

**Climatography
of the United States
No. 20**

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Station: SANDHILL RESEARCH ELGIN, SC

1971-2000

COOP ID: 387666

Climate Division: SC 6

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 440 Feet

Lat: 34°09N

Lon: 80°52W

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	54.0	32.4	43.2	78+	1997	1	54.8	1974	-2	1985	21	33.2	1977	677	0	.0	.0	20.2	.5	15.8	.1
Feb	58.4	34.7	46.6	84	1997	28	53.7	1976	9+	1996	5	38.0	1978	517	0	.0	.0	21.4	.3	12.0	.0
Mar	66.2	42.0	54.1	89	1961	6	60.5	1997	6	1980	3	48.6	1971	347	8	.0	.0	29.1	.1	5.4	.0
Apr	74.7	49.6	62.2	94	2001	11	66.9	1981	24	1985	3	57.1	1983	130	44	.0	.5	29.9	.0	.5	.0
May	81.6	58.2	69.9	98+	2000	26	74.1	2000	37	1966	11	66.3	1972	24	176	.0	4.2	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	87.8	65.7	76.8	104+	1998	29	81.7	1998	47	1984	1	72.8	1972	1	354	.7	12.0	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	91.2	69.8	80.5	106	1986	20	85.6	1993	57+	1988	2	77.3	1984	0	480	1.7	19.7	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	89.2	68.2	78.7	105+	1983	24	83.1	1999	52+	1987	15	75.4	1981	0	424	.9	15.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	84.1	62.4	73.3	99+	1993	2	77.3	1980	40	1967	30	70.3	1974	4	251	.0	6.5	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	74.8	50.4	62.6	95	1986	3	69.1	1984	23	1989	21	56.8	1987	140	66	.0	.3	30.9	.0	.4	.0
Nov	66.2	42.1	54.2	88+	1973	26	61.6	1985	15	1970	24	48.0	1976	336	9	.0	.0	28.7	.0	4.8	.0
Dec	57.1	34.8	46.0	80+	1978	9	53.6	1984	4	1962	13	37.6	1989	591	0	.0	.0	22.9	.3	13.2	.0
Ann	73.8	50.9	62.3	106	Jul 1986	20	85.6	Jul 1993	-2	Jan 1985	21	33.2	Jan 1977	2767	1812	3.3	58.6	336.1	1.2	52.1	.1

+ Also occurred on an earlier date(s)

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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	4.76	4.51	3.09	1993	8	9.76	1978	.84	1981	11.1	7.6	3.6	1.3	1.67	2.12	2.77	3.32	3.84	4.38	4.97	5.65	6.53	7.88	9.12
Feb	3.56	3.60	3.25	1984	14	6.78	1985	.60	1986	9.0	5.8	2.2	1.0	1.06	1.40	1.90	2.34	2.77	3.21	3.70	4.27	5.02	6.18	7.26
Mar	4.61	4.35	4.42	1983	18	10.84	1980	.07	1985	9.6	7.3	3.4	1.5	.92	1.34	2.02	2.64	3.27	3.94	4.70	5.61	6.82	8.76	10.60
Apr	3.09	3.31	3.09	1979	26	7.56	1998	.21	1976	7.6	5.5	2.0	.8	.38	.62	1.06	1.49	1.95	2.45	3.05	3.78	4.77	6.40	7.98
May	3.28	2.85	3.48	1984	7	8.38	1984	.67	1983	8.8	6.0	2.2	.9	1.01	1.32	1.78	2.18	2.57	2.97	3.42	3.94	4.61	5.66	6.63
Jun	3.99	3.21	4.07	1965	15	11.88	1973	1.48	1986	9.2	6.4	2.9	1.1	1.26	1.64	2.21	2.69	3.15	3.63	4.16	4.78	5.58	6.82	7.96
Jul	5.04	4.37	7.30	1959	9	10.84	1984	1.19	1980	10.2	7.9	3.5	1.3	1.79	2.26	2.95	3.53	4.08	4.65	5.27	5.98	6.90	8.32	9.63
Aug	4.85	4.29	6.30	1986	20	13.93	1986	.89	1975	9.6	7.0	3.2	1.2	1.09	1.54	2.25	2.89	3.53	4.21	4.97	5.89	7.09	9.00	10.80
Sep	4.05	3.94	4.67	1979	5	9.00	2000	.28	1984	8.4	5.5	2.5	1.1	.62	.97	1.55	2.11	2.69	3.32	4.05	4.94	6.13	8.07	9.93
Oct	3.14	2.60	6.00	1990	11	12.24	1990	.00	2000	6.6	4.3	2.0	1.0	.16	.45	.93	1.39	1.89	2.43	3.08	3.87	4.95	6.74	8.49
Nov	3.11	2.92	2.76	1963	6	7.59	1985	.56	1973	8.0	5.3	2.4	.9	.91	1.20	1.65	2.03	2.41	2.80	3.23	3.74	4.40	5.43	6.39
Dec	3.39	2.72	3.70	1994	23	7.83	1983	1.00	2000	10.0	6.4	2.2	.8	.92	1.24	1.73	2.16	2.58	3.02	3.51	4.08	4.83	6.01	7.11
Ann	46.87	45.63	7.30	Jul 1959	9	13.93	Aug 1986	.00	Oct 2000	108.1	75.0	32.1	12.9	37.43	39.34	41.75	43.54	45.11	46.62	48.15	49.84	51.85	54.74	57.20

