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# PROBABILITY OF TEMPERATURES FREEZING IN THE SPRING AND FALL IN THE ATLANTIC REGION

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## Foreword

In 1961, R. A. Hornstein, then Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Halifax Public Weather Office, authored the Canada Department of Agriculture publication *Probabilities of Freezing Temperatures at Fredericton, N.B.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Kentville, N.S.; and Nappan, N.S.* This publication was sufficiently popular that an up-dated version has been prepared.

The analytical procedure used in preparing the probability tables was developed by the Agrometeorology Research and Service Unit. Observations over 30 years were smoothed to suppress nonsignificant anomalies. Thirty years is the minimum length of time for evaluating the normality of the climate in a particular region. The standard normal period now being used is 1941–1970, as recommended by the World Meteorological Organization.

Although the original text by Mr. Hornstein has been changed, his aim to produce a user-oriented publication remains of prime importance; additional tables, definitions, and appendixes have been included to assist the reader.

## Introduction

All areas across Canada exhibit characteristic climatic variations that greatly influence crop production. Although drought is the most serious climatic hazard to agriculture in many regions, near or below freezing temperatures are the most commonly encountered danger in Eastern Canada. Consequently, data on the last occurrence of freezing weather in the spring, the first such occurrence in the fall, and thereby the length of the freeze-free growing season are useful both economically and aesthetically to the gardener, orchardist, and farmer in the Atlantic Region.

Carefully kept weather records over many years can indicate the likelihood of freezing temperatures occurring on specific dates in the spring or fall. From analysis of such weather records, growing limits in the Atlantic Region can be predicted. These limits suggest which crops can best be grown with a certain measure of success. Although requirements for growth, length of time to reach maturity, cold tolerance, and other related physiological aspects of many plants have been determined, the climatic characteristics of the Atlantic Region are not as well known.

This publication documents some of the variations in air temperature observed over the 30 years between 1941 and 1970 at five agroclimatological stations in the Atlantic Region. Because all crops are subject to possible low-temperature injury at some time during the year, comments are limited to those periods in the late spring and early fall when untimely freezes can prove critical to the plants.

## Frost or freeze: definition and result

During the last decade, the term freeze injury rather than frost damage has become common both in conversation and in many publications. Frost, in itself, has not been definitely proven harmful to a plant. It is the accompanying freezing temperatures that injure or kill the plant by causing ice crystals to form either within individual plant cells or between the individual cells, thus withdrawing cellular water. Therefore, below-freezing temperatures are more indicative of plant injury than is the presence of frost.

Most people are more familiar with the physical aspects of white frost, black frost, and hoarfrost than they are with classifications that describe the relative severity of freezes. A system of classifying freezes is necessary, however, because some plants are more easily killed than others by freezing temperatures.

**Light freeze** — A light freeze occurs when the temperature of the air near the ground drops briefly to 0°C (32°F). It adversely affects only the most tender plants and vines such as melons, cucumbers, tomatoes, and tobacco. This condition usually occurs when the minimum temperature in the Stevenson screen, a standard instrument shelter, reaches 0 to 1°C (32 to 34°F). However, under clear skies with little or no wind, screen temperatures of 4 to 6°C (40 to 42°F) can result in freeze injury to low-growing plants.

**Moderate freeze** — A moderate freeze occurs when the screen temperature is 0 to -4°C (32 to 25°F), which causes damage to hardier plants such as potatoes, onions, sugar beets, and celery. A screen temperature of -2°C (28°F) or lower is significant to both tree fruits and small fruits. If exposed to below-freezing temperatures in prebloom, bloom, and early postbloom stages, most plants produce low yields and deformed fruit. Under repeated freezing, mature fruit sustain cellular breakdown, which results in poor storage capability.

**Severe freeze** — A severe freeze occurs when the temperature is -4°C (25°F) or less. Such temperatures kill most annuals, even the hardy varieties, and cause perennial plants to become dormant in the fall.

Although low temperature is a prerequisite to freeze injury, other factors contribute to the extent of damage. Susceptibility to low temperatures is high during the early growth and flowering stages of plant development. The seedling stage of annuals is particularly vulnerable. The extent of injury is also affected by the rate and duration of freeze. A rapid change of temperature appears to cause greater damage than does a slow gradual change.

## Factors initiating a freeze

Prevailing weather conditions directly influence the development of a freeze; consequently, freezes can be classified meteorologically according to three main types: advective, radiative, or a combination of the two. Although all three are damaging, the radiative freeze has, perhaps, the greatest economic significance to agriculture.

The advective freeze develops when an air mass at temperatures near or below freezing is accompanied by a wind, which produces fairly uniform temperatures over large geographic areas.

Under clear skies and stable conditions, this same air mass produces the radiative–advective freeze, which causes an extreme drop in temperature.

A radiative freeze requires a fairly cool air mass, virtually clear skies, and little or no wind. These factors contribute to substantial heat loss from the soil surface, which produces low air temperatures near the ground. As the soil surface cools, the adjacent layers of air lose heat through conduction to the cooler soil surface. Because air is a poor conductor of heat, the air at higher levels does not cool as much as does the air at the soil surface. The resulting condition, known as a temperature inversion, often accounts for significant differences between screen temperatures and temperatures at the surface of the ground. These differences may be as large as 7 to 8 Celsius degrees (12 to 14 Fahrenheit degrees). A screen temperature of 4 to 6°C (40 to 42°F) could conceivably result in severe damage to the bloom of a strawberry crop, whereas grapevines growing a foot or so higher would escape injury.

Many factors should be considered when the freeze hazard for a particular location is determined. Maps, probability tables, and other statistics using minimum temperature data are based on observations taken from a Stevenson screen. This instrument shelter is positioned 1.4 m (4.5 ft) above the ground, and significant temperature differences can occur between ground level and instrument level. The topographical features of the area are also important, particularly on a clear, calm night. Cool air is heavier than warm air. For example, a given volume of air weighs 1.7% more at  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  than it does at  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Like water, cool air flows downhill and settles in hollows, valleys, and other depressions to create so-called frost pockets. Ridges, banks, hedgerows, and windbreaks act like dams, trapping cool air to form areas of high freeze incidence. Long, unobstructed slopes are therefore ideal for gardens, orchards, and other speciality crops because here the arrival of killing freezes is often delayed. The effective growing season is thus considerably lengthened on sloping locations. Sites in or near large towns and cities have a longer freeze-free season than do the surrounding rural areas. An urban heat island is created because construction materials such as concrete and asphalt can retain heat emitted from the sun and from factories and large buildings. Other geographic features such as abrupt changes in elevation, proximity of large bodies of water, presence and type of vegetative surfaces, and condition and texture of soil surfaces all influence the estimation of freeze dates for a specific area.

## **Damaging effect of freezing temperatures**

All plant growth of agricultural importance ceases when the temperature approaches the freezing point of water. Only the physiological hardening-off processes that occur as plants prepare for dormancy during the winter can continue. The aftereffect of freezing or near-freezing temperatures is variable; it depends on the minimum temperature reached, rate and duration of the temperature drop, frequency of occurrence of freezing, conditions of thawing, stage of development of the plant, and inherent ability of the species or variety to tolerate low temperatures.

Freeze injury occurs when a plant loses more heat than it absorbs, and ice crystals form in the plant tissue. Loss of heat may occur either by conduction or by radiation. Loss by conduction occurs when cold air moves through an area and

lowers both plant and air temperature simultaneously. Loss by radiation takes place when the plant returns more heat to the atmosphere than it receives. When the night is calm and clear, radiative heat loss is maximum and leaf temperatures can be significantly lower than the surrounding air temperature.

Severity of freeze injury varies more with a radiative freeze than with a conductive freeze. Radiative freeze injury ranges from plant death to differing degrees of growth suppression that affect the final crop yield. Outward signs include curling, flecking, and bronzing of leaves; cracking, splitting, and dieback of stems; and blossom kill, fruit drop, fruit marking, and other abnormalities of blossoms or fruit.

**Cereals and forage crops** — Extensive production of cereal crops is generally confined to areas with a freeze-free season of 100 days or more. A shorter season requires prompt seeding and the use of early-maturing varieties. Further limitation is determined by the length of the growing season, minimum winter temperature, and depth of snow cover.

Sensitivity of cereal plants to low temperature is quite variable. Temperatures lower than  $-9^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $16^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) are lethal at all stages of development, except during dormancy. A light freeze during the bloom stage can kill the pollen and prevent fertilization; during the ripening stage, a light freeze can result in abnormal grain development. During postemergence, however, young plants are fairly tolerant of low temperatures, which allows most cereals to be sown several weeks before the last killing freeze of the season.

Corn and sorghum are more vulnerable than other cereals, and well-developed plants are killed by temperatures slightly below freezing. Young plants between 1 and 3 weeks can, however, recover from temperatures as low as  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $25^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). At this stage, the growing point of corn is still below the soil level and remains protected until the plants are between 15 and 30 cm (6 and 12 in.) tall. If a freeze occurs after this stage, damage can be severe. In the fall, freeze injury to corn kernels with less than 35% moisture is slight; however, to withstand temperatures of  $-7^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or less, kernels should have a moisture content of less than 25%.

The growing parts of soybeans, field beans, alfalfa, and other legume seedlings are above the ground and subject to damage from untimely low temperatures. Soybeans are slightly more tolerant than field beans, cowpeas, and corn because soybean plants can withstand light freezes when they are young or nearly mature. However, a temperature of  $-4$  to  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $24$  to  $26^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or less can result in widespread injury to newly emerged beans. Alfalfa seedlings require a temperature of  $-7^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or less to sustain similar damage. Forage grasses are fairly tolerant of untimely low temperatures.

**Trees and small fruits** — Temperature is the main factor governing the location of fruit-growing areas in Canada. Hardy fruit crops are produced on deciduous trees or bushes. Although cold weather is required to break the dormancy of deciduous plants, these crops are still sensitive to low temperatures, particularly before, during, and immediately after blooming. In the tight-bud stage, fruit blossoms are hardy and can tolerate temperatures as low as  $-7$  to  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $20$  to  $22^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). However, they become increasingly more susceptible to damage as the blossoms open, and the longer the cold period, the greater the extent of injury. Swollen buds or those showing flower petals can be damaged at temperatures between  $-4$  and  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $25$  and  $28^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Blossoms fully open or those showing fruit development can be injured at temperatures between  $-2$  and  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $28$  and  $30^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

Early-blooming varieties of fruit trees are more prone to freeze injury than late varieties. Because peaches and cherries bloom earlier than apples or pears, their flower buds are more susceptible to damage from the cold. The buds of tart varieties of cherries are hardier than those of sweet varieties. Apricots are less hardy than peaches because they bloom earlier. Pear growing is hazardous where the ambient air temperature drops lower than  $-9^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $15^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). However, the hardiness of pears is also reduced because the tree blooms earlier than hardier crops such as apples.

Varieties of European grape are not particularly hardy in Canada because plant stems are injured when the temperature approaches  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). They are otherwise much like peaches in susceptibility to low temperatures. Young grape shoots and flower clusters are easily damaged at temperatures below  $-0.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $31^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Sustained temperatures below  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $28^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) can severely injure all new wood and growing points.

The strawberry is a semihardy evergreen that is widely grown despite its low tolerance for cold temperatures. Because the plant grows close to the ground, it is exposed to the lower temperatures found near the soil surface during a radiative freeze. Open strawberry blossoms can only withstand temperatures slightly below freezing. The crown of the plant can be injured or killed at temperatures lower than  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Strawberry plants require the protection of snow and other covers to survive the cold extremes of the Canadian climate.

Raspberries and blackberries are both relatively late bloomers and are therefore considered hardy.

**Flowers and vegetables** — Many vegetables and ornamental crops in Canada are not native but are nevertheless being profitably grown in regions very different from their original habitat. Because the temperature regime is often restrictive and freezing temperatures present a genuine hazard, many of these plants are termed hardy, half-hardy, or tender. Although freeze resistance is the main factor in determining the hardiness of a particular species or plant, the length of the preflowering period is also considered.

