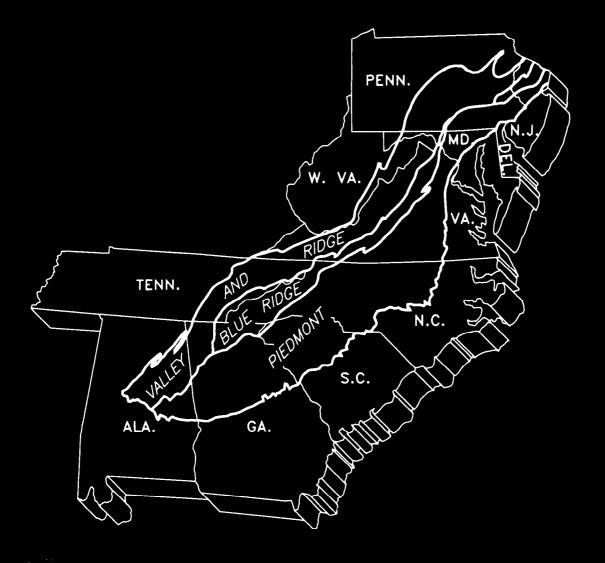


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CONVERSION FACTORS

For those readers who may prefer to use metric units rather than inch-pound units, conversion factors for terms used in this report are listed below:

Multiply inch-pound units	Ву	To obtain metric units
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter (m)
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer (km)
cubic foot per second (ft^3/s)	0.02832	cubic meter per second (m^3/s)

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ABSTRACT

Approximately 2,700 miscellaneous discharge measurements for 171 large springs in 28 counties of East Tennessee, predominantly within the Valley and Ridge physiographic province, were analyzed statistically and results tabulated to summarize data useful to the Appalachian Valleys-Piedmont Regional Aquifer-System Analysis study. The number of measurements at each spring ranged from 1 to 65. Information for each spring includes station number, latitude, longitude, spring name, and where data are sufficient, an estimate of the mean discharge and the discharge exceeded by 75, 50, and 25 percent of the miscellaneous measurements. Data are referenced to locations on a 1:1,000,000-scale map. The highest mean spring discharge was 32.2 cubic feet per second (14,500 gallons per minute).

INTRODUCTION

In 1978, the U.S. Geological Survey initiated the Regional Aquifer-System Analysis (RASA) program in response to Congressional concern over the drought of 1977. The purposes of the RASA program are to define the regional hydrology and geology and to establish a framework of background information on geology, hydrology, and water chemistry for the Nation's important aquifer systems. This information is critically needed to develop an understanding of regional ground-water flow systems and to support more efficient ground-water resources management (Sun, 1986).

As a part of the RASA program, the Survey began a 5-year study in 1988 of the ground-water resources of an 11-state area that includes parts of East Tennessee (fig. 1). The 5-year study, designated the Appalachian Valleys-Piedmont Regional Aquifer-System Analysis (APRASA), is investigating the quantity and quality of ground-water resources in the unglaciated part of the Valley and Ridge, Blue Ridge, and Piedmont physiographic provinces. Included in the ground-water resources of the area are the principal springs that are being or could be used for water supply. Springs are an important water source for many large cities in the region including several in East Tennessee. In addition, springs have hydrologic importance as the outlet for large, integrated ground-water-flow systems in the soluble rocks in the APRASA study area.

Studies of springs in East Tennessee were begun by the Survey in 1931 following the severe drought of 1930 (Sun and others, 1963). Later, a reconnaissance of ground water available from both wells and springs was begun in 1947 with field work completed in 1953. This work resulted in the publication of information on 960 springs in East Tennessee (DeBuchananne and Richardson, 1956). Ninety of the larger springs were selected for further study; their flows were measured monthly for a period of 1 to 4 years (Sun and others, 1963). The period of measurement included the moderate drought from 1951 to 1954. The discharge measurements of 84 of the 90 springs were analyzed for magnitude and variability. They reported a total of 66 springs in East Tennessee with mean discharges that exceeded 1 ft³/s, four of which had mean discharges that exceeded 10 ft³/s. No spring had a mean discharge in excess of 100 ft³/s.

This report summarizes the discharge information available for springs in the APRASA area in East Tennessee that have mean discharges greater than 0.25 ft^3 /s. The summary is in the form of a small-scale location map (fig. 2) and a table (table 1) giving location, name, and statistical measures of the flow of each spring.

