

MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN

05316500 REDWOOD RIVER NEAR REDWOOD FALLS, MN

LOCATION.--Lat 4431'25', long 9510'20", in SE 1 / 4 NE 1 / 4 sec. 9, T.112 N., R.36 W., Redwood County, Hydrologic Unit 07020006, on right bank 4 ft upstream from highway bridge, 3 mi west of town of Redwood Falls, and 8.5 mi upstream from mouth.
DRAINAGE AREA.--629 mi².

PERIOD OF RECORD.--July 1909 to September 1914 (no winter records except 1911-12). August 1930 to September 1935 (no winter records), October 1935 to current year.
REVISED RECORDS.--WDR MN-89-2: Drainage area.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Datum of gage is 972.33 ft above sea level. July 1909 to September 1914, nonrecording gage at bridge 20 ft downstream at datum 0.22 ft lower. August 1930 to Oct. 25, 1949, nonrecording gage, at bridge 20 ft downstream at present datum.

REMARKS.--Records good except those for estimated daily discharges, which are fair to poor. Natural discharge affected by unknown amount of interbasin flow between Yellow Medicine, Redwood, and Cottonwood River basins during extreme floods.

EXTREMES FOR CURRENT YEAR.--Peak discharges greater than base discharge of 400 ft³/s and maximum (*):

| Discharge | | | Discharge | | | | |
|-----------|------|----------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Date | Time | Gage height (ft) | Date | Time | Gage height (ft) | | |
| | | (ft ³ /s) | | | (ft ³ /s) | | |
| Feb. 27 | 2300 | 418 | 3.14 | Apr. 02 | 0400 | *1440 | *5.23 |

DISCHARGE, IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 1997 TO SEPTEMBER 1998

DAILY MEAN VALUES

| DAY | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 37 | 45 | 65 | e49 | e31 | 371 | 1330 | 292 | 105 | 67 | 36 | 29 |
| 2 | 38 | 47 | 66 | e48 | e31 | 306 | 1420 | 281 | 105 | 62 | 34 | 25 |
| 3 | 40 | 39 | 67 | e48 | e30 | 297 | 1330 | 269 | 105 | 62 | 33 | 24 |
| 4 | 40 | 35 | 62 | e48 | e30 | 263 | 1240 | 251 | 99 | 59 | 35 | 22 |
| 5 | 41 | 46 | 48 | e46 | e30 | 229 | 1170 | 239 | 96 | 57 | 42 | 22 |

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|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 39 | 47 | e42 | e44 | e30 | 226 | 1110 | 229 | 92 | 59 | 50 | 21 |
| 7 | 38 | 47 | e43 | e41 | e30 | 217 | 1080 | 222 | 88 | 63 | 67 | 19 |
| 8 | 44 | 50 | e46 | e39 | e30 | 190 | 1130 | 215 | 86 | 62 | 71 | 18 |
| 9 | 41 | 51 | e47 | e37 | e30 | e180 | 1190 | 211 | 86 | 59 | 66 | 19 |
| 10 | 41 | 52 | e47 | e34 | e30 | e165 | 1160 | 203 | 86 | 58 | 56 | 19 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 42 | 54 | e47 | e33 | e30 | e150 | 1150 | 201 | 87 | 54 | 51 | 19 |
| 12 | 46 | 41 | e47 | e31 | e31 | e140 | 1120 | 204 | 100 | 50 | 46 | 19 |
| 13 | 55 | 45 | e47 | e30 | e32 | e132 | 1020 | 199 | 99 | 46 | 41 | 18 |
| 14 | 66 | 48 | e47 | e28 | e34 | e125 | 891 | 195 | 92 | 42 | 37 | 16 |
| 15 | 68 | 40 | e50 | e26 | e39 | e120 | 796 | 197 | 89 | 58 | 36 | 16 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 72 | 34 | e52 | e28 | e47 | e116 | 719 | 203 | 94 | 111 | 38 | 16 |
| 17 | 68 | e34 | e54 | e29 | e59 | e115 | 653 | 204 | 98 | 92 | 34 | 16 |
| 18 | 64 | e36 | e54 | e29 | e80 | e114 | 602 | 206 | 229 | 75 | 31 | 16 |
| 19 | 61 | e37 | e54 | e30 | e110 | e114 | 560 | 199 | 273 | 70 | 29 | 15 |
| 20 | 57 | e36 | e54 | e30 | e140 | e115 | 522 | 189 | 195 | 168 | 28 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 53 | e36 | e54 | e30 | e185 | e120 | 486 | 174 | 166 | 147 | 27 | 13 |
| 22 | 51 | e36 | e54 | e31 | e250 | e128 | 455 | 160 | 140 | 128 | 37 | 13 |
| 23 | 52 | e37 | e53 | e31 | e330 | e143 | 428 | 152 | 120 | 110 | 30 | 13 |
| 24 | 50 | e37 | e52 | e31 | e370 | e163 | 402 | 155 | 111 | 97 | 29 | 15 |
| 25 | 50 | e39 | e52 | e32 | e385 | 204 | 380 | 163 | 106 | 84 | 26 | 20 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 47 | 43 | e51 | e32 | e395 | 355 | 365 | 160 | 99 | 73 | 24 | 22 |
| 27 | 46 | 54 | e51 | e32 | 403 | 612 | 339 | 152 | 92 | 60 | 28 | 24 |
| 28 | 46 | 58 | e50 | e32 | 409 | 1040 | 323 | 140 | 89 | 51 | 34 | 34 |
| 29 | 48 | 61 | e50 | e32 | --- | 1100 | 313 | 123 | 79 | 46 | 66 | 30 |
| 30 | 47 | 62 | e49 | e32 | --- | 1120 | 299 | 115 | 73 | 41 | 44 | 27 |
| 31 | 46 | --- | e49 | e32 | --- | 1120 | --- | 113 | --- | 39 | 34 | --- |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1534 | 1327 | 1604 | 1075 | 3631 | 9790 | 23983 | 6016 | 3379 | 2250 | 1240 | 594 |
| MEAN | 49.5 | 44.2 | 51.7 | 34.7 | 130 | 316 | 799 | 194 | 113 | 72.6 | 40.0 | 19.8 |
| MAX | 72 | 62 | 67 | 49 | 409 | 1120 | 1420 | 292 | 273 | 168 | 71 | 34 |

