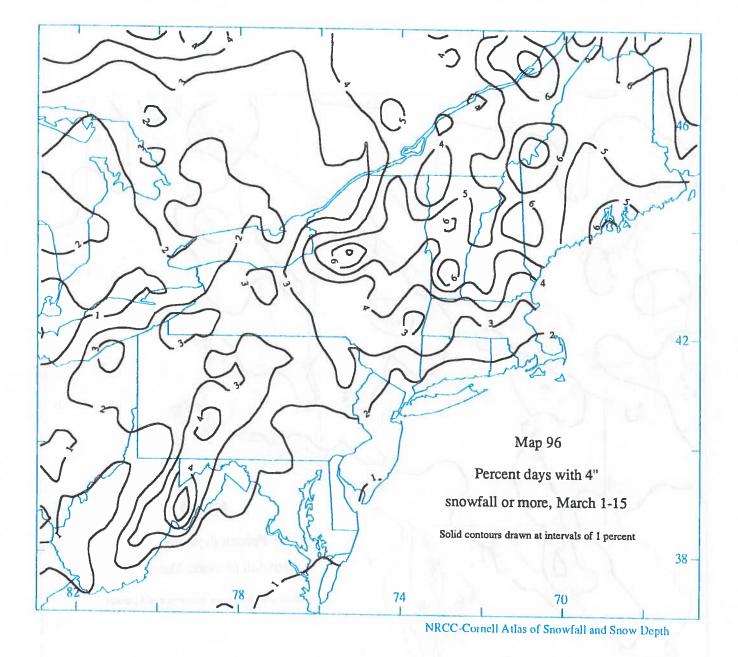


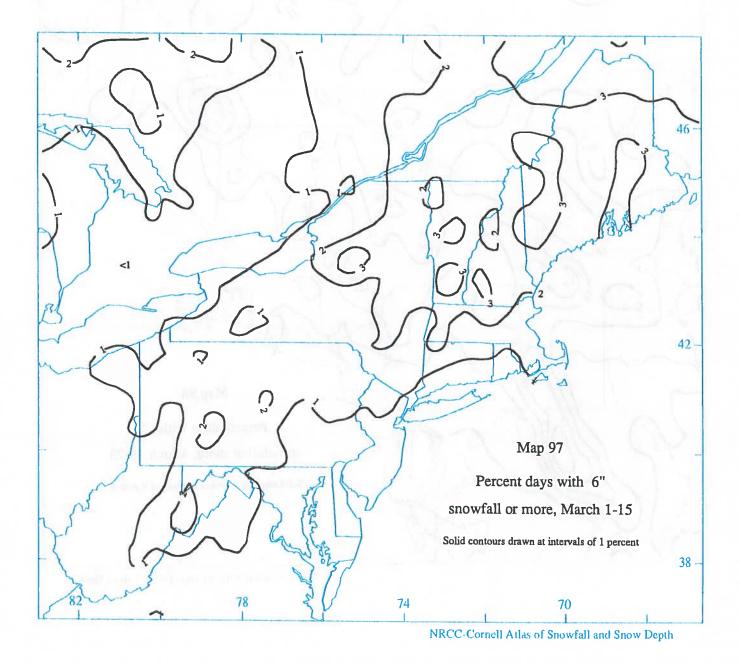


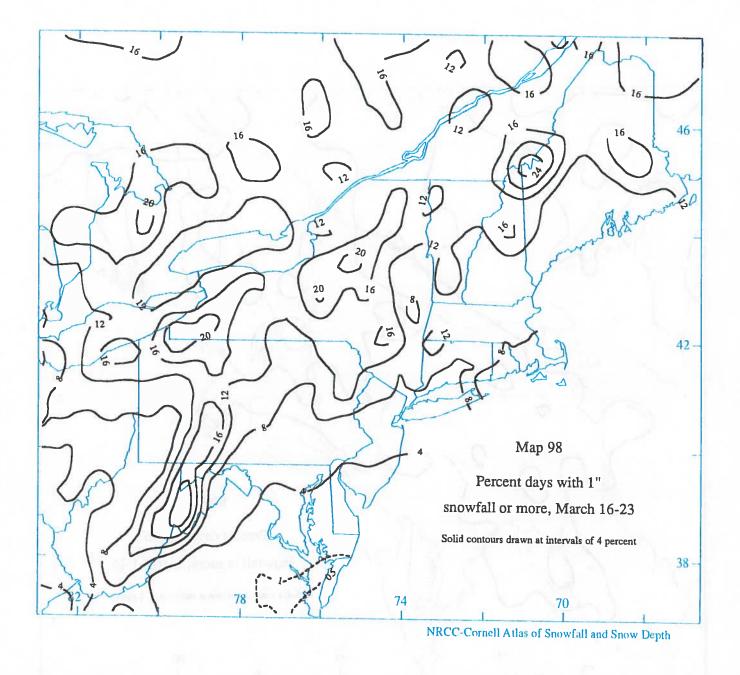


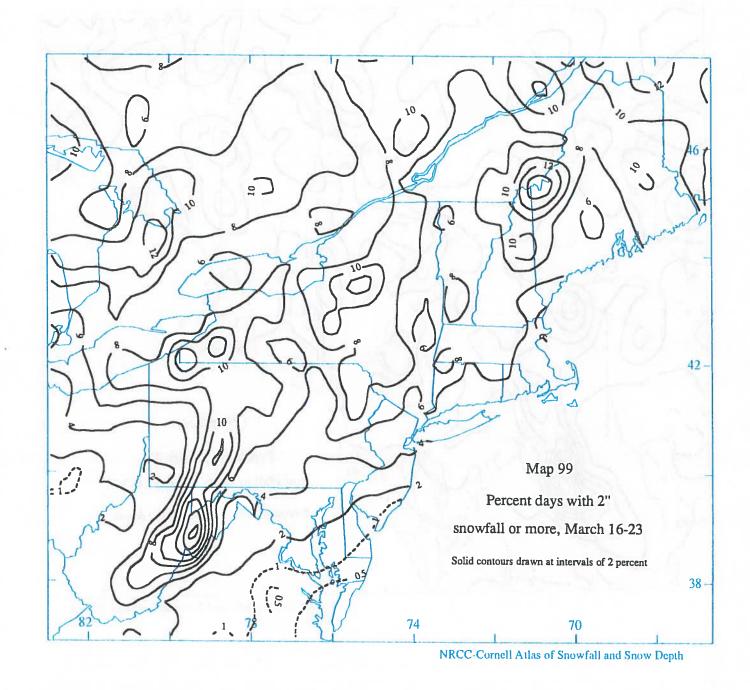


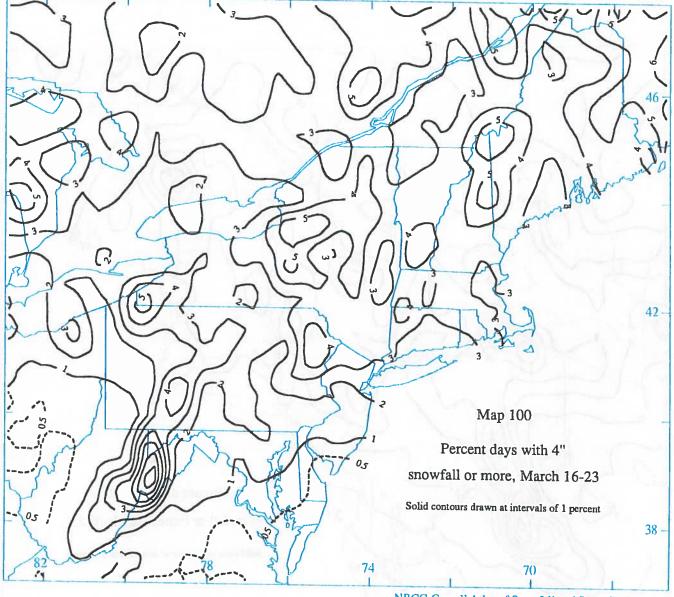
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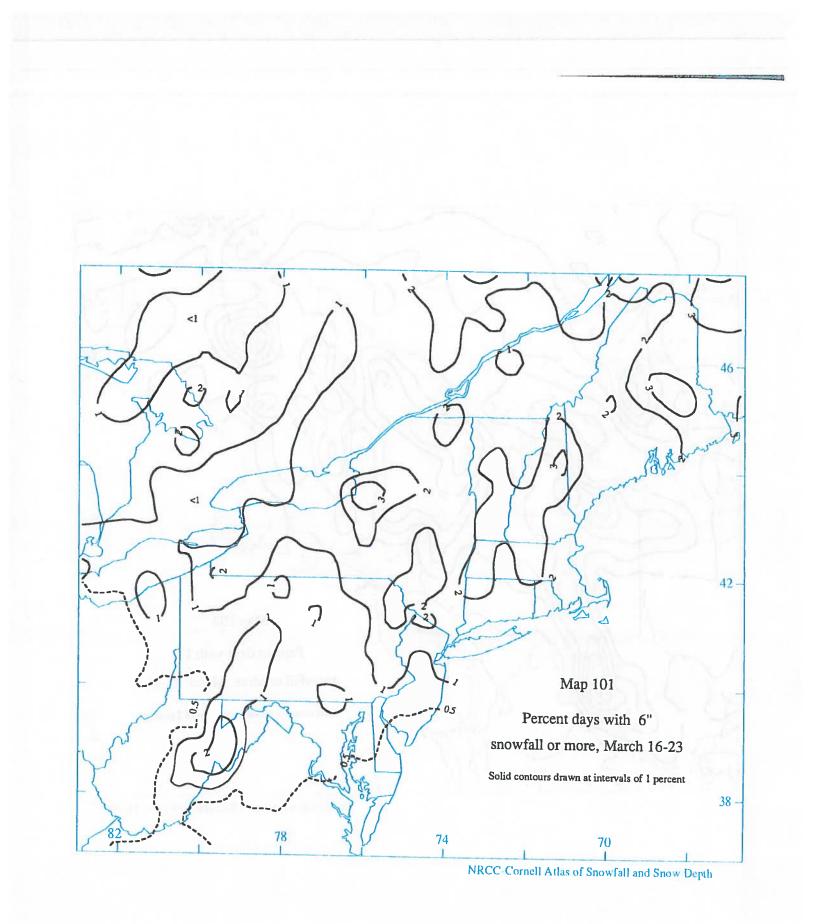