DATA COMPILATION AND ANALYSES

Data on approximately 2,700 measurements of spring discharge for 171 springs in 28 counties of East Tennessee are stored in the Geological Survey's computerized file of miscellaneous measurements in the Tennessee District. The records were analyzed using a statistical software program. The data for each spring (from 1 to 65 measurements) were analyzed to determine the mean discharge and the discharge exceeded by 75, 50, and 25 percent of the miscellaneous measurements. Springs with mean discharge of less than 0.25 ft³/s were not tabulated (table 1). The remaining 134 springs were plotted as circles on a 1:1,000,000scale map using geographic information system (GIS) software (fig. 2). All but seven springs are located within the Valley and Ridge physiographic province as delineated by Fenneman (1946). The area of each circle is proportional to the mean discharge of the corresponding spring. A map number was assigned to each spring and these numbers are cross referenced with station numbers in table 1. The reader may determine a more accurate location of each spring with regard to hydrographic features, cultural features, or boundaries of larger-scale topographicquadrangle maps by overlaying figure 2 on a 1:1,000,000-scale map index (U.S. Geological Survey, 1980).

Because the number of measurements at each spring is relatively small, the maximum and minimum discharges listed in table 1 should not be construed as the full range in flow that could be expected over a long period of time. In addition, because the measurements are irregularly distributed over a number of years and hydrologic conditions, the P75, P50, and P25 values should not be construed as representative of flow duration.

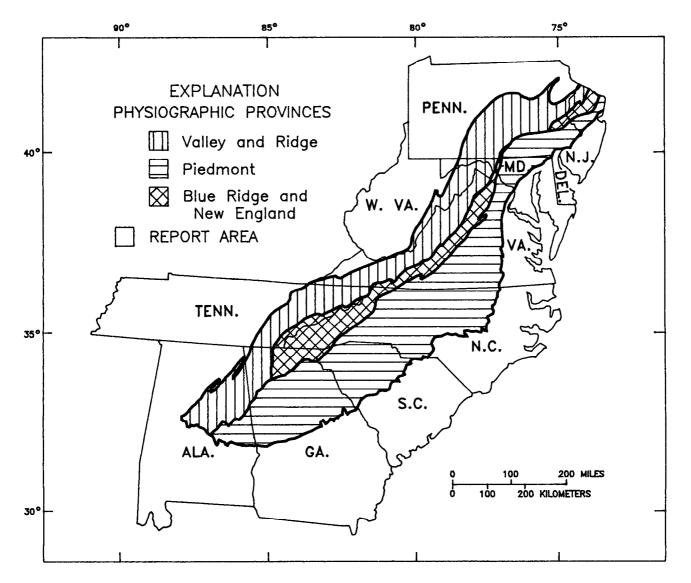


Figure 1.——The Appalachian Valleys—Piedmont Regional Aquifer—System Analysis study area, physiographic provinces, and area studied in this report.