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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	#	.0	0	0	#	1991	25	#+	1991	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Feb	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Mar	.6	.0	0	0	4.0	1971	26	4.0	1971	0	0	0	0	0	.2	.2	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Apr	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.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	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	.1	.0	0	0	.5	1973	17	.5	1973	0	0	0	0	0	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	.7	.0	N/A	N/A	4.0	Mar 1971	26	4.0	Mar 1971	0	0	0	0	0	.3	.2	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0

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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	4/21	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/30	3/27	3/22
32	4/14	4/08	4/04	3/31	3/28	3/25	3/21	3/17	3/11
28	4/08	3/31	3/25	3/20	3/15	3/10	3/05	2/27	2/19
24	3/16	3/09	3/03	2/27	2/23	2/19	2/14	2/09	2/02
20	3/09	2/28	2/21	2/16	2/10	2/05	1/30	1/22	1/08
16	2/28	2/17	2/09	2/02	1/27	1/19	1/10	12/24	0/00
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	10/13	10/19	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/05	11/09	11/15
32	10/24	10/30	11/04	11/07	11/11	11/14	11/18	11/22	11/28
28	11/03	11/10	11/15	11/19	11/23	11/27	12/01	12/06	12/12
24	11/17	11/25	12/01	12/06	12/11	12/15	12/20	12/26	1/03
20	12/01	12/12	12/20	12/26	1/02	1/08	1/15	1/25	2/11
16	12/18	12/30	1/08	1/16	1/24	2/02	2/14	0/00	0/00
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	225	219	214	210	206	202	198	193	187
32	254	245	238	232	227	222	216	209	199
28	276	268	262	257	252	247	242	236	228
24	320	310	302	296	290	284	277	270	260
20	>365	>365	338	325	317	310	303	295	285
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	353	337	325	311

* 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	677	517	347	130	24	1	0	0	4	140	336	591	2767
60	534	384	215	53	4	0	0	0	0	66	209	447	1912
57	449	306	151	26	1	0	0	0	0	37	148	364	1482
55	396	258	116	14	0	0	0	0	0	23	114	312	1233
50	276	157	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	49	202	742
32	32	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	50

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	379	412	684	904	1175	1344	1503	1447	1237	949	663	445	11142
55	29	21	87	228	462	654	790	734	547	259	87	31	3929
57	21	13	61	180	401	594	728	672	487	211	61	21	3450
60	12	7	31	117	311	504	635	579	397	147	32	12	2784
65	0	0	8	44	176	354	480	424	251	66	9	0	1812
70	0	0	0	10	78	214	325	269	122	21	1	0	1040

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	185	248	455	672	938	1113	1262	1210	1013	720	443	242	185	433	888	1560	2498	3611	4873	6083	7096	7816	8259	8501
45	103	151	317	523	783	963	1107	1055	863	565	306	141	103	254	571	1094	1877	2840	3947	5002	5865	6430	6736	6877
50	48	83	200	379	628	813	952	900	713	413	192	75	48	131	331	710	1338	2151	3103	4003	4716	5129	5321	5396
55	23	36	106	248	474	663	797	745	563	271	104	36	23	59	165	413	887	1550	2347	3092	3655	3926	4030	4066
60	1	12	46	137	325	513	642	590	415	155	44	10	1	13	59	196	521	1034	1676	2266	2681	2836	2880	2890
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	112	161	281	423	619	759	860	837	688	453	271	148	112	273	554	977	1596	2355	3215	4052	4740	5193	5464	5612

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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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