

Timeline Gleaned by Joan Weaver

The Plains have suffered droughts for at least 10,000 year

1276-1299	23 years of drought
1873, spring	grasshoppers
1880	Dust storm described in Wichita
1886-87 winter;	Cold winter Blizzaed Nov. 16, 1887 Killed animals
1889, 1890	Drought
1893 1894	Drought
1895	Drought 7" rain
1899	Drought
1910-1912	Drought
1919	Grasshoppers
1928 & 1929	Bumper crops
1930, Sept 14	Wind in Oklahoma First dust storm. 60 mph winds
1930, Sept.- Nov	Rain
1931	good crop but 25 cents per bushel
1932, Jan. 21	10,000' high dust storm Amarillo moved north to Kansas
1932	14 storms where visibility was ¼ mile
1932 late winter	more in Texas panhandle
1933 March and April	Duster
1933 April 1, 14	Dusters
1933 late May	tornado in Liberal Mud pellet as Dust storm mixes with rain storm
1933 end of	20 hour duster
1934 Jan4	Duster
1934 Feb	St. Patrick's day and late in month 6 days in a row the sun was obscured
1934 March	7 storms
1934 April	14 Dust Storms including one the lasted 12 hours
1934 May 9-12	Dust Storm "Black Blizzard of May 11, 1934
1934 May	4 dust storms
1934 June	2 dust storms
1934 July	2 dust storms
1934 August	1 dust storm
1934 Sept	6 dust storms
1934 Oct	2 dust storms
1934 Nov	3 dust storms
1834 Dec	4 dust storms
1934 May 9	Dust storm goes east p 150-152 to May 11 Dust storm p. 246
1935, Feb 22	Storm
1935, March	12 straight days of dust storms nearly destroyed half of the wheat crop in Kansas
1935 March	Cold blizzard, more like gravel
1935 Jan.-April 14	49 dusters
1935, April 14	Black Sunday
1935, May 25	Duster
1936, Feb. 3	Blow
1936	summer Very hot summer
1937, Feb. 18	Duster
1937, March 23	52 mph wind
1937, April 24	Duster
1937, June 19	Duster
1937, June	Grasshoppers
1937	More dusters in 1937 in the High Plains than any other year. There were 134
1938, April	Bad snow storm/dust storms
1938	Conservation methods reduced the blowing by half; 61 dust storms
1939	Driest year ever in Nebraska; 30 dust storms
1939	Rain returned
1940	17 dust storms
1952-1957	Filthy Fifties, 10 storms
1974-1977	Drought
1998-2002	Rainfall 30% less than in the 930s
2006	Drought (Disastrs p. 163