Hardy plants can withstand several degrees of freezing temperatures during either the seedling stage in the spring or the mature stage in the fall, whereas those classified as tender perish at temperatures at or approaching the freezing point. Often, if the plants are not killed outright, growth is severely checked, and they never fully recover and assume normal development.

Table 1 lists vegetables and annual flowers according to frost hardiness and suggests the best planting time relative to the average freeze date of the region. When transplants are used to offset a short growing season, the physiological condition of the transplant must be considered. Transplants that have been hardened off before planting sustain less injury at low temperatures than do those without proper hardening.

The freezing point of fruits and vegetables is the temperature at which ice crystals begin to form within the cell structure. Some fruits and vegetables can be frozen and thawed under certain conditions without apparent injury. The freezing point is, however, considered the danger point at which injury becomes possible if the produce is exposed to that temperature for sufficient time. The average freezing point, listed for some fruits and vegetables in Table 2, is a valuable indication of the storage life of the produce.

TABLE 1. HARDINESS OF SOME VEGETABLES AND FLOWERING ANNUALS (INCLUDING SUGGESTED PLANTING TIMES)

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HARDY — Plant as early as soil can be prepared

Vegetables

asparagus	carrots	parsnips	Swiss chard
beets	kale	peas	turnips
broccoli	lettuce	radishes	
cabbage	onions	spinach	

Annuals

cornflower	evening primrose	sweet alyssum
coreopsis	larkspur	sweet pea
dianthus	poppy	
	rudbeckia	

HALF-HARDY — Plant 1 to 2 weeks after average date of last spring freeze

Vegetables

cauliflower	potatoes
snap beans	sweet corn

Annuals

California poppy	cleome	Drummond phlox
calendula	gaillardia	salvia
candytuft	mignonette	scabiosa
basket flower	nigella	stock

TENDER — Plant 3 to 4 weeks after average date of last spring freeze

Vegetables

cucumbers	okra	tomatoes
eggplant	peppers	sweet potatoes
lima beans	pumpkins	watermelons
muskmelon	squash	

Annuals

ageratum	morning glory	salpiglossis
browallia	nasturtium	sunflower
celosia	nicotiana	torenia
lobelia	(flowering	zinnia
marigold	tobacco)	
	petunia	

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE FREEZING POINTS OF SOME FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fruit	Temperature		Vegetable	Temperature	
	°C	°F		°C	°F
Apples			Beans, snap	-1.3	29.7
Summer varieties	-2.0	28.4	Cabbage, early	-0.5	31.1
Fall and winter varieties	-1.9	28.5	Jersey Wakefield	-1.4	29.5
Blackberries			Carrots	-1.1	30.0
Black varieties	-1.6	29.1	Cauliflower	-1.7	28.9
White varieties	-2.0	28.4	Corn, sweet	-0.9	30.4
Logan (loganberries)	-1.4	29.5	Eggplant	-1.1	30.0
Cherries	-2.3	27.8	Kohlrabi	-0.4	31.2
Cranberries	-2.9	26.7	Lettuce	-1.1	30.0
Currants	-1.0	30.2	Onions, dry	-1.1	30.0
Gooseberries	-1.7	28.9	Peas, green	-1.7	28.9
Grapes, eastern	-2.2	28.1	Potatoes	-2.0	28.4
Grapefruit	-2.1	28.3	Potatoes, sweet	-0.9	30.3
Lemons	-2.2	28.1	Tomatoes, ripe	-1.0	30.2
Oranges	-2.2	28.0	Turnips		
Peaches, hard ripe	-1.4	29.4			
Pears, Bartlett					
Hard ripe	-2.0	28.4			
Soft ripe	-2.4	27.8			
Plums	-1.9	28.5			
Raspberries					
Red varieties	-0.9	30.4			
Black varieties	-1.8	28.7			
Strawberries	-1.2	29.9			

## Analysis and use of spring and fall freeze data

Daily temperature records for the 30 years between 1941 and 1970 were used to prepare the probability values presented in Tables 3–12. Because the data series has been smoothed to obtain an even distribution, the date of an actual event may not necessarily fit the computed distribution. Such inconsistencies are particularly noticeable beyond the 10 and 90% probability levels.

Tables 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 give the dates of the last critical freeze in the spring for various levels of risk at five locations in the Atlantic Region. From these tables you can find the chances of various freezing temperatures occurring on specific spring dates. The average date on which a particular temperature reading last occurs in the spring is given at the 50% risk level. Also given on the top and bottom lines of the tables are the earliest and latest dates on which particular freezing temperatures last occurred in the spring over the 30 years 1941–70.

The following example shows how these tables are helpful in planning agricultural operations. A temperature of 0°C (32°F) is usually fatal to young tobacco plants. Table 5 shows that at Charlottetown the plants have a 20% risk (one chance in five) of being killed by exposure to 0°C (32°F) on May 23. The risk of the temperature reaching 0°C (32°F) increases to 50% (one chance in two) on May 14. May 14, then, is the average date of the last spring freeze at 0°C (32°F). To avoid any risk of a 0°C (32°F) freeze, you must plant your tobacco after June 10.

Tables 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 give the critical freeze dates for the fall season and are used the same way the spring tables are. Using both the spring and fall tables, you can assess the degree of expected success or failure of a particular operation. You can, for example, estimate the freeze-free season in each of the five locations documented, that is, the period between the date of the last freeze of a particular temperature in the spring and the date of the first freeze in the fall. You can also determine the effective growing period available to a particular crop, which is the length of time from emergence to the time it matures or is killed by freezing weather in the fall.

Consider a particular crop at Kentville that requires a 140-day growing season to mature from emergence to harvest, with no spring freezes of 0°C (32°F) or less and no autumn freezes of –2°C (28°F) or less. From Tables 9 and 10 you can estimate the planting date that offers the least risk of damage to this crop from freezing temperatures. Emergence is assumed to be 5 days after planting.

If emergence date is	May 8	May 17	May 23	June 2
Chance of 0°C (32°F) spring freeze is	90%	70%	50%	20%
Chance of no 0°C spring freeze is	10%	30%	50%	80%
Corresponding fall maturity date is	Sept 25	Oct 4	Oct 10	Oct 20
Chance of –2°C (28°F) fall freeze before maturity is	0%	18%	33%	60%
Chance of no –2°C fall freeze before maturity is	100%	82%	67%	40%
Combined chance of no damaging freeze in spring and fall is	10%	25%	34%	32%

May 23 is the optimum date of emergence for the crop in this example because the 34% combined chance of no freeze damage in spring and fall for that date is the best one calculated. The combined chance of no damaging freeze in spring and fall is obtained by multiplying the spring risk (on May 23, 50%) by the corresponding risk in the fall (on October 10, 67%) and dividing the product by 100. In this example the calculation is  $(50 \times 67) / 100 = 34\%$ .

Harvesting the crops is influenced by freezing temperatures in the fall. For example, you should harvest tobacco before it is subjected to air temperatures of 0°C (32°F). At Charlottetown (Table 6) the earliest date on which this temperature occurred was September 29, and the date on which this temperature is likely to occur in 1 year out of 5 (20% risk) is October 10. By October 17 the chances are 1 out of 2 (50% risk), and by October 31 the air temperature is almost certain to fall to 0°C (32°F). Similarly, repeated temperatures of -4°C (25°F) are detrimental to the keeping quality of late-variety apples. At Kentville (Table 10), the earliest date on which this temperature was recorded was October 10. The chances are 1 in 5 (20% risk) by October 19 and 1 in 2 (50% risk) by October 31 of a -4°C (25°F) temperature occurring. A temperature of -4°C (25°F) is almost certain to occur by November 24.

The tables show a marked difference in the climates of the five stations. These differences are primarily caused by the moderating effect of the ocean. Oceanic influence is particularly noticeable at Charlottetown. This local variation shows how important it is to know the temperature background of your own farm and region. At Charlottetown (Table 5) you may expect a temperature of 0°C (32°F) in 1 year out of 2 on May 14, at Fredericton (Table 7) on May 18, at Kentville (Table 9) on May 23, at Nappan (Table 11) on May 27, and at St. John's (Table 3) on June 9. In the fall, chances are that 1 year out of 2 you will have an air temperature of 0°C (32°F) at Nappan by September 18 (Table 12), at Fredericton (Table 8) by September 26, at St. John's (Table 5) by September 29, at Kentville (Table 10) by September 30, and at Charlottetown (Table 6) by October 17. Charlottetown has an advantage of more than 2 weeks over Kentville and Fredericton, and of almost a full month over Nappan.

Figures 1–10 are nomographs showing the probability of light (0°C, 32°F), moderate (-2°C, 28°F), and severe (-4°C, 25°F) freezes occurring in the spring and fall at the five stations. The probability that a freeze will occur on or after a specific date in the spring or on or before a specific date in the fall is obtained by drawing a horizontal line from the date in which you are interested to the slanted freeze line. The point at which the horizontal line and the freeze line intersect is the corresponding probability level. The numerical value is obtained by drawing a vertical line from this point to the base scale.

In illustration, the graph for Nappan in the spring (Fig. 9) shows a less than 10% chance of a severe freeze, a 51% chance of a moderate freeze, and an 86% chance of a light freeze on May 10. In the fall (Fig. 10), the graph shows a less than 10% chance of a severe freeze, a 21% chance of a moderate freeze, and a 79% likelihood of a light freeze on September 26.

The data given apply mostly to crops that are susceptible to damage from freezing; however, these data can be applied equally well to any type of activity that is sensitive to or requires protection from temperatures at or below freezing.

TABLE 3. SPRING DATE OF LAST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.

Percent risk	Date of last critical freeze										
	-6 (21)	-5 (23)	-4 (25)	-3 (27)	-2 (28)	-1 (30)	0 (32)	1 (34)	2 (36)	3 (37)	4 (39)
	Temperature °C (°F)										
* Earliest	Mar 21	Mar 21	Mar 23	Mar 23	Apr 28	May 8	May 19	May 23	Jun 5	Jun 15	Jun 15
90	Mar 30	Apr 2	Apr 7	Apr 17	Apr 29	May 10	May 23	May 31	Jun 9	Jun 14	Jun 20
85	Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 11	Apr 20	May 3	May 13	May 26	Jun 3	Jun 11	Jun 17	Jun 22
80	Apr 5	Apr 8	Apr 14	Apr 23	May 5	May 16	May 29	Jun 5	Jun 13	Jun 18	Jun 24
75	Apr 7	Apr 10	Apr 16	Apr 25	May 8	May 19	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 20	Jun 25
70	Apr 9	Apr 13	Apr 18	Apr 27	May 10	May 21	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 15	Jun 21	Jun 27
65	Apr 11	Apr 14	Apr 20	Apr 29	May 11	May 23	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 17	Jun 23	Jun 28
60	Apr 12	Apr 16	Apr 22	May 1	May 13	May 25	Jun 6	Jun 12	Jun 18	Jun 24	Jun 29
55	Apr 14	Apr 18	Apr 24	May 3	May 15	May 26	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 19	Jun 25	Jun 30
50	Apr 16	Apr 20	Apr 26	May 4	May 17	May 28	Jun 9	Jun 15	Jun 20	Jun 26	Jul 1
45	Apr 17	Apr 22	Apr 28	May 6	May 18	May 30	Jun 11	Jun 17	Jun 21	Jun 27	Jul 2
40	Apr 19	Apr 24	Apr 30	May 8	May 20	Jun 1	Jun 12	Jun 18	Jun 22	Jun 28	Jul 3
35	Apr 21	Apr 26	May 2	May 10	May 22	Jun 3	Jun 14	Jun 20	Jun 24	Jun 30	Jul 5
30	Apr 22	Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 24	Jun 5	Jun 16	Jun 21	Jun 25	Jul 1	Jul 6
25	Apr 24	Apr 29	May 6	May 13	May 26	Jun 7	Jun 18	Jun 23	Jun 26	Jul 2	Jul 7
20	Apr 26	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 28	Jun 10	Jun 20	Jun 25	Jun 28	Jul 4	Jul 8
15	Apr 29	May 5	May 12	May 18	May 31	Jun 12	Jun 23	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 10
10	May 2	May 8	May 15	May 22	Jun 3	Jun 16	Jun 26	Jun 30	Jul 2	Jul 8	Jul 12
* Latest	May 24	May 24	Jun 2	Jun 10	Jun 15	Jul 5	Jul 14	Jul 14	Jul 14	Jul 14	Jul 15

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 4. AUTUMN DATE OF FIRST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.

