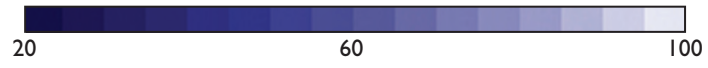


**Cloud Amount (%)**



Annual mean cloud amount from 1979 through 2002. (Data from the HIRS instruments on the NOAA 5 to NOAA 14 satellites.)