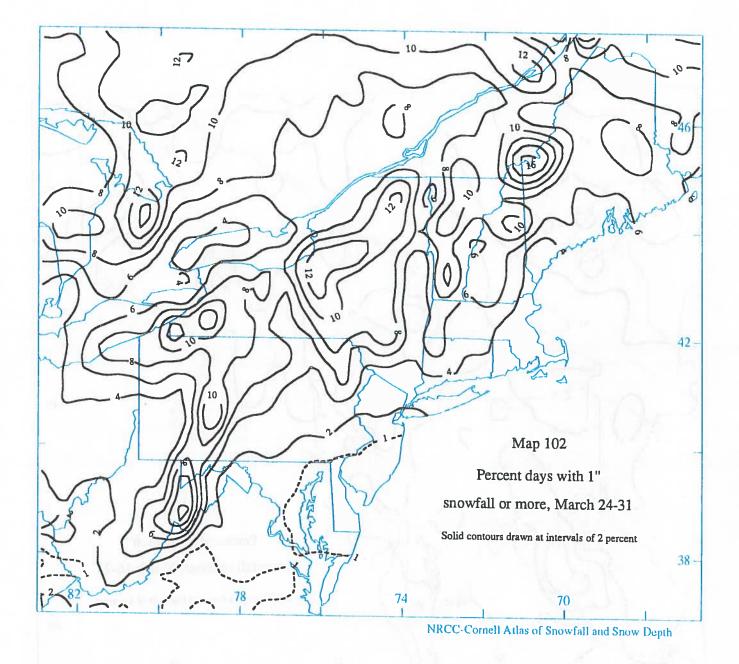


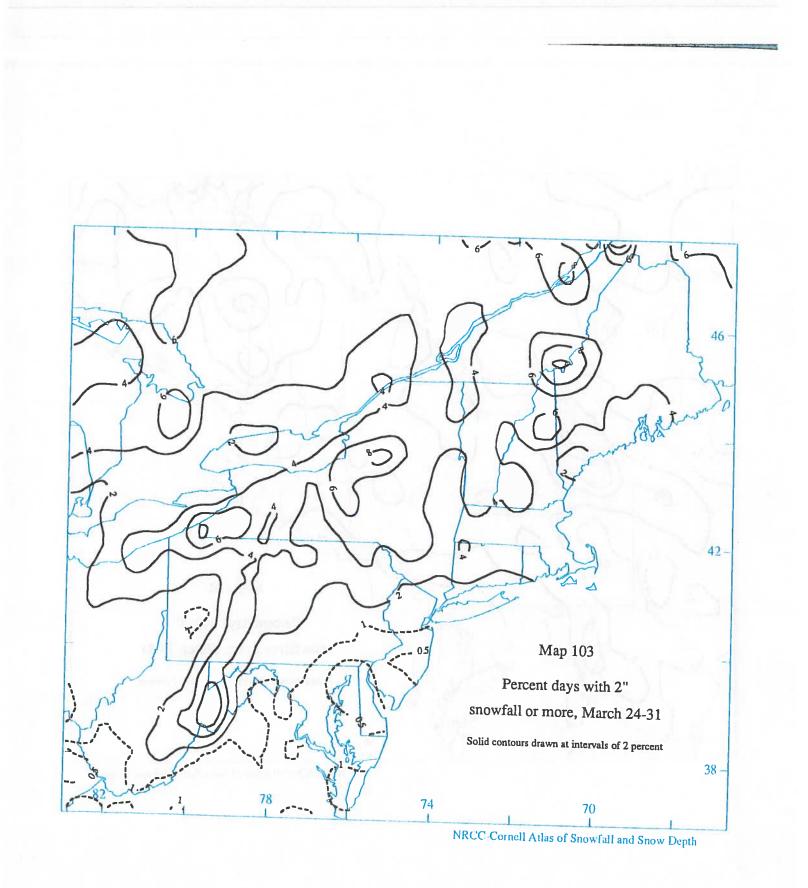


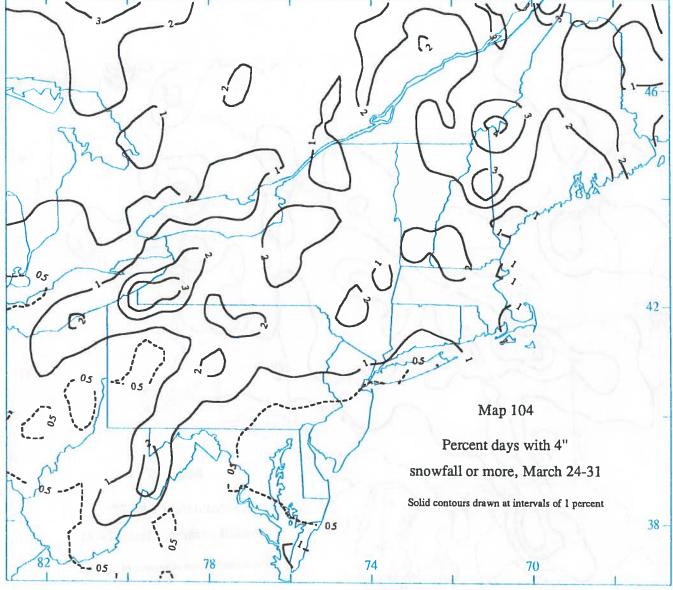


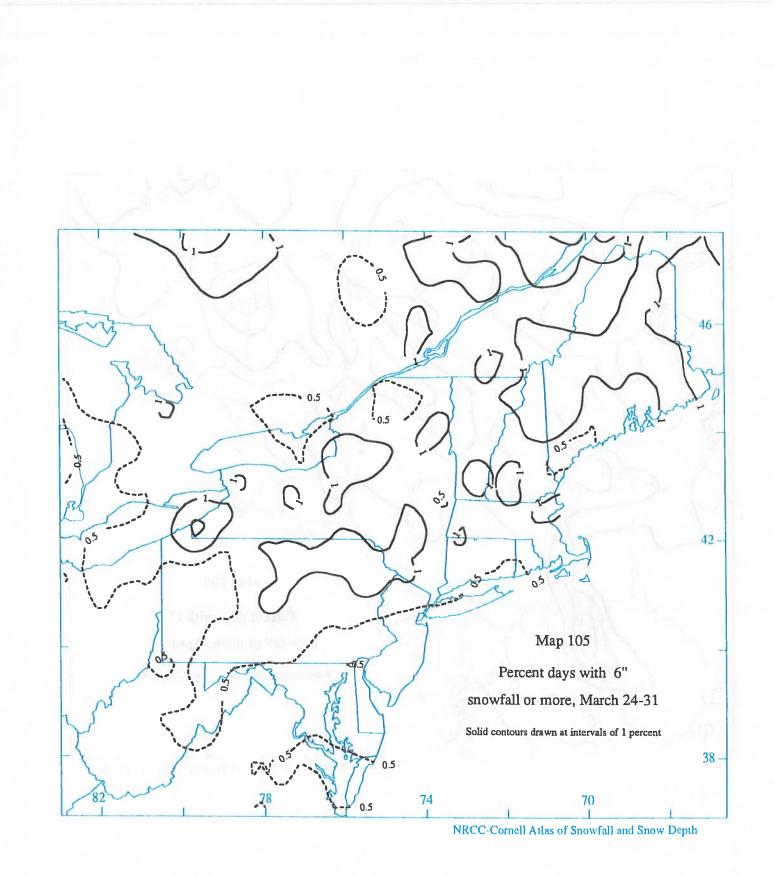


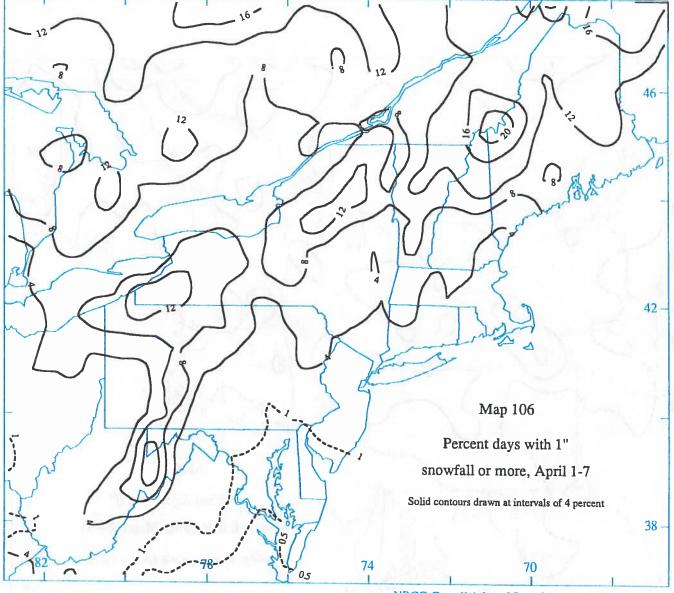


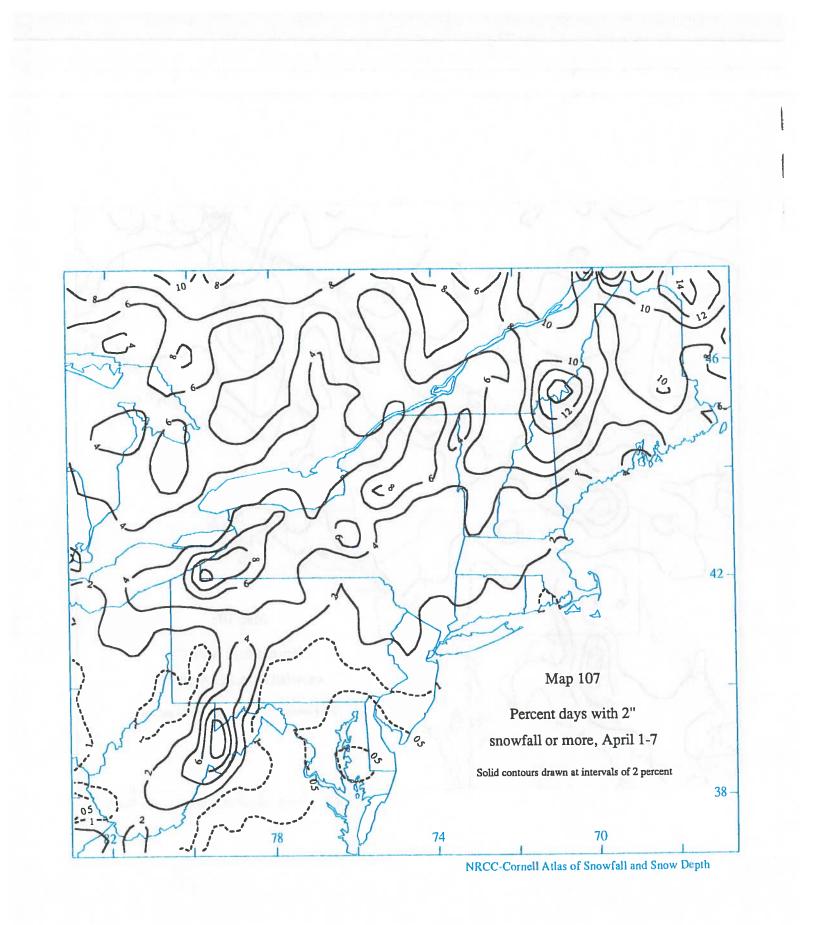


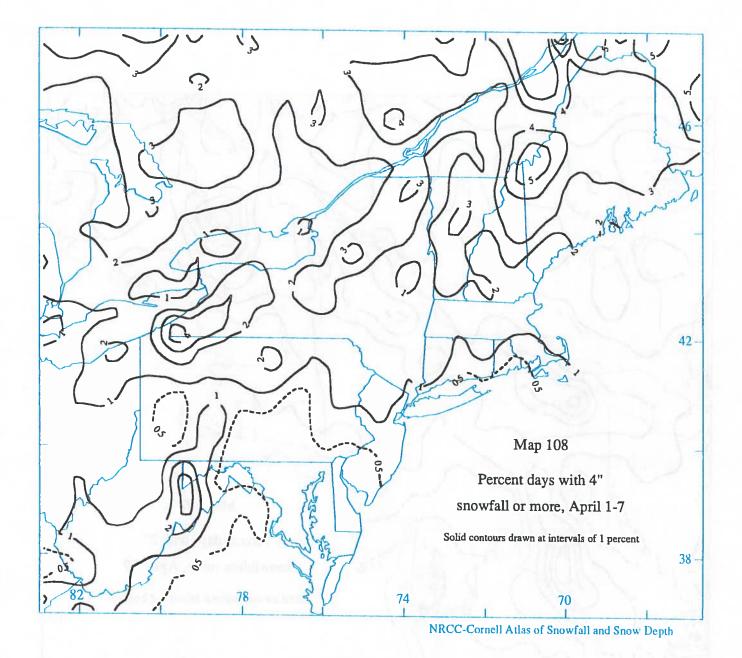


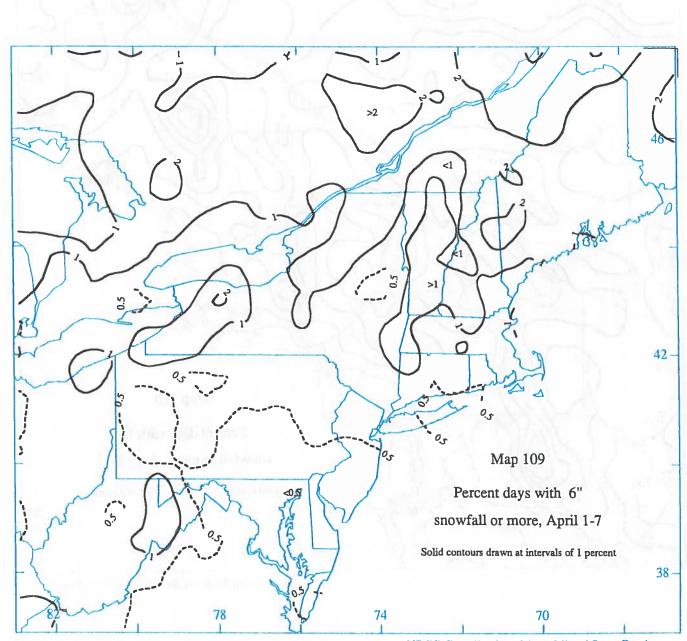




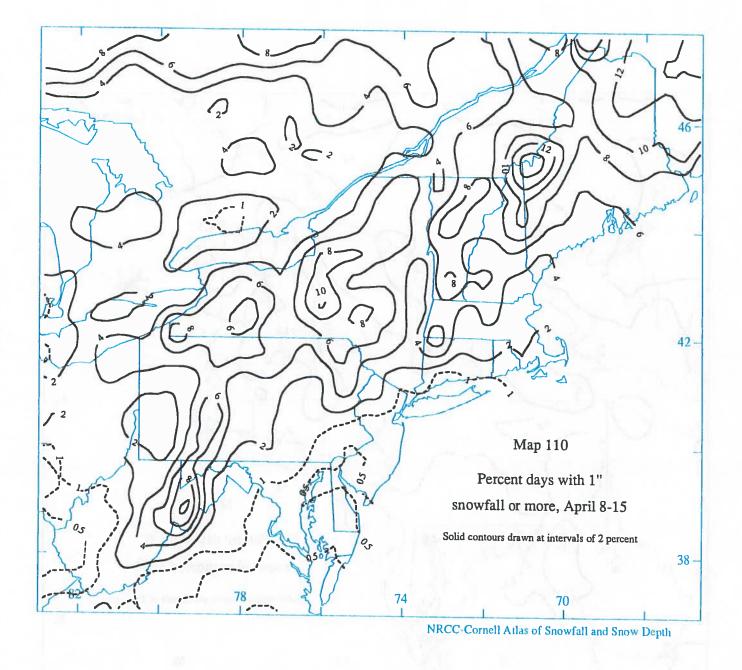


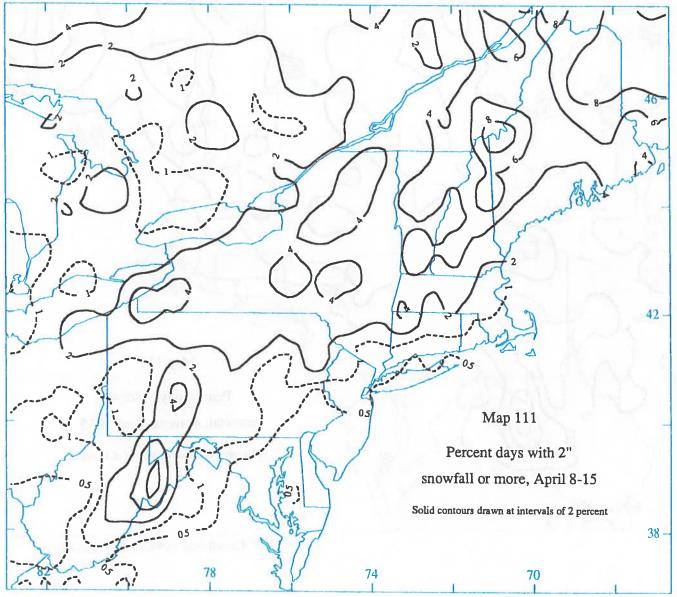




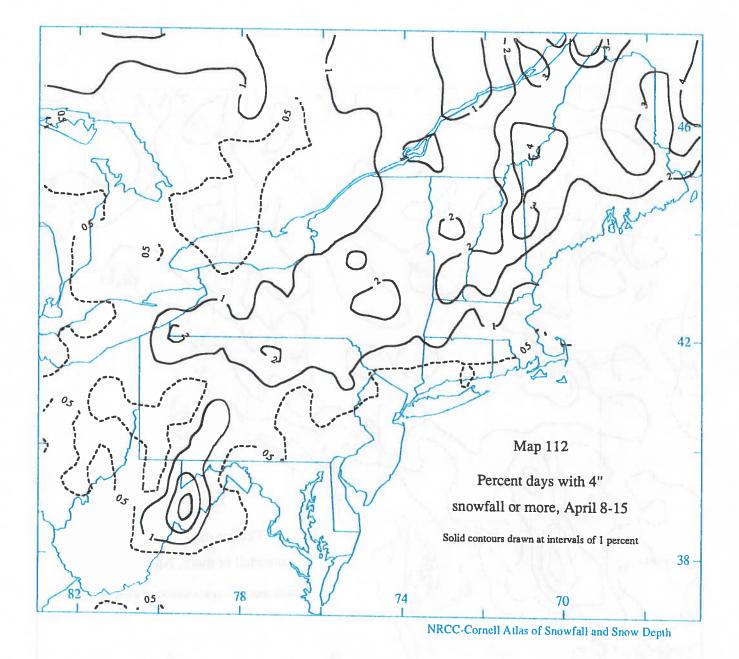


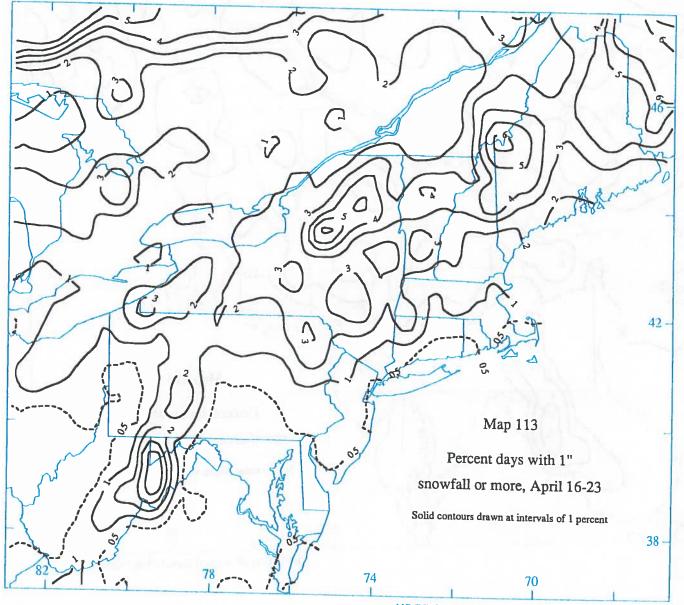
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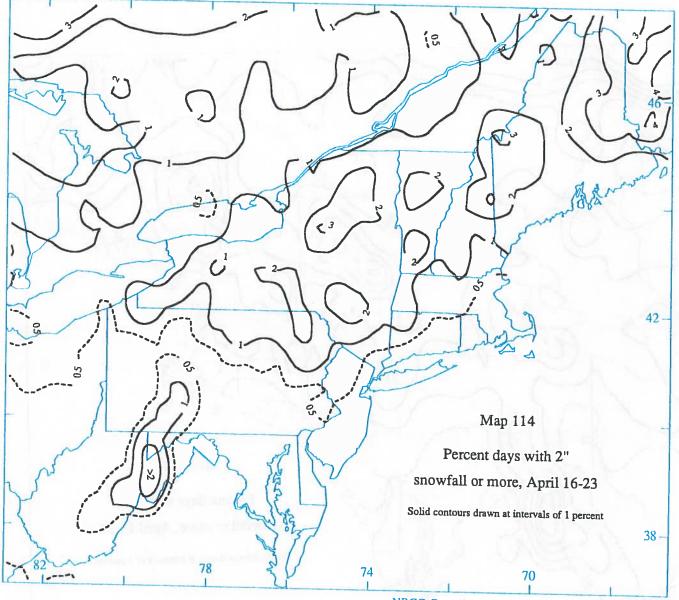


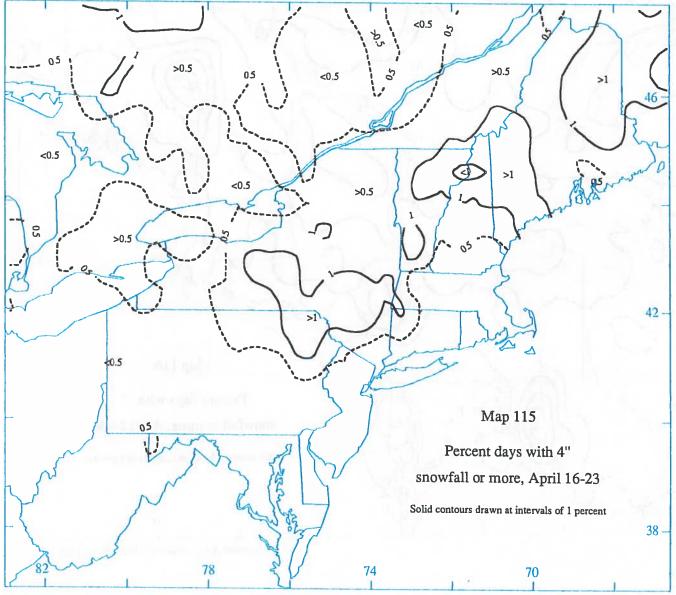
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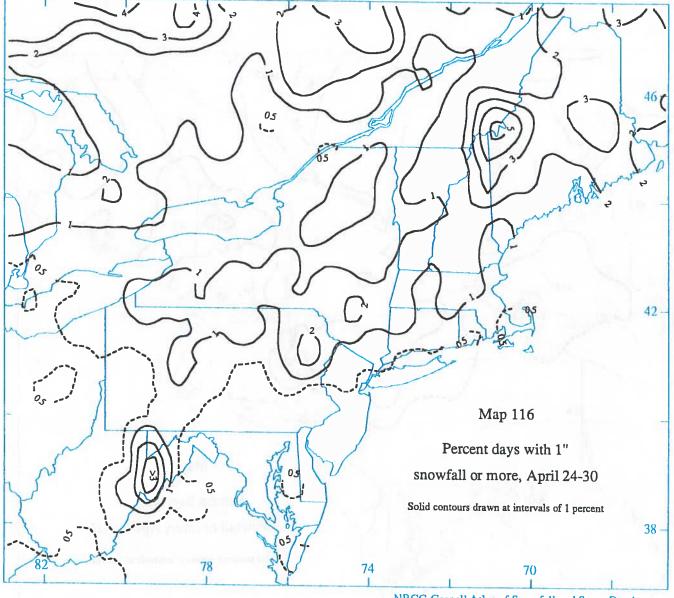


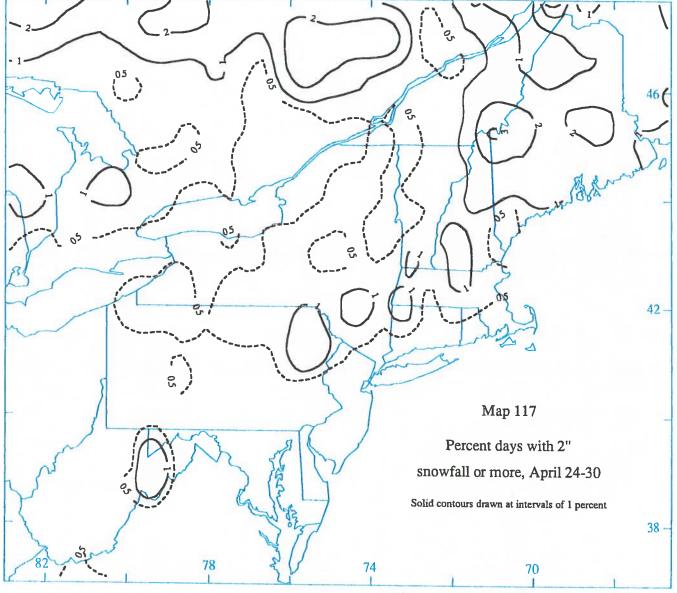
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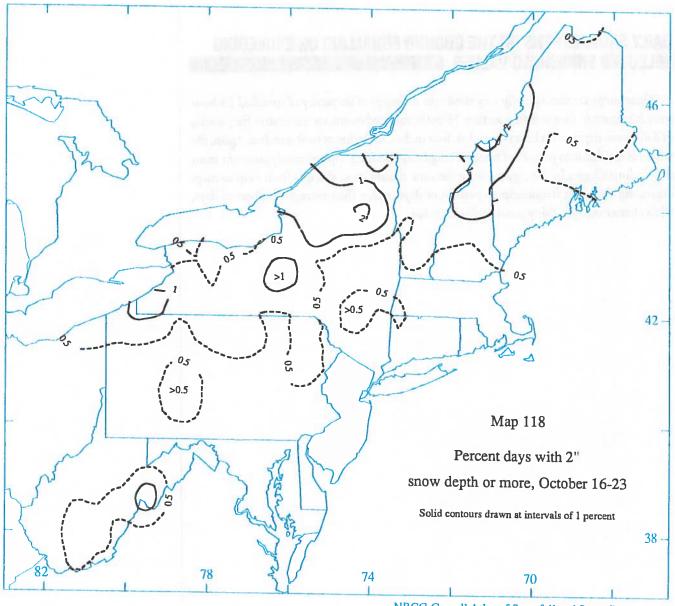


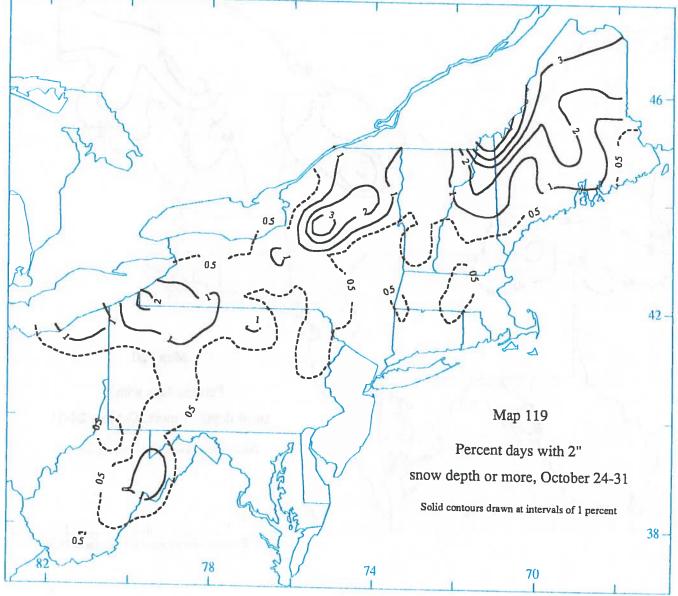
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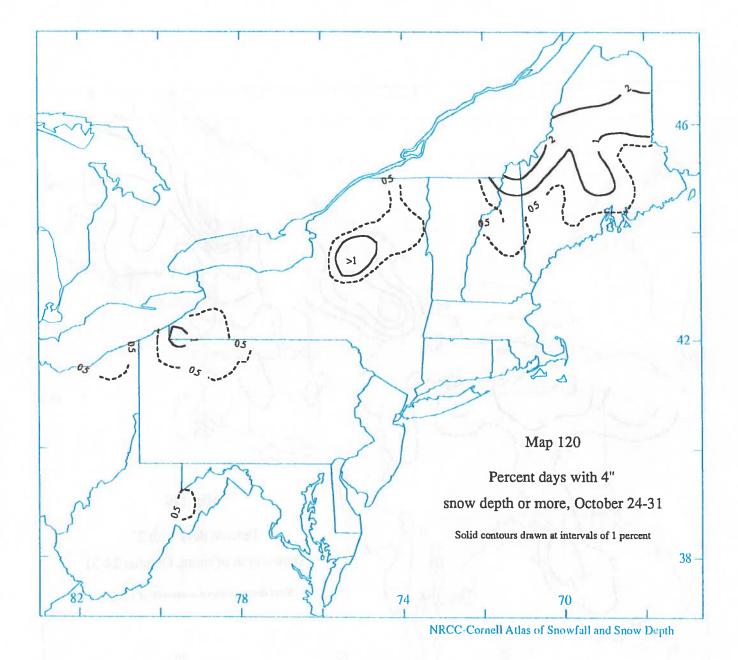
DAILY SNOW DEPTHS ON THE GROUND EQUALLING OR EXCEEDING SELECTED THRESHOLD VALUES

These maps are conceptually very similar to the maps of frequency of specified 24-hour snowfall events in the preceding section. Here the mapped events are the relative frequencies of daily snow depths of at least two inches, four inches, six inches or twelve inches. Again, the winter is divided into periods of unequal length representing approximately constant snow depth climatologies in the region. Since the time stratification changes from map to map, expressing the event frequencies as percent of days, rather than average numbers of days, allows better comparability across different maps.



