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## Release schedule for the JRA-55 data and a plan for ceasing provisions of the JRA-25/JCDAS data

The Japanese 55-year Reanalysis (JRA-55) is the world's first atmospheric global reanalysis which covers more than 50 years with four-dimensional variational data assimilation system. We have confirmed a great improvement from the current Japanese 25-year Reanalysis (JRA-25) / Japan Meteorological Agency Climate Data Assimilation System (JCDAS) data.

We are currently preparing for the release of the JRA-55 products, which is scheduled on 1st October 2013. Please refer to the following table for the distribution schedule of the JRA-55 products from our website. Since unusual heavy traffic is anticipated just after the start of distribution, the available products will be increased in a step-by-step manner to avoid interfering with the regular server operations. Following information regarding progress of the data release will also be announced at the JRA-55 website ([http://jra.kishou.go.jp/JRA-55/index\\_en.html](http://jra.kishou.go.jp/JRA-55/index_en.html)).

At the beginning of February 2014, we are planning to start the distribution of the near real-time JRA-55 data. Instead, please note that the distribution of the JRA-25/JCDAS will be terminated at the end of February 2014.

Registered JRA-25/JCDAS users can use current ID for downloading the JRA-55 products. If you have not registered, application is needed to make use of JRA-55 products. We are planning to open a new JRA-55 web site in September 2013. The details of JRA-55 will be available on the web site.

### Distribution schedule

	Products to be released
1st October 2013	JRA-55 monthly latitude/longitude gridded data (1.25deg, 37 pressure levels)
Beginning of November 2013	Same as above but for daily data (year 1996 to 2012)
Beginning of December 2013	Same as above but for daily data (year 1979 to 1995)
Beginning of January 2014	Same as above but for daily data (year 1958 to 1978)
Beginning of February 2014	Starting the distribution of near real-time version of the JRA-55
End of February 2014	Ceasing the distribution of the JRA-25/JCDAS
Beginning of March 2014	JRA-55 model grid data (TL319L60)

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