

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: LUDINGTON 4 SE, MI

COOP ID: 204954

Climate Division: MI 5

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 690 Feet Lat: 43° 54N Lon: 86° 24W

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	29.0	15.6	22.3	57+	1949	16	30.0	1990	-15	1982	16	14.3	1977	1323	0	.0	.0	.3	18.4	30.1	2.2
Feb	33.5	17.4	25.5	63+	1999	11	34.0	1998	-22	1979	17	15.8	1979	1107	0	.0	.0	.9	12.2	26.6	2.4
Mar	43.1	23.5	33.3	78	1981	31	41.5	1973	-14	1962	2	24.7	1971	983	0	.0	.0	7.6	4.6	25.2	.5
Apr	56.6	33.0	44.8	85	1970	30	49.9	1998	4	1982	7	39.3	1982	606	0	.0	.0	21.1	.3	14.1	.0
May	68.9	42.5	55.7	90	1988	31	63.8	1998	22+	1966	10	47.4	1997	327	39	.0	@	30.2	.0	4.2	.0
Jun	76.9	52.0	64.5	97	1995	20	69.3	1991	28	1972	11	58.0	1982	102	87	.0	1.0	30.0	.0	.2	.0
Jul	81.4	57.4	69.4	98+	1988	7	73.3	1983	37	1972	5	64.9+	1996	19	155	.0	1.5	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	79.3	56.6	68.0	99+	1988	2	74.3	1988	36+	1977	25	63.9	1997	50	141	.0	.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	70.8	49.2	60.0	94	1999	4	64.4	1998	26+	1957	27	56.2	1993	167	17	.0	.2	30.0	.0	.8	.0
Oct	58.9	39.8	49.4	83	1971	2	57.7	1971	19	1976	27	44.7	1976	488	2	.0	.0	26.5	.0	5.6	.0
Nov	44.8	30.6	37.7	74	1961	3	43.0	1975	-8	1950	25	31.2	1995	818	0	.0	.0	10.0	2.1	17.9	.0
Dec	33.3	20.8	27.1	65	1982	2	33.6	1982	-14	1976	31	17.9	1989	1178	0	.0	.0	1.3	12.3	28.1	.5
Ann	56.4	36.5	46.5	99+	Aug 1988	2	74.3	Aug 1988	-22	Feb 1979	17	14.3	Jan 1977	7168	441	.0	3.6	219.9	49.9	152.8	5.6

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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	1.64	1.40	1.73	1995	14	3.39	1999	.44	1973	15.4	4.5	.5	.1	.47	.63	.86	1.07	1.27	1.47	1.70	1.97	2.32	2.87	3.37
Feb	1.08	.98	1.77	1966	7	2.46	1971	.28	1998	10.4	2.7	.3	.1	.32	.42	.57	.71	.83	.97	1.12	1.29	1.52	1.87	2.20
Mar	1.99	1.94	1.93	1979	30	7.08	1976	.07	1999	9.5	5.1	1.0	.3	.20	.35	.63	.90	1.20	1.54	1.94	2.43	3.11	4.23	5.33
Apr	2.66	2.77	1.60	1993	15	4.58	1974	.20	1997	9.3	6.2	1.7	.5	.80	1.05	1.43	1.76	2.07	2.40	2.77	3.19	3.74	4.61	5.41
May	2.81	2.45	3.20	2001	15	5.95	2000	.38	1988	8.7	5.7	1.7	.5	.69	.95	1.36	1.73	2.09	2.47	2.89	3.39	4.05	5.10	6.08
Jun	3.13	2.58	2.96	1969	27	7.10	1990	.75	1991	8.5	6.1	2.1	.7	.82	1.12	1.57	1.97	2.36	2.78	3.24	3.78	4.49	5.61	6.65
Jul	2.55	2.34	2.44	1952	18	6.39	1994	.62	1979	7.8	4.4	1.7	.5	.67	.91	1.28	1.60	1.92	2.26	2.63	3.08	3.65	4.56	5.42
Aug	4.13	4.22	4.58	1965	8	9.39	1975	1.49	1991	9.4	6.4	3.1	1.0	1.60	1.98	2.53	2.98	3.41	3.85	4.32	4.87	5.57	6.64	7.61
Sep	3.66	3.24	3.55	1986	10	10.70	1986	.25	1979	10.0	7.0	2.0	.8	.80	1.14	1.68	2.16	2.65	3.16	3.75	4.44	5.36	6.82	8.20
Oct	3.59	3.32	3.01	1991	25	9.63	1991	1.04	1971	10.8	7.7	2.5	.5	1.29	1.63	2.11	2.52	2.91	3.31	3.75	4.25	4.90	5.90	6.82
Nov	3.33	3.22	2.43	1998	9	7.32	1988	.62	1986	12.9	8.0	1.8	.4	1.07	1.39	1.86	2.25	2.64	3.03	3.47	3.98	4.63	5.65	6.59
Dec	2.29	1.96	2.71	1962	9	4.97	1982	.91	1994	14.5	6.7	.9	.2	.82	1.04	1.35	1.61	1.86	2.11	2.39	2.71	3.12	3.76	4.34
Ann	32.86	31.93	4.58	Aug 1965	8	10.70	Sep 1986	.07	Mar 1999	127.2	70.5	19.3	5.6	25.36	26.86	28.75	30.16	31.41	32.61	33.83	35.18	36.80	39.12	41.12