Percent risk	Date of first critical freeze										
	4 (39)	3 (37)	2 (36)	1 (34)	0 (32)	-1 (30)	-2 (28)	-3 (27)	-4 (25)	-5 (23)	-6 (21)
* Earliest	Jul 18	Jul 18	Jul 18	Jul 22	Jul 23	Sep 15	Oct 1	Oct 11	Oct 22	Oct 31	Nov 4
10	Jul 21	Jul 29	Aug 10	Aug 26	Sep 7	Sep 23	Oct 6	Oct 16	Oct 27	Nov 8	Nov 12
15	Jul 28	Aug 4	Aug 15	Aug 30	Sep 11	Sep 26	Oct 9	Oct 19	Oct 30	Nov 10	Nov 15
20	Aug 2	Aug 10	Aug 20	Sep 3	Sep 14	Sep 29	Oct 12	Oct 22	Nov 2	Nov 13	Nov 18
25	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 24	Sep 6	Sep 17	Oct 2	Oct 14	Oct 24	Nov 4	Nov 15	Nov 20
30	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 27	Sep 9	Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 16	Oct 27	Nov 6	Nov 16	Nov 22
35	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 30	Sep 11	Sep 22	Oct 6	Oct 18	Oct 28	Nov 8	Nov 18	Nov 23
40	Aug 18	Aug 25	Sep 3	Sep 14	Sep 24	Oct 8	Oct 20	Oct 30	Nov 10	Nov 19	Nov 25
45	Aug 21	Aug 28	Sep 5	Sep 16	Sep 26	Oct 10	Oct 21	Nov 1	Nov 11	Nov 21	Nov 27
50	Aug 24	Sep 1	Sep 8	Sep 18	Sep 29	Oct 12	Oct 23	Nov 3	Nov 13	Nov 22	Nov 28
55	Aug 28	Sep 4	Sep 11	Sep 21	Oct 1	Oct 14	Oct 25	Nov 4	Nov 15	Nov 24	Nov 30
60	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 23	Oct 3	Oct 15	Oct 26	Nov 6	Nov 16	Nov 25	Dec 1
65	Sep 4	Sep 11	Sep 18	Sep 25	Oct 5	Oct 17	Oct 28	Nov 8	Nov 18	Nov 27	Dec 3
70	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 7	Oct 19	Oct 30	Nov 10	Nov 20	Nov 28	Dec 5
75	Sep 11	Sep 18	Sep 24	Sep 30	Oct 10	Oct 22	Nov 1	Nov 12	Nov 22	Nov 30	Dec 7
80	Sep 16	Sep 23	Sep 28	Oct 4	Oct 13	Oct 24	Nov 3	Nov 14	Nov 24	Dec 2	Dec 9
85	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 3	Oct 7	Oct 16	Oct 27	Nov 6	Nov 17	Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11
90	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 8	Oct 11	Oct 20	Oct 31	Nov 9	Nov 20	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 15
* Latest	Sep 30	Oct 6	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 29	Nov 2	Nov 10	Dec 17	Dec 17	Dec 20	Dec 20

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 5. SPRING DATE OF LAST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

Percent risk	Date of last critical freeze										
	Temperature °C (°F)										
	-6 (21)	-5 (23)	-4 (25)	-3 (27)	-2 (28)	-1 (30)	0 (32)	1 (34)	2 (36)	3 (37)	4 (39)
* Earliest	Mar 21	Mar 21	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 16	Apr 17	May 1	May 3	May 16	May 17	May 22
90	Mar 21	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 9	Apr 17	Apr 25	May 1	May 8	May 14	May 22	May 29
85	Mar 24	Mar 27	Apr 2	Apr 12	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 2	May 11	May 17	May 24	Jun 1
80	Mar 27	Mar 30	Apr 5	Apr 14	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 4	May 13	May 19	May 27	Jun 2
75	Mar 29	Apr 1	Apr 7	Apr 16	Apr 24	May 1	May 6	May 15	May 21	May 28	Jun 4
70	Mar 31	Apr 3	Apr 8	Apr 17	Apr 26	May 3	May 8	May 17	May 23	May 30	Jun 6
65	Apr 1	Apr 4	Apr 10	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4	May 9	May 18	May 24	May 31	Jun 7
60	Apr 3	Apr 6	Apr 11	Apr 20	Apr 28	May 6	May 11	May 20	May 26	Jun 2	Jun 8
55	Apr 5	Apr 7	Apr 13	Apr 21	Apr 30	May 7	May 12	May 21	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9
50	Apr 6	Apr 9	Apr 14	Apr 23	May 1	May 8	May 14	May 23	May 29	Jun 4	Jun 11
45	Apr 8	Apr 11	Apr 16	Apr 24	May 3	May 10	May 15	May 24	May 31	Jun 6	Jun 12
40	Apr 10	Apr 12	Apr 17	Apr 25	May 4	May 11	May 17	May 26	Jun 1	Jun 7	Jun 13
35	Apr 11	Apr 14	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 5	May 12	May 18	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 8	Jun 15
30	Apr 13	Apr 15	Apr 20	Apr 28	May 7	May 14	May 20	May 29	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 16
25	Apr 15	Apr 17	Apr 22	Apr 30	May 8	May 15	May 21	May 30	Jun 6	Jun 11	Jun 17
20	Apr 17	Apr 19	Apr 24	May 2	May 10	May 17	May 23	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 13	Jun 19
15	Apr 20	Apr 22	Apr 26	May 4	May 13	May 19	May 26	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 15	Jun 21
10	Apr 23	Apr 25	Apr 29	May 6	May 15	May 22	May 29	Jun 6	Jun 13	Jun 18	Jun 23
* Latest	Apr 29	Apr 29	May 2	May 6	May 27	May 27	Jun 10	Jun 13	Jun 15	Jun 29	Jul 2

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 6. AUTUMN DATE OF FIRST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

Percent risk	Date of first critical freeze										
	Temperature °C (°F)										
	4 (39)	3 (37)	2 (36)	1 (34)	0 (32)	-1 (30)	-2 (28)	-3 (27)	-4 (25)	-5 (23)	-6 (21)
* Earliest	Aug 24	Sep 3	Sep 8	Sep 20	Sep 29	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 20	Nov 1	Nov 3	Nov 6
10	Sep 4	Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 27	Oct 6	Oct 15	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 5	Nov 7	Nov 10
15	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 21	Sep 29	Oct 8	Oct 17	Oct 23	Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 10	Nov 13
20	Sep 8	Sep 15	Sep 23	Oct 1	Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 9	Nov 13	Nov 15
25	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 25	Oct 3	Oct 11	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 11	Nov 15	Nov 17
30	Sep 12	Sep 19	Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 13	Nov 17	Nov 19
35	Sep 13	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 14	Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 14	Nov 18	Nov 21
40	Sep 15	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 7	Oct 15	Oct 24	Nov 1	Nov 7	Nov 15	Nov 20	Nov 23
45	Sep 16	Sep 24	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 16	Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 8	Nov 16	Nov 22	Nov 24
50	Sep 17	Sep 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 26	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 18	Nov 23	Nov 26
55	Sep 19	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 27	Nov 5	Nov 11	Nov 19	Nov 25	Nov 28
60	Sep 20	Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 28	Nov 6	Nov 12	Nov 20	Nov 27	Nov 29
65	Sep 21	Sep 30	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 20	Oct 29	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 1
70	Sep 23	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 15	Oct 21	Oct 30	Nov 9	Nov 15	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 3
75	Sep 24	Oct 4	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 23	Nov 1	Nov 10	Nov 16	Nov 24	Dec 2	Dec 4
80	Sep 26	Oct 6	Oct 12	Oct 18	Oct 24	Nov 2	Nov 12	Nov 18	Nov 26	Dec 4	Dec 7
85	Sep 28	Oct 8	Oct 14	Oct 20	Oct 26	Nov 4	Nov 14	Nov 20	Nov 28	Dec 7	Dec 9
90	Sep 30	Oct 11	Oct 17	Oct 22	Oct 28	Nov 6	Nov 17	Nov 22	Nov 30	Dec 10	Dec 12
* Latest	Sep 30	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 25	Oct 31	Nov 8	Dec 6	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 19	Dec 20

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 7. SPRING DATE OF LAST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — FREDERICTON, N.B.

Percent risk	Date of last critical freeze										
	Temperature °C (°F)										
	-6 (21)	-5 (23)	-4 (25)	-3 (27)	-2 (28)	-1 (30)	0 (32)	1 (34)	2 (36)	3 (37)	4 (39)
* Earliest	Mar 20	Mar 20	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 17	Apr 23	Apr 25	May 3	May 7	May 20	May 25
90	Mar 27	Mar 31	Apr 4	Apr 13	Apr 23	May 1	May 6	May 11	May 22	May 30	Jun 4
85	Mar 30	Apr 3	Apr 7	Apr 16	Apr 25	May 3	May 9	May 14	May 25	Jun 1	Jun 7
80	Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 9	Apr 18	Apr 27	May 5	May 10	May 16	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 8
75	Apr 4	Apr 7	Apr 11	Apr 20	Apr 29	May 6	May 12	May 18	May 28	Jun 4	Jun 10
70	Apr 6	Apr 9	Apr 13	Apr 21	Apr 30	May 8	May 13	May 20	May 30	Jun 5	Jun 11
65	Apr 7	Apr 10	Apr 14	Apr 23	May 1	May 9	May 14	May 22	May 31	Jun 6	Jun 13
60	Apr 9	Apr 12	Apr 16	Apr 24	May 2	May 10	May 16	May 24	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 14
55	Apr 10	Apr 14	Apr 17	Apr 25	May 3	May 11	May 17	May 25	Jun 2	Jun 8	Jun 15
50	Apr 12	Apr 15	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4	May 12	May 18	May 27	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 16
45	Apr 13	Apr 17	Apr 20	Apr 28	May 5	May 13	May 19	May 28	Jun 5	Jun 11	Jun 18
40	Apr 15	Apr 18	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 6	May 14	May 20	May 30	Jun 6	Jun 12	Jun 19
35	Apr 16	Apr 20	Apr 23	May 1	May 7	May 15	May 21	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 13	Jun 20
30	Apr 18	Apr 21	Apr 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 14	Jun 21
25	Apr 20	Apr 23	Apr 27	May 4	May 10	May 17	May 24	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 15	Jun 23
20	Apr 22	Apr 25	Apr 29	May 5	May 11	May 19	May 25	Jun 6	Jun 12	Jun 16	Jun 24
15	Apr 24	Apr 28	May 1	May 7	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 8	Jun 14	Jun 18	Jun 26
10	Apr 27	Apr 30	May 4	May 10	May 15	May 22	May 29	Jun 11	Jun 16	Jun 20	Jun 28
* Latest	May 8	May 8	May 15	May 15	May 25	May 26	Jun 14	Jun 14	Jul 7	Jul 7	Jul 7

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.



TABLE 8. AUTUMN DATE OF FIRST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — FREDERICTON, N.B.