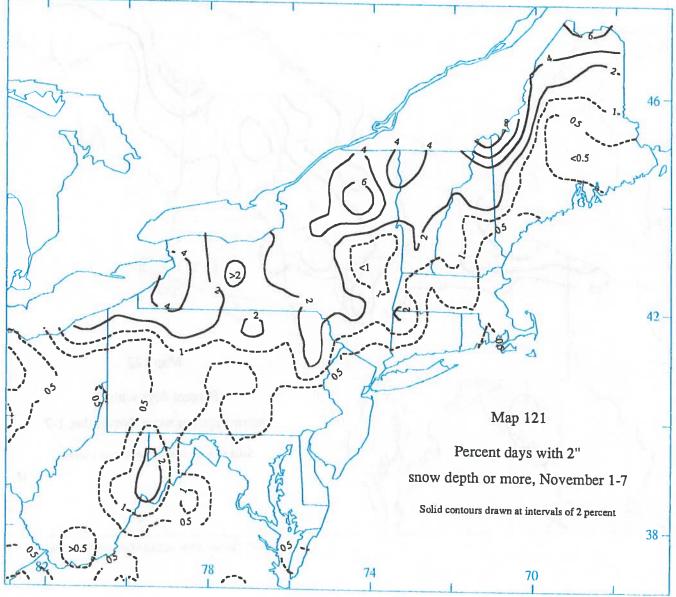


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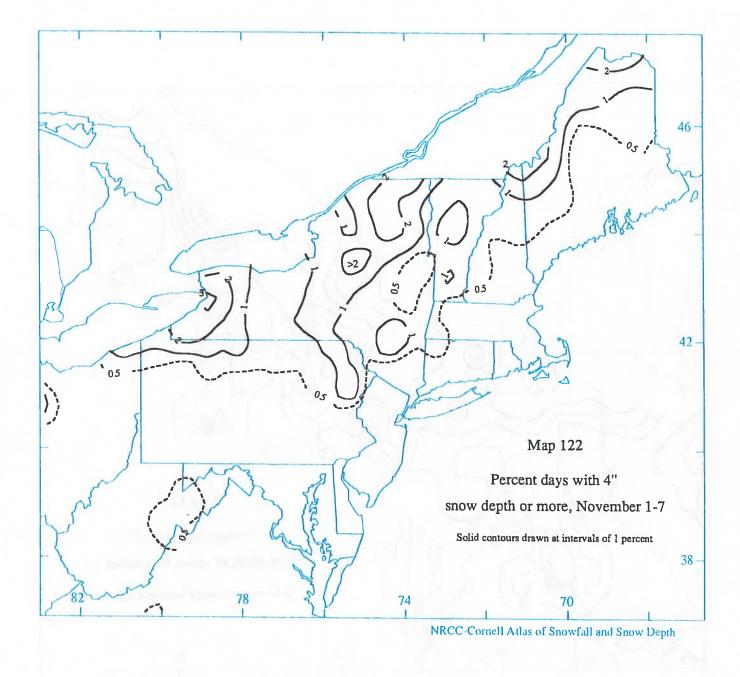


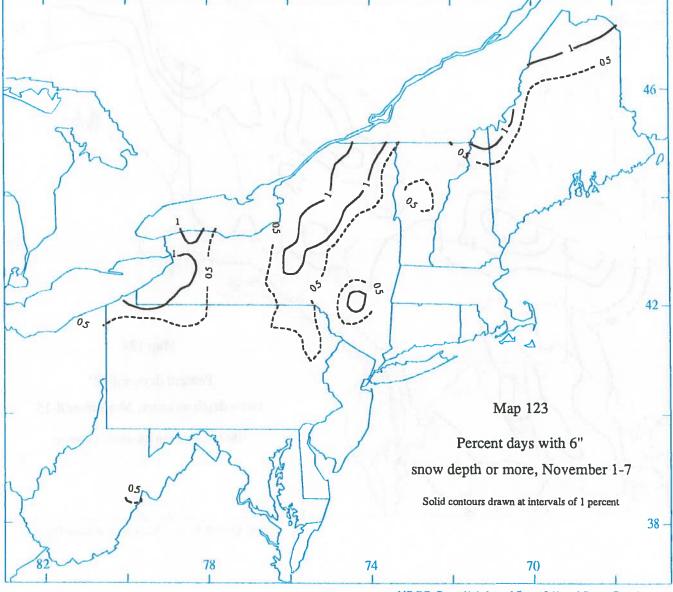
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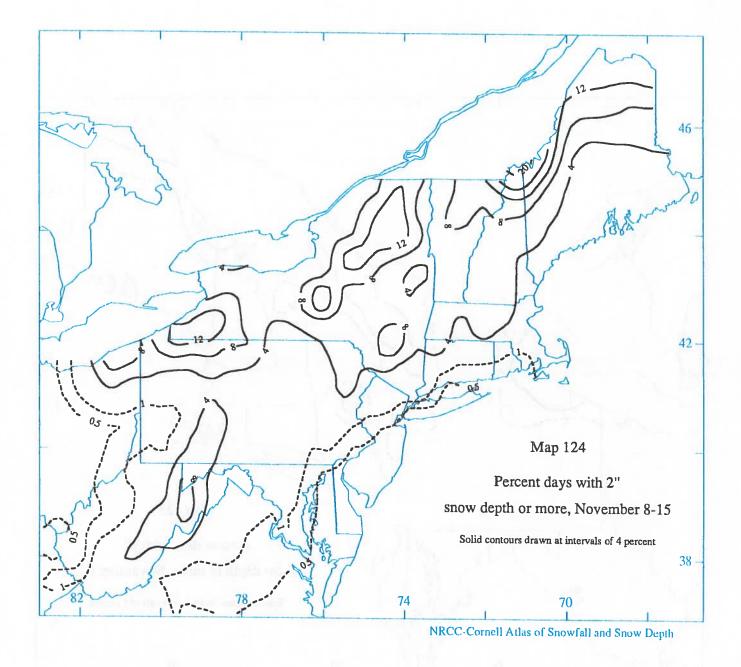


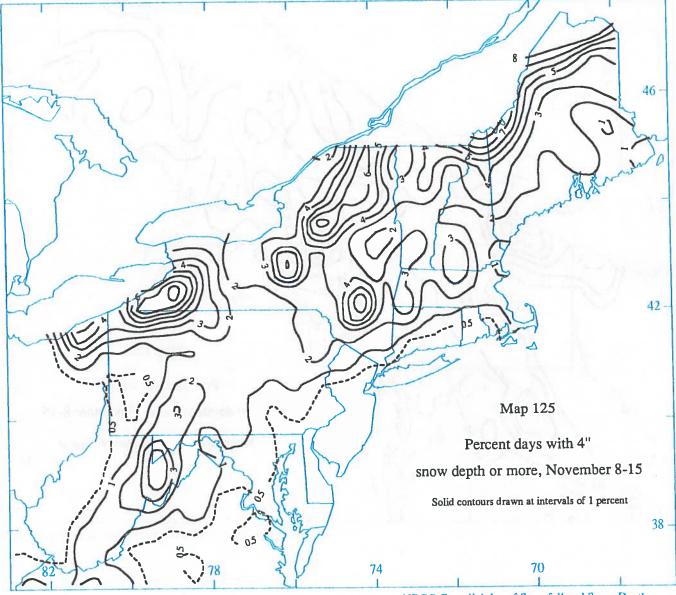
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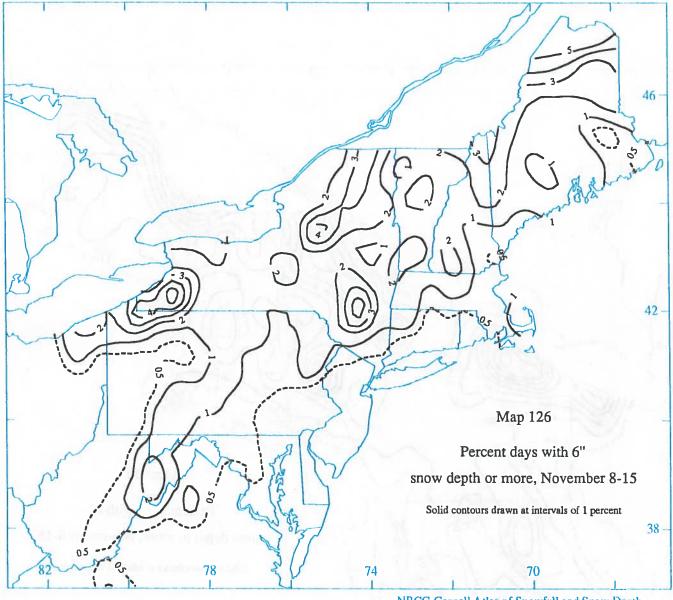


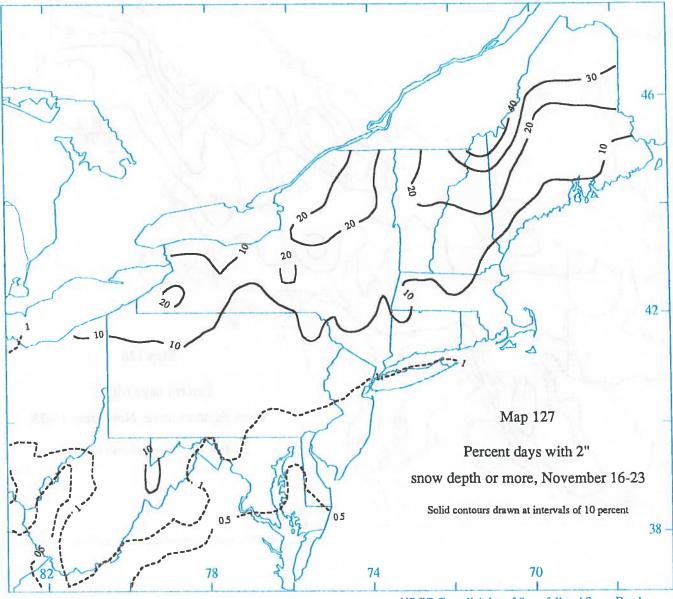
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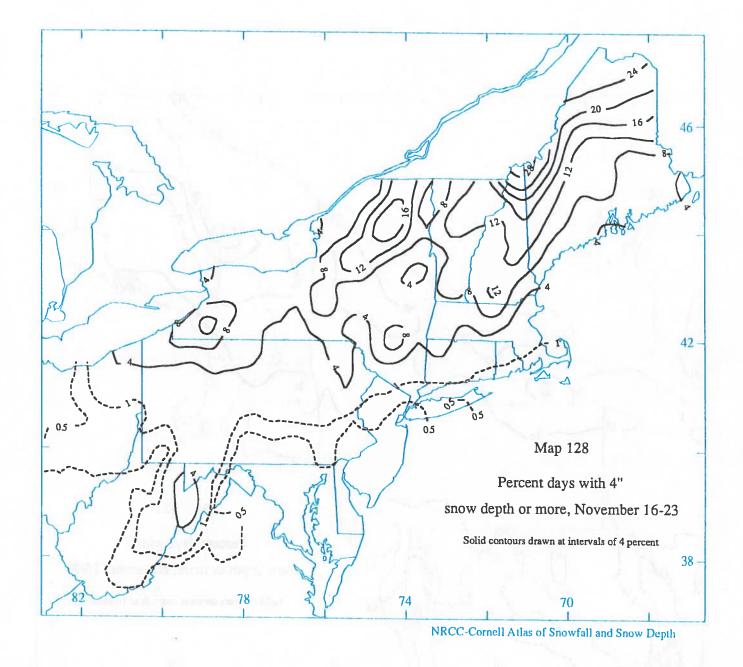


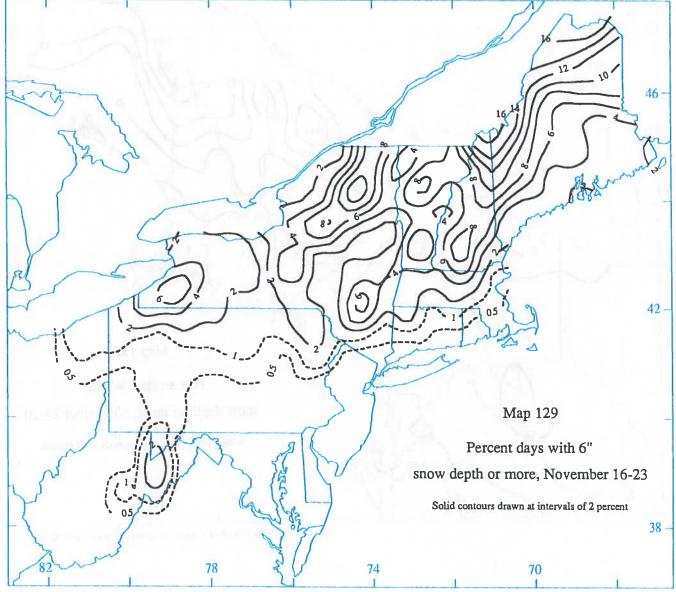
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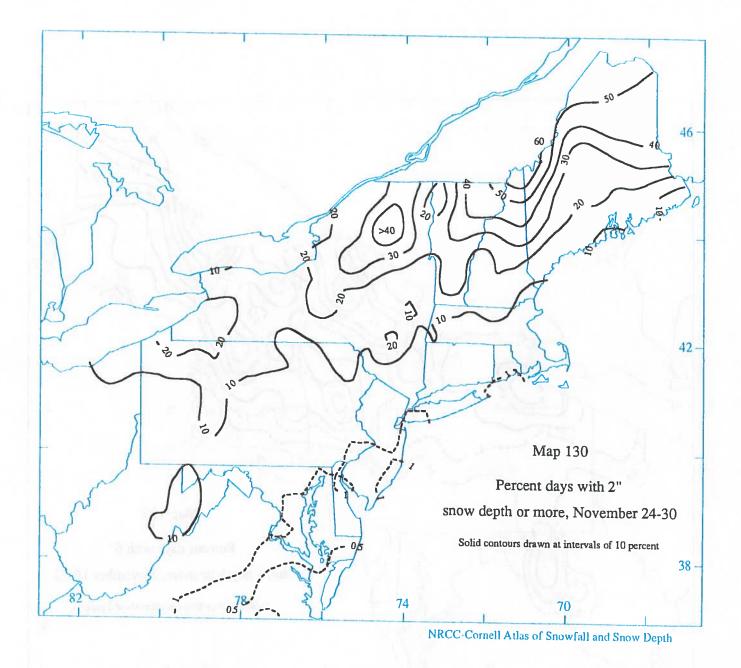


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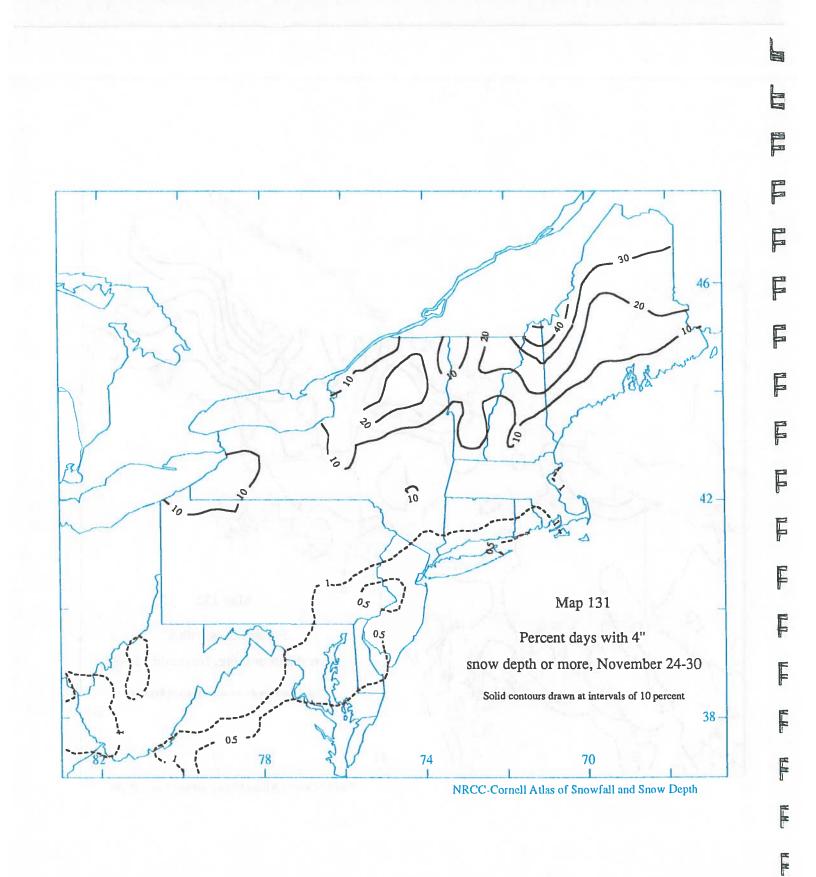




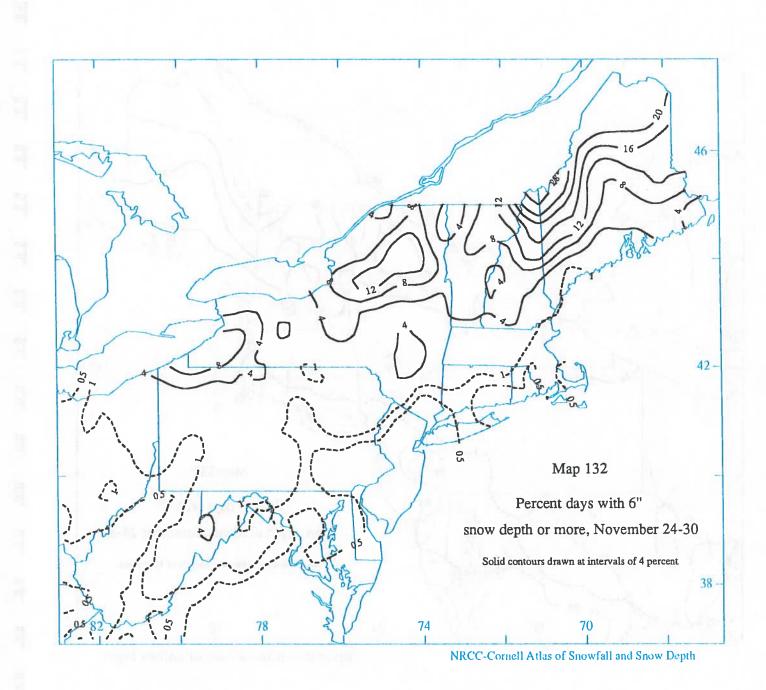
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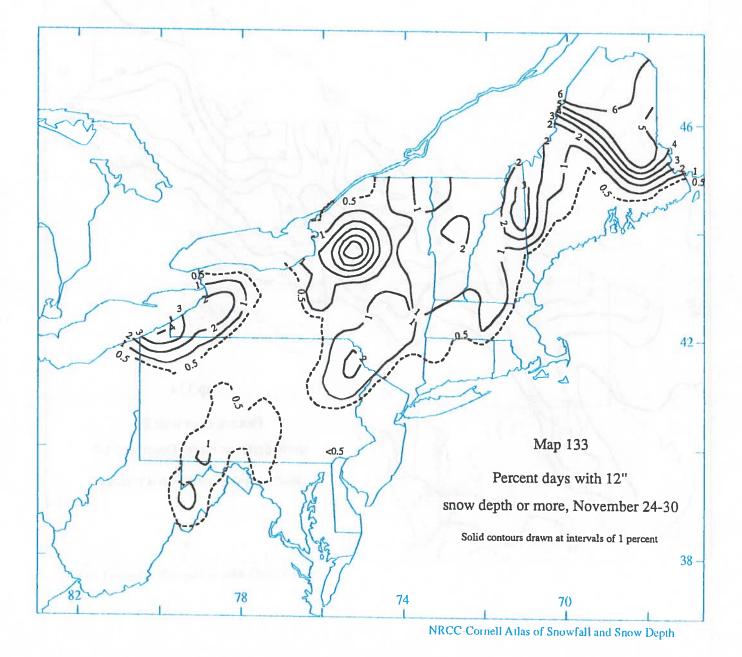