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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	6.1	-99.9	11	8	10.2	1985	19	30.5	1976	42	1982	25	33	1982	11.1	7.7	2.5	.6	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	19.2	19.9	11	6	9.0	1981	11	37.5	1981	39	1979	17	35	1979	7.7	5.3	1.7	.5	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	8.9	8.8	5	3	10.5	1990	19	15.8	1980	34	1982	9	21	1982	3.7	2.4	.6	.1	@	2.1	.2	.0	.0
Apr	3.2	2.3	#	#	8.2	1987	2	11.0	1987	7	1987	2	4	1982	1.2	.9	.2	.1	.0	1.0	.4	.3	.0
May	.1	.0	#	0	2.1	1994	1	2.1	1994	#	1982	1	#	1982	@	@	.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	2.7	1989	19	2.7	1989	2	1976	17	#+	1997	.2	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Nov	7.4	5.7	1	#	10.7	1985	9	19.4	1985	11	1985	9	2	1989	4.0	2.7	.7	.1	.1	4.6	1.5	.8	.2
Dec	21.7	20.9	5	4	10.9	1987	15	33.5	1996	27	1985	26	13+	2000	10.2	7.0	2.2	.7	.1	14.4	8.2	5.8	1.1
Ann	66.8	-9.9	N/A	N/A	10.9	Dec 1987	15	37.5	Feb 1981	42	Jan 1982	25	35	Feb 1979	38.1	26.1	7.9	2.1	.3	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9

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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	6/14	6/09	6/06	6/03	5/31	5/28	5/25	5/22	5/17
32	6/08	6/01	5/27	5/22	5/18	5/14	5/10	5/05	4/28
28	5/24	5/17	5/12	5/08	5/04	4/30	4/26	4/21	4/14
24	5/09	5/03	4/28	4/24	4/21	4/17	4/13	4/09	4/03
20	4/20	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/31	3/28	3/23
16	4/11	4/05	4/01	3/28	3/25	3/22	3/18	3/14	3/09
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	9/07	9/12	9/15	9/18	9/21	9/24	9/27	9/30	10/05
32	9/18	9/24	9/28	10/01	10/05	10/08	10/11	10/15	10/21
28	10/03	10/09	10/13	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/27	10/31	11/06
24	10/21	10/26	10/29	11/01	11/04	11/07	11/10	11/13	11/18
20	11/06	11/12	11/16	11/20	11/23	11/26	11/29	12/03	12/09
16	11/17	11/23	11/28	12/01	12/05	12/08	12/12	12/17	12/23
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	132	125	120	116	112	108	104	99	92
32	163	155	149	143	139	134	129	122	114
28	193	185	178	173	168	163	158	152	143
24	221	212	206	201	197	192	187	181	173
20	254	246	240	235	230	225	220	214	206
16	281	271	265	259	254	249	243	237	228

* 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	1323	1107	983	606	327	102	19	50	167	488	818	1178	7168
60	1168	967	828	459	218	43	2	13	68	343	668	1023	5800
57	1075	883	735	374	164	22	0	5	33	264	578	930	5063
55	1013	827	673	319	132	14	0	1	19	217	519	868	4602
50	858	687	525	199	69	4	0	0	3	120	374	713	3552
32	331	239	120	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	228	964

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	31	56	160	390	735	975	1159	1114	841	539	209	74	6283
55	0	0	0	14	154	298	446	402	169	41	1	0	1525
57	0	0	0	8	124	247	384	344	123	26	0	0	1256
60	0	0	0	3	85	177	293	259	68	12	0	0	897
65	0	0	0	0	39	87	155	141	17	2	0	0	441
70	0	0	0	0	15	29	61	62	2	0	0	0	169

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	4	52	198	499	741	921	870	620	314	78	7	0	4	56	254	753	1494	2415	3285	3905	4219	4297	4304
45	0	0	23	111	353	591	766	715	470	189	32	2	0	0	23	134	487	1078	1844	2559	3029	3218	3250	3252
50	0	0	9	56	223	443	611	560	327	96	12	0	0	0	9	65	288	731	1342	1902	2229	2325	2337	2337
55	0	0	1	23	125	300	457	406	204	41	3	0	0	0	1	24	149	449	906	1312	1516	1557	1560	1560
60	0	0	0	8	60	175	305	261	102	10	0	0	0	0	0	8	68	243	548	809	911	921	921	921
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	1	31	128	314	473	615	568	373	168	33	1	0	1	32	160	474	947	1562	2130	2503	2671	2704	2705

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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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