

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: WILLIAMSTOWN 3 W, KY

COOP ID: 158714

Climate Division: KY 3

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 940 Feet

Lat: 38°40N

Lon: 84°37W

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	.0	.0	.0	75	1950	26	.0	0	-23	1994	19	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	7.3	8.4	25.1	1.9
Feb	.0	.0	.0	77	1954	16	.0	0	-14	1951	2	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	11.7	4.8	19.9	.7
Mar	.0	.0	.0	83	1986	31	.0	0	-2+	1960	6	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	21.4	.6	14.5	.1
Apr	.0	.0	.0	89+	2001	9	.0	0	15	1982	7	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	28.3	.0	4.1	.0
May	.0	.0	.0	93	1962	19	.0	0	27	1966	10	.0	0	0	0	.0	.1	31.0	.0	@	.0
Jun	.0	.0	.0	102+	1988	25	.0	0	37	1966	1	.0	0	0	0	@	2.6	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	.0	.0	.0	104+	1999	30	.0	0	50+	1983	6	.0	0	0	0	.4	7.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	.0	.0	.0	104	1983	20	.0	0	42+	1986	30	.0	0	0	0	.2	6.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	.0	.0	.0	101+	1953	3	.0	0	32	1993	30	.0	0	0	0	.0	2.0	30.0	.0	@	.0
Oct	.0	.0	.0	94	1953	1	.0	0	20	1962	26	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	30.2	.0	2.5	.0
Nov	.0	.0	.0	83+	1987	2	.0	0	-1	1950	25	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	20.1	.1	11.7	.0
Dec	.0	.0	.0	74	1982	3	.0	0	-22	1989	22	.0	0	0	0	.0	.0	10.9	4.5	20.7	.6
Ann	.0	.0	.0	104+	Jul 1999	30	-99.9	0	-23	Jan 1994	19	99.9	0	0	0	.6	18.9	282.9	18.4	98.5	3.3

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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	2.99	3.19	2.10	1951	14	5.31	1982	.41	1981	14.1	7.0	1.8	.5	.91	1.20	1.62	1.99	2.34	2.71	3.11	3.58	4.20	5.15	6.04
Feb	2.92	2.53	3.47	2000	18	7.15	1989	.28	1978	12.2	6.0	1.7	.7	.68	.95	1.38	1.76	2.14	2.55	3.00	3.54	4.25	5.37	6.43
Mar	4.39	3.92	6.00+	1997	2	16.52	1997	1.83	1981	14.8	8.8	2.9	.8	1.50	1.92	2.52	3.03	3.53	4.03	4.58	5.23	6.06	7.34	8.51
Apr	4.23	4.05	3.06	1970	2	9.54	1998	1.47	1997	14.4	8.7	2.6	1.0	1.44	1.84	2.42	2.91	3.39	3.88	4.41	5.03	5.83	7.07	8.21
May	4.72	4.58	3.80	1961	8	10.50	1996	.86	1977	13.3	8.8	3.2	1.1	1.54	1.99	2.65	3.21	3.75	4.31	4.92	5.63	6.55	7.98	9.30
Jun	4.42	4.28	4.24	1960	23	8.05	1998	.94	1988	11.5	7.5	3.1	1.2	1.58	1.99	2.60	3.10	3.58	4.08	4.61	5.24	6.04	7.27	8.41
Jul	4.02	3.73	3.84	1957	5	8.29	1992	1.07	1983	10.8	6.6	2.7	1.2	1.18	1.57	2.14	2.64	3.12	3.62	4.18	4.83	5.68	7.00	8.23
Aug	3.99	3.75	3.12	1977	12	7.46	1974	1.12	1987	9.9	6.1	2.7	1.1	1.54	1.91	2.44	2.88	3.29	3.72	4.18	4.71	5.38	6.42	7.36
Sep	3.17	3.11	4.57	1965	1	9.42	1979	.60	1998	9.6	5.4	2.1	.9	.68	.98	1.44	1.86	2.29	2.74	3.24	3.85	4.66	5.94	7.15
Oct	3.03	2.58	3.29	1973	1	11.49	1983	.52	1987	10.3	5.2	1.7	.7	.67	.95	1.39	1.79	2.19	2.62	3.10	3.67	4.43	5.63	6.77
Nov	3.50	3.35	2.35	1957	19	6.95	1973	.44	1976	12.7	7.6	2.4	.6	1.07	1.41	1.90	2.33	2.74	3.17	3.64	4.19	4.91	6.03	7.06
Dec	3.51	3.29	2.61	1978	8	8.35	1978	.77	1985	14.0	7.6	2.4	.6	1.16	1.49	1.98	2.40	2.80	3.21	3.66	4.19	4.87	5.92	6.89
Ann	44.89+	43.48+	6.00+	Mar 1997	2	16.52	Mar 1997	.28	Feb 1978	147.6	85.3	29.3	10.4	33.29	35.57	38.47	40.66	42.60	44.46	46.38	48.50	51.05	54.73	57.90