Percent risk	Date of first critical freeze										
	4 (39)	3 (37)	2 (36)	1 (34)	0 (32)	-1 (30)	-2 (28)	-3 (27)	-4 (25)	-5 (23)	-6 (21)
	Temperature °C (°F)										
* Earliest	Jul 31	Aug 13	Sep 1	Sep 1	Sep 11	Sep 14	Sep 14	Sep 14	Oct 7	Oct 7	Oct 7
10	Aug 16	Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 8	Sep 12	Sep 20	Sep 28	Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 22
15	Aug 19	Sep 1	Sep 8	Sep 10	Sep 15	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 25
20	Aug 22	Sep 3	Sep 9	Sep 12	Sep 17	Sep 25	Oct 2	Oct 7	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 27
25	Aug 24	Sep 4	Sep 10	Sep 13	Sep 19	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 9	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 29
30	Aug 26	Sep 5	Sep 11	Sep 15	Sep 21	Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25	Oct 31
35	Aug 28	Sep 6	Sep 12	Sep 16	Sep 22	Sep 30	Oct 7	Oct 12	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 1
40	Aug 30	Sep 8	Sep 13	Sep 17	Sep 23	Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 3
45	Aug 31	Sep 9	Sep 14	Sep 18	Sep 25	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 4
50	Sep 2	Sep 10	Sep 15	Sep 19	Sep 26	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 16	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 6
55	Sep 4	Sep 11	Sep 16	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 12	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 7
60	Sep 5	Sep 12	Sep 16	Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 19	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 8
65	Sep 7	Sep 13	Sep 17	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 9	Oct 15	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 5	Nov 10
70	Sep 9	Sep 14	Sep 18	Sep 24	Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 11
75	Sep 11	Sep 16	Sep 19	Sep 25	Oct 3	Oct 12	Oct 18	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 13
80	Sep 13	Sep 17	Sep 20	Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 14	Oct 20	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 10	Nov 15
85	Sep 16	Sep 19	Sep 21	Sep 29	Oct 7	Oct 16	Oct 22	Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 12	Nov 17
90	Sep 19	Sep 21	Sep 23	Oct 1	Oct 10	Oct 19	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 20
* Latest	Sep 19	Sep 25	Sep 27	Oct 7	Oct 18	Oct 24	Nov 1	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 21	Nov 22

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 9. SPRING DATE OF LAST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — KENTVILLE, N.S.

Percent risk	Date of last critical freeze											
	Temperature °C (°F)											
	-6 (21)	-5 (23)	-4 (25)	-3 (27)	-2 (28)	-1 (30)	0 (32)	1 (34)	2 (36)	3 (37)	4 (39)	
* Earliest	Mar 21	Mar 21	Apr 4	Apr 18	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 2	May 2	May 19	May 19	Jun 1	
90	Mar 25	Mar 30	Apr 8	Apr 20	Apr 24	Apr 29	May 8	May 16	May 20	May 29	Jun 8	
85	Mar 28	Apr 2	Apr 11	Apr 23	Apr 26	May 3	May 11	May 18	May 23	Jun 1	Jun 10	
80	Mar 30	Apr 5	Apr 14	Apr 25	Apr 29	May 5	May 13	May 20	May 25	Jun 3	Jun 12	
75	Apr 2	Apr 7	Apr 16	Apr 27	May 1	May 7	May 15	May 22	May 27	Jun 4	Jun 13	
70	Apr 4	Apr 9	Apr 18	Apr 28	May 2	May 9	May 17	May 24	May 29	Jun 6	Jun 14	
65	Apr 5	Apr 10	Apr 19	Apr 30	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	May 31	Jun 7	Jun 15	
60	Apr 7	Apr 12	Apr 21	May 1	May 5	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 17	
55	Apr 9	Apr 14	Apr 22	May 2	May 7	May 14	May 22	May 28	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 18	
50	Apr 10	Apr 15	Apr 24	May 4	May 8	May 16	May 23	May 29	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 19	
45	Apr 12	Apr 17	Apr 26	May 5	May 10	May 18	May 25	May 31	Jun 6	Jun 12	Jun 20	
40	Apr 14	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 6	May 11	May 19	May 26	Jun 1	Jun 7	Jun 13	Jun 21	
35	Apr 15	Apr 20	Apr 29	May 8	May 12	May 21	May 28	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 14	Jun 22	
30	Apr 17	Apr 22	Apr 30	May 9	May 14	May 23	May 29	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 16	Jun 23	
25	Apr 19	Apr 24	May 2	May 11	May 16	May 25	May 31	Jun 6	Jun 12	Jun 17	Jun 25	
20	Apr 21	Apr 26	May 4	May 12	May 17	May 27	Jun 2	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 19	Jun 26	
15	Apr 24	Apr 28	May 7	May 15	May 20	May 30	Jun 4	Jun 10	Jun 16	Jun 20	Jun 28	
10	Apr 27	May 1	May 9	May 17	May 22	Jun 2	Jun 7	Jun 12	Jun 19	Jun 23	Jun 30	
* Latest	May 15	May 15	May 18	May 26	May 28	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 19	Jun 22	Jun 28	Jul 13	

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 10. AUTUMN DATE OF FIRST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — KENTVILLE, N.S.

Percent risk	Date of first critical freeze										
	4 (39)	3 (37)	2 (36)	1 (34)	0 (32)	-1 (30)	-2 (28)	-3 (27)	-4 (25)	-5 (23)	-6 (21)
	Temperature °C (°F)										
* Earliest	Jul 16	Aug 22	Aug 27	Sep 6	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 21
10	Aug 6	Aug 28	Sep 2	Sep 5	Sep 10	Sep 20	Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 19	Oct 23
15	Aug 10	Aug 30	Sep 4	Sep 8	Sep 14	Sep 23	Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 27
20	Aug 14	Sep 1	Sep 6	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Oct 30
25	Aug 17	Sep 2	Sep 8	Sep 12	Sep 20	Sep 29	Oct 7	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 28	Nov 1
30	Aug 20	Sep 4	Sep 9	Sep 14	Sep 22	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 30	Nov 3
35	Aug 22	Sep 5	Sep 10	Sep 16	Sep 24	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 26	Nov 1	Nov 5
40	Aug 25	Sep 6	Sep 12	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 28	Nov 3	Nov 7
45	Aug 27	Sep 7	Sep 13	Sep 19	Sep 28	Oct 8	Oct 14	Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 5	Nov 9
50	Aug 29	Sep 9	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 30	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 11
55	Sep 1	Sep 10	Sep 15	Sep 23	Oct 2	Oct 12	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 13
60	Sep 3	Sep 11	Sep 16	Sep 24	Oct 4	Oct 14	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 15
65	Sep 5	Sep 12	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 7	Oct 16	Oct 21	Oct 29	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 17
70	Sep 8	Sep 13	Sep 19	Sep 28	Oct 9	Oct 18	Oct 23	Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 19
75	Sep 10	Sep 15	Sep 20	Sep 30	Oct 11	Oct 20	Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 21
80	Sep 13	Sep 16	Sep 22	Oct 2	Oct 14	Oct 23	Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 24
85	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 24	Oct 4	Oct 17	Oct 26	Oct 30	Nov 7	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 26
90	Sep 21	Sep 20	Sep 26	Oct 7	Oct 21	Oct 30	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 19	Nov 26	Nov 30
* Latest	Sep 22	Sep 23	Oct 12	Oct 15	Nov 3	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 20	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 2

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 11. SPRING DATE OF LAST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — NAPPAN, N.S.

Percent risk	Date of last critical freeze										
	Temperature °C (°F)										
	-6 (21)	-5 (23)	-4 (25)	-3 (27)	-2 (28)	-1 (30)	0 (32)	1 (34)	2 (36)	3 (37)	4 (39)
* Earliest	Mar 20	Mar 20	Mar 20	Apr 18	Apr 20	May 3	May 7	May 19	May 21	Jun 1	Jun 1
90	Mar 28	Apr 3	Apr 13	Apr 23	Apr 27	May 7	May 13	May 20	May 29	Jun 6	Jun 11
85	Mar 31	Apr 6	Apr 15	Apr 25	Apr 29	May 9	May 15	May 23	May 31	Jun 9	Jun 14
80	Apr 3	Apr 9	Apr 17	Apr 27	May 2	May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 3	Jun 11	Jun 16
75	Apr 5	Apr 11	Apr 19	Apr 29	May 3	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 5	Jun 12	Jun 17
70	Apr 7	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 30	May 5	May 14	May 21	May 28	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 19
65	Apr 9	Apr 14	Apr 22	May 1	May 6	May 16	May 23	May 30	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 20
60	Apr 10	Apr 16	Apr 23	May 3	May 8	May 17	May 24	May 31	Jun 10	Jun 16	Jun 22
55	Apr 12	Apr 18	Apr 24	May 4	May 9	May 19	May 26	Jun 2	Jun 12	Jun 18	Jun 23
50	Apr 14	Apr 19	Apr 25	May 5	May 11	May 20	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 13	Jun 19	Jun 24
45	Apr 15	Apr 21	Apr 26	May 7	May 12	May 21	May 29	Jun 5	Jun 15	Jun 20	Jun 26
40	Apr 17	Apr 22	Apr 28	May 8	May 13	May 22	May 30	Jun 6	Jun 16	Jun 21	Jun 27
35	Apr 19	Apr 24	Apr 29	May 9	May 15	May 24	May 31	Jun 8	Jun 18	Jun 23	Jun 29
30	Apr 20	Apr 26	Apr 30	May 10	May 16	May 25	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 19	Jun 24	Jun 30
25	Apr 22	Apr 28	May 2	May 12	May 18	May 27	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 21	Jun 25	Jul 1
20	Apr 24	Apr 30	May 3	May 14	May 19	May 29	Jun 5	Jun 13	Jun 23	Jun 27	Jul 3
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10	Apr 30	May 5	May 7	May 18	May 24	Jun 2	Jun 10	Jun 18	Jun 29	Jul 1	Jul 8
* Latest	May 3	May 15	May 15	May 27	Jun 11	Jun 11	Jun 15	Jun 26	Jul 7	Jul 7	Jul 14

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

TABLE 12. AUTUMN DATE OF FIRST CRITICAL FREEZE FOR A GIVEN RISK — NAPPAN, N.S.

Percent risk	Date of first critical freeze										
	4 (39)	3 (37)	2 (36)	1 (34)	0 (32)	-1 (30)	-2 (28)	-3 (27)	-4 (25)	-5 (23)	-6 (21)
* Earliest	Jul 16	Jul 16	Jul 16	Aug 21	Sep 3	Sep 9	Sep 14	Sep 28	Oct 1	Oct 10	Oct 10
10	Jul 25	Aug 2	Aug 19	Aug 29	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 17	Sep 28	Oct 8	Oct 17	Oct 19
15	Jul 29	Aug 7	Aug 22	Sep 1	Sep 8	Sep 11	Sep 21	Oct 1	Oct 11	Oct 20	Oct 22
20	Aug 2	Aug 11	Aug 24	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 14	Sep 24	Oct 4	Oct 14	Oct 22	Oct 25
25	Aug 5	Aug 14	Aug 27	Sep 5	Sep 11	Sep 16	Sep 27	Oct 7	Oct 16	Oct 24	Oct 27
30	Aug 8	Aug 16	Aug 28	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 18	Sep 29	Oct 9	Oct 18	Oct 26	Oct 29
35	Aug 10	Aug 19	Aug 30	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 20	Oct 1	Oct 10	Oct 20	Oct 28	Oct 31
40	Aug 13	Aug 21	Sep 1	Sep 9	Sep 15	Sep 22	Oct 3	Oct 12	Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 2
45	Aug 15	Aug 24	Sep 2	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 5	Oct 14	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 3
50	Aug 17	Aug 26	Sep 4	Sep 12	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 7	Oct 16	Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 5
55	Aug 20	Aug 28	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 19	Sep 28	Oct 9	Oct 17	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 7
60	Aug 22	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 20	Sep 29	Oct 11	Oct 19	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 8
65	Aug 24	Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 21	Oct 2	Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 10
70	Aug 27	Sep 5	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 23	Oct 3	Oct 15	Oct 23	Nov 2	Nov 8	Nov 12
75	Aug 30	Sep 7	Sep 12	Sep 18	Sep 24	Oct 6	Oct 17	Oct 25	Nov 4	Nov 10	Nov 14
80	Sep 2	Sep 11	Sep 14	Sep 20	Sep 26	Oct 8	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 6	Nov 12	Nov 16
85	Sep 5	Sep 14	Sep 17	Sep 22	Sep 28	Oct 11	Oct 23	Oct 30	Nov 9	Nov 15	Nov 18
90	Sep 10	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 25	Sep 30	Oct 14	Oct 27	Nov 2	Nov 12	Nov 18	Nov 22
* Latest	Sep 11	Sep 19	Sep 25	Sep 25	Oct 12	Oct 26	Nov 3	Nov 11	Nov 20	Dec 1	Dec 1

\* Earliest and latest dates on which freezing temperatures have been recorded between 1941 and 1970.