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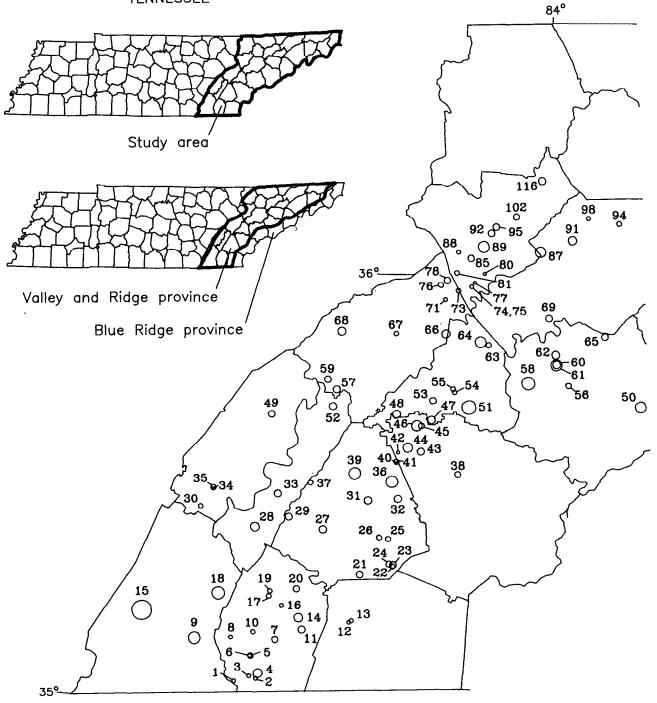
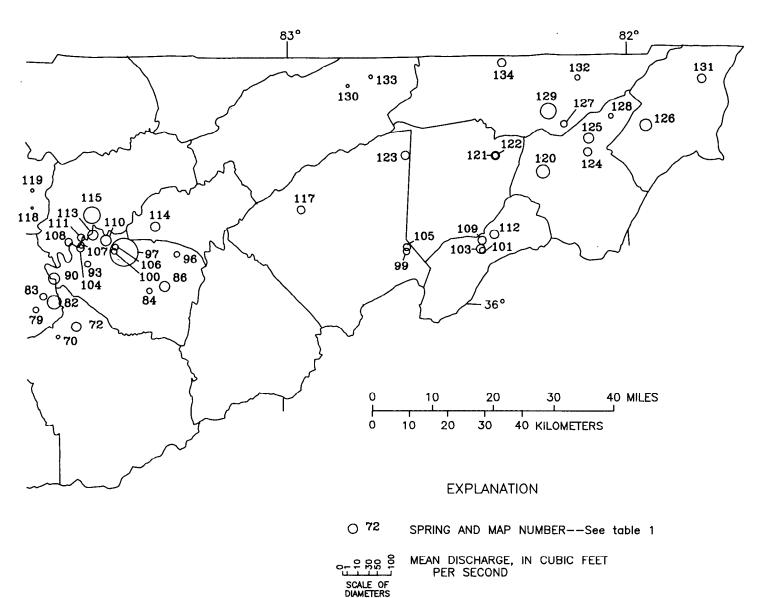


Figure 2.--Location and mean discharge province and adjacent parts of the



of large springs in the Valley and Ridge Blue Ridge province in Tennessee.

Table 1.--Discharge characteristics of large springs in the Valley and Ridge province and adjacent parts of the Blue Ridge province in Tennessee

[Latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Spring discharge is in cubic feet per second. P75, P50, P25, is discharge that is equalled or exceeded by 75, 50, and 25 percent of the discharge measurements, respectively. Min is the minimum discharge measurement of record. Max is the maximum discharge measurement of record. Mean is the arithmetic mean, unless there is only one measurement. In this case, the one measurement is listed as the mean. --, insufficient data to determine a value]

