

Summary of SnowModel Output Variables

SnowModel keeps track of approximately 175 spatially distributed, temporally evolving, snow and other environmental variables that can be output if they are needed for a specific application.

The lists below include the most common output variables.

This first list includes variables commonly output as part of typical SnowModel simulations (**daily outputs, 2D distributions**):

air temperature (deg C)
relative humidity (%)
wind speed (m/s)
wind direction (deg from True North)
incoming solar radiation (W/m2)
total precipitation (rain+snow) (m)
rainfall (m)
snowfall (m)
snow melt (m)
snow sublimation (m)
runoff (m)
glacier melt (m)
snow depth (m)
snow density (kg/m3)
snow-water-equivalent (SWE) depth (m)

The SnowModel post-processing scripts commonly create **yearly values** of these variables:

snow_onset_dos	day of the start of the core snow period (day of simulation)
snow_onset_doy	day of the start of the core snow period (day of year, 1-365,366)
snow_free_dos	day of the end of the core snow period (day of simulation)
snow_free_doy	day of the end of the core snow period (day of year, 1-365,366)
snow_first_dos	day of first snow occurrence during the year (day of simulation)
snow_first_doy	day of first snow occurrence during the year (day of year, 1-365,366)
snow_last_dos	day of last snow occurrence during the year (day of simulation)

snow_last_doy	day of last snow occurrence during the year (day of year, 1-365,366)
core_snow_days	number of days in core snow period = the longest period of continuous snow cover (days)
total_snow_days	total number of days with snow on the ground during the year (days)
prec_sum	total precipitation (m/yr)
rpre_sum	rain precipitation (m/yr)
spre_sum	solid precipitation (snowfall) (m/yr)
roff_sum	total liquid water reaching the ground surface (includes snowmelt, rain, canopy unload, glacier melt, etc.) (m/yr)
smlt_sum	total melt per day (from the energy balance) (m/yr)
glmt_sum	glacier melt (m/yr)
snod_max	maximum snow depth in the year (m)
snod_max_dos	day of simulation that snod_max occurred
snod_max_doy	day of year (1-365,366) that snod_max occurred
swed_max	maximum snow water equivalent depth in the year (m)
swed_max_dos	day of simulation that swed_max occurred
swed_max_doy	day of year (1-365,366) that swed_max occurred
tair_ave	annual average 10-m air temperature (degrees C)
ros	number of days with rain on snow, defined to be daily rainfall ≥ 3 mm on snow depths ≥ 1.5 cm (days)

Other fields that are often output during SnowModel runs are in these lists:

ENERGY BALANCE:

tair	air temperature (deg C)
tsfc	surface (skin) temperature (deg C)
qsin	incoming solar rad at the surface (W/m2)
qlin	incoming longwave rad at the surface (W/m2)
qlem	emitted longwave radiation (W/m2)
qh	sensible heat flux (W/m2)
qe	latent heat flux (W/m2)
qc	conductive heat flux (W/m2)
qm	melt energy flux (W/m2)
albd	albedo (0-1)
ebal	energy balance error (W/m2)

METEOROLOGY:

tair	air temperature (deg C)
relh	relative humidity (%)
uwnd	meridional wind component (m/s)
vwnd	zonal wind component (m/s)
wspd	wind speed (m/s)
wdir	wind direction (0-360, true N)
qsin	incoming solar rad at the surface (W/m2)
qlin	incoming longwave rad at the surface (W/m2)
prec	precipitation (m/time_step)

SNOWPACK:

snod	snow depth (m)
sden	snow density (kg/m3)
swed	snow-water-equivalent depth (m)
roff	runoff from snowpack base (m/time_step)
rain	liquid precipitation (m/time_step)
spre	solid precipitation (m/time_step)
qcs	canopy sublimation (m/time_step)
canopy	canopy interception store (m)
sumqcs	summed canopy sublim during year (m)
sumprec	summed precipitation during year (m)
sumsprec	summed snow precip during year (m)
sumunload	summed canopy unloading during year (m)
sumroff	summed runoff during the year (m)
sumswemelt	summed snow-water-equivalent melt (m)
sumsublim	summed static-surface sublimation (m)
wbal	water bal error (m)

BLOWING SNOW:

snod	snow depth (m)
subl	sublimation at this time step (m)
salt	saltation transport at this time step (m)
susp	suspended transport at this time step (m)
subgrid	tabler snow redist at this time step (m)
sumsubl	summed sublimation during the year (m)
sumtran	summed blowing-snow transport for year (m)