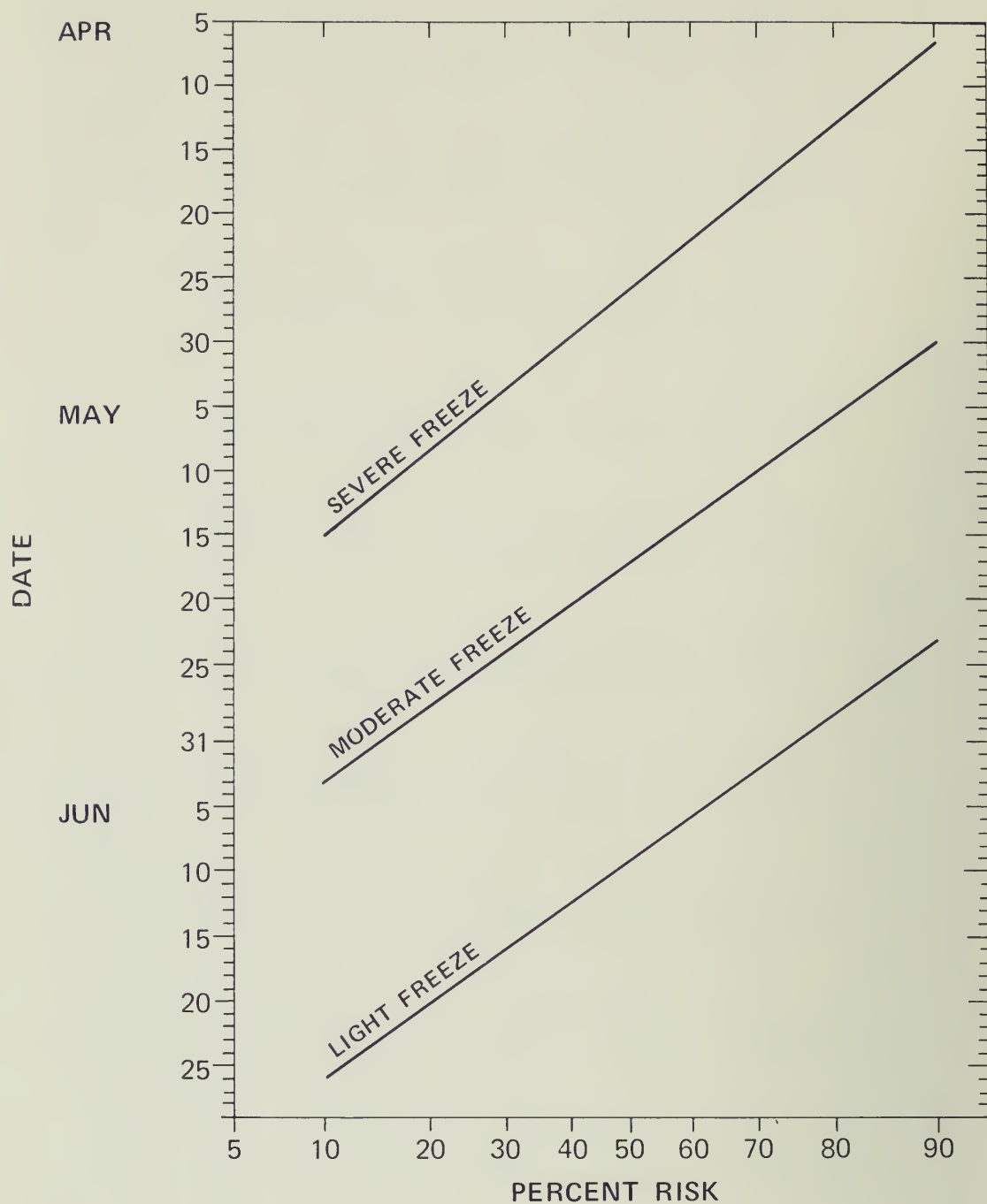


Fig. 1. Probability of the severity of a spring freeze on a specific date — St. John's, Nfld.

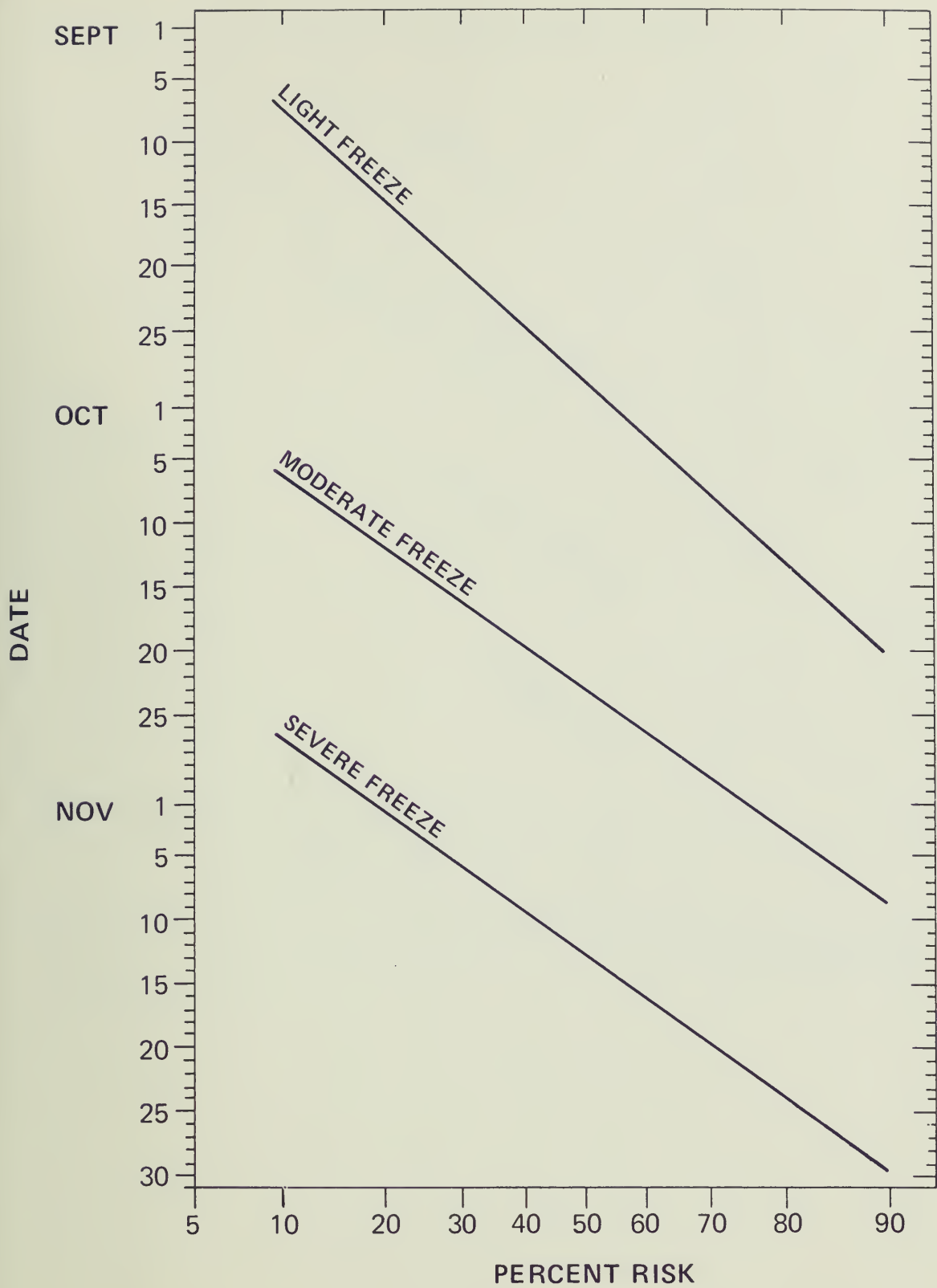


Fig. 2. Probability of the severity of a fall freeze on a specific date — St. John's, Nfld.

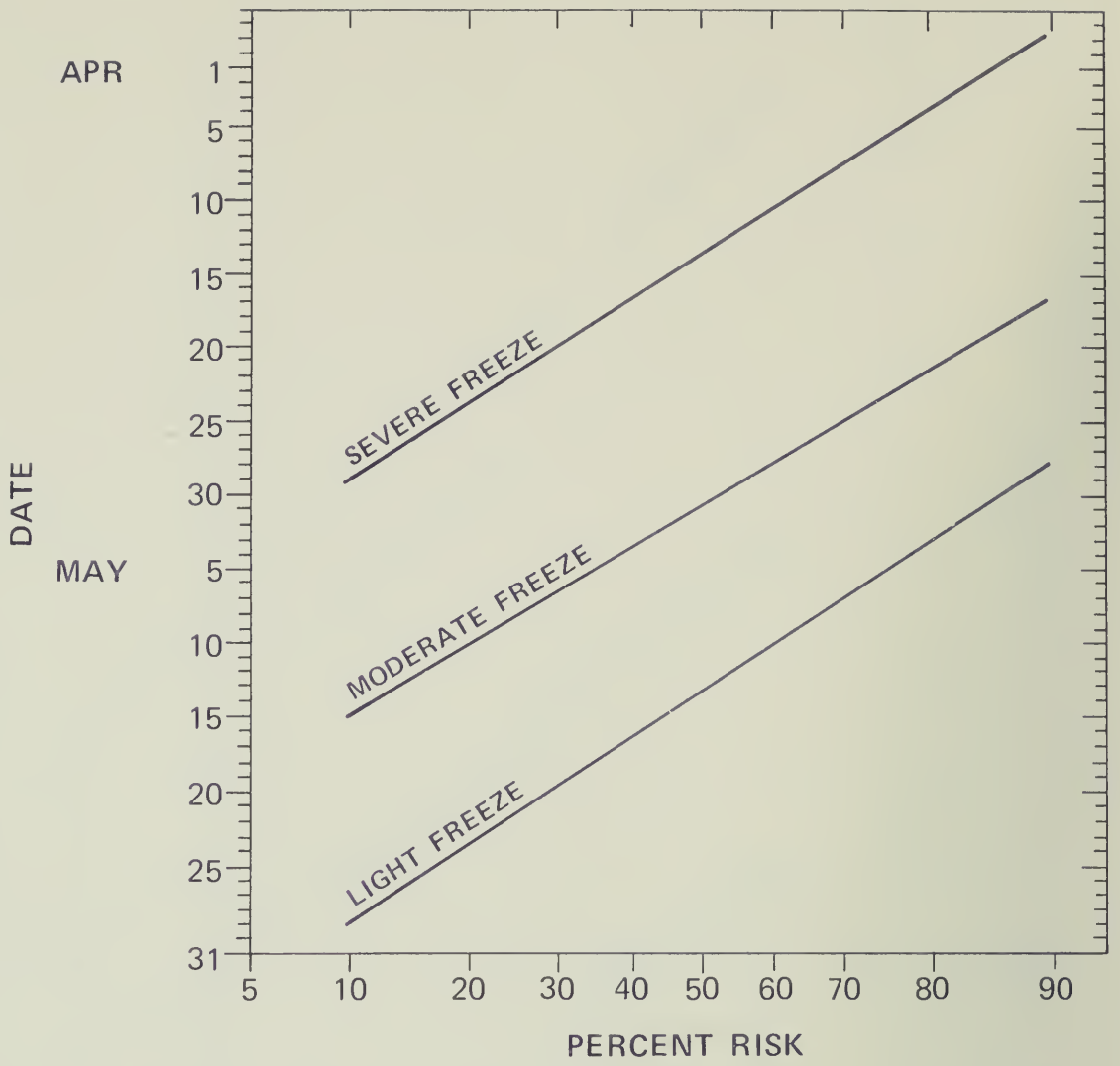


Fig. 3. Probability of the severity of a spring freeze on a specific date — Charlottetown, P.E.I.