					Discharge					No. of mea-	
Map No.		Lati- tude	Longi- tude	Station name	Min	P75	P50	P25	Max	Mean	sure- ments
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	03566180 02384930 02384950 02384920 03566205 03566210 02384905 03566190 03566446 03566220	350136 350157 350218 350243 350511 350515 350726 350750 350751 350834	845814 845424 845538 845407 845517 845535 845105 845840 850457 845448	TAYLOR SPRING NEAR APISON FLINT SPRING AT FLINT SPRINGS HIGGINS SPRINGS NEAR CLEVELAND SEATON SPRINGS NEAR CLEVELAND MOORE AND EADS SPRINGS AT BLUE SPRINGS TRIPLETT SPRING NEAR MCDONALD WILDWOOD SPRING NEAR MCDONALD CARSON SPRING NEAR OOLTEWAH HALL SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND	0.14 .29 .08 1.87 .41 .07 .86 .28 5.39 .49	0.34 .37 .41 2.70 .83 .22 1.10 .43 .62	0.40 .45 .61 2.98 1.05 .37 1.28 .47 .67	0.55 .52 .82 3.42 1.45 .55 1.59 .52 .85	0.64 .55 1.28 3.97 2.01 .88 1.98 .66 6.40 1.19	0.43 .45 .62 3.02 1.13 .39 1.34 .47 6.03 .73	18 17 18 31 18 19 34 19 3 18
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	03565290 03564905 03565400 03565400 03566540 03566098 03566252 03566449 03566255 03566110	350848 350943 350955 351026 351148 351216 351342 351416 351424 351442	844627 843802 843741 844659 851354 844955 845203 850041 845148 844715	CARPENTER SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND SHELTON SPRING NEAR BENTON MAYNO-PRESTWOOD SPRINGS NEAR BENTON RICHEY SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND CAVE SPRING NEAR HIXSON HARDWICK SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND PULLAM SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND ANDERSON SPRING NEAR GEORGETOWN MCKENZIE SPRING NEAR CLEVELAND BELLE FOUNTE SPRINGS AT BELLE FOUNTE	.83 .10 .16 .94 .08 .38 .42 1.02 .48 .42	1.52 .26 .24 1.90 3.51 .52 .65 3.38 .71 1.09	1.83 .73 .35 2.15 16.2 .60 .74 4.23 .82 1.48	2.42 .89 .57 2.47 32.6 .74 .85 10.5 .98 2.14	3.63 1.26 1.36 4.58 43.7 1.09 1.04 15.6 1.16 2.86	1.95 .61 .49 2.23 17.5 .63 .75 6.47 .84 1.56	30 25 25 21 28 31 18 52 18 30
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	03565252 035571453 03557140 035571455 03557180 03565220 03566130 03566265 03566258 03566288	351641 351745 351754 351804 352201 352319 352350 352512 352657	843611 843033 843027 843103 843108 843237 844227 845414 844817 850333	DODD SPRING AT DENTVILLE MCSPADDEN SPRING NEAR ETOWAH TUGGLE SPRINGS NEAR ETOWAH FOWLER SPRING NEAR ETOWAH CROCKETT SPRING NEAR ETOWAH CHESTNUT SPRING NEAR ETOWAH BELL SPRING AT RICEVILLE BIG SPRING AT BIG SPRING SHORT CREEK SPRING NEAR GOODFIELD HENSON-ROGERS SPRING AT GRAYSVILLE	1.56 .25 .47 .82 .21 .50 1.37 .69 1.35 .21	2.13 .65 .66 2.18 1.78 1.51	2.47 1.15 .92 2.55 2.86 1.70	2.95 1.42 1.38 3.11 4.63 2.23	3.31 1.22 4.79 2.98 2.20 1.58 4.46 10.3 2.79 1.71	2.53 .64 1.97 1.55 1.12 1.01 2.65 3.43 1.85 .61	15 6 3 14 13 34 30 14 7
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40	035654363 03565140 03544218 03544606 03544605 03565425 035662565 03518790 03566119 03520022	352724 352733 352839 352932 352935 353004 353005 353056 353116 353247	843429 842916 845007 850119 850118 843018 844428 841850 843644 842914	INGLESIDE SPRING AT ATHENS HICKS-BROWN SPRING NEAR ENGLEWOOD MARLER SPRING NEAR GOODFIELD DAYTON SPRING NO. 2 AT DAYTON DAYTON SPRING NO. 1 AT DAYTON MALONE SPRING NEAR NIOTA MITCHELLS SPRINGS NEAR DECATUR ROSS JEWEL SPRING NEAR MADISONVILLE ARNWINE SPRING NEAR ATHENS BELL SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER DUGAN SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER	.15	1.49	2.06 1.45 .29 1.23 4.82 4.33	3.23 2.63 .33 1.41 7.11 	4.11 4.50 5.21 .36 1.88 9.77 7.89 .83	2.47 2.27 1.88 .27 1.16 5.39 .87 .82 4.56	5 31 14 13 14 29 1 1 19 2
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	03520031 035200383 03519710 03520040 035200525 035200529 03520060 03520165 03542512 03497319	353258 353416 353417 353458 353759 353759 353848 353945 354002 354004	842926 842901 842504 842721 842455 842540 842313 842911 845103 834647	DUGAN SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER UNNAMED SPRING AT WOOD HOWARD SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER KILPATRICK SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER UNNAMED SPRING NEAR OLD SWEETWATER FURROW SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER REED SPRING NEAR PHILADELPHIA WILSON SPRING NEAR SWEETWATER BLUE SPRING AT RHEA SPRINGS DUNN SPRING NEAR TOWNSEND	.33 .06 .29 .78 .37 .90 1.60	2.00	2.92	4.93 3.10 	1.50 .55 3.12 9.63 4.23 2.54 7.85	1.57 3.58 1.33 4.63 2.46 1.82 1.72 4.20	2 3 30 1 40 1 3 3