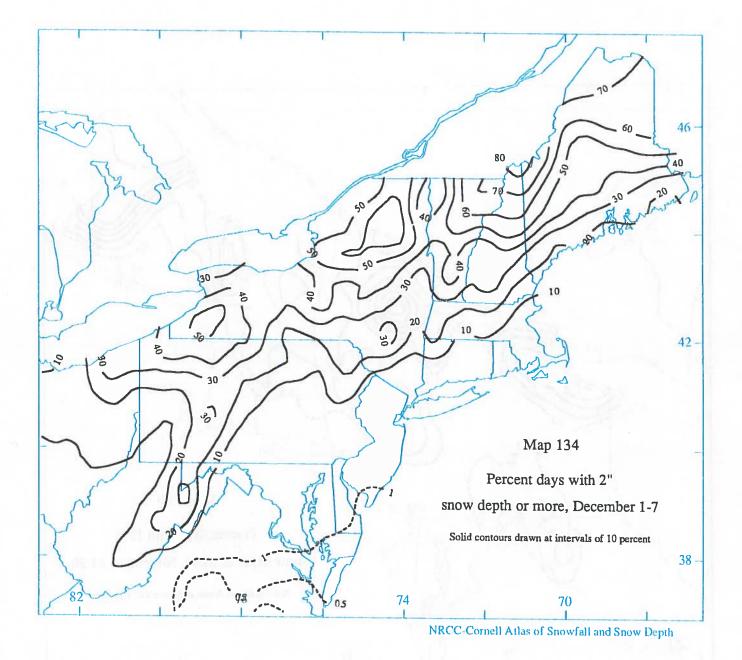
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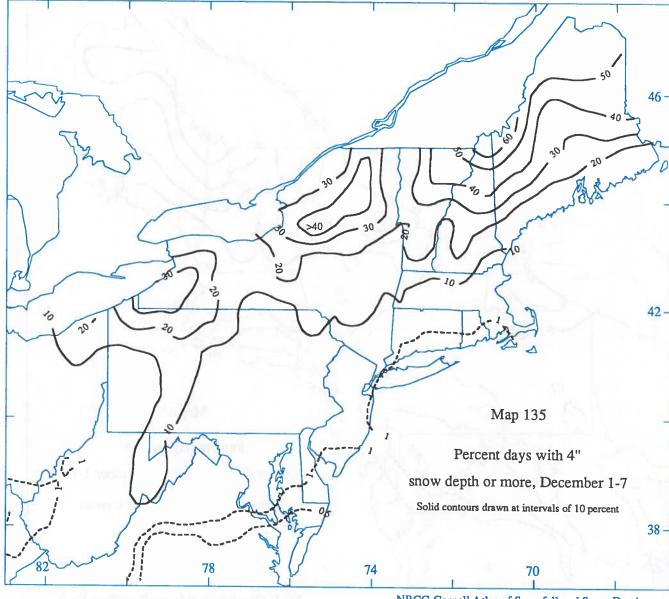


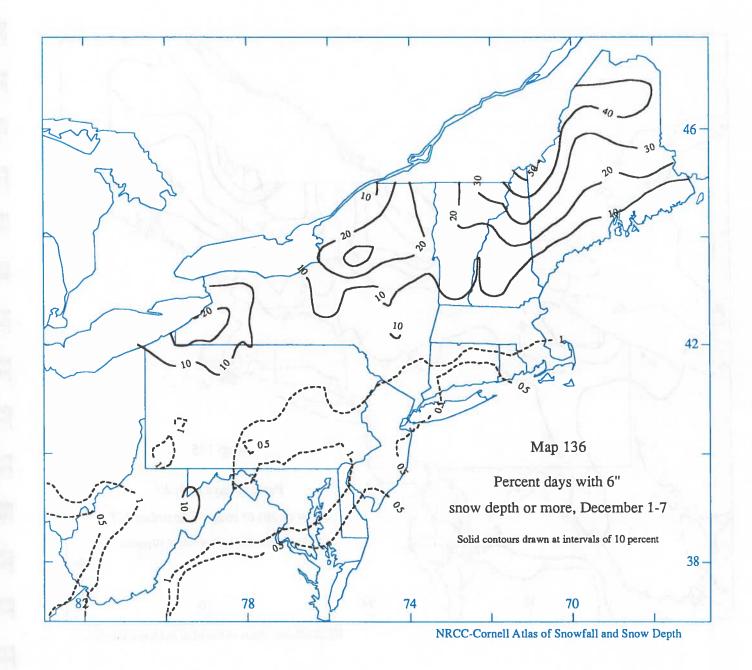
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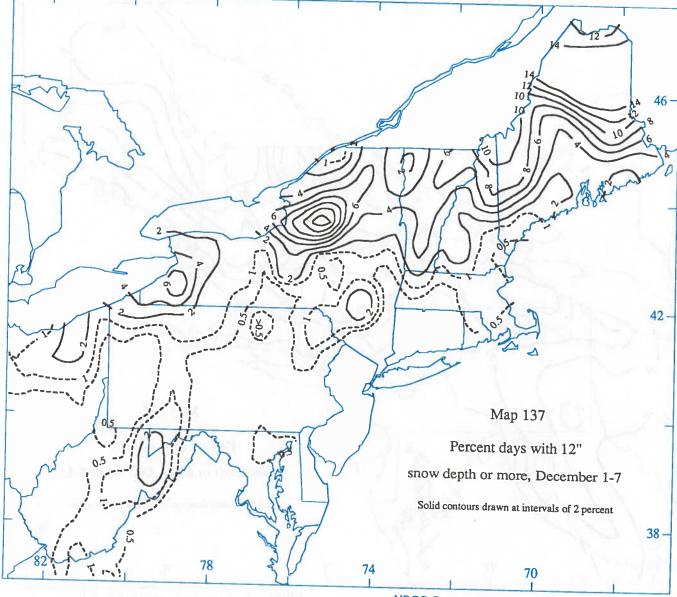
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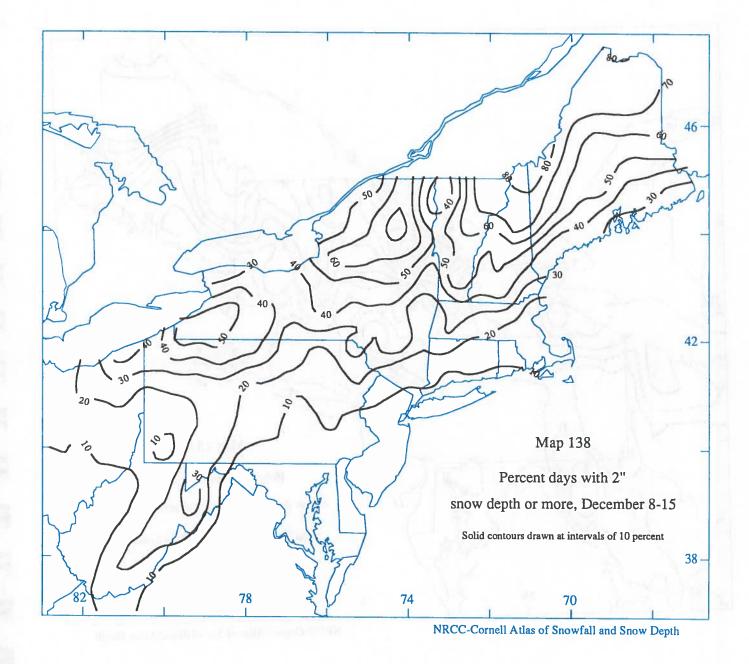
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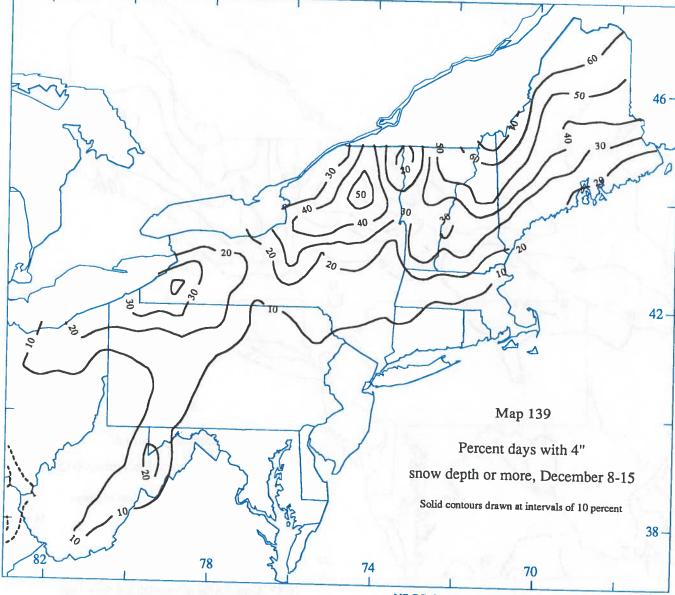
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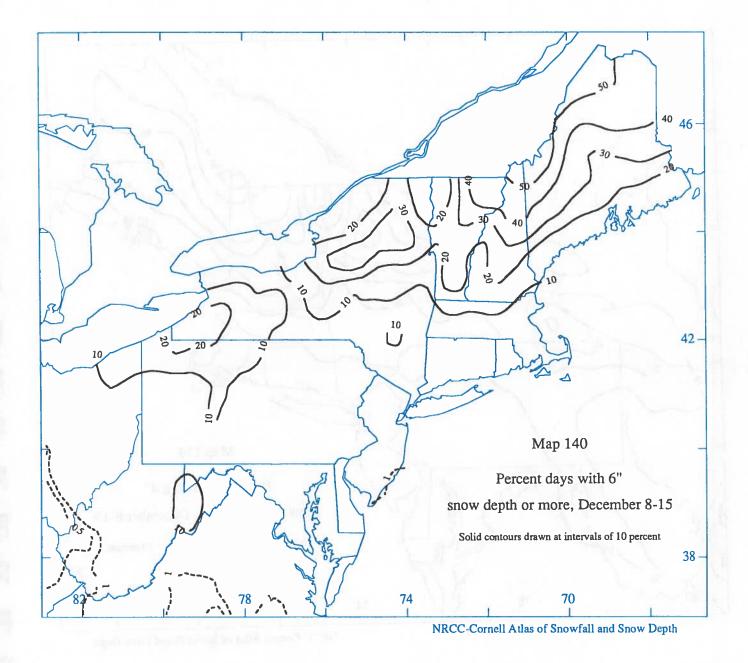
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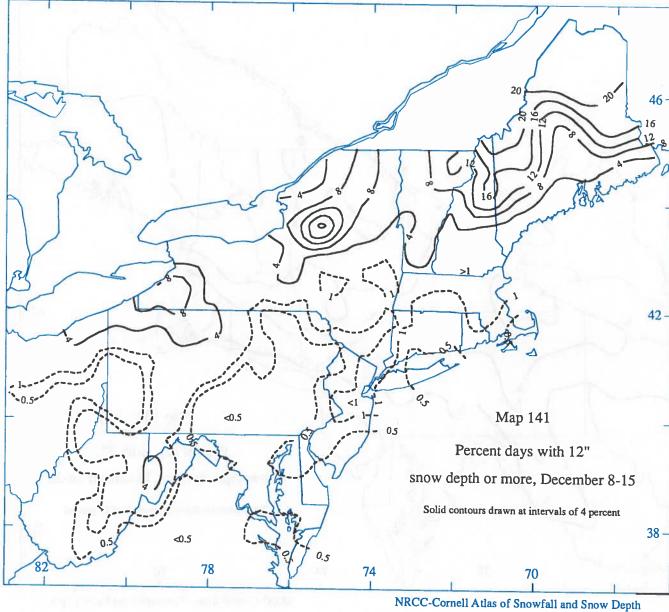
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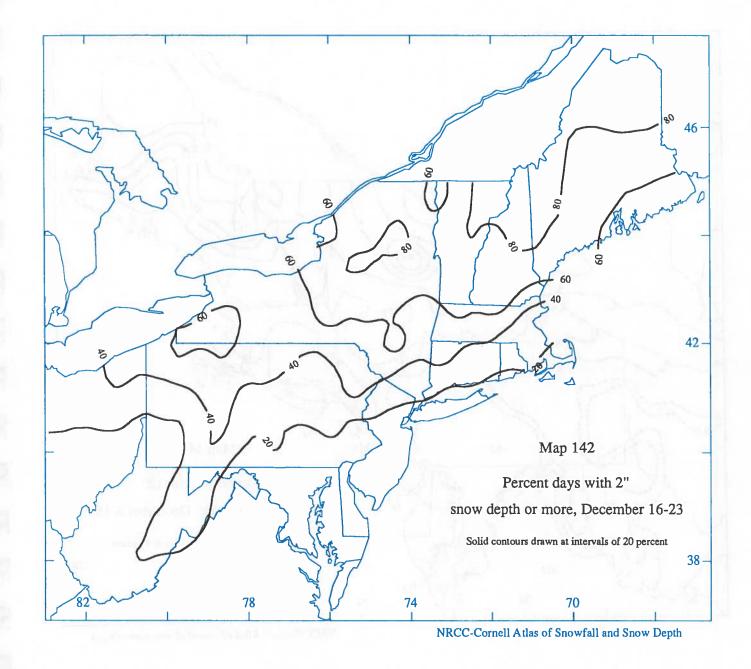
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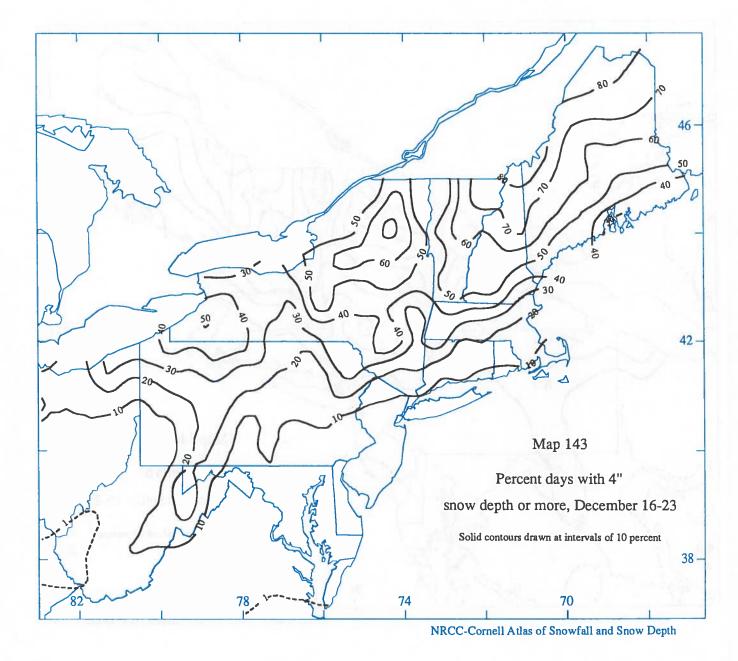


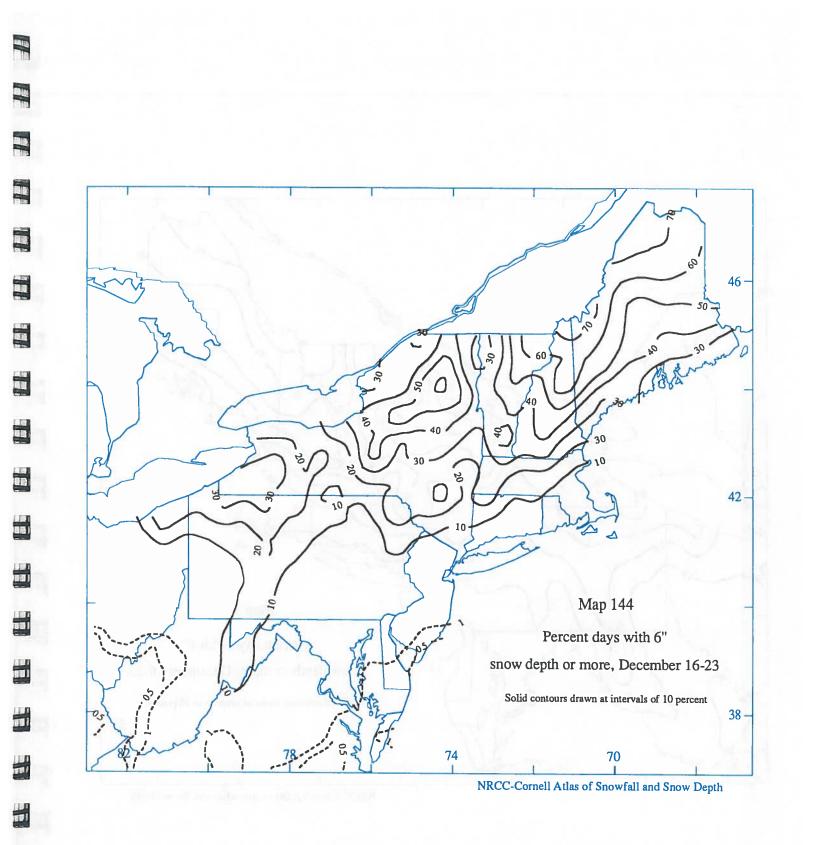
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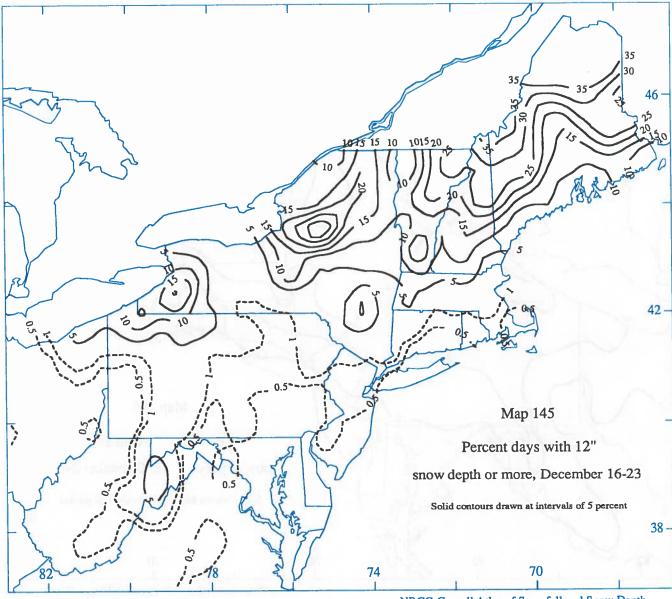
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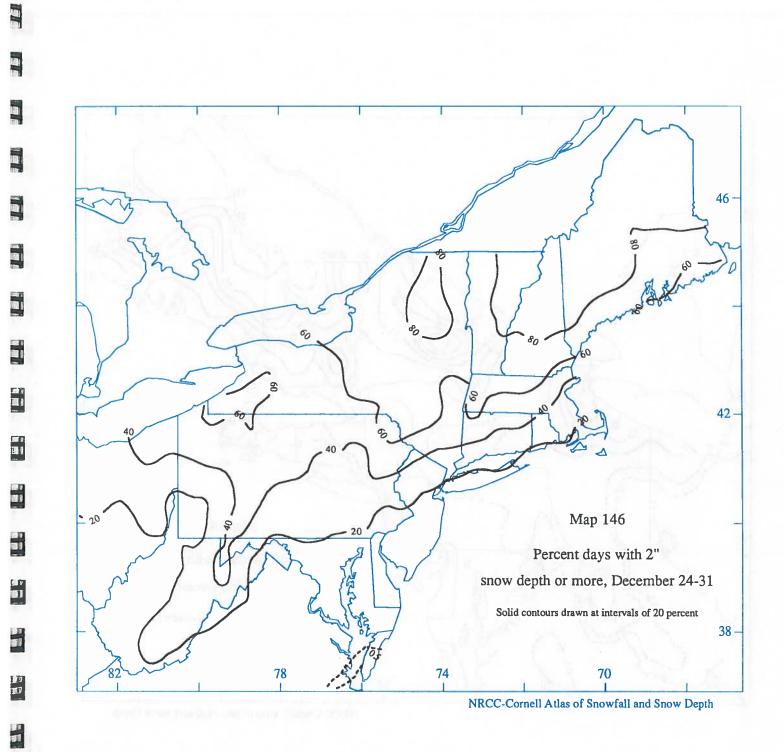
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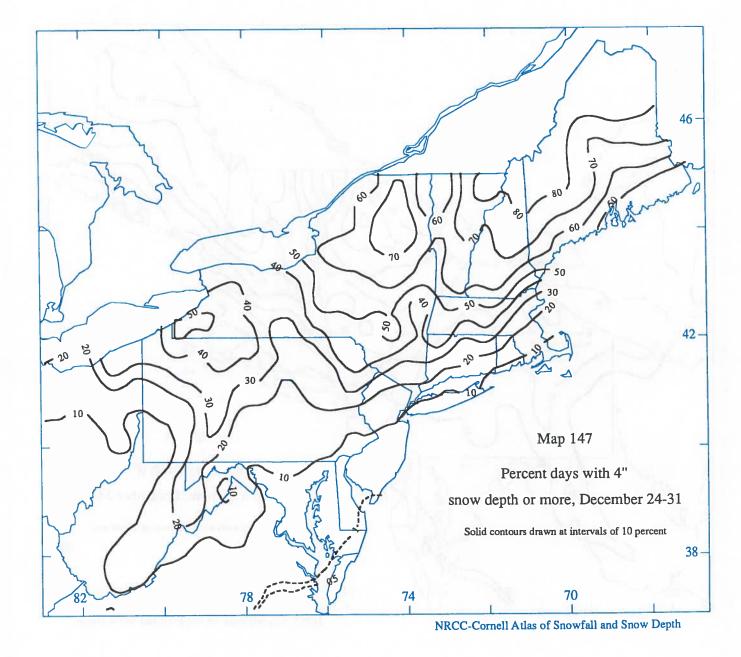