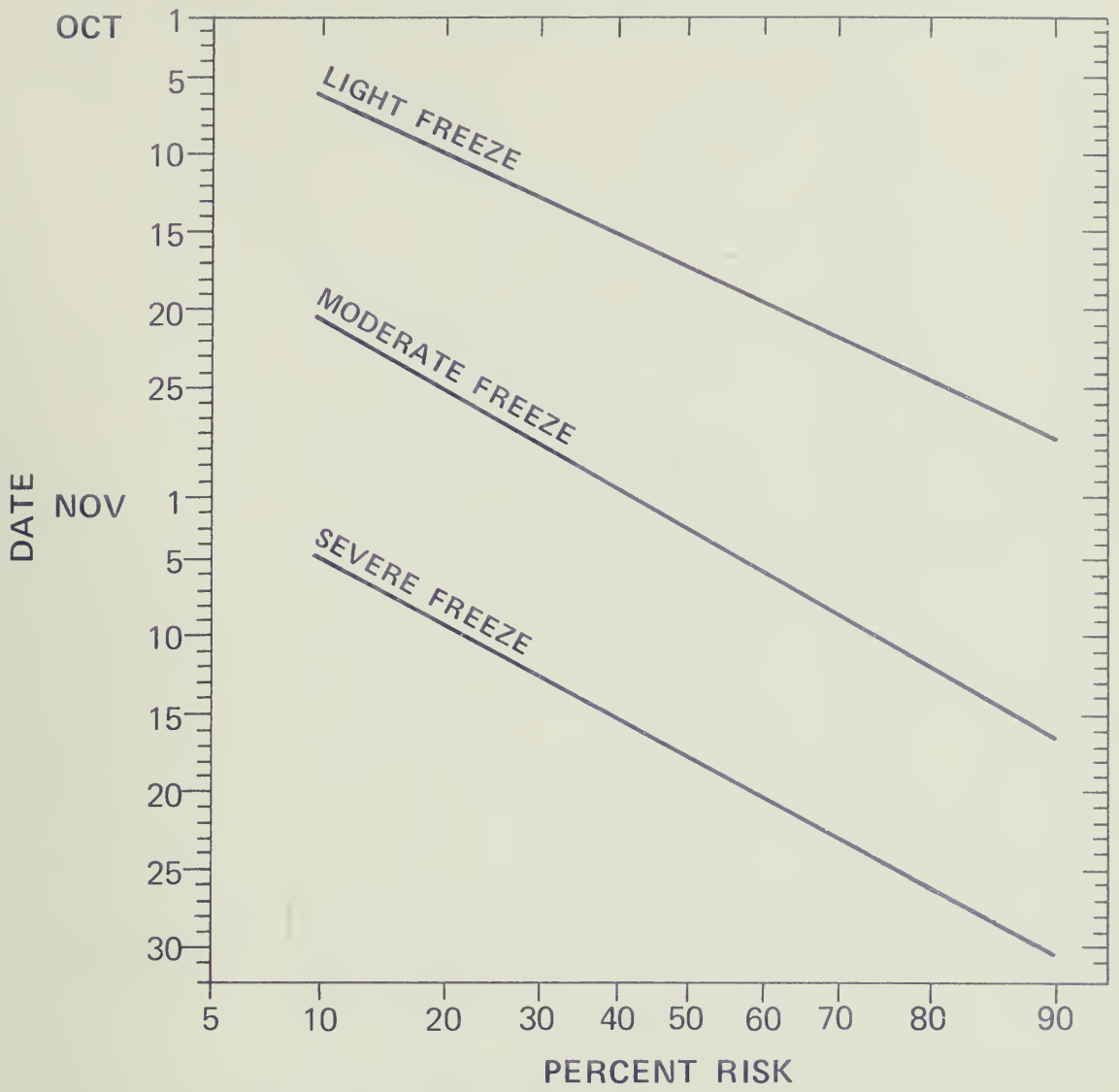


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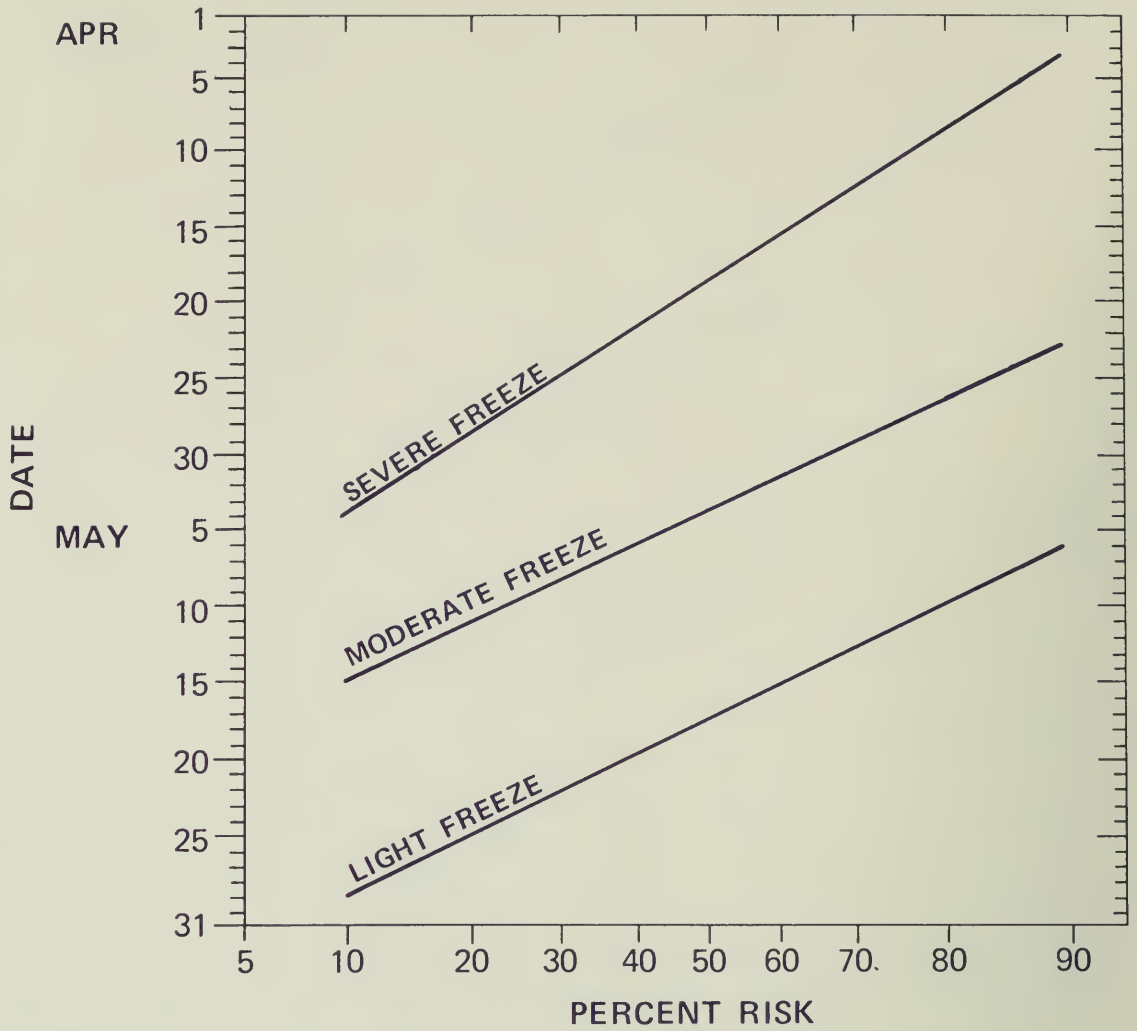


Fig. 5. Probability of the severity of a spring freeze on a specific date — Fredericton, N.B.

