

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: MONTICELLO 3 NE, KY

COOP ID: 155524

Climate Division: KY 4

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 979 Feet

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Lon: 84° 50W

## Temperature (°F)

Mean (1)				Extremes										Degree Days (1) Base Temp 65		Mean Number of Days (3)					
Month	Daily Max	Daily Min	Mean	Highest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Highest Month(1) Mean	Year	Lowest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Lowest Month(1) Mean	Year	Heating	Cooling	Max >= 100	Max >= 90	Max >= 50	Max <= 32	Min <= 32	Min <= 0
Jan	42.8	23.6	33.2	75	1972	24	42.2	1974	-33	1963	30	18.7	1977	985	0	.0	.0	11.3	5.7	22.9	1.1
Feb	48.2	25.9	37.1	82	1996	24	45.1	1976	-14	1996	5	23.4	1978	783	0	.0	.0	14.4	3.2	19.3	.5
Mar	57.6	33.5	45.6	85	1963	31	52.0	1973	-6	1980	3	39.0	1996	603	0	.0	.0	24.4	.6	14.5	@
Apr	66.9	40.6	53.8	90	1995	11	59.0	1981	20	1989	11	48.6	1997	343	5	.0	@	28.2	.0	5.6	.0
May	74.9	50.6	62.8	92+	1970	24	68.9	1991	28	1963	1	58.2	1997	145	76	.0	@	31.0	.0	.3	.0
Jun	82.6	60.0	71.3	100	1988	27	74.3	1984	35	1966	1	67.5	1974	10	199	@	2.9	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	86.2	64.3	75.3	103	1988	10	78.9	1993	46+	1988	2	71.6	1976	0	317	.1	8.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	85.5	62.4	74.0	103	1988	18	78.8	1995	44	1965	29	70.3	1976	4	281	.2	7.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	79.8	55.5	67.7	100	1957	1	72.8	1998	33	1993	30	63.4	1974	47	126	.0	2.9	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	69.4	43.1	56.3	92	1959	5	64.0	1984	19	1962	26	49.9	1988	296	24	.0	.0	30.4	.0	3.8	.0
Nov	57.6	34.7	46.2	82+	1987	3	54.8	1985	5	1976	30	36.4	1976	566	1	.0	.0	22.6	.1	11.7	.0
Dec	47.5	27.8	37.7	77+	1982	4	46.4	1984	-15	1962	13	26.1	1989	849	0	.0	.0	14.8	3.1	20.0	.2
Ann	66.6	43.5	55.1	103+	Aug 1988	18	78.9	Jul 1993	-33	Jan 1963	30	18.7	Jan 1977	4631	1029	.3	21.5	299.1	12.7	98.1	1.8

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Precipitation (inches)																								
	Precipitation Totals									Mean Number of Days (3)				Precipitation Probabilities (1) Probability that the monthly/annual precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount										
	Means/ Medians(1)		Extremes							Daily Precipitation				Monthly/Annual Precipitation vs Probability Levels These values were determined from the incomplete gamma distribution										
Month	Mean	Med-ian	Highest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Highest Monthly(1)	Year	Lowest Monthly(1)	Year	>= 0.01	>= 0.10	>= 0.50	>= 1.00	.05	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90	.95
Jan	4.39	4.17	4.07	1957	29	8.32	1972	.13	1986	12.3	8.0	2.9	1.0	1.07	1.48	2.12	2.69	3.26	3.85	4.52	5.31	6.35	8.00	9.54
Feb	4.08	3.90	3.20	1962	27	7.32	1994	1.22	1980	11.8	7.5	3.1	1.0	1.75	2.12	2.63	3.05	3.45	3.85	4.28	4.77	5.39	6.34	7.20
Mar	4.85	4.16	3.64	1963	12	12.83	1975	1.16	1983	12.7	8.9	3.1	1.3	1.52	1.98	2.66	3.25	3.82	4.40	5.05	5.81	6.79	8.31	9.72
Apr	4.24	3.94	3.60	1972	12	9.09	1998	1.06	1976	11.5	7.9	2.8	1.1	1.31	1.72	2.32	2.83	3.33	3.84	4.41	5.07	5.93	7.27	8.51
May	5.15	4.87	4.31	1984	7	11.25	1995	1.60	1982	12.3	8.8	3.4	1.3	2.06	2.54	3.21	3.76	4.29	4.82	5.39	6.06	6.90	8.18	9.36
Jun	4.41	3.96	3.86	1998	1	10.66	1998	.55	1984	10.7	7.8	2.7	1.2	1.08	1.49	2.14	2.71	3.28	3.88	4.55	5.34	6.39	8.04	9.59
Jul	4.42	4.52	2.83	1988	13	10.76	1971	.97	1974	10.2	7.5	3.3	1.1	1.21	1.63	2.26	2.82	3.37	3.94	4.58	5.33	6.31	7.84	9.28
Aug	3.82	3.42	3.54	1970	10	8.40	1989	.86	1973	9.2	6.3	2.9	1.0	1.32	1.68	2.20	2.65	3.07	3.51	3.99	4.54	5.26	6.36	7.38
Sep	3.72	3.12	4.28	1964	29	8.10	1975	.32	1998	8.5	5.9	2.8	1.0	.92	1.26	1.81	2.29	2.77	3.27	3.83	4.50	5.37	6.76	8.06
Oct	2.95	2.59	4.20	1989	17	6.93	1989	.19	1987	8.4	5.5	2.1	.6	.68	.95	1.39	1.77	2.16	2.57	3.03	3.58	4.30	5.45	6.52
Nov	4.15	3.79	3.98	1986	9	10.05	1986	.93	1976	11.1	7.6	2.7	.9	1.54	1.93	2.48	2.95	3.39	3.85	4.34	4.91	5.64	6.76	7.79
Dec	4.80	4.11	3.98	1978	4	13.91	1990	1.23	1980	12.2	8.0	3.0	1.3	1.41	1.87	2.55	3.14	3.72	4.32	4.98	5.76	6.77	8.35	9.81
Ann	50.98	49.91	4.31	May 1984	7	13.91	Dec 1990	.13	Jan 1986	130.9	89.7	34.8	12.8	38.34	40.84	44.01	46.40	48.51	50.54	52.63	54.92	57.69	61.67	65.10