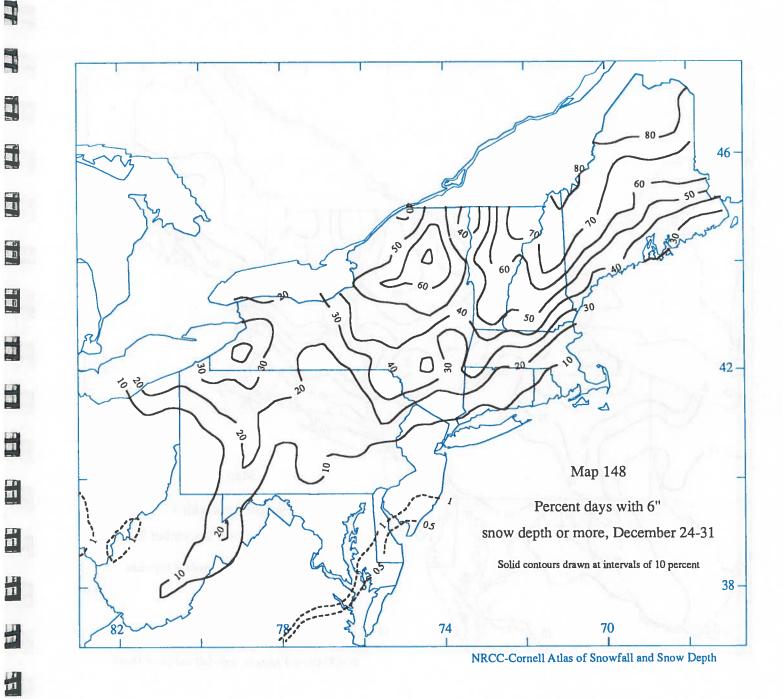
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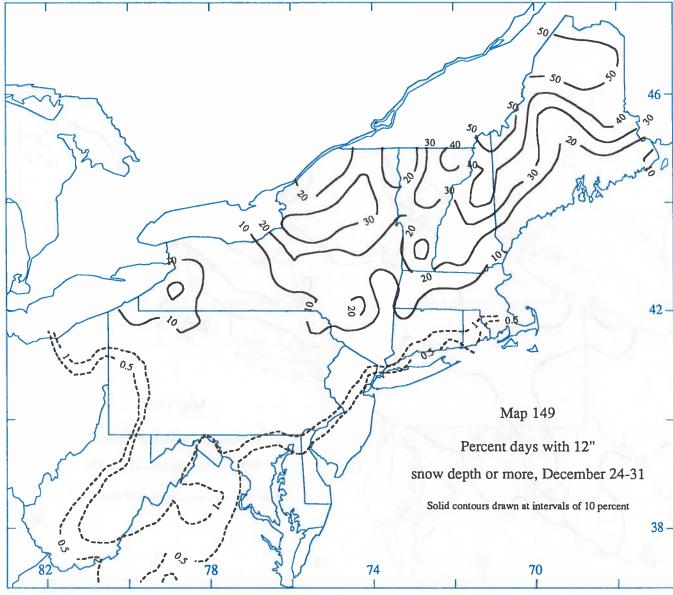




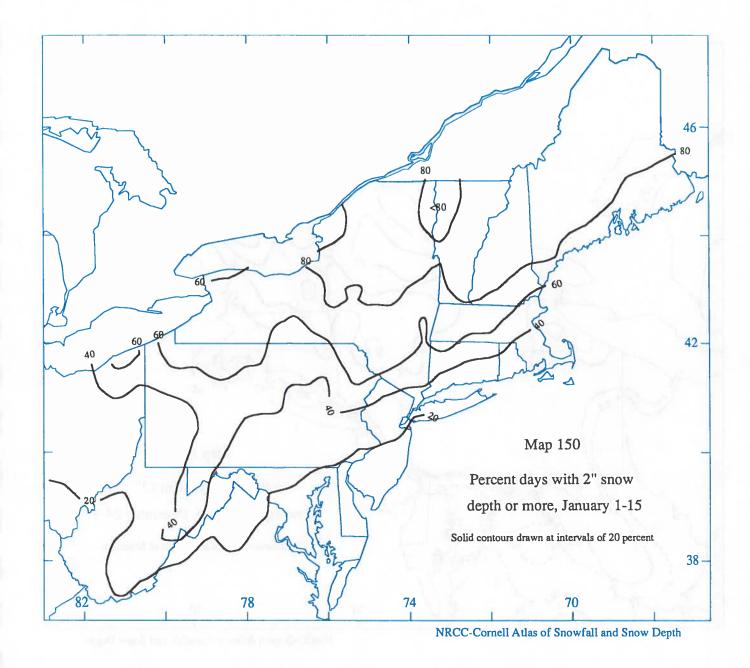
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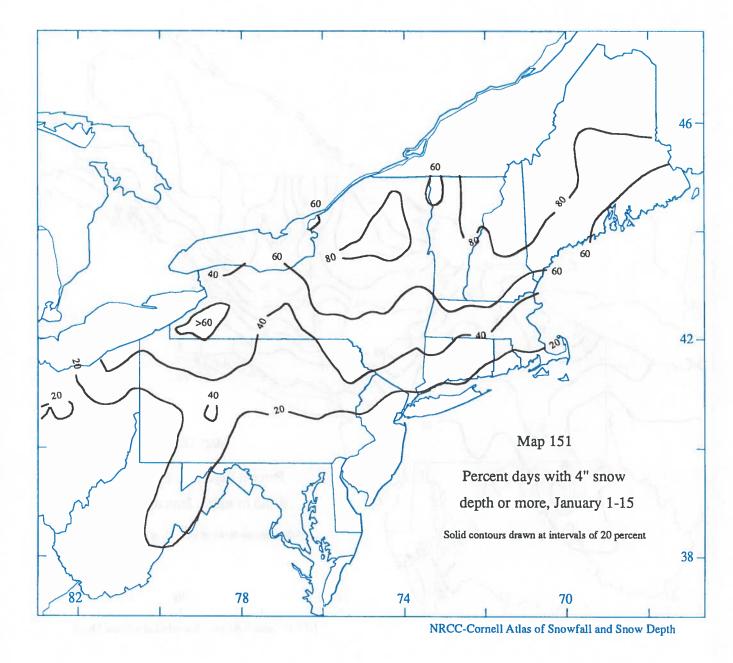
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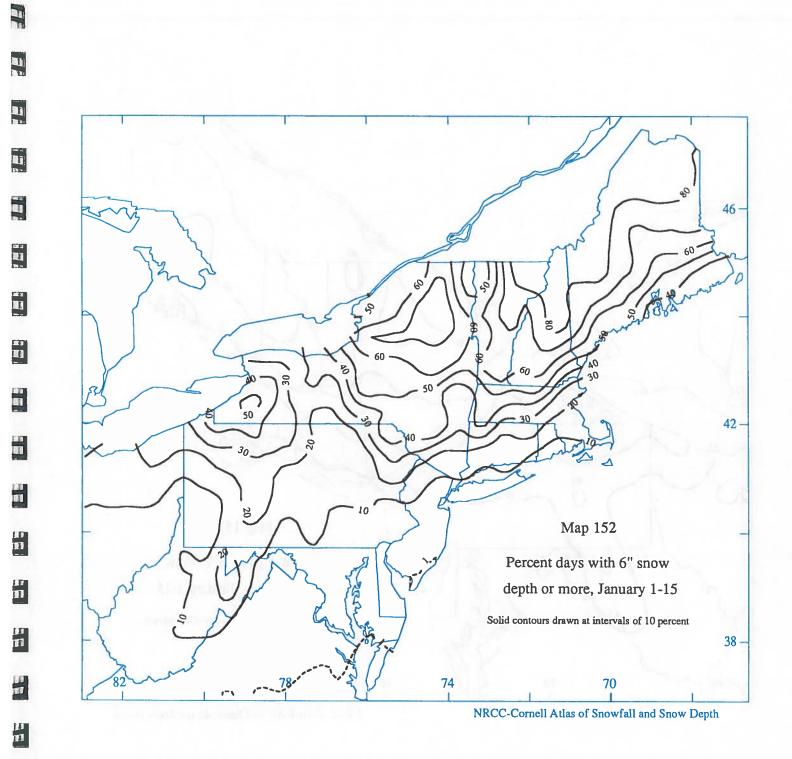


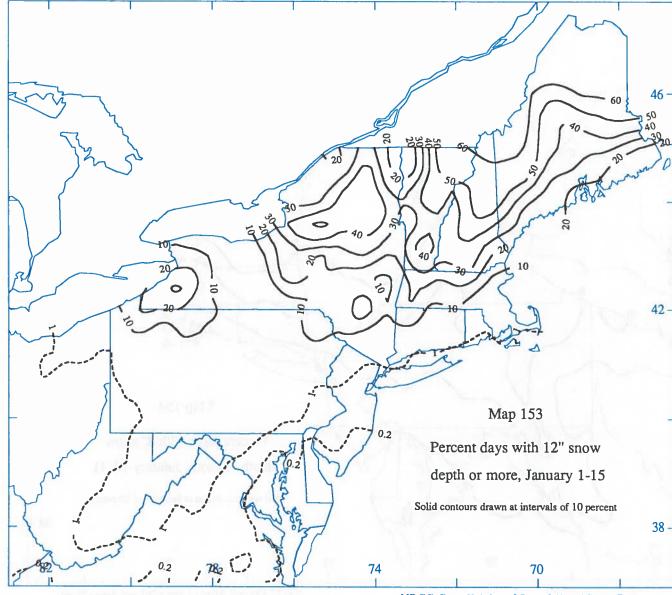
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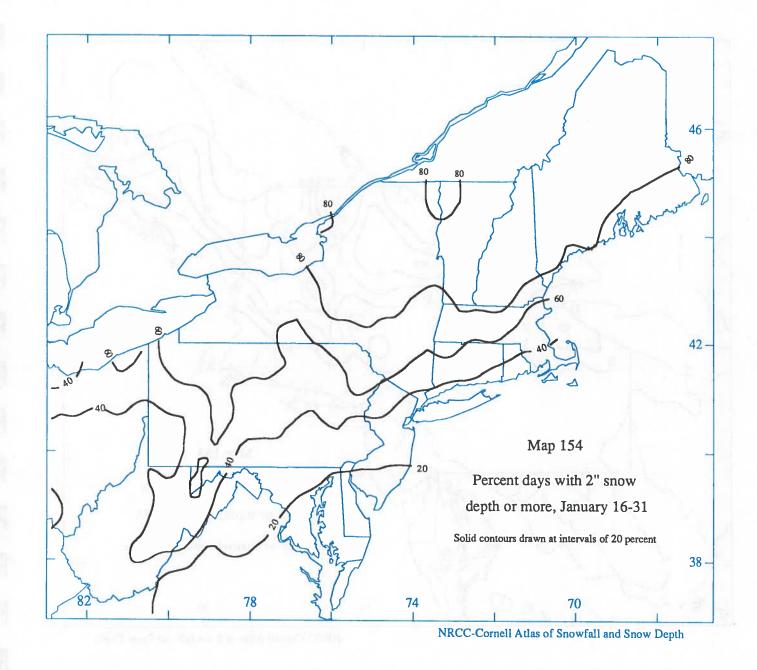
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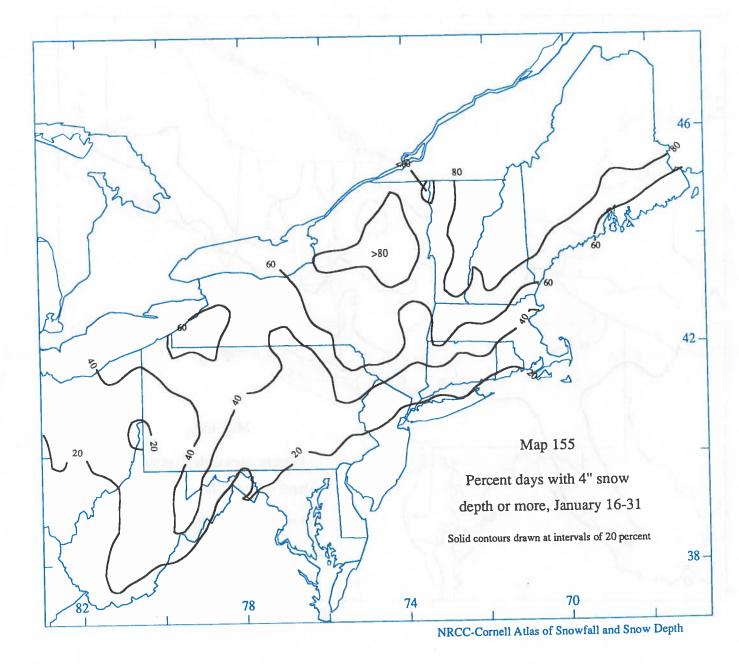






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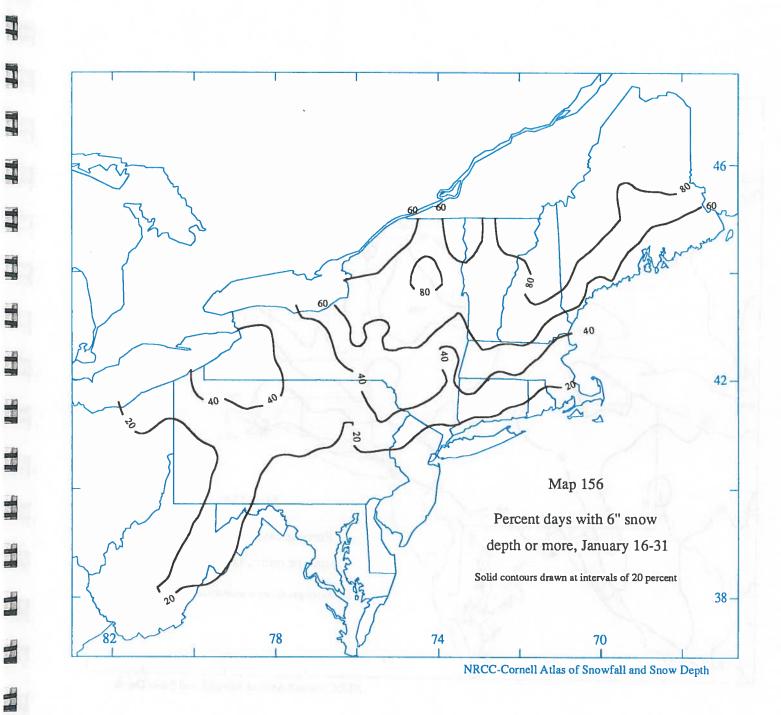
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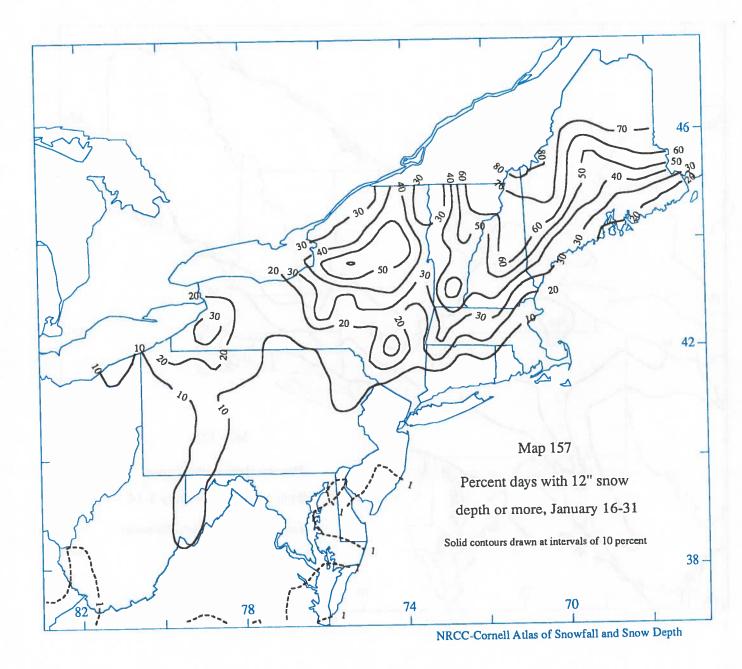
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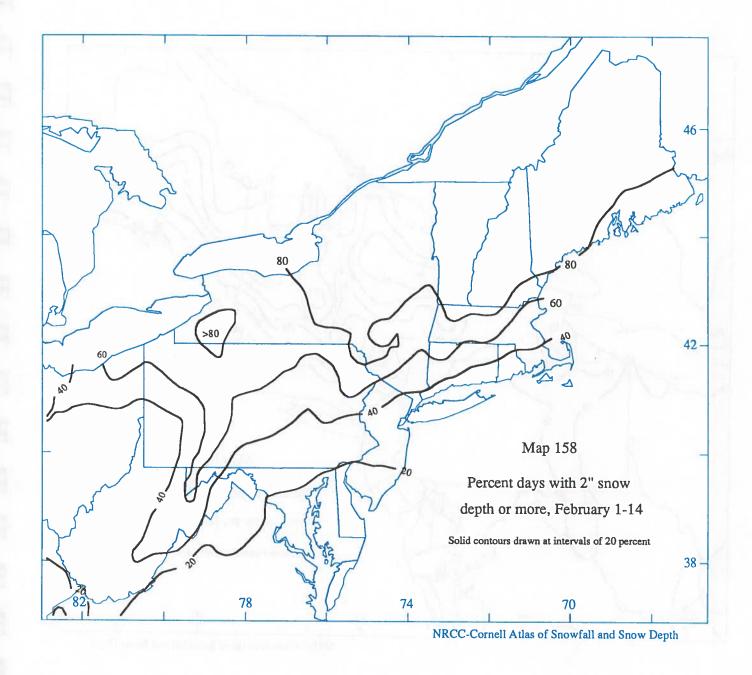
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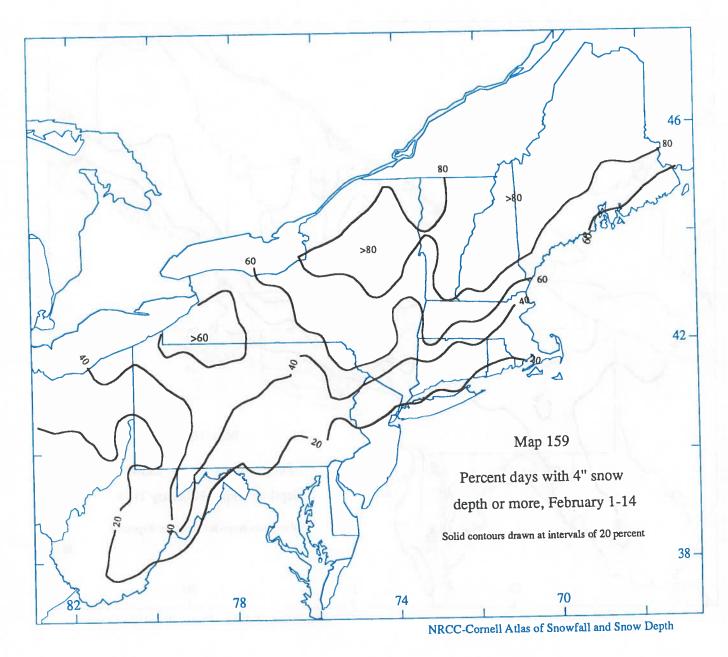
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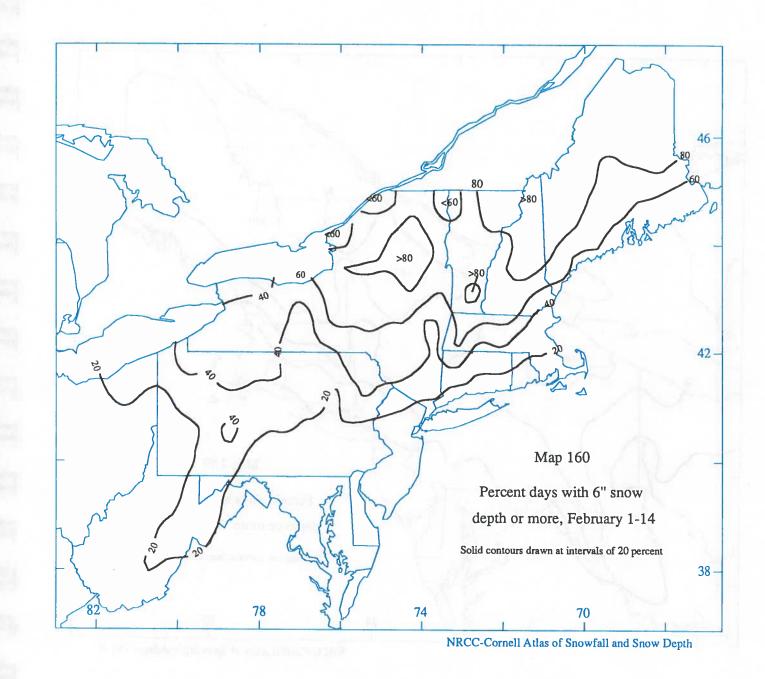
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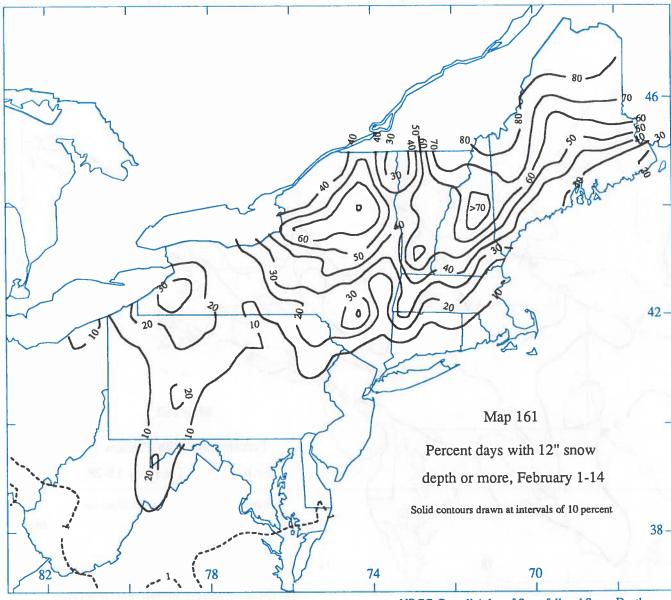
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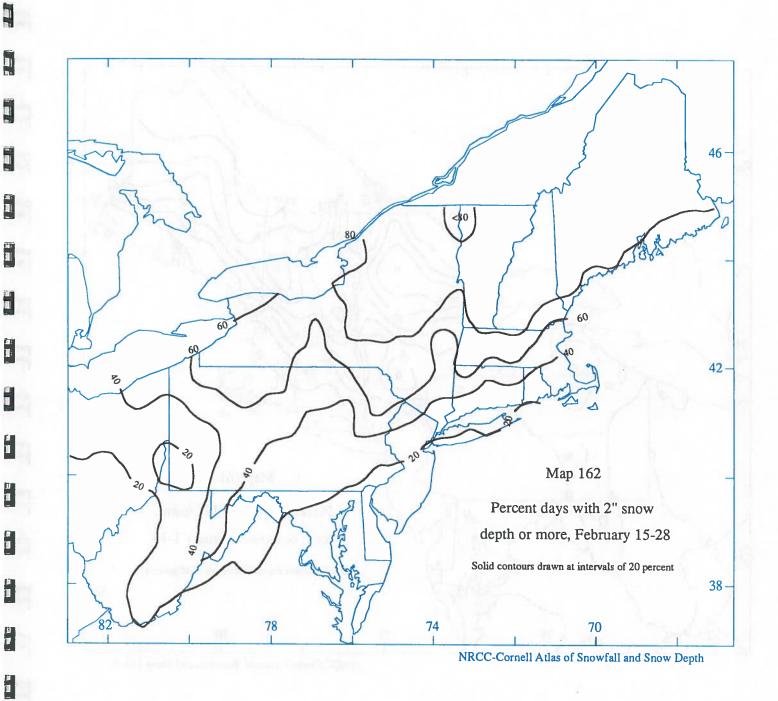




