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**Gridded High Resolution Monthly and Annual Frost Potential Metadata**

<b>Dataset</b>	
Title	Mean monthly and mean annual days with minimum temperature less than a given threshold (base climatological data sets).
<b>Custodian</b>	
Custodian	Bureau of Meteorology
Jurisdiction	Australia
<b>Description</b>	
Abstract	<p>The grids show the number of days with minimum temperature less than a given threshold. This is referred to as frost potential. The data extends across Australia and is in the form of two-dimensional array data. The indices are based on the period 1976 to 2005.</p> <p>See LINEAGE below for more information.</p>
Search Word(s)	Gridded, analyses, temperature, frost, meteorology
Geographic Extent Names(s)	Australia
General Category	Gridded monthly and annual data
General Custodian Jurisdiction	Australian Government Australia
Geographic Extent Polygon	Not applicable
Geographic Bounding Box	See Below
North Bounding Latitude	-9.975
South Bounding Latitude	-44.525
East Bounding Longitude	156.275
West Bounding Longitude	111.975
<b>Data Currency</b>	
Beginning Date	1976
Ending Date	2005
<b>Dataset Status</b>	
Progress	Completed
Maintenance and Update frequency	Ongoing
<b>Access</b>	
Stored Data Format	Arc/Info grids—all Australia
Available Format Type	ASCII row major, Arc/Info grid Interchange (.e00), Shapefiles

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<b>Data Quality</b>	
Lineage	<p>The analyses (grids) are computer generated using a sophisticated analysis technique. It incorporates an optimised Barnes successive correction technique that applies a weighted averaging process to the station data. Topographical information is included by the use of anomalies (departures from average) in the analysis process.</p> <p>On the maps each grid-point represents an approximately square area with sides of about 5 kilometres (0.05 degrees). The size of the grids is limited by the data density across Australia.</p> <p>This grid-point analysis technique provides an objective average for each grid square and enables useful estimates in data-sparse areas such as central Australia. However, in data-rich areas such as southeast Australia or in regions with strong gradients, "data smoothing" will occur resulting in grid-point values that may differ slightly from the exact minimum temperatures measured at the contributing stations.</p>
Positional Accuracy	The observational (station) data on which the analyses were based have an associated accuracy of the order of 0.01 degrees (approximately 1km) or better.
Attribute Accuracy	Not applicable
Logical Consistency	Not applicable
Completeness	No missing data
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<b>Metadata date</b>	
Metadata date	2008
Additional Metadata	These grids are based on daily temperature data - additional information available on request (see contact above).