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\*\* Statistics not computed because less than six years out of thirty had measurable precipitation

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Snow (inches)																							
Snow Totals															Mean Number of Days (1)								
Means/Medians (1)					Extremes (2)										Snow Fall >= Thresholds					Snow Depth >= Thresholds			
Month	Snow Fall Mean	Snow Fall Median	Snow Depth Mean	Snow Depth Median	Highest Daily Snow Fall	Year	Day	Highest Monthly Snow Fall	Year	Highest Daily Snow Depth	Year	Day	Highest Monthly Mean Snow Depth	Year	0.1	1.0	3.0	5.0	10.0	1	3	5	10
Jan	5.9	4.2	1	#	8.0	1996	7	16.7	1994	9	1996	8	3	1994	4.0	1.7	.8	.2	.0	4.2	1.9	.7	.0
Feb	5.3	2.6	#	#	11.0	1998	4	22.6	1979	14	1998	6	2	1998	3.4	1.6	.5	.2	@	3.5	1.5	.7	.1
Mar	2.5	1.2	#	#	8.0	1993	13	16.2	1993	11	1993	14	1	1996	1.4	.8	.2	.1	.0	.8	.3	.1	@
Apr	.1	.0	#	0	2.0	1983	18	2.0	1983	1	1983	18	#+	2000	.2	@	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
May	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.0	.0	#	0	.3	1993	31	.3	1993	#	1993	31	#	1993	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.5	.0	#	0	3.5	1977	28	6.0	1977	3	1977	27	#+	2000	.6	.2	@	.0	.0	.1	@	.0	.0
Dec	2.0	2.0	#	#	4.2	2000	3	9.6	1997	4+	2000	3	1+	2000	2.6	.8	.1	.0	.0	2.0	.2	.0	.0
Ann	16.3	10.0	N/A	N/A	11.0	Feb 1998	4	22.6	Feb 1979	14	Feb 1998	6	3	Jan 1994	12.2	5.1	1.6	.5	@	10.7	3.9	1.5	.1

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-9/-9.9 represents missing values

Annual statistics for Mean/Median snow depths are not appropriate

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Freeze Data									
Spring Freeze Dates (Month/Day)									
Temp (F)	Probability of later date in spring (thru Jul 31) than indicated(*)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	5/17	5/12	5/08	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/25	4/22	4/16
32	5/06	4/30	4/27	4/23	4/20	4/17	4/14	4/10	4/05
28	4/20	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/08	4/05	4/03	3/30	3/26
24	4/15	4/08	4/04	3/31	3/27	3/23	3/19	3/14	3/08
20	3/28	3/21	3/17	3/13	3/09	3/05	3/01	2/24	2/18
16	3/16	3/09	3/04	2/28	2/24	2/21	2/16	2/12	2/05
Fall Freeze Dates (Month/Day)									
Temp (F)	Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(*)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	9/27	10/01	10/04	10/06	10/08	10/11	10/13	10/16	10/20
32	10/03	10/09	10/13	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/27	10/31	11/06
28	10/11	10/18	10/22	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/16
24	10/28	11/03	11/07	11/11	11/14	11/17	11/21	11/25	12/01
20	11/06	11/12	11/17	11/21	11/24	11/28	12/01	12/06	12/12
16	11/18	11/26	12/02	12/07	12/12	12/16	12/21	12/27	1/04
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	176	170	166	162	159	155	152	148	142
32	205	197	191	187	182	178	173	167	159
28	227	219	213	208	204	199	195	189	181
24	256	248	242	236	231	226	221	215	207
20	282	274	269	264	260	255	250	245	237
16	317	307	301	295	289	284	278	271	262

\* Probability of observing a temperature as cold, or colder, later in the spring or earlier in the fall than the indicated date.

