Messages of the Day November 2011

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Flakes, but no accumulation!

An observer from North Carolina writes: "If you physically observe snow during the 24-hr period preceding your observation, but it all melts once it hits the ground (or melts overnight), what's the best way to report in CoCoRaHS that the snow actually occurred and that it may have contributed some to total water in the gage?"

Great Question! Here's our answer: "If snow falls but all melts on contact with the ground without ever reaching a depth of 0.1" or greater, then report "T" for "New Snow" and 0.0" for the total depth of snow on the ground."