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Denotes amounts of a trace

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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	6.0	3.2	1	#	13.0	1994	17	23.1	1977	18	1978	22	8	1978	5.0	2.6	.5	.1	@	8.0	4.0	2.2	1.1
Feb	4.0	2.9	1	#	6.0	1971	8	12.0	1998	12	1998	6	7	1978	3.4	1.7	.5	.1	.0	5.4	2.9	1.8	.2
Mar	2.8	1.9	#	#	7.0	1978	7	15.0	1978	12	1978	8	4	1978	2.1	1.1	.3	.1	.0	1.1	.4	.2	.1
Apr	.1	.0	#	0	4.0	1987	4	4.0	1987	3	1987	4	#+	2000	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	@	@	.0	.0
May	#	.0	0	0	#	1989	7	#	1989	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	.2	.0	#	0	4.0	1989	19	4.0	1989	2	1993	30	#+	1993	.1	.1	@	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.7	.2	#	0	4.0	1977	27	4.0	1977	4	1977	27	#+	1997	.9	.2	.1	.0	.0	.3	.1	.0	.0
Dec	2.5	2.0	#	#	5.0	1984	6	9.5	1993	7	1993	29	3	1989	3.0	1.1	.3	.1	.0	2.9	1.1	.7	.0
Ann	16.3	10.2	N/A	N/A	13.0	Jan 1994	17	23.1	Jan 1977	18	Jan 1978	22	8	Jan 1978	14.7	6.9	1.7	.4	@	17.8	8.5	4.9	1.4

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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	5/13	5/08	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/24	4/20	4/16
32	4/26	4/22	4/19	4/17	4/14	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/02
28	4/18	4/14	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/03	3/31	3/28	3/23
24	4/12	4/06	4/02	3/29	3/26	3/23	3/19	3/15	3/09
20	4/04	3/29	3/24	3/21	3/17	3/13	3/09	3/05	2/27
16	3/23	3/16	3/11	3/07	3/03	2/27	2/22	2/17	2/10
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	9/26	10/01	10/04	10/08	10/11	10/13	10/17	10/20	10/25
32	10/06	10/11	10/15	10/18	10/21	10/24	10/27	10/30	11/04
28	10/19	10/24	10/28	10/31	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/13	11/18
24	10/29	11/04	11/09	11/13	11/16	11/20	11/23	11/28	12/04
20	11/08	11/15	11/19	11/23	11/26	11/30	12/04	12/08	12/14
16	11/18	11/25	11/30	12/04	12/08	12/12	12/16	12/21	12/28
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	183	177	172	168	164	160	156	151	144
32	209	202	197	193	189	185	180	175	168
28	231	224	219	215	211	207	203	198	191
24	258	250	244	239	234	230	225	219	211
20	277	269	263	258	254	249	244	238	230
16	307	298	291	285	279	274	268	261	251

* 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	49	95	237	461	758	967	1120	1082	858	550	242	87	49	144	381	842	1600	2567	3687	4769	5627	6177	6419	6506
45	24	49	145	324	603	817	965	927	708	400	151	42	24	73	218	542	1145	1962	2927	3854	4562	4962	5113	5155
50	5	20	80	205	450	667	810	772	558	264	84	19	5	25	105	310	760	1427	2237	3009	3567	3831	3915	3934
55	0	5	39	118	304	517	655	617	415	152	39	2	0	5	44	162	466	983	1638	2255	2670	2822	2861	2863
60	0	0	16	56	182	368	500	462	276	73	11	0	0	0	16	72	254	622	1122	1584	1860	1933	1944	1944
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	30	59	142	280	476	656	776	744	565	328	132	43	30	89	231	511	987	1643	2419	3163	3728	4056	4188	4231

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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
- 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.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Cooperative Summary of the Day3. National Weather Service station records4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily datab. Degree Day Table<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data | <ol style="list-style-type: none">c. Snow Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Snow Climatology2. Cooperative Summary of the Dayd. Freeze Data Table
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