**0/00** Indicates that the probability of occurrence of threshold temperature is less than the indicated probability.

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Degree Days to Selected Base Temperatures (° F)													
Base	Heating Degree Days (1)												
Below	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
65	985	783	603	343	145	10	0	4	47	296	566	849	4631
60	830	643	455	211	70	1	0	0	13	182	423	694	3522
57	747	560	369	146	40	0	0	0	5	128	342	609	2946
55	688	510	315	110	26	0	0	0	2	99	291	550	2591
50	546	381	199	43	7	0	0	0	0	44	181	411	1812
32	170	72	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	82	343

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	208	213	430	652	954	1179	1340	1300	1069	751	432	256	8784
55	13	7	22	72	267	489	627	587	381	137	25	12	2639
57	10	1	14	48	219	429	565	525	324	104	16	8	2263
60	0	0	6	24	156	340	472	432	242	65	7	0	1744
65	0	0	0	5	76	199	317	281	126	24	1	0	1029
70	0	0	0	0	27	84	170	148	48	6	0	0	483

Growing Degree Units (2)																								
Base	Growing Degree Units (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
40	84	129	283	476	752	970	1122	1079	863	553	276	123	84	213	496	972	1724	2694	3816	4895	5758	6311	6587	6710
45	43	72	180	341	597	820	967	924	713	400	177	65	43	115	295	636	1233	2053	3020	3944	4657	5057	5234	5299
50	19	34	103	220	444	670	812	769	564	270	100	29	19	53	156	376	820	1490	2302	3071	3635	3905	4005	4034
55	2	12	51	129	302	520	657	614	416	162	51	8	2	14	65	194	496	1016	1673	2287	2703	2865	2916	2924
60	0	1	19	62	179	371	502	459	280	79	17	0	0	1	20	82	261	632	1134	1593	1873	1952	1969	1969
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	50	87	188	313	486	658	776	742	571	359	173	71	50	137	325	638	1124	1782	2558	3300	3871	4230	4403	4474

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**Note:** For corn, temperatures below 50 are set to 50, and temperatures above 86 are set to 86

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## Notes

- a. The monthly means are simple arithmetic averages computed by summing the monthly values for the period 1971-2000 and dividing by thirty. Prior to averaging, the data are adjusted if necessary to compensate for data quality issues, station moves or changes in station reporting practices. Missing months are replaced by estimates based on neighboring stations.
- b. The median is defined as the middle value in an ordered set of values. The median is being provided for the snow and precipitation elements because the mean can be a misleading value for precipitation normals.
- c. Only observed validated values were used to select the extreme daily values.
- d. Extreme monthly temperature/precipitation means were selected from the monthly normals data.  
Monthly snow extremes were calculated from daily values quality controlled to be consistent with the Snow Climatology.
- e. Degree Days were derived using the same techniques as the 1971-2000 normals.  
Complete documentation for the 1971-2000 Normals is available on the internet from:  
[www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normal/usnormals.html](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normal/usnormals.html)
- f. Mean "number of days statistics" for temperature and precipitation were calculated from a serially complete daily data set.  
Documentation of the serially complete data set is available from the link below:
- g. Snowfall and snow depth statistics were derived from the Snow Climatology.  
Documentation for the Snow Climatology project is available from the link under references.

## Data Sources for Tables

Several different data sources were used to create the Clim20 climate summaries. In some cases the daily extremes appear inconsistent with the monthly extremes and or the mean number of days statistics. For example, a high daily extreme value may not be reflected in the highest monthly value or the mean number of days threshold that is less than and equal to the extreme value. Some of these difference are caused by different periods of record. Daily extremes are derived from the station's entire period of record while the serial data and normals data were for the 1971-2000 period. Therefore extremes observed before 1971 would not be included in the 1971-2000 normals or the 1971-2000 serial daily data set. Inconsistencies can also occur when monthly values are adjusted to reflect the current observing conditions or were replaced during the 1971-2000 Monthly Normals processing and are not reconciled with the Summary of the Day data.

- a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables
  - 1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
  - 3. National Weather Service station records
  - 4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily data
- b. Degree Day Table
  - 1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
  - 2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data
- c. Snow Tables
  - 1. Snow Climatology
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table  
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