# Climatography of the United States No. 20 1971-2000

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COOP ID: 170833

Lon: 67°51W

**Station: BRIDGEWATER, ME** 

Climate Division: ME 1 NWS Call Sign:

Temperature (°F) Degree Days (1) Mean (1) Mean Number of Days (3) **Extremes** Base Temp 65 Max Max Max Max Min Min Highest Lowest Daily Daily Highest Lowest Month(1) Month(1) Cooling >= >= >= <= <= <= Month Mean Year Day Year Year Day Year Heating Max Min Daily(2) Daily(2) Mean Mean 100 90 50 32 32 0 21.5 -.3 10.6 53 1995 15 19.1 1990 -43 1994 20 .5 1994 1689 0 .0 .0 .2 24.4 30.5 16.4 Jan 25.7 1.9 13.8 61 1994 20 25.7 1981 -42 1962 2 4.0 1993 1434 0 .0 .0 .3 19.6 27.6 13.9 Feb Mar 36.2 14.8 25.5 74 1962 30 31.9 1979 -35 2001 2 19.4 1972 1223 0 .0 .0 3.0 9.4 28.7 5.5 27 1972 Apr 49.2 28.0 38.6 86 1990 44.8 1987 -11 1969 33.8 792 0 .0 .0 13.8 .7 22.6 .1 May 64.6 38.6 51.6 95 1992 22 57.3 1989 18+ 1972 2 44.5 1974 419 3 .0 .2 29.3 .0 7.8 .0 48.3 15 24 2 57.6 73.8 61.1 94+ 1988 65.3 1999 1997 1977 136 17 .0 .6 30.0 .0 .7 .0 Jun Jul 78.3 53.2 65.8 95+ 20 69.0 1994 31 61.1 1992 54 77 .0 1.1 31.0 (a) 0. 1991 1969 .0 1982 75.9 51.2 63.6 96 1975 2 67.5 1984 28 1965 31 59.8 87 43 .0 .7 31.0 .0 .3 .0 Aug 9 2 Sep 65.9 42.7 54.3 90 +2001 61.9 1999 19 1980 29 50.6 1978 324 .0 .0 29.8 .0 4.7 .0 39.2 1974 Oct 53.3 33.4 43.4 81 1968 16 48.8 1995 12 +1978 30 672 0 .0 .0 20.5 .0 15.0 .0 39.1 23.9 31.5 1982 5 36.5 1979 -9 1989 24 26.7 1986 1005 0 .0 .0 4.8 24.5 Nov 66 6.4 .6 Dec 26.5 7.7 17.1 56+ 1982 4 26.5 1996 -38 1989 30 2.4 1989 1485 0 .0 .0 .5 20.6 30.1 10.0 Aug Jul Jan Jan 50.8 28.6 39.7 96 1975 2 69.0 1994 -43 1994 20 .5 1994 9320 142 .0 2.6 194.2 81.1 192.5 46.5 Ann