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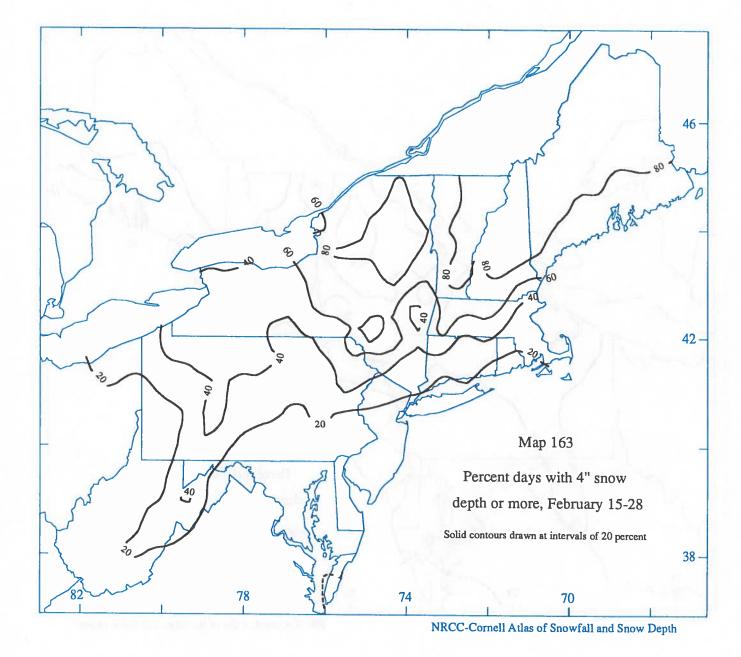
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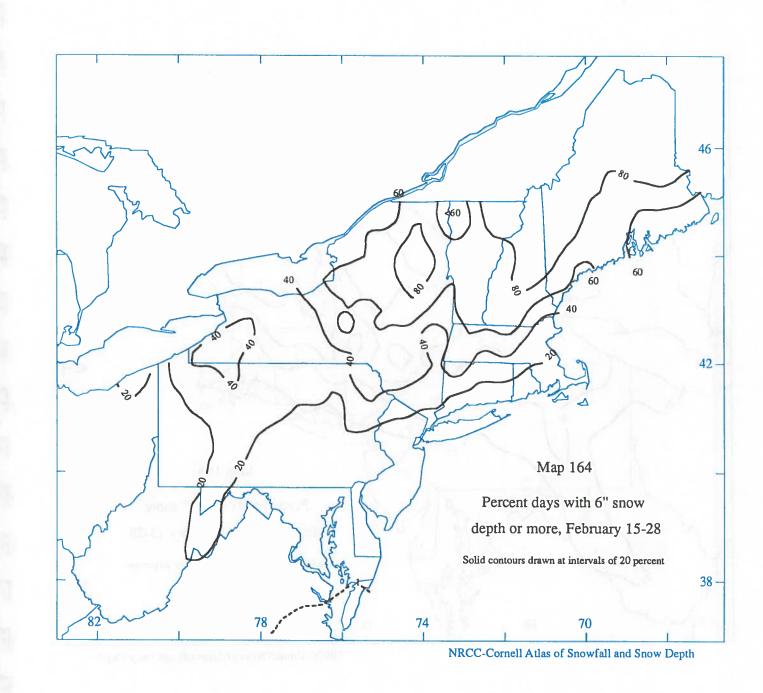
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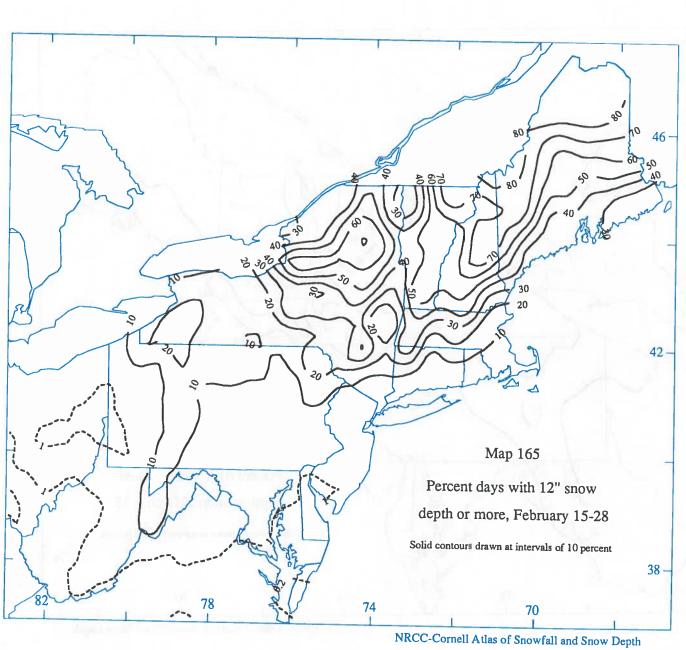


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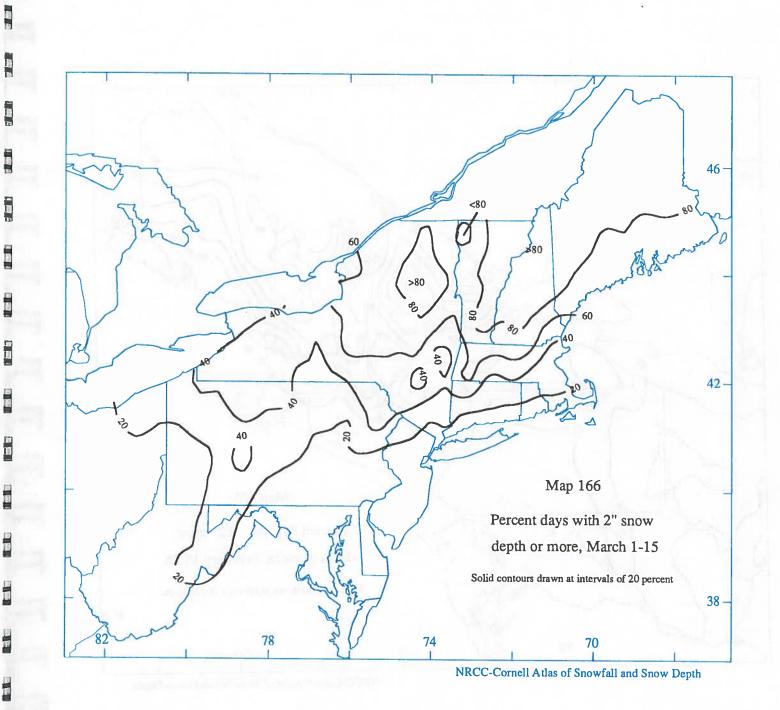
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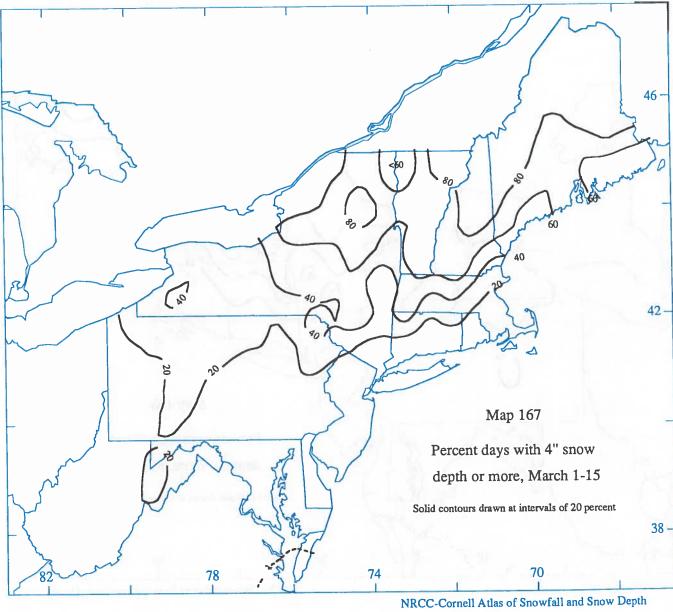
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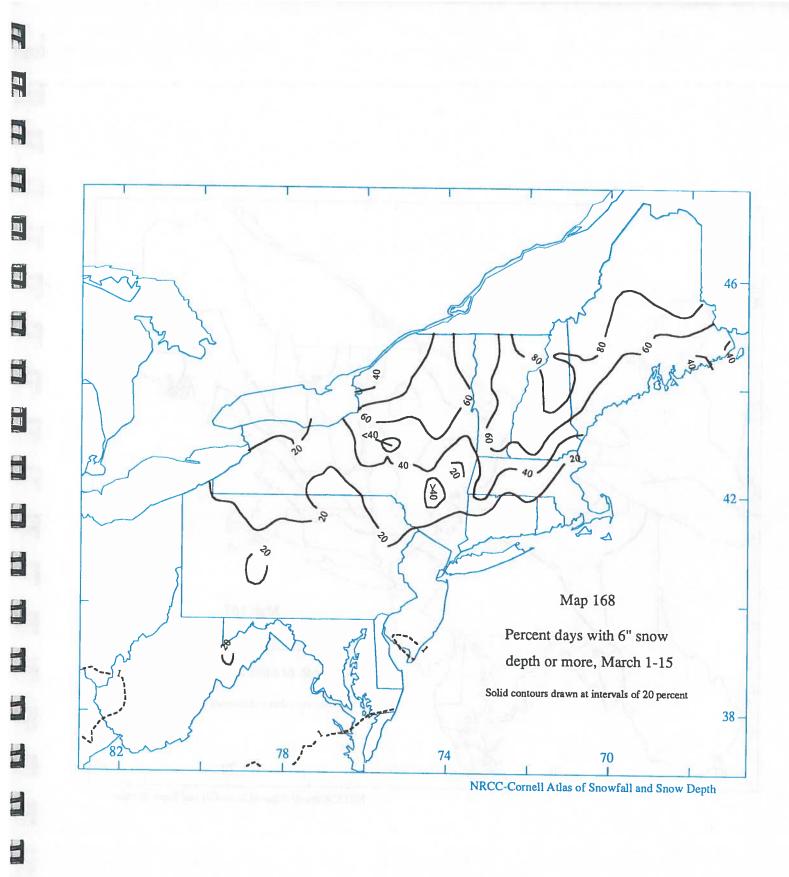


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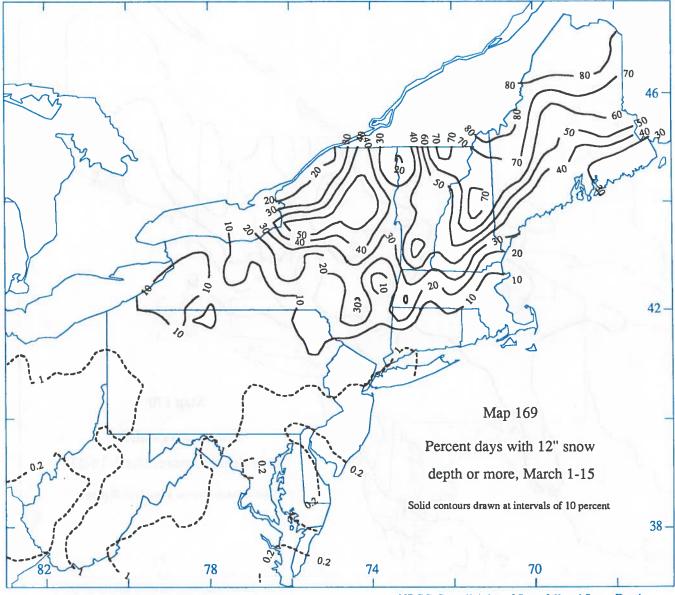




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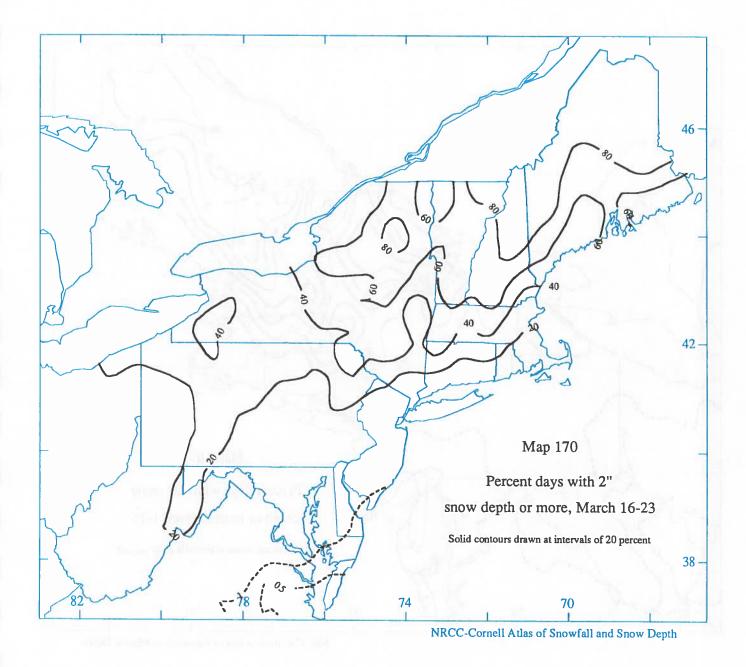
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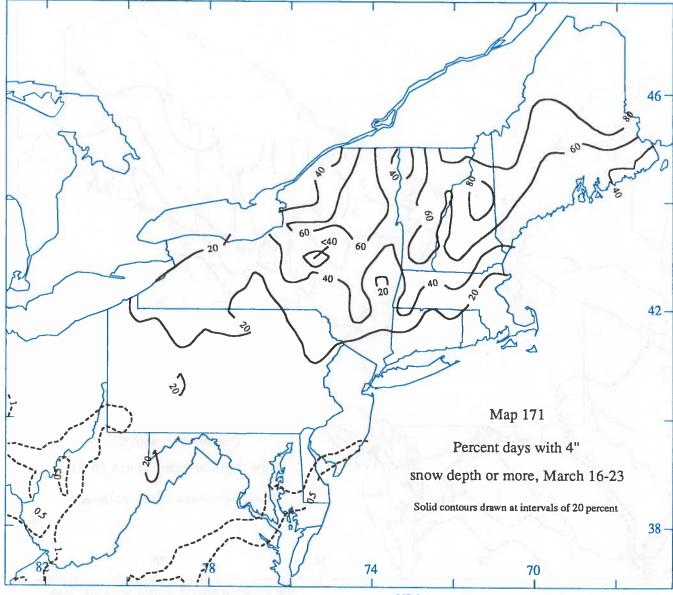


