

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: OAK HILL, WV

COOP ID: 466591

Climate Division: WV 4

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 1,991 Feet Lat: 37° 58N

Lon: 81° 09W

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	39.9	21.2	30.6	73	1973	1	40.7	1974	-20	1985	21	18.1	1977	1067	0	.0	.0	7.1	8.8	25.7	1.7
Feb	43.9	23.6	33.8	76	1977	27	41.6	1990	-11+	1996	5	23.2	1978	875	0	.0	.0	9.5	6.4	22.6	.8
Mar	53.0	30.8	41.9	86	1976	31	48.4	1976	-2	1960	13	34.9	1996	716	0	.0	.0	18.4	1.9	17.9	.1
Apr	63.3	39.3	51.3	89+	1957	27	57.4	1981	13	1985	10	45.9	1997	413	2	.0	.0	25.5	.2	7.8	.0
May	71.5	47.6	59.6	89+	1953	26	65.6	1991	24	1960	2	53.7	1997	203	34	.0	.0	30.5	.0	1.2	.0
Jun	78.6	55.7	67.2	95+	1952	30	70.2	1971	34+	1972	11	61.7	1972	40	105	.0	.4	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	82.1	60.0	71.1	99	1954	15	74.6	1999	40	1983	12	67.7	1996	5	192	.0	2.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	80.9	59.0	70.0	97	1953	31	74.1	1995	39+	1951	26	67.0	1997	14	168	.0	1.2	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	74.8	52.6	63.7	98	1953	4	67.8	1978	28	1956	21	60.5	1982	96	57	.0	.3	29.9	.0	.2	.0
Oct	64.6	41.0	52.8	93	1953	1	60.1	1984	13	1962	27	46.0	1988	386	9	.0	.0	28.9	.0	6.0	.0
Nov	54.1	33.2	43.7	85+	1982	2	51.7	1985	0	1950	26	36.2	1976	641	0	.0	.0	18.8	1.0	15.3	.0
Dec	44.0	25.2	34.6	79	1982	5	43.1	1971	-15	1983	25	22.1	1989	941	0	.0	.0	10.3	5.7	23.7	.4
Ann	62.6	40.8	51.7	99	Jul 1954	15	74.6	Jul 1999	-20	Jan 1985	21	18.1	Jan 1977	5397	567	.0	3.9	270.9	24.0	120.4	3.0

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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	3.63	3.56	2.68	1998	28	6.81	1971	1.02	1983	16.6	9.2	2.1	.3	1.27	1.61	2.11	2.53	2.93	3.34	3.80	4.32	4.99	6.03	6.99
Feb	3.20	3.05	1.52	1962	27	6.26	1972	1.07	1978	13.4	8.2	1.9	.4	1.43	1.72	2.11	2.43	2.73	3.03	3.35	3.72	4.19	4.89	5.53
Mar	3.99	3.34	2.37	1967	7	9.55	1975	1.78	1988	14.6	9.6	2.7	.6	1.51	1.88	2.41	2.86	3.28	3.71	4.18	4.72	5.41	6.47	7.44
Apr	3.94	3.59	2.05	1977	5	8.11	1987	.62	1976	14.0	9.5	2.5	.6	1.28	1.65	2.20	2.67	3.13	3.59	4.11	4.71	5.48	6.68	7.79
May	4.51	4.70	2.03	1989	7	7.88	1989	1.53+	1999	14.3	9.7	3.1	.9	1.91	2.32	2.89	3.36	3.80	4.25	4.73	5.28	5.98	7.04	8.00
Jun	4.27	4.27	2.90	1949	17	8.23	1995	.87	1988	13.6	9.1	2.8	.8	1.49	1.89	2.48	2.97	3.44	3.93	4.46	5.08	5.87	7.10	8.22
Jul	5.29	5.00	3.67	2001	9	8.33	1971	1.58	1995	13.1	9.0	3.8	1.2	2.59	3.04	3.65	4.15	4.60	5.06	5.55	6.10	6.79	7.83	8.77
Aug	4.06	4.04	2.75	1979	19	7.25	1977	1.15	1995	11.6	7.5	3.0	.9	1.75	2.12	2.63	3.04	3.43	3.83	4.25	4.74	5.35	6.29	7.13
Sep	3.52	3.28	4.00	1950	2	7.22	1996	.90	1983	11.1	7.0	2.4	.7	1.04	1.37	1.87	2.31	2.73	3.17	3.66	4.23	4.97	6.13	7.20
Oct	3.05	2.89	3.90	1954	16	7.94	1976	.73	1991	10.9	6.7	2.0	.4	.83	1.12	1.56	1.95	2.32	2.72	3.16	3.68	4.35	5.41	6.40
Nov	3.28	3.12	2.10	1985	5	7.22	1985	.95	2000	12.9	8.3	2.0	.4	1.19	1.50	1.94	2.31	2.67	3.03	3.43	3.88	4.47	5.37	6.20
Dec	3.47	3.22	2.68	1991	3	6.96	1991	1.54	1980	15.0	8.8	2.1	.4	1.50	1.81	2.25	2.61	2.94	3.28	3.64	4.06	4.59	5.39	6.11
Ann	46.21	45.98	4.00	Sep 1950	2	9.55	Mar 1975	.62	Apr 1976	161.1	102.6	30.4	7.6	36.65	38.58	41.01	42.82	44.42	45.94	47.50	49.21	51.25	54.19	56.69