Table 1.--Discharge characteristics of large springs in the Valley and Ridge province and adjacent parts of the Blue Ridge province in Tennessee--Continued

Map No.	Station number	Lati-	Longi	- Station name		P75		:harge			No. of mea- sure-
AU.			Lude	name	M I N	P/5	P50	P25	Max	Mean	ments
51	03519730	354029	841640	SIMPSON SPRING NEAR LOUDON	3.12	5.74	6.99	8.68	13.6	7.17	30
52	03543180	354102	844017	KEYLUNS SPRING NEAR LEN MILE	.21				5.30	2.03	3
53 54	03520075	354135	842253 841002	LANGEDT SODING NEAR PHILADELPHIA						1.64	1 3
55	03519980	354307	841921	MCKELVEY SPRING NEAR LOUDON	.05				1 45	1.09	3
56	03498993	354318	835906	PEARSON SPRING AT MARYVILLE	1.10				1.69		2
57	03541465	354318	843957	BLUE SPRING NEAR EUCHEE	. 56				4.53	1.91	4
58	03499400	354343	840609	BIG SPRING NEAR FRIENDSVILLE	1.58	3.14	4.54	9.18	21.5	6.42	27
59	03541463	354452	844108	GORDONS SPRING NEAR EUCHEE	.33				3.56	1.65	3
60	03499050	354621	840109	SIMPSON SPRING NEAR LOUDON KEYLONS SPRING NEAR TEN MILE CALLAWAY SPRING NEAR PHILADELPHIA LAMBERT SPRING NEAR LOUDON MCKELVEY SPRING NEAR LOUDON PEARSON SPRING AT MARYVILLE BLUE SPRING NEAR EUCHEE BIG SPRING NEAR FRIENDSVILLE GORDONS SPRING NEAR EUCHEE KIDD SPRING NEAR MARYVILLE	1.00	1.55	1.87	2.14	2.97	1.89	41
61	03499150	354621	840109	LOVINGWOOD SPRING NEAR ALCOA	2.29	3.60	4.74	5.94	7.83	4.82	37
	03499165	354749	840116	PROFFITT SPRING NEAR MARYVILLE	2.22				2.24		2
	03499590	354929	841256	TOM CARSON SPRING AT MARTEL	.41	. 59	1.03	1.40	1.90	1.07	15
	03499580	354956	841423	MUNEELY SPRING NEAR MARTEL	.89	1.98	2.94	5.73	8.45	3.74	31
	03498800 03538080	355017	030242	CHAMBERS SPRING NEAR RUCKFURD	1.33	1.44	1.49	1.63	1.87	1.52	27
	03520218	355124	042023 842001	DEUE SPRING NEAR URAL	./4	1.20	1.93	4.4/	8.58 1.56	2.92	26 2
68	03541440	355151	843830	FACTORY SPRING NEAR ROCKWOOD	.14	1 10	1 91	2 60	4.90	2.11	24
	03499140	355306	840219	MAXWELL SPRING NEAR ROCKY HILL	.55	1.14	1.63	1 97	2.57	1.58	15
	03470200	355521	833959	LOVINGWOOD SPRING NEAR ALCOA PROFFITT SPRING NEAR MARYVILLE TOM CARSON SPRING AT MARTEL MCNEELY SPRING NEAR MARTEL CHAMBERS SPRING NEAR ROCKFORD BLUE SPRING NEAR ORAL ROSE BAILEYS SPRING NEAR KINGSTON FACTORY SPRING NEAR ROCKWOOD MAXWELL SPRING NEAR ROCKY HILL ROCKY SPRING AT BOYDS CREEK	.16	.18	.25	.55	.99	.41	13