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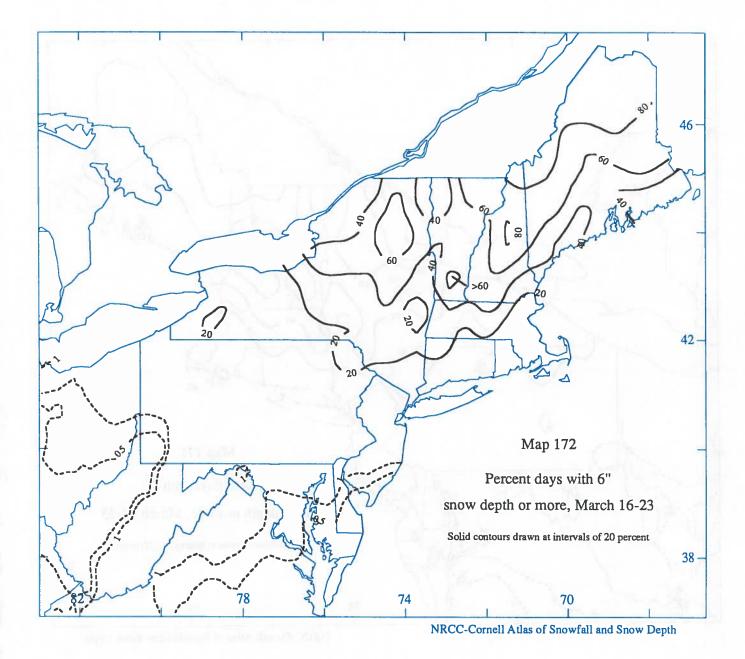
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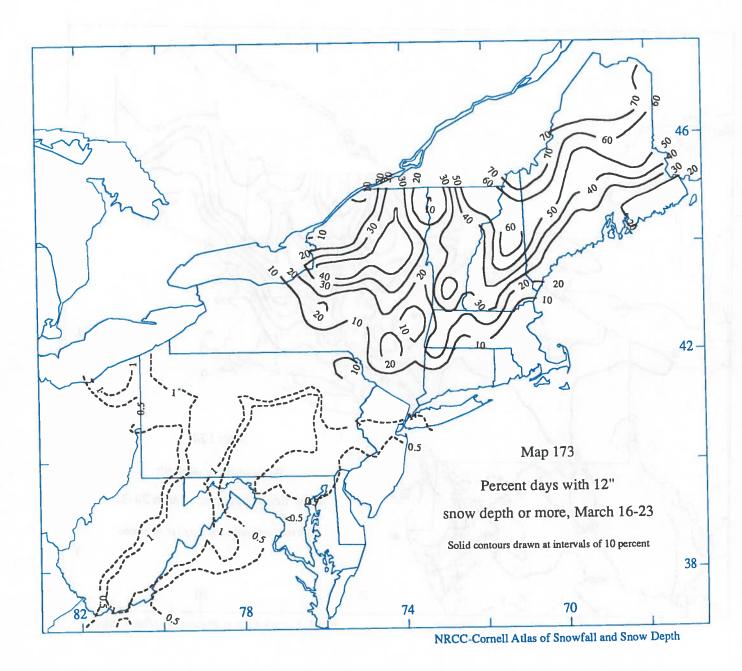


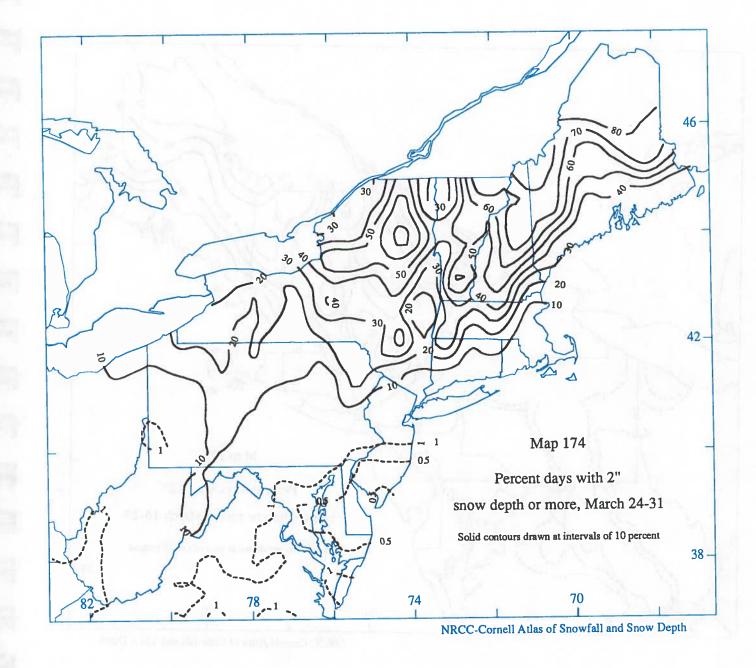
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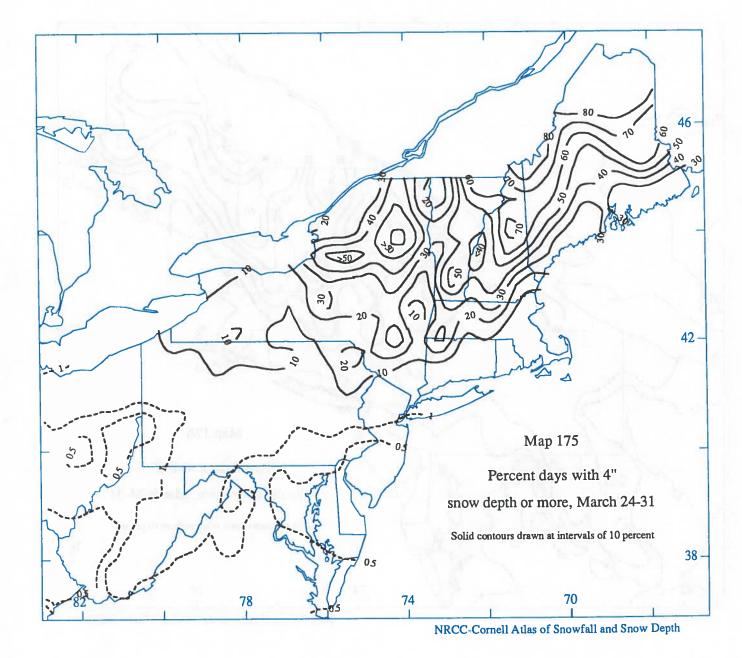


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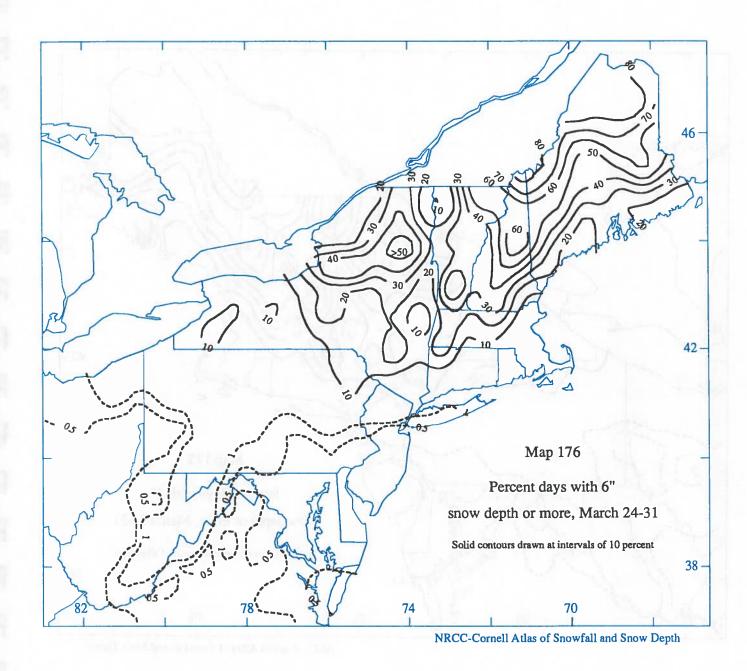




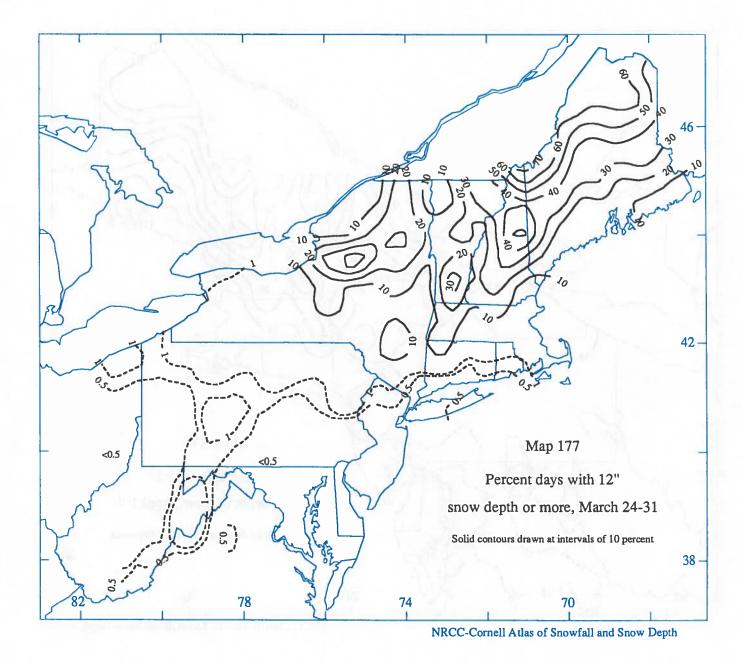


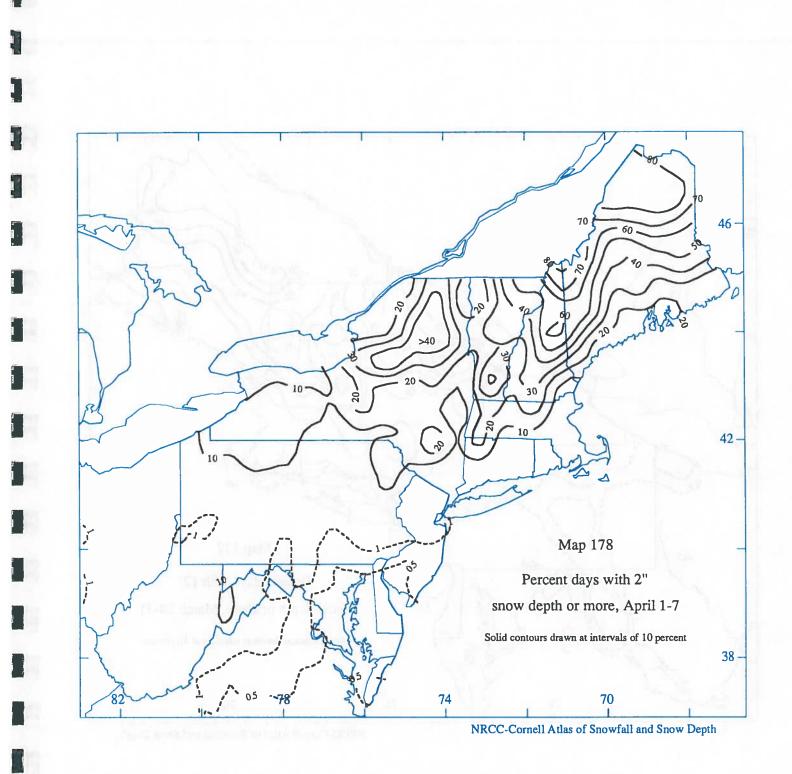
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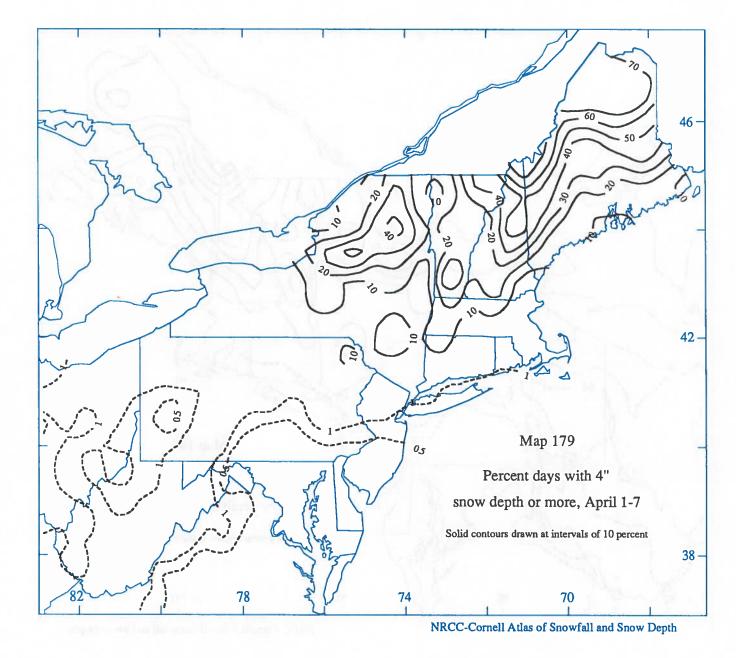
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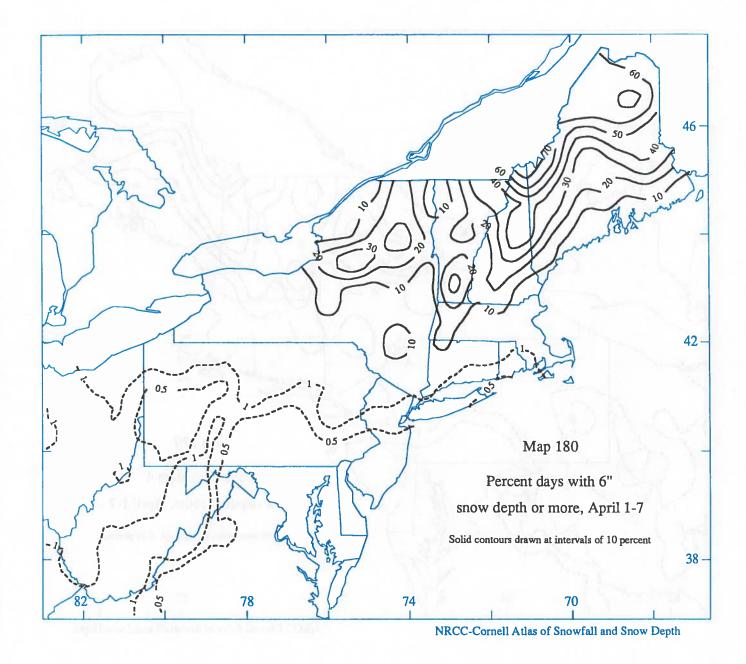


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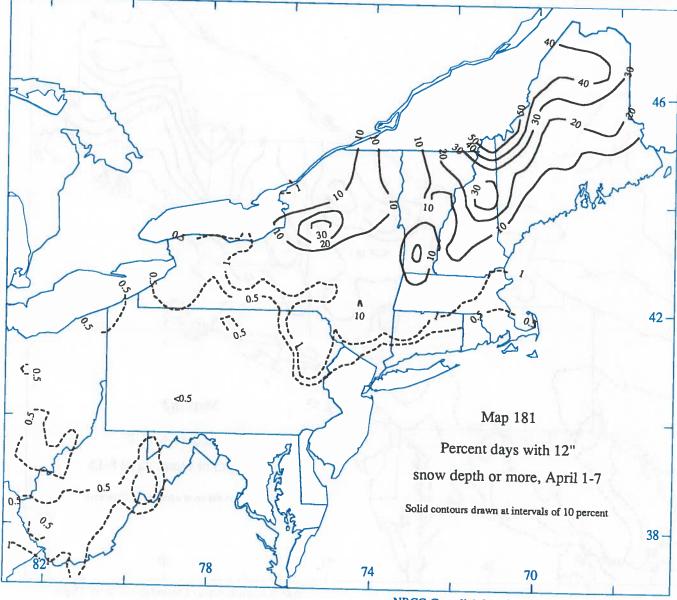




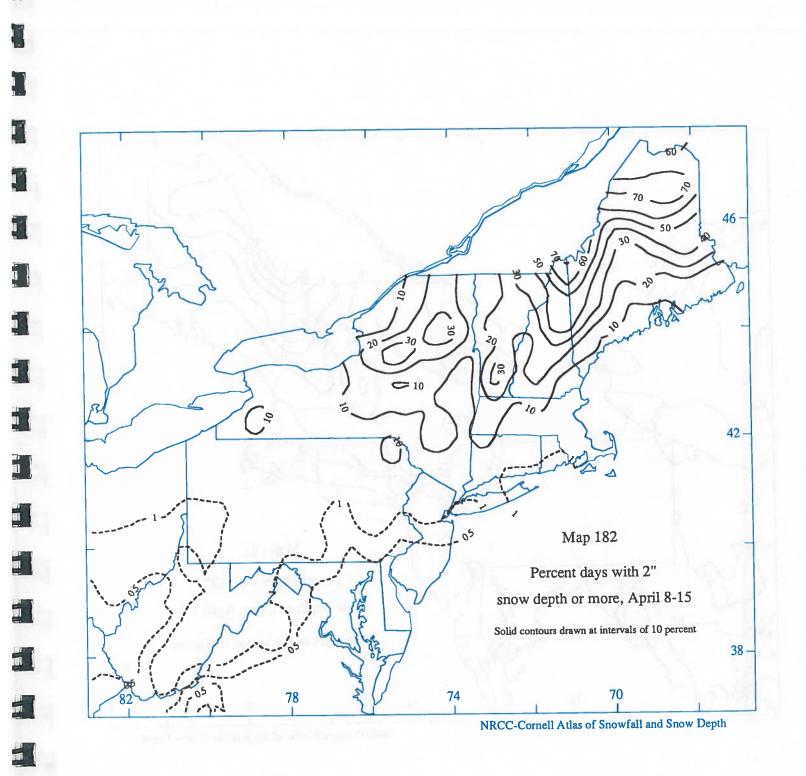


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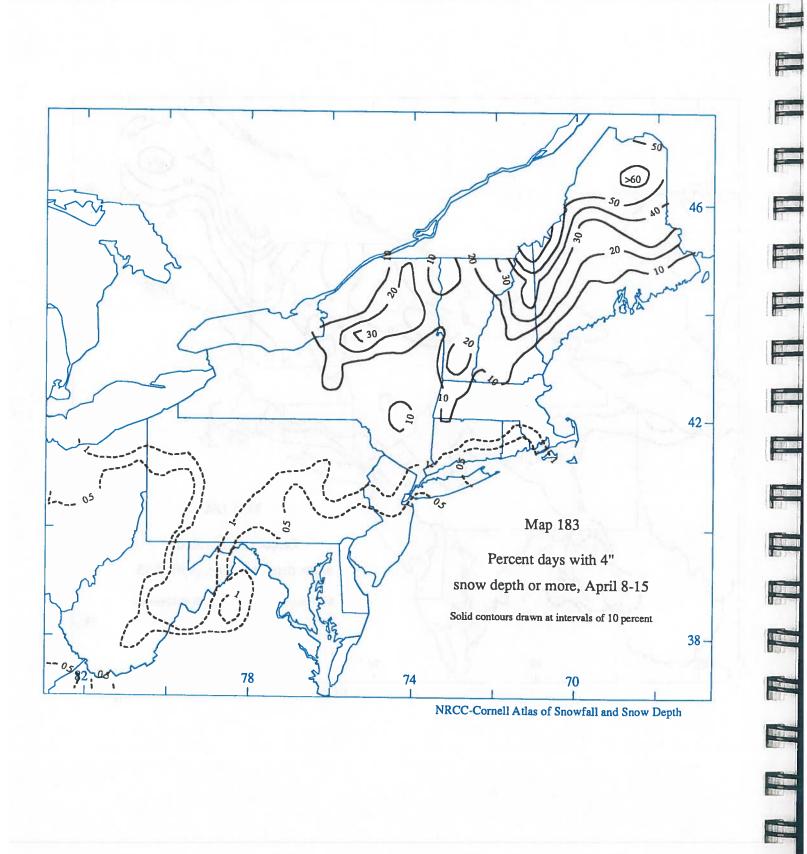


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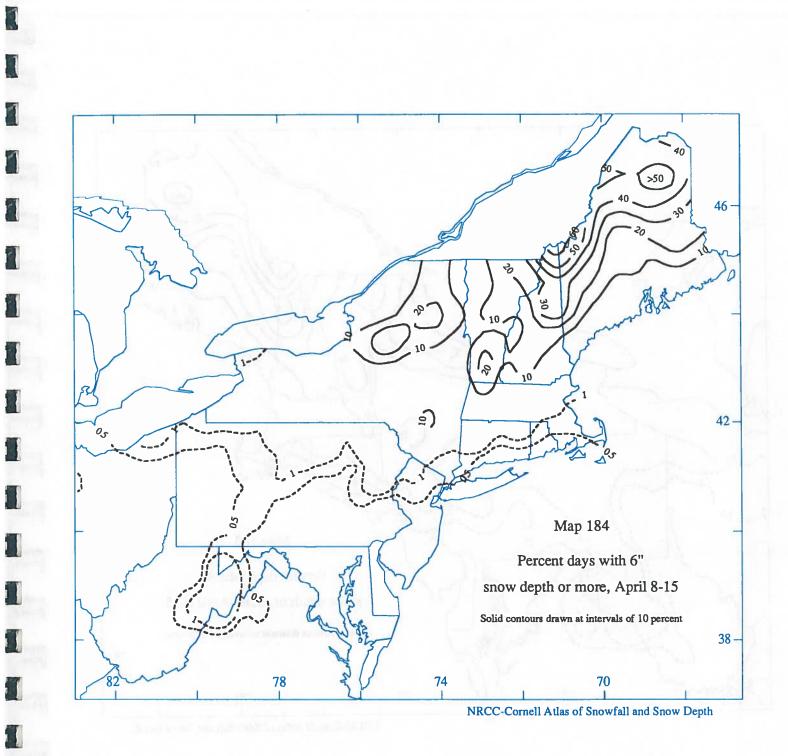