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										Pı	ecipi	tation	(incl	ies)										
	Mea	Precipitation Totals  Means/ Medians(1)  Extremes										ays (3	)	Precipitation Probabilities (1) Probability that the monthly/annual precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount  Monthly/Annual Precipitation vs Probability Levels										
	Medi	ans(1)				Extremes	•			Daily Precipitation				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	3.62	3.32	2.30	1992	5	6.10	1979	1.37	1972	10.0	7.4	2.6	.8	1.42	1.75	2.23	2.62	3.00	3.38	3.79	4.26	4.87	5.80	6.64
Feb	2.50	2.74	1.83	1979	27	4.15	1971	.05	1987	7.2	5.5	1.8	.7	.52	.74	1.11	1.45	1.78	2.14	2.55	3.04	3.68	4.71	5.69
Mar	3.08	3.01	1.98	1981	18	5.96	1991	1.28	1988	9.0	7.1	2.1	.5	1.31	1.59	1.98	2.30	2.60	2.90	3.23	3.60	4.08	4.80	5.46
Apr	3.33	3.26	1.87	1973	28	6.67	1973	1.02	1985	10.3	7.7	2.4	.6	1.38	1.69	2.11	2.46	2.79	3.13	3.49	3.90	4.42	5.22	5.95
May	3.78	3.96	2.25	1961	27	7.41	1984	.41	1982	11.6	8.2	2.5	.6	1.20	1.56	2.09	2.54	2.98	3.44	3.94	4.53	5.28	6.46	7.55
Jun	3.62	3.34	2.00	1977	5	8.71	1993	1.58	1983	11.3	7.5	2.4	.5	1.42	1.75	2.23	2.62	3.00	3.38	3.79	4.26	4.86	5.79	6.63
Jul	3.74	3.24	4.10	1973	4	9.56	1996	1.11	1991	11.6	7.7	2.4	.8	1.45	1.80	2.29	2.70	3.09	3.48	3.91	4.41	5.04	6.01	6.89
Aug	3.85	3.88	2.73	1998	11	7.72	1988	1.43	1994	10.8	7.2	2.2	.9	1.58	1.93	2.43	2.84	3.22	3.61	4.03	4.52	5.13	6.07	6.92
Sep	3.59	3.68	3.62	1999	17	7.28	1999	1.51	1984	10.6	7.1	2.5	.7	1.73	2.04	2.46	2.80	3.12	3.43	3.77	4.15	4.63	5.36	6.01
Oct	3.46	2.93	3.78	1959	25	7.86	1990	.97	1994	10.5	7.2	2.1	.7	.88	1.21	1.71	2.16	2.59	3.06	3.57	4.19	4.99	6.25	7.44
Nov	3.83	3.49	2.65	1966	3	9.17	1983	1.96	1992	10.9	7.9	2.6	.8	1.85	2.18	2.63	2.99	3.33	3.66	4.02	4.43	4.94	5.71	6.40
Dec	3.49	3.02	2.43	1993	11	7.65	1973	1.30	1988	10.8	8.1	2.4	.5	1.42	1.74	2.19	2.56	2.91	3.27	3.65	4.10	4.66	5.51	6.29
Ann	41.89	40.31	4.10	Jul 1973	4	9.56	Jul 1996	.05	Feb 1987	124.6	88.6	28.0	8.1	31.86	33.85	36.38	38.27	39.95	41.55	43.20	45.01	47.20	50.34	53.04

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<sup>#</sup> Denotes amounts of a trace

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

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										Snov	w (incl	hes)													
						Sno	ow To	tals							Mean Number of Days (1)										
	Mean	s/Medi	ians (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	23.2	22.0	13	12	16.0	1987	11	50.1	1994	39	1998	24	31	1998	7.8	6.8	2.8	1.4	.3	27.1	25.8	24.0	16.3		
Feb	17.3	18.0	18	17	14.0	2000	14	31.5	1982	39	1982	24	32+	1998	5.9	4.9	2.4	1.1	.2	27.1	26.9	25.9	21.6		
Mar	14.1	13.3	15	13	17.0	1984	14	30.5	1997	41	1982	5	30	1982	4.5	3.9	2.0	1.0	.2	26.5	25.1	23.8	19.4		
Apr	6.3	4.9	2	1	18.0	1982	7	19.5	1982	21	1997	2	7	1997	1.9	1.6	.9	.5	@	6.8	4.7	3.1	1.1		
May	.1	.0	#	0	1.0	1990	22	1.0	1990	1+	1995	7	#+	1995	.1	@	.0	.0	.0	.1	.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	.1	.0	0	0	2.0	1991	30	2.0	1991	0	0	0	0	0	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0		
Oct	.5	.0	#	0	4.5	1997	27	4.5	1997	5	1997	27	#+	2000	.2	.2	.1	.0	.0	.1	.1	@	.0		
Nov	8.6	7.0	2	1	16.0	1986	21	22.8	1974	20	1986	22	7	1986	2.7	2.1	1.1	.6	.1	6.2	2.8	1.8	.7		
Dec	19.6	15.0	6	5	18.0	1989	3	58.3	1972	32	1989	4	23	1989	6.8	5.9	2.6	1.1	.2	19.2	15.6	12.5	6.1		
Ann	89.8	80.2	N/A	N/A	18.0+	Dec 1989	3	58.3	Dec 1972	41	Mar 1982	5	32+	Feb 1998	29.9	25.4	11.9	5.7	1.0	113.1	101.0	91.1	65.2		