71	03538269	355613	842023	BEAR CREEK SPRING NO. 2 NEAR OAK RIDGE. BAILEY SPRING NEAR KODAK BEAR CREEK SPRING NO. 1 NEAR OAK RIDGE UNNAMED SPRING TO WALKER BRANCH TRIB OAK RIDGE	.09	.15	.3 1	.66	1.16	.40	3 1
72	03470100	355640	833655	BAILEY SPRING NEAR KODAK	.87	1.56	2.24	4.71	7.74	3.03	26
73	03538261	355726	841803	BEAR CREEK SPRING NO. 1 NEAR OAK RIDGE	.10	.26	.51	.96	1.62	.62	31
							**			. 37	1
75	03535639	355802	841543	UNNAMED SPRING BELOW MT VERNON CEMETERY EAST FORK POPLAR CREEK SPRING NO.3 NEAR	.47				.47		2
76	03538249	355818	842107	EAST FORK POPLAR CREEK SPRING NO.3 NEAR OAK RIDGE.	.08				1 .78		2
77	03535590	355833	841508	UNNAMED SPRING BELOW TAILINGS POND NEAR						.27	1
70	02520245	255057	041057	CONSTAL SODING NEAD OAK DIDGE	20	1 10	1 42	1 00	2 00	1 6 1	20
70	03536245	32202/	04195/	UNEEAVED SODING NEAR UAK KIDGE	. 32	1.19	1.43	1.96	3.20	1.61	30
80	03535087	355944	841322	OAK RIDGE. CRYSTAL SPRING NEAR OAK RIDGE HUFFAKER SPRING NEAR THORNGROVE UNNAMED SPRING NO. 2 TO SCARBORO CREEK, OAK RIDGE.					3.81	.98 .32	14 1
81	035382425	355058	9/191 <i>/</i>	EAST FORK POPLAR CREEK SPRING NO.2,	00				1 07		0
									1.97		2
82	03470300	360016	834042	BOILING SPRING NEAR THORNGROVE	1.97	4.12	6.62	12.8	21.2	8.75	30
83	03494960	360105	834241	CARIER MILL SPRING NEAR TRENTVILLE	1.32	1.81	2.25	3.58	7.09	2.90	41
84 05	034681955	360153	832359	OAK RIDGE. BOILING SPRING NEAR THORNGROVE CARTER MILL SPRING NEAR TRENTVILLE RILEY SPRING NEAR DANDRIDGE KEY SPRING AT OAK RIDGE SWANN SPRING NEAR DANDRIDGE FOWLER SPRING NEAR POWELL BLUE SPRING NEAR OLIVER SPRINGS BACON SPRING AT DOSSETT BAKER SPRING AT STRAWBERRY PLAINS	.46				1.45	.81	7
60 86	03038193	300150	041545 022110	KET SPRING AT UAK RIDGE Suann Soding nead danddidge	1 1 4				 - 1 4	1.34	1
87	03535040	360229	840335	SWAAN SERING NEAR DANUKIUGE FAWFER SPRING NEAR DAWFIT	1.14	2 12	2 06	7 20	5.14 10 0	4.38	2 27
88	03538155	360255	841758	BILLE SPRING NEAR OF IVER SPRINGS	1.35	2.13	2.90	7.3U 87	3 18	4.38	40
89	03538190	360334	841331	BACON SPRING AT DOSSETT	.94	1.59	3.00	5.51	12.9	4.10	40
00	03404900	360341	924041	RAVED SODING AT STDAUDEDDY DIAINS	1 17	2 40	6 26	0 20	11 4	5.91	25