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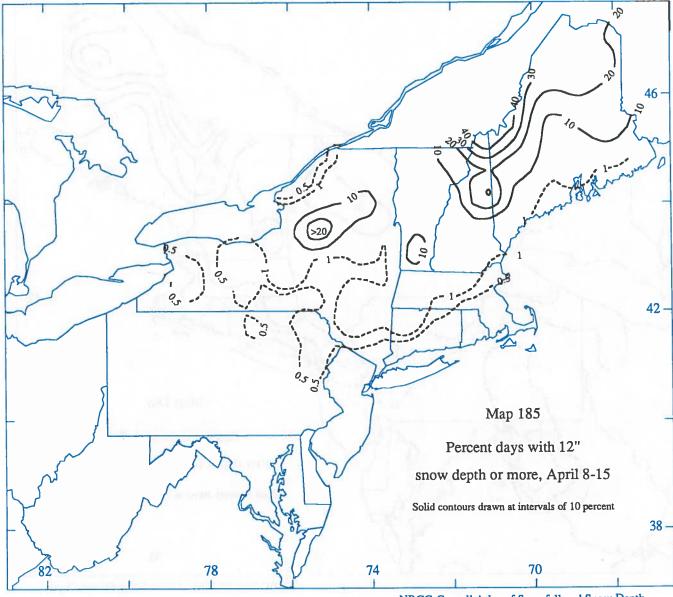


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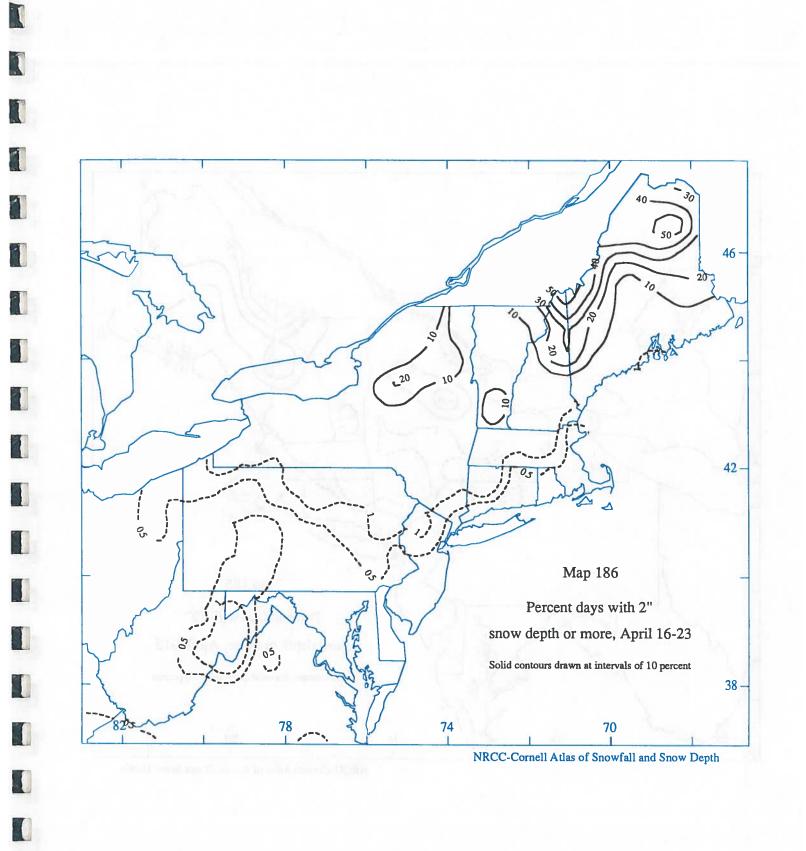
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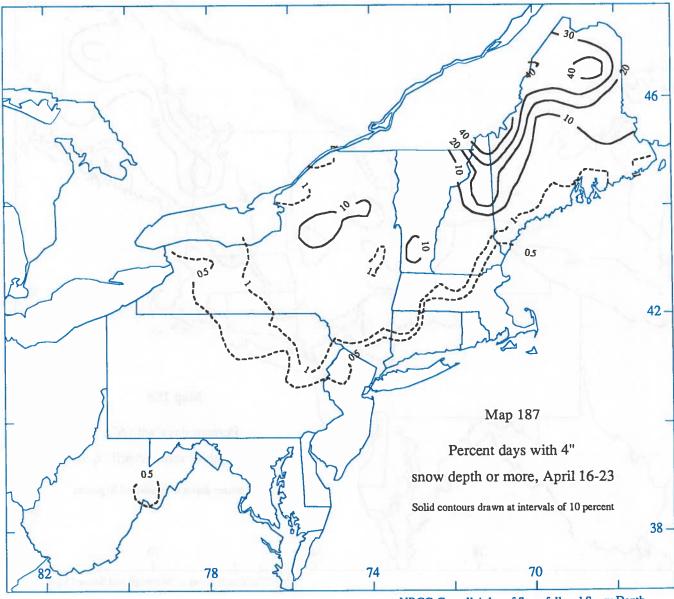
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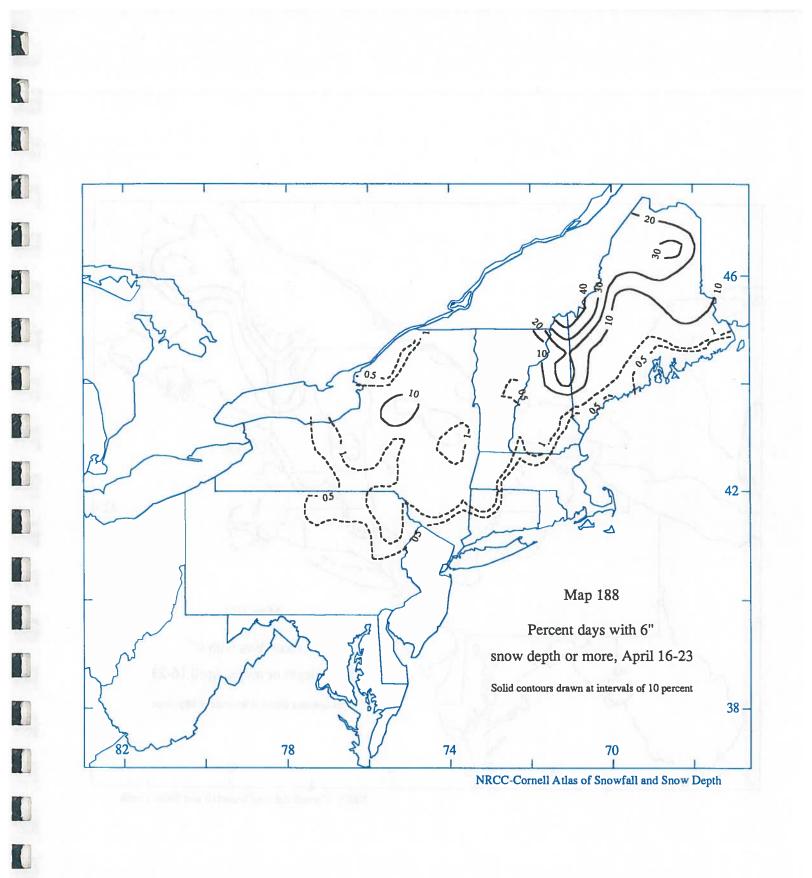
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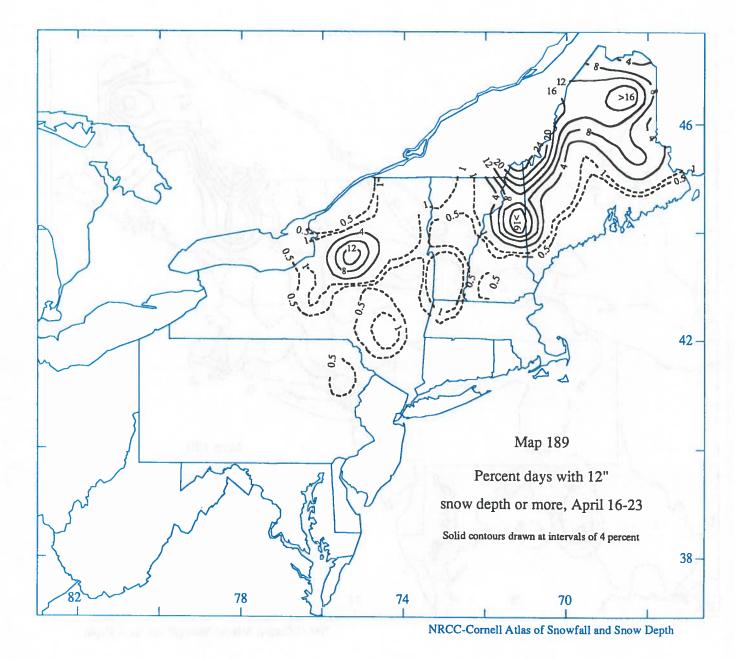
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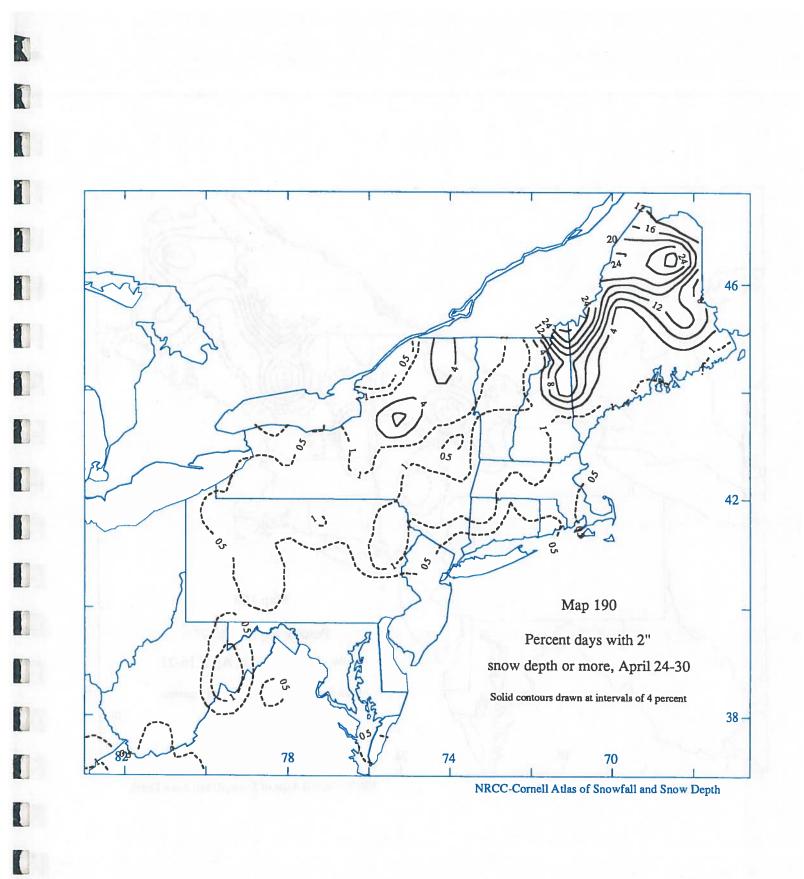


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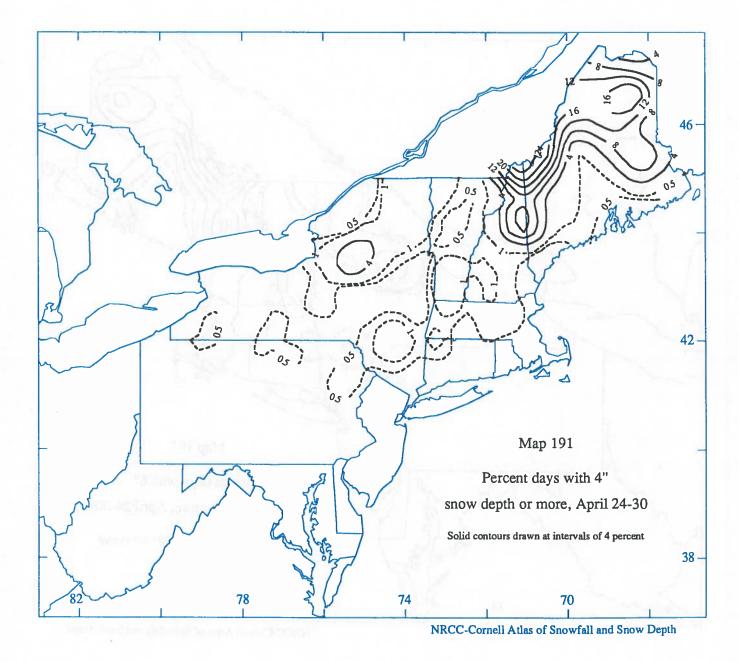
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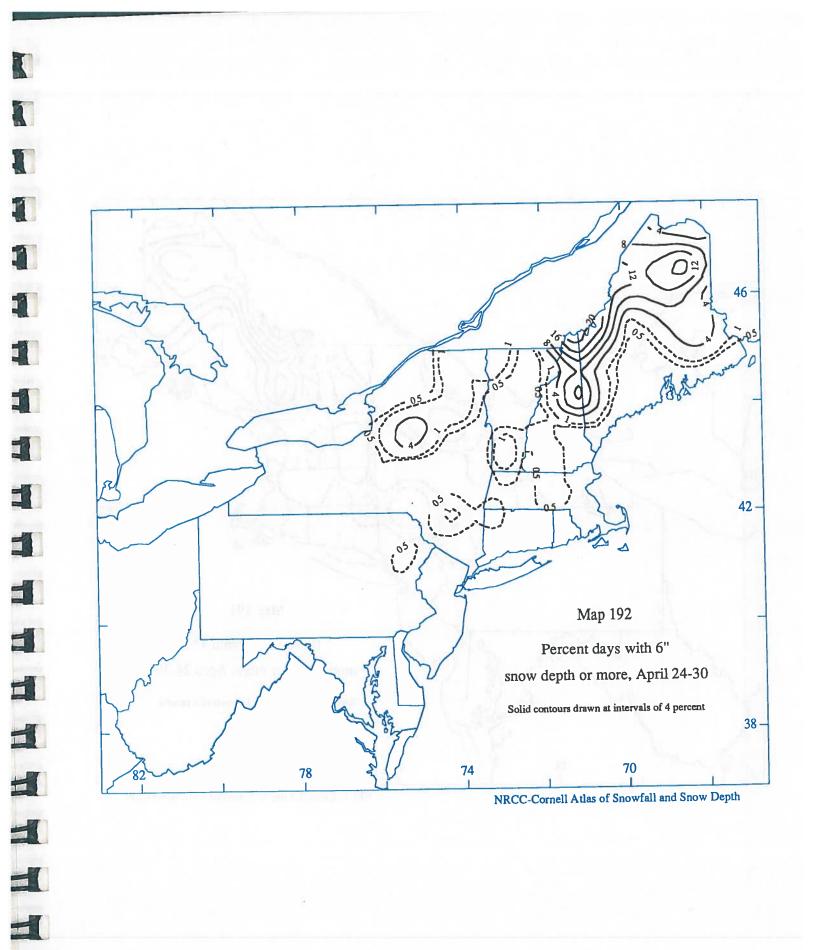
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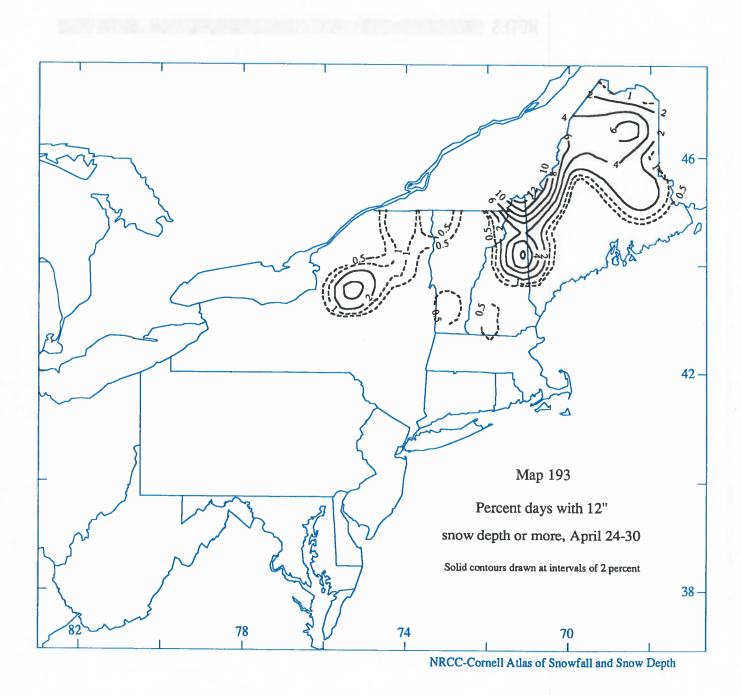
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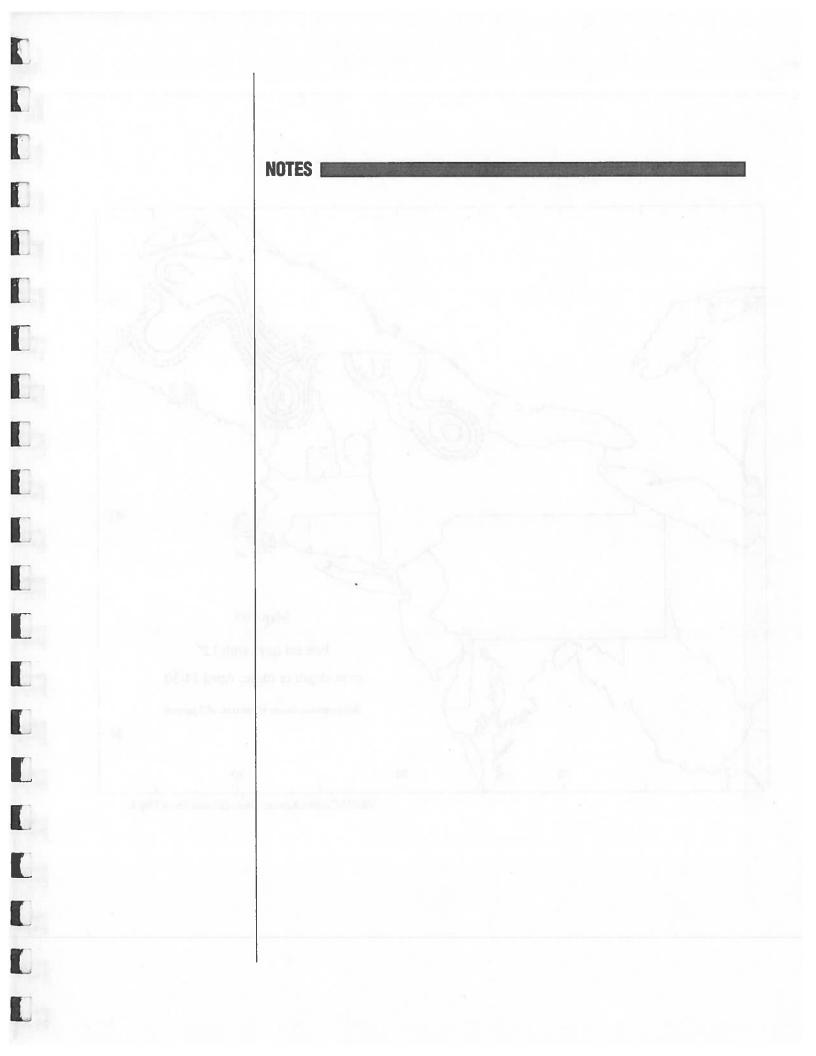
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