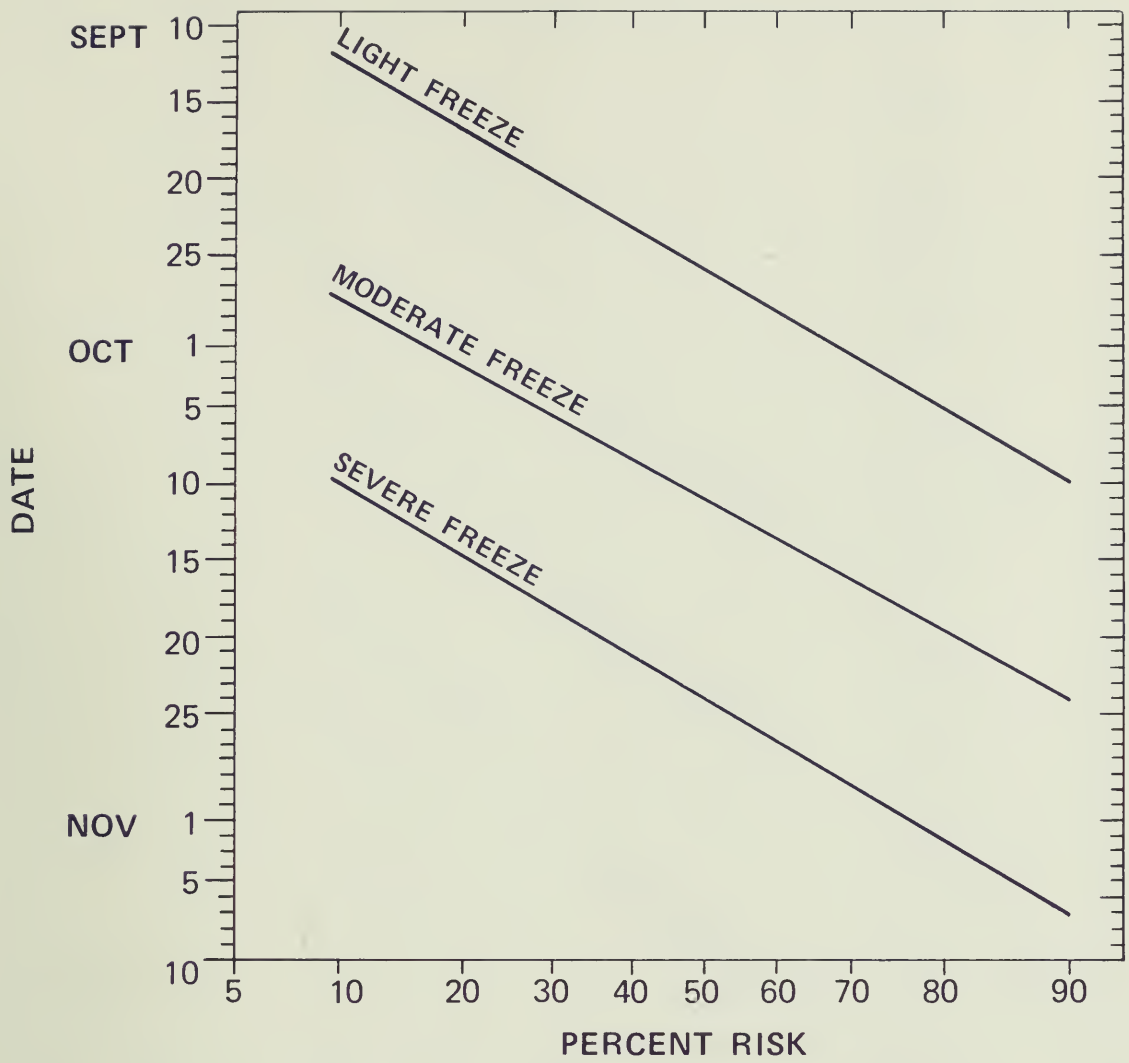


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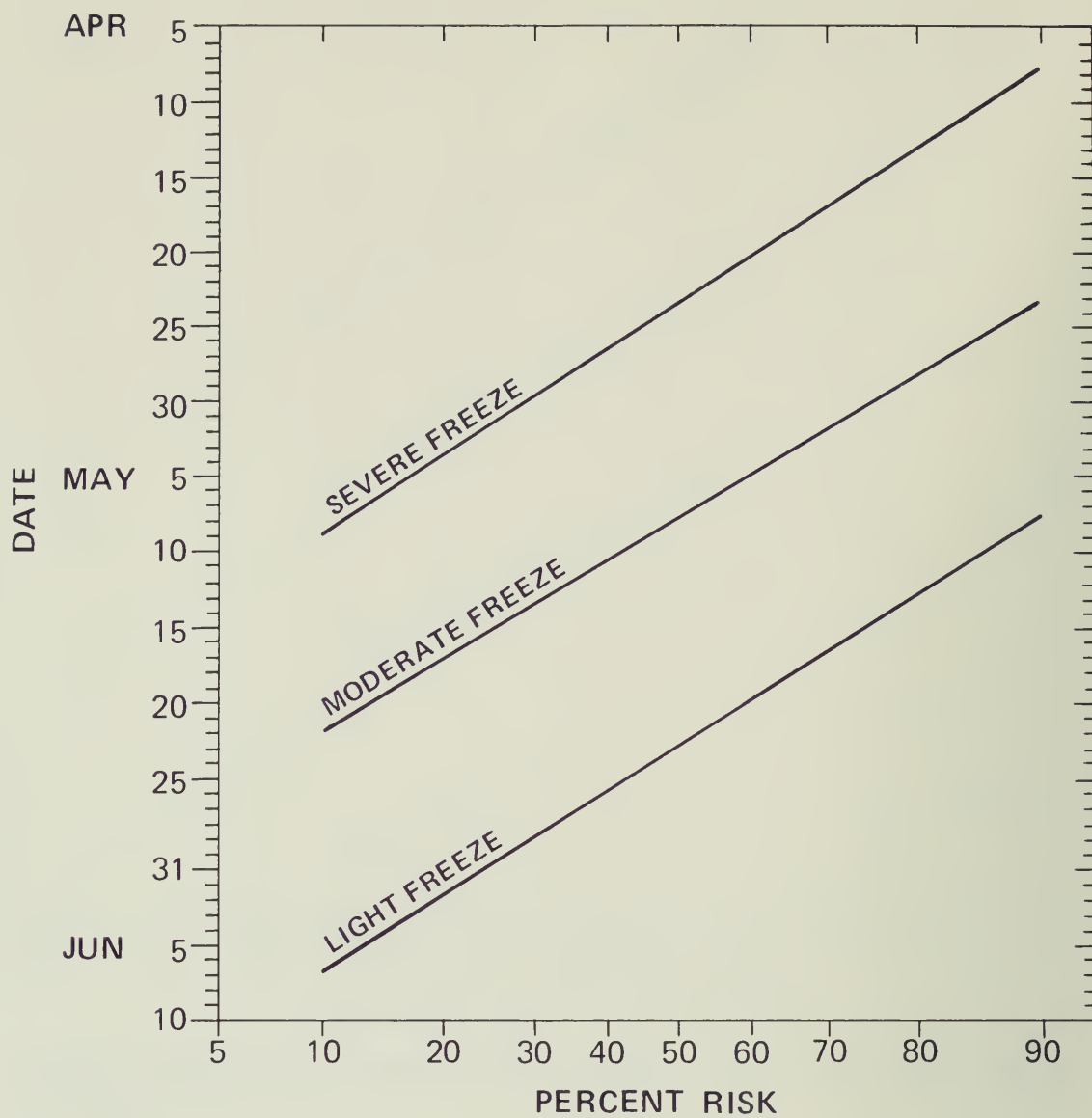


Fig. 7. Probability of the severity of a spring freeze on a specific date — Kentville, N.S.

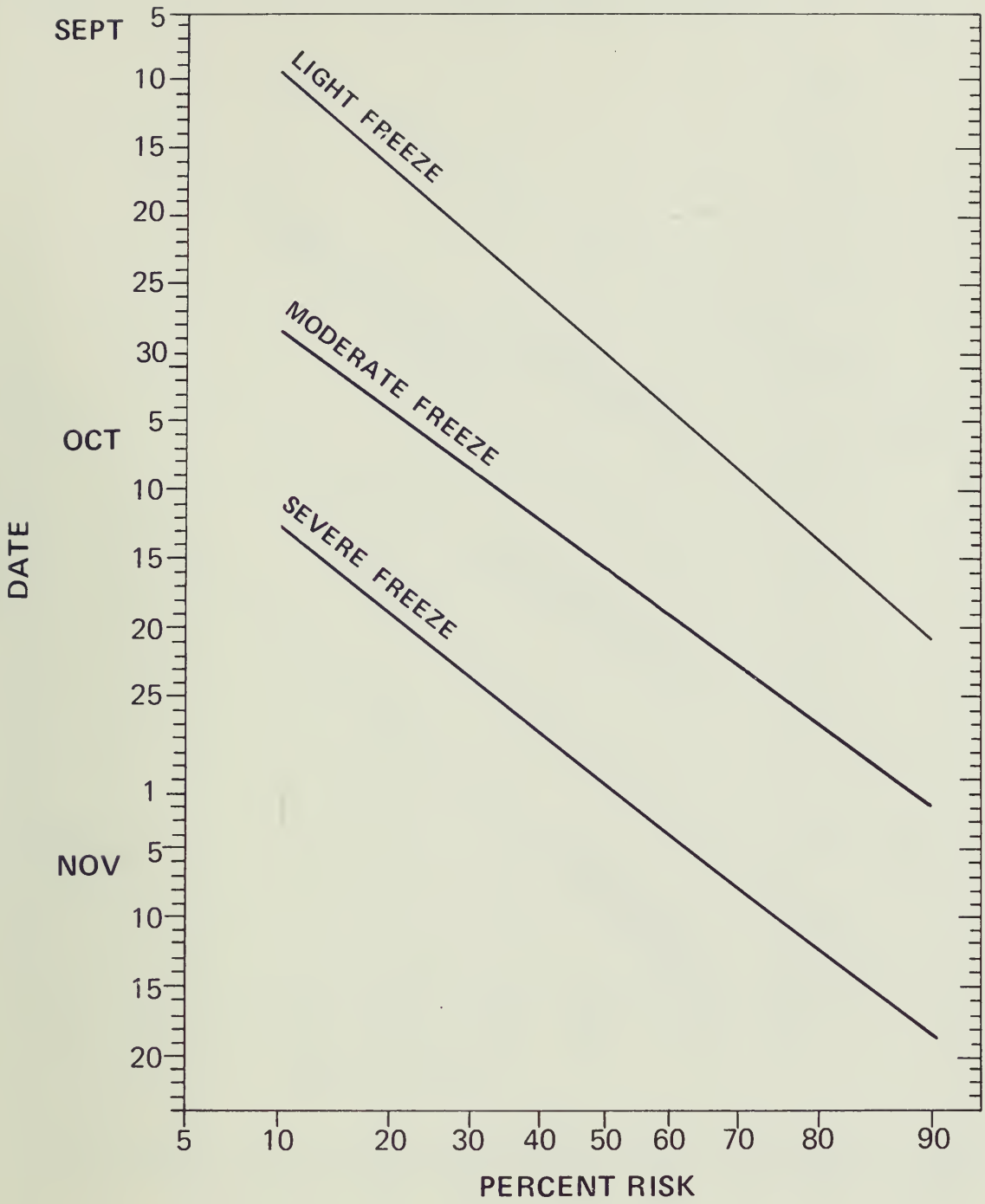


Fig. 8. Probability of the severity of a fall freeze on a specific date — Kentville, N.S.

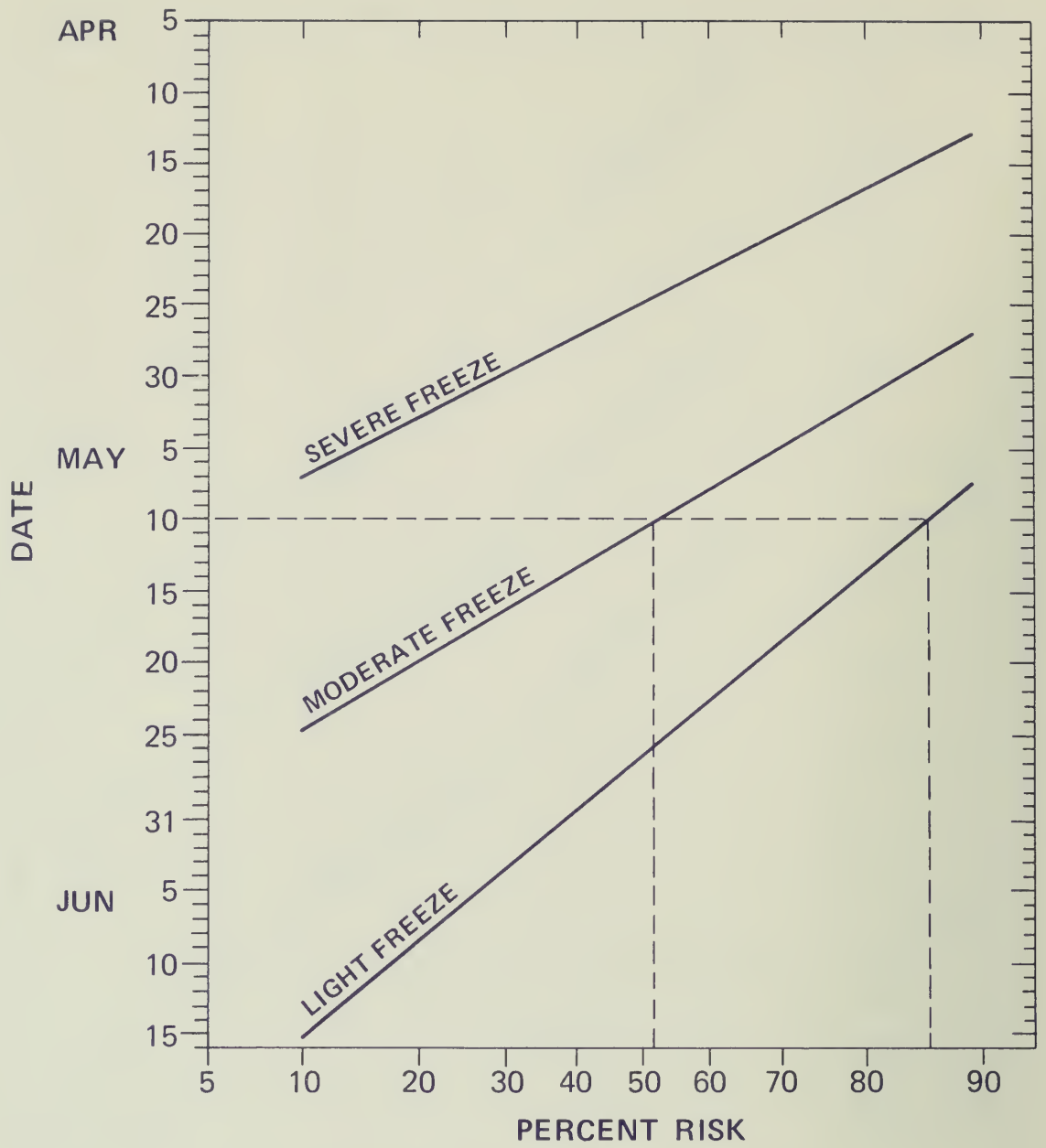


Fig. 9. Probability of the severity of a spring freeze on a specific date — Nappan, N.S.