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Map No.	Station number	tuda	Longi tude		Min	P75	DEO	charge P25	Max	Mean	No. of mea- sure- ments
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100	03535185 03538175 03494700 03495100 03538170 03467990 03492500 03535182 03466240 03493100	360413 360531 360544 360625 360625 360713 360717 360719 360730 360737	835751 841204 833451 834936 841111 831911 832822 835457 823844 833008	BIG BLUE SPRING NEAR FOUNTAIN CITY SHETTERLY SPRING NEAR CLINTON JONES SPRING AT NEW MARKET CARDWELL SPRING NEAR MALONEYVILLE BURRESS SPRING NEAR CLINTON BLUE HOLE SPRING NEAR WHITE PINE MOSSY SPRING NEAR JEFFERSON CITY HOBB SPRING NEAR HALLS CROSSROADS SKYLES SPRING AT PLEASANT HILL PECKS MILL SPRING AT JEFFERSON CITY	.92 .25 .43 .28 .24 0.44 6.00 .30 .33	1.25 .56 .89 .52 .76 0.69 10.8 .42 .81	1.63 1.24 1.57 .90 1.55 1.07 17.1 .52 1.26 1.08	3.54 2.91 2.70 1.51 3.23 2.11 53.7 .89 1.94 2.19	10.6 6.32 4.03 2.23 6.50 2.38 90.1 0.99 2.71 3.49	2.93 1.76 1.82 1.00 1.99 1.32 32.2 .61 1.36 1.39	24 26 14 24 36 13 17
101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110	03534097 03464900 03494610 03466242 03493105 03494600 03494650 03494650 03494500	360745 360750 360800 360811 360812 360827 360851 360909 360909	822519 840740 822534 833602 823836 832953 833554 833810 822524 833135	MARTIN SPRING AT ELWIN MARTIN SPRING NEAR CLINTON STATE FISH HATCHERY SPRING AT ERWIN BUCK HOLLOW SPRING NEAR NEW MARKET SEATON SPRING AT JEFFERSON MILLICAN SPRING NEAR NEW MARKET HEATHERLY SPRING AT PERRIN SCHOOL BIRCHFIELD SPRING NEAR ERWIN MILL SPRING NEAR JEFFERSON CITY	.65 2.02 1.02 .32 .94 .36 .57 2.01 1.71	2.96 1.25 .90 .58 .66 2.37 2.28	3.34 1.40 2.08 .86 1.17 2.96 3.44	4.07 2.41 2.60 2.27 2.02 3.60 7.20	2.86 3.63 5.99 2.71 4.52 1.90 2.71 3.99 4.84 11.8	1.98 1.66 3.54 1.73 1.93 1.35 1.36 1.44 3.09 4.88	3 27 13 29 3 13 36 29
111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120	03494549 03465200 03494540 03492200 03494525 03533097 03466900 03534930 03534920 03486100	360939 360957 360958 361114 361251 361259 361342 361354 361628 361900	833600 822311 833349 832254 833403 840257 825717 834436 834436 834436	INDIAN CAVE SPRING AT INDIAN CAVE U.S. FISHERIES SPRING NEAR ERWIN BLUE SPRING NEAR NEW MARKET PANTHER SPRING AT ALPHA BUFFALO SPRING AT BUFFALO SPRINGS CLEAR CREEK SPRING NEAR NORRIS TIPTON SPRING NEAR MOSHEIM DYER SPRING NEAR LUTRELL LAY SPRING NEAR MAYNARDVILLE BIG SPRING NEAR ELIZABETHTON	.52 1.99 1.51 .81 3.76 .61 .22 .32 1.94	.88 2.29 2.08 1.54 5.51 1.23 3.86	2.09 2.45 2.89 2.23 9.09 1.78 5.90	3.85 2.79 5.26 4.30 14.9	6.85 3.18 11.7 10.9 26.2 5.54 .35 .49 19.3	2.40 2.52 3.98 3.47 10.8 2.22 2.14 .27 .39 7.10	40 39 34 47 1 45 3 3
121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130	034866604 034866605 03466800 03484150 03484190 03482175 03476850 03484175 03476850 03484175 03476900 03490361	362123 362124 362133 362148 362347 362538 362557 362700 362746	822253 822250 823849 820638 820622 815609 821041 820225 821333 824851	CUMMINGS SPRING AT NORTH JOHNSON CITY THOMAS SPRING AT NORTH JOHNSON CITY CRAWFORD SPRING AT CEDAR LANE BLUE SPRING NEAR ELIZABETHTON ELLIOT SPRING NEAR ELIZABETHTON BARTLOWE SPRING NEAR DOE STATION UNDERWOOD SPRING NEAR KEENBURG ELIZABETHTON SPRING NEAR ELIZABETHTON MORRELL SPRING NEAR BLUFF CITY	1.60 .76 1.23 .49 .97 1.62 .37	1.49 .69 1.44 3.61	2.53 1.25 2.31 	4.41 3.93 5.60 10.5	3.67 2.25 4.81 8.96 10.4 4.30 .53	2.51 1.47 2.90 2.51 3.61 5.18 1.40 .70 9.90 .45	3 14 24 24 1 1 1
131 132 133 134	03472370 03476510 034903513 03487540	363210 363235 363256 363456	814615 820813 824452 822140	SILVER LAKE SPRING NEAR MOUNTAIN CITY BUMGARDNER SPRING NEAR BRISTOL TIPTON SPRING NEAR CHURCH HILL WOLFORD SPRING NEAR BLOUNTVILLE	1.57 .26 .82	.40 1.04	.84 1.40	1.25	2.34 1.51	1.99 .83 .41 2.18	13

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