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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	14.1	12.3	2	2	18.0	1998	28	36.2	1977	18	1998	28	7	1977	8.0	5.7	2.0	.5	.1	12.9	7.9	4.4	.7
Feb	11.5	12.0	2	1	11.0	1985	13	20.0	1978	18	1998	7	7	1978	4.9	3.5	1.3	.5	.1	10.0	6.2	4.1	.3
Mar	7.5	5.0	1	#	19.0	1993	14	24.5	1993	24	1993	15	4	1993	2.6	2.0	.6	.3	.1	3.6	1.7	.7	.2
Apr	1.1	.0	#	#	7.0	1987	4	7.0	1987	9	1987	6	1	1987	.7	.5	.2	.1	.0	.6	.2	@	.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	.1	.0	#	0	1.8	1979	10	1.8	1979	2	1979	10	#+	2000	@	@	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Nov	2.3	.5	#	#	6.0	1995	15	17.0	1995	7	1995	16	2	1995	1.4	.9	.3	@	.0	1.8	.4	.1	.0
Dec	6.8	4.1	1	1	5.5	1974	3	19.9	1976	10	1997	31	4	1989	4.3	2.9	.6	.2	.0	5.9	1.8	.6	.0
Ann	43.4	33.9	N/A	N/A	19.0	Mar 1993	14	36.2	Jan 1977	24	Mar 1993	15	7+	Feb 1978	21.9	15.5	5.0	1.6	.3	34.8	18.2	9.9	1.2

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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	6/01	5/25	5/21	5/17	5/14	5/10	5/06	5/02	4/26
32	5/18	5/12	5/07	5/03	4/30	4/26	4/22	4/18	4/12
28	4/30	4/24	4/19	4/15	4/11	4/08	4/04	3/30	3/24
24	4/15	4/11	4/07	4/05	4/02	3/30	3/28	3/24	3/20
20	4/08	4/01	3/27	3/22	3/18	3/14	3/10	3/04	2/25
16	3/31	3/22	3/16	3/10	3/05	2/28	2/23	2/17	2/08
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	9/19	9/24	9/27	9/30	10/02	10/05	10/07	10/11	10/15
32	9/28	10/03	10/06	10/09	10/12	10/14	10/17	10/20	10/25
28	10/09	10/14	10/19	10/22	10/26	10/29	11/01	11/06	11/11
24	10/19	10/26	10/31	11/04	11/08	11/12	11/16	11/21	11/27
20	10/31	11/07	11/12	11/17	11/21	11/25	11/29	12/04	12/12
16	11/11	11/19	11/24	11/28	12/03	12/07	12/12	12/17	12/24
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	162	155	150	145	141	137	132	127	120
32	188	180	174	169	164	159	154	148	140
28	221	213	206	201	196	191	186	180	172
24	244	236	229	224	219	214	209	202	193
20	280	269	261	253	247	240	233	225	213
16	303	292	285	278	272	265	259	251	240

* 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	1067	875	716	413	203	40	5	14	96	386	641	941	5397
60	912	735	563	273	106	8	0	1	34	254	494	786	4166
57	819	651	475	199	64	3	0	0	15	187	411	693	3517
55	757	595	418	156	43	1	0	0	8	149	357	634	3118
50	613	462	285	73	12	0	0	0	1	75	235	491	2247
32	191	96	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	114	443

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	147	144	333	579	854	1055	1210	1177	951	646	365	196	7657
55	0	0	12	45	184	365	497	464	269	82	15	3	1936
57	0	0	7	28	143	307	435	402	216	58	10	0	1606
60	0	0	2	12	92	223	342	310	145	31	3	0	1160
65	0	0	0	2	34	105	192	168	57	9	0	0	567
70	0	0	0	0	9	31	74	66	13	1	0	0	194

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	40	67	173	368	618	824	969	937	724	411	193	70	40	107	280	648	1266	2090	3059	3996	4720	5131	5324	5394
45	18	28	100	247	465	674	814	782	574	277	113	32	18	46	146	393	858	1532	2346	3128	3702	3979	4092	4124
50	3	8	51	152	317	525	659	627	424	160	55	8	3	11	62	214	531	1056	1715	2342	2766	2926	2981	2989
55	0	0	20	80	195	376	504	472	285	79	20	0	0	0	20	100	295	671	1175	1647	1932	2011	2031	2031
60	0	0	4	34	96	236	349	321	164	31	2	0	0	0	4	38	134	370	719	1040	1204	1235	1237	1237
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	27	49	118	233	379	536	652	621	454	253	115	41	27	76	194	427	806	1342	1994	2615	3069	3322	3437	3478

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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:
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- 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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