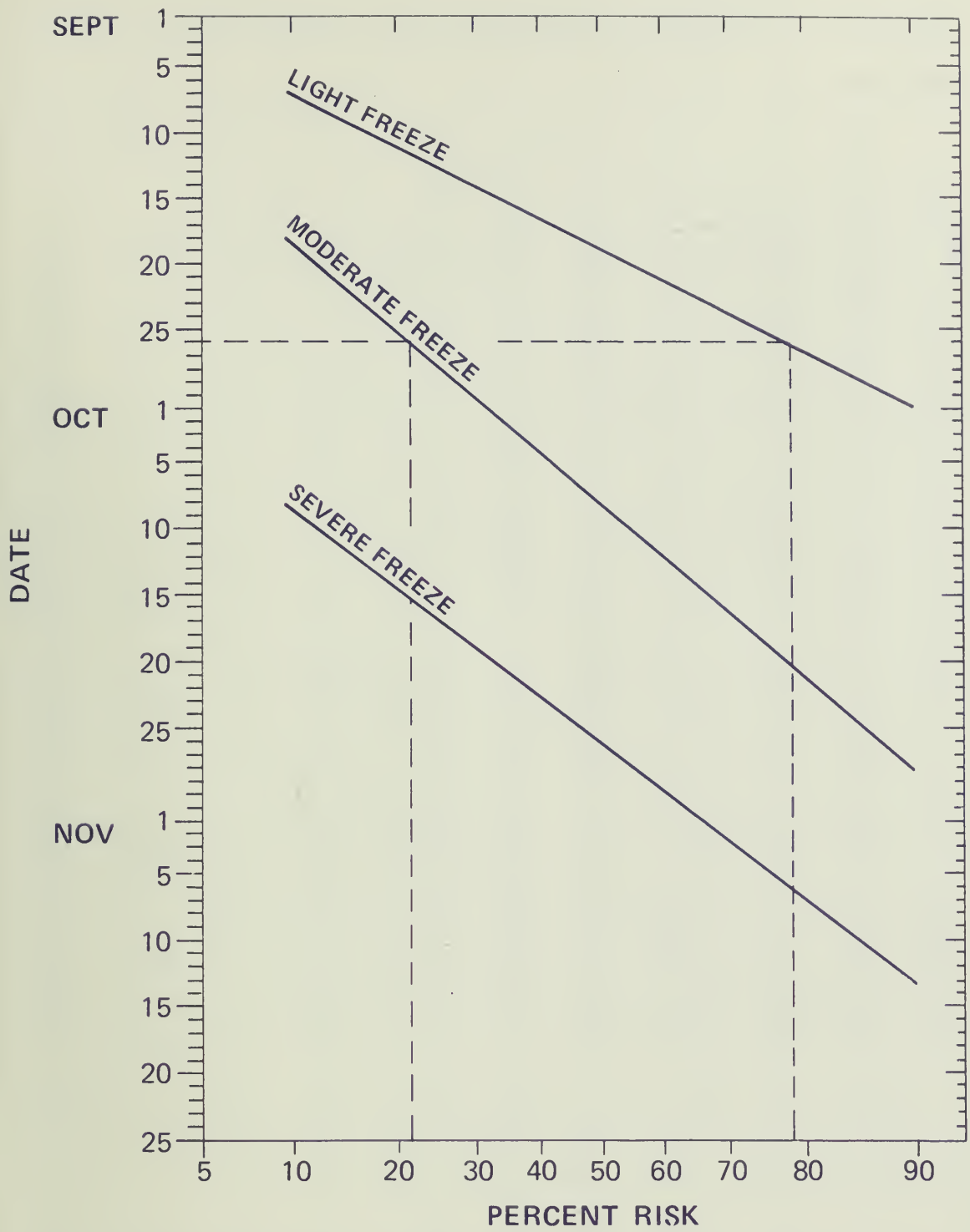


Fig. 10. Probability of the severity of a fall freeze on a specific date — Nappan, N.S.

APPENDIX 1. CONVERSION OF FAHRENHEIT TO CELSIUS DEGREES

Fahrenheit

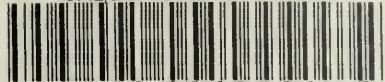
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	CELSIUS									
20	-6.67	-6.61	-6.56	-6.50	-6.44	-6.39	-6.33	-6.28	-6.22	-6.17
21	-6.11	-6.06	-6.00	-5.94	-5.89	-5.83	-5.78	-5.72	-5.67	-5.61
22	-5.56	-5.50	-5.44	-5.39	-5.33	-5.28	-5.22	-5.17	-5.11	-5.06
23	-5.00	-4.94	-4.89	-4.83	-4.78	-4.72	-4.67	-4.61	-4.56	-4.50
24	-4.44	-4.39	-4.33	-4.28	-4.22	-4.17	-4.11	-4.06	-4.00	-3.94
25	-3.89	-3.83	-3.78	-3.72	-3.67	-3.61	-3.56	-3.50	-3.44	-3.39
26	-3.33	-3.28	-3.22	-3.17	-3.11	-3.06	-3.00	-2.94	-2.89	-2.83
27	-2.78	-2.72	-2.67	-2.61	-2.56	-2.50	-2.44	-2.39	-2.33	-2.28
28	-2.22	-2.17	-2.11	-2.06	-2.00	-1.94	-1.89	-1.83	-1.78	-1.72
29	-1.67	-1.61	-1.56	-1.50	-1.44	-1.39	-1.33	-1.28	-1.22	-1.17
30	-1.11	-1.06	-1.00	-0.94	-0.89	-0.83	-0.78	-0.72	-0.67	-0.61
31	-0.56	-0.50	-0.44	-0.39	-0.33	-0.28	-0.22	-0.17	-0.11	-0.06
32	0.00	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.22	0.28	0.33	0.39	0.44	0.50
33	0.56	0.61	0.67	0.72	0.78	0.83	0.89	0.94	1.00	1.06
34	1.11	1.17	1.22	1.28	1.33	1.39	1.44	1.50	1.56	1.61
35	1.67	1.72	1.78	1.83	1.89	1.94	2.00	2.06	2.11	2.17
36	2.22	2.28	2.33	2.39	2.44	2.50	2.56	2.61	2.67	2.72
37	2.78	2.83	2.89	2.94	3.00	3.06	3.11	3.17	3.22	3.28
38	3.33	3.39	3.44	3.50	3.56	3.61	3.67	3.72	3.78	3.83
39	3.89	3.94	4.00	4.06	4.11	4.17	4.22	4.28	4.33	4.39
40	4.44	4.50	4.56	4.61	4.67	4.72	4.78	4.83	4.89	4.94
41	5.00	5.06	5.11	5.17	5.22	5.28	5.33	5.39	5.44	5.50
42	5.56	5.61	5.67	5.72	5.78	5.83	5.89	5.94	6.00	6.06
43	6.11	6.17	6.22	6.28	6.33	6.39	6.44	6.50	6.56	6.61
44	6.67	6.72	6.78	6.83	6.89	6.94	7.00	7.06	7.11	7.17
45	7.22	7.28	7.33	7.39	7.44	7.50	7.56	7.61	7.67	7.72
46	7.78	7.83	7.89	7.94	8.00	8.06	8.11	8.17	8.22	8.28
47	8.33	8.39	8.44	8.50	8.56	8.61	8.67	8.72	8.78	8.83
48	8.89	8.94	9.00	9.06	9.11	9.17	9.22	9.28	9.33	9.39
49	9.44	9.50	9.56	9.61	9.67	9.72	9.78	9.83	9.89	9.94
50	10.00	10.06	10.11	10.17	10.22	10.28	10.33	10.39	10.44	10.50
51	10.56	10.61	10.67	10.72	10.78	10.83	10.89	10.94	11.00	11.06
52	11.11	11.17	11.22	11.28	11.33	11.39	11.44	11.50	11.56	11.61
53	11.67	11.72	11.78	11.83	11.89	11.94	12.00	12.06	12.11	12.17
54	12.22	12.28	12.33	12.39	12.44	12.50	12.56	12.61	12.67	12.72
55	12.78	12.83	12.89	12.94	13.00	13.06	13.11	13.17	13.22	13.28
56	13.33	13.39	13.44	13.50	13.56	13.61	13.67	13.72	13.78	13.83
57	13.89	13.94	14.00	14.06	14.11	14.17	14.22	14.28	14.33	14.39
58	14.44	14.50	14.56	14.61	14.67	14.72	14.78	14.83	14.89	14.94
59	15.00	15.06	15.11	15.17	15.22	15.28	15.33	15.39	15.44	15.50
60	15.56	15.61	15.67	15.72	15.78	15.83	15.89	15.94	16.00	16.06
61	16.11	16.17	16.22	16.28	16.33	16.39	16.44	16.50	16.56	16.61
62	16.67	16.72	16.78	16.83	16.89	16.94	17.00	17.06	17.11	17.17
63	17.22	17.28	17.33	17.39	17.44	17.50	17.56	17.61	17.67	17.72
64	17.78	17.83	17.89	17.94	18.00	18.06	18.11	18.17	18.22	18.28



APPENDIX 2. CONVERSION OF DATE TO DAY OF YEAR

DATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Day of year												
1	1	32	60	91	121	152	182	213	244	274	305	335
2	2	33	61	92	122	153	183	214	245	275	306	336
3	3	34	62	93	123	154	184	215	246	276	307	337
4	4	35	63	94	124	155	185	216	247	277	308	338
5	5	36	64	95	125	156	186	217	248	278	309	339
6	6	37	65	96	126	157	187	218	249	279	310	340
7	7	38	66	97	127	158	188	219	250	280	311	341
8	8	39	67	98	128	159	189	220	251	281	312	342
9	9	40	68	99	129	160	190	221	252	282	313	343
10	10	41	69	100	130	161	191	222	253	283	314	344
11	11	42	70	101	131	162	192	223	254	284	315	345
12	12	43	71	102	132	163	193	224	255	285	316	346
13	13	44	72	103	133	164	194	225	256	286	317	347
14	14	45	73	104	134	165	195	226	257	287	318	348
15	15	46	74	105	135	166	196	227	258	288	319	349
16	16	47	75	106	136	167	197	228	259	289	320	350
17	17	48	76	107	137	168	198	229	260	290	321	351
18	18	49	77	108	138	169	199	230	261	291	322	352
19	19	50	78	109	139	170	200	231	262	292	323	353
20	20	51	79	110	140	171	201	232	263	293	324	354
21	21	52	80	111	141	172	202	233	264	294	325	355
22	22	53	81	112	142	173	203	234	265	295	326	356
23	23	54	82	113	143	174	204	235	266	296	327	357
24	24	55	83	114	144	175	205	236	267	297	328	358
25	25	56	84	115	145	176	206	237	268	298	329	359
26	26	57	85	116	146	177	207	238	269	299	330	360
27	27	58	86	117	147	178	208	239	270	300	331	361
28	28	59	87	118	148	179	209	240	271	301	332	362
29	29		88	119	149	180	210	241	272	302	333	363
30	30		89	120	150	181	211	242	273	303	334	364
31	31		90		151		212	243		304		365





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## CONVERSION FACTORS FOR METRIC SYSTEM

Imperial units	Approximate conversion factor	Results in:
<b>LINEAR</b>		
inch	x 25	millimetre (mm)
foot	x 30	centimetre (cm)
yard	x 0.9	metre (m)
mile	x 1.6	kilometre (km)
<b>AREA</b>		
square inch	x 6.5	square centimetre (cm <sup>2</sup> )
square foot	x 0.09	square metre (m <sup>2</sup> )
acre	x 0.40	hectare (ha)
<b>VOLUME</b>		
cubic inch	x 16	cubic centimetre (cm <sup>3</sup> )
cubic foot	x 28	cubic decimetre (dm <sup>3</sup> )
cubic yard	x 0.8	cubic metre (m <sup>3</sup> )
fluid ounce	x 28	millilitre (ml)
pint	x 0.57	litre (ℓ)
quart	x 1.1	litre (ℓ)
gallon	x 4.5	litre (ℓ)
<b>WEIGHT</b>		
ounce	x 28	gram (g)
pound	x 0.45	kilogram (kg)
short ton (2000 lb)	x 0.9	tonne (t)
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>		
degrees Fahrenheit	(°F-32) x 0.56 or (°F-32) x 5/9	degrees Celsius (°C)
<b>PRESSURE</b>		
pounds per square inch	x 6.9	kilopascal (kPa)
<b>POWER</b>		
horsepower	x 746	watt (W)
	x 0.75	kilowatt (kW)
<b>SPEED</b>		
feet per second	x 0.30	metres per second (m/s)
miles per hour	x 1.6	kilometres per hour (km/h)
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>		
gallons per acre	x 11.23	litres per hectare (ℓ/ha)
quarts per acre	x 2.8	litres per hectare (ℓ/ha)
pints per acre	x 1.4	litres per hectare (ℓ/ha)
fluid ounces per acre	x 70	millilitres per hectare (ml/ha)
tons per acre	x 2.24	tonnes per hectare (t/ha)
pounds per acre	x 1.12	kilograms per hectare (kg/ha)
ounces per acre	x 70	grams per hectare (g/ha)
plants per acre	x 2.47	plants per hectare (plants/ha)