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<sup>-9/-9.9</sup> represents missing values Annual statistics for Mean/Median snow depths are not appropriate

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				Freez	ze Data											
			Spri	ng Freeze D	ates (Month	/Day)										
Temp (F)		P	robability of	later date i	n spring (thr	u Jul 31) tha	n indicated(	(*)								
Temp (F)	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90							
36	7/03	6/27	6/22	6/18	6/15	6/11	6/07	6/02	5/27							
32	6/17	6/11	6/06	6/02	5/30	5/26	5/22	5/18	5/11							
28	5/31	5/26	5/23	5/20	5/17	5/14	5/11	5/07	5/02							
24	5/16	5/11	5/07	5/03	4/30	4/27	4/23	4/19	4/14							
20	4/28	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/10	4/06	4/02							
16	4/19	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/07	4/04	4/01	3/29	3/25							
		•	Fal	l Freeze Da	tes (Month/L	Day)	1	•								
To (E)		Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(*)														
Temp (F)	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90							
36	8/10	8/16	8/20	8/24	8/27	8/30	9/03	9/07	9/13							
32	8/25	8/30	9/03	9/06	9/09	9/12	9/15	9/19	9/24							
28	9/13	9/18	9/21	9/24	9/27	9/30	10/02	10/06	10/11							
24	9/30	10/03	10/06	10/08	10/10	10/12	10/14	10/17	10/20							
20	10/09	10/14	10/17	10/21	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/07							
16	10/23	10/29	11/02	11/05	11/08	11/12	11/15	11/19	11/25							
		-	1	Freeze F	ree Period	•		•	•							
To (E)			Probability	of longer th	an indicated	freeze free p	eriod (Days)	)								
Temp (F)	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90							
36	102	92	85	78	73	67	61	54	44							
32	129	120	113	107	102	96	90	83	74							
28	149	143	139	136	132	129	126	121	116							
24	181	175	170	166	162	159	155	150	144							
20	213	205	200	195	191	186	181	176	168							
16	237	230	224	220	215	211	206	201	193							

<sup>\*</sup> 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						Heatin	g Degree I	Days (1)							
Below	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann		
65	1689	1434	1223	792	419	136	54	87	324	672	1005	1485	9320		
60	1534	1294	1068	642	277	47	9	22	189	517	855	1330	7784		
57	1441	1210	975	552	204	20	1	6	123	424	765	1237	6958		
55	1379	1154	913	493	161	9	0	2	87	364	705	1175	6442		
50	1224	1014	758	347	78	1	0	0	28	222	555	1020	5247		
32	667	515	244	23	0	0	0	0	0	2	103	494	2048		

Base						Coolin	g Degree I	Days (1)					
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	1	5	44	221	607	871	1046	979	668	353	89	31	4915
55	0	0	0	1	55	190	333	268	65	2	0	0	914
57	0	0	0	0	36	141	273	210	41	1	0	0	702
60	0	0	0	0	16	78	187	133	17	0	0	0	431
65	0	0	0	0	3	17	77	43	2	0	0	0	142
70	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	6	0	0	0	0	24

	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	0	0	8	71	375	644	805	746	442	155	28	0	0	0	8	79	454	1098	1903	2649	3091	3246	3274	3274
45	0	0	0	23	232	494	650	591	298	76	9	0	0	0	0	23	255	749	1399	1990	2288	2364	2373	2373
50	0	0	0	6	129	348	495	436	172	28	1	0	0	0	0	6	135	483	978	1414	1586	1614	1615	1615
55	0	0	0	2	57	211	340	284	85	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	59	270	610	894	979	985	985	985
60	<b>60</b> 0 0 0 18 106 195 154 31 0 0 0									0	0	0	0	0	18	124	319	473	504	504	504	504		
Base				Gro	wing De	gree Unit	s for Co	rn (Mont	thly)				Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	0	7	64	246	407	514	476	268	91	12	0	0	0	7	71	317	724	1238	1714	1982	2073	2085	2085

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

### 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.

Compete 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 are 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

- c. Snow Tables
  - 1. Snow Climatology
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table

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

## References

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Snow Climatology Project Description, www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/monitoring/snowclim/mainpage.html

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