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|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| MIN | 37 | 34 | 42 | 26 | 30 | 114 | 299 | 113 | 73 | 39 | 24 | 13 |
| AC-FT | 3040 | 2630 | 3180 | 2130 | 7200 | 19420 | 47570 | 11930 | 6700 | 4460 | 2460 | 1180 |
| CFSM | .08 | .07 | .08 | .06 | .21 | .50 | 1.27 | .31 | .18 | .12 | .06 | .03 |
| IN. | .09 | .08 | .09 | .06 | .21 | .58 | 1.42 | .36 | .20 | .13 | .07 | .04 |

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STATISTICS OF MONTHLY MEAN DATA FOR WATER YEARS 1909 - 1998, BY WATER YEAR (WY)

| | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MEAN | 57.2 | 59.6 | 34.5 | 17.0 | 22.6 | 244 | 440 | 220 | 257 | 148 | 79.1 | 51.8 |
| MAX | 509 | 541 | 245 | 104 | 167 | 1289 | 2880 | 1530 | 2724 | 1994 | 934 | 673 |
| (WY) | 1996 | 1980 | 1983 | 1994 | 1983 | 1983 | 1969 | 1993 | 1993 | 1993 | 1993 | 1986 |
| MIN | .84 | .96 | .46 | .19 | .20 | 1.54 | 14.6 | 2.75 | 1.01 | .44 | .51 | .31 |
| (WY) | 1937 | 1936 | 1936 | 1940 | 1937 | 1965 | 1934 | 1934 | 1934 | 1934 | 1934 | 1976 |

| SUMMARY STATISTICS | FOR 1997 CALENDAR YEAR | | FOR 1998 WATER YEAR | | WATER YEARS 1909 - 1998 | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|------|
| ANNUAL TOTAL | 142501 | | 56423 | | | | |
| ANNUAL MEAN | 390 | | 155 | | 150a | | |
| HIGHEST ANNUAL MEAN | | | | | 789 | | 1993 |
| LOWEST ANNUAL MEAN | | | | | 10.8 | | 1959 |
| HIGHEST DAILY MEAN | 7200 | Mar 30 | 1420 | Apr 2 | 13200 | Apr 9 | 1969 |
| LOWEST DAILY MEAN | 34 | Nov 16 | 13 | Sep 21 | .00b | Jan 17 | 1940 |
| ANNUAL SEVEN-DAY MINIMUM | 36 | Nov 16 | 14 | Sep 18 | .01 | Jan 25 | 1940 |
| INSTANTANEOUS PEAK FLOW | | | 1440 | Apr 2 | 19700 | Jun 18 | 1957 |
| INSTANTANEOUS PEAK STAGE | | | 5.23 | Apr 2 | 18.01c | Mar 29 | 1997 |
| INSTANTANEOUS LOW FLOW | | | 12 | Sep 21,22,23 | .00b | Jan 17 | 1940 |

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|---------------------------|--------|--|--------|--|--------|--|--|
| ANNUAL RUNOFF (AC-FT) | 282700 | | 111900 | | 108900 | | |
| ANNUAL RUNOFF (INCHES) | 8.43 | | 3.34 | | 3.25 | | |
| 10 PERCENT EXCEEDS | 721 | | 367 | | 321 | | |
| 50 PERCENT EXCEEDS | 67 | | 54 | | 28 | | |
| 90 PERCENT EXCEEDS | 40 | | 29 | | 2.2 | | |

a Median of annual mean discharges is 99 ft³/s.

b Many days in 1940 and 1959.

c Result of ice
jam.

