

Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: LAFAYETTE 5 SW, GA

COOP ID: 094941

Climate Division: GA 1

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 800 Feet

Lat: 34° 39N

Lon: 85° 22W

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	48.4	28.6	38.5	78+	1975	31	48.9	1974	-13	1985	20	26.3	1977	821	0	.0	.0	15.6	2.5	20.3	.3
Feb	53.4	30.4	41.9	82	1977	27	48.4	1990	-6	1966	1	33.9	1978	648	0	.0	.0	18.0	1.2	17.1	@
Mar	62.2	37.4	49.8	87	1985	31	55.2	1997	7	1993	15	43.7	1971	473	2	.0	.0	27.1	.1	9.9	.0
Apr	70.6	43.2	56.9	92+	1960	25	62.5	1981	22+	1973	11	52.7	1983	251	9	.0	@	29.6	.0	3.4	.0
May	77.7	52.3	65.0	95+	1962	29	70.2	1987	30	1971	4	61.3	1997	89	89	.0	.8	31.0	.0	.1	.0
Jun	84.3	61.1	72.7	102	1952	28	76.8	1981	37	1966	1	69.3	1974	4	235	.0	6.4	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	88.1	65.7	76.9	106+	1980	18	81.0	1980	47+	1970	6	73.4	1984	0	367	.5	15.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	87.1	64.3	75.7	105	1954	16	79.5	1980	47	1968	29	72.1	1992	0	333	.4	11.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	81.6	58.1	69.9	104	1954	5	74.2	1978	29	1967	30	66.6	1974	23	169	.0	3.7	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	71.6	45.7	58.7	95+	1954	4	65.5	1984	19	1952	30	53.0	1987	225	27	.0	.1	30.9	.0	2.2	.0
Nov	61.1	37.4	49.3	85	1950	1	57.6	1985	2	1950	25	42.0	1976	475	2	.0	.0	26.0	@	10.9	.0
Dec	51.6	30.8	41.2	81	1951	7	49.2	1984	-2+	1983	26	32.7	1989	738	0	.0	.0	18.9	.9	19.1	.1
Ann	69.8	46.3	58.0	106+	Jul 1980	18	81.0	Jul 1980	-13	Jan 1985	20	26.3	Jan 1977	3747	1233	.9	37.6	319.1	4.7	83.0	.4

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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	5.93	5.63	4.01	1996	27	10.39	1996	1.21	1986	11.6	8.8	4.3	2.0	2.55	3.08	3.83	4.44	5.02	5.60	6.22	6.94	7.84	9.22	10.46
Feb	5.28	4.75	6.99	1990	16	13.09	1990	.56	1978	9.0	7.1	3.6	1.7	1.69	2.20	2.94	3.57	4.18	4.81	5.50	6.31	7.36	8.98	10.48
Mar	6.62	5.86	5.40	1952	11	15.29	1973	.45	1988	10.2	8.3	4.2	2.2	1.65	2.27	3.24	4.09	4.94	5.83	6.82	8.00	9.55	11.99	14.28
Apr	4.48	4.66	3.38	1959	19	9.30	2000	1.00	1976	8.3	6.5	3.0	1.4	1.45	1.88	2.50	3.04	3.55	4.08	4.67	5.35	6.23	7.59	8.85
May	4.57	4.40	4.60	1999	6	11.16	1984	1.10	1992	9.4	6.8	2.9	1.3	1.15	1.58	2.25	2.84	3.42	4.03	4.72	5.53	6.59	8.27	9.84
Jun	4.48	3.98	4.15	1953	22	12.90	1989	1.32	1988	10.3	7.4	3.0	1.1	1.36	1.78	2.42	2.97	3.50	4.05	4.66	5.38	6.30	7.75	9.09
Jul	4.63	4.68	4.15	1972	28	10.78	1984	1.28+	1998	10.2	7.2	3.1	1.5	1.31	1.75	2.42	2.99	3.56	4.15	4.80	5.57	6.57	8.14	9.60
Aug	3.62	3.34	2.80	1956	21	6.26	1985	.25	1999	9.0	6.1	2.4	.9	1.11	1.45	1.97	2.41	2.83	3.28	3.77	4.34	5.08	6.24	7.31
Sep	4.78	4.69	6.36	1969	5	18.78	1977	.28	1984	8.4	6.2	2.8	1.3	.47	.81	1.46	2.13	2.85	3.67	4.63	5.83	7.48	10.23	12.91
Oct	3.37	3.32	4.41	1995	5	8.32	1995	.10	1991	6.4	4.7	2.1	1.1	.41	.67	1.15	1.62	2.12	2.67	3.32	4.12	5.21	7.00	8.73
Nov	5.20	4.31	4.46	1973	28	10.87	1983	1.99	1978	8.8	7.1	3.3	1.7	1.96	2.44	3.14	3.71	4.27	4.83	5.44	6.14	7.04	8.43	9.70
Dec	5.36	5.00	5.80	1961	12	10.86	1991	.79	1980	10.2	7.7	3.9	1.8	1.66	2.17	2.93	3.58	4.21	4.86	5.58	6.42	7.50	9.20	10.77
Ann	58.32	59.68	6.99	Feb 1990	16	18.78	Sep 1977	.10	Oct 1991	111.8	83.9	38.6	18.0	42.35	45.47	49.46	52.47	55.14	57.71	60.37	63.30	66.85	71.98	76.41

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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	1.0	.0	#	0	6.0	1987	21	6.5	1987	2	1983	21	#+	2000	.4	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Feb	.5	.0	#	0	2.5	1980	9	4.5	1980	#+	1999	13	#+	1999	.4	.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Mar	#	.0	#	0	#	1996	21	#+	1996	2	1983	24	#+	1998	.0	.0	.0	.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	#	1993	31	#	1993	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	#	.0	#	0	#	2000	20	#+	2000	#	2000	20	#	2000	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	.2	.0	#	0	1.5	1971	3	1.5+	1997	#+	2000	30	#+	2000	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	1.7	.0	N/A	N/A	6.0	Jan 1987	21	6.5	Jan 1987	2+	Mar 1983	24	#+	Dec 2000	.9	.6	.1	.1	.0	.1	.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	5/12	5/06	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/19	4/15	4/09
32	4/29	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/01
28	4/14	4/09	4/05	4/02	3/30	3/26	3/23	3/19	3/14
24	3/29	3/22	3/17	3/13	3/09	3/05	2/28	2/23	2/16
20	3/13	3/05	2/27	2/22	2/18	2/13	2/08	2/02	1/25
16	3/06	2/25	2/19	2/13	2/08	2/03	1/28	1/21	1/10
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	10/02	10/06	10/09	10/11	10/13	10/15	10/17	10/20	10/23
32	10/09	10/14	10/18	10/21	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/07
28	10/25	10/30	11/04	11/07	11/10	11/14	11/17	11/21	11/27
24	11/08	11/14	11/18	11/21	11/25	11/28	12/02	12/06	12/11
20	11/20	11/29	12/05	12/11	12/16	12/22	12/27	1/03	1/12
16	12/03	12/13	12/20	12/26	12/31	1/06	1/12	1/20	1/31
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	189	183	178	173	169	165	161	156	149
32	210	203	199	195	191	187	183	178	172
28	247	240	234	229	225	221	216	211	203
24	282	275	269	265	260	256	251	246	238
20	333	320	312	305	299	293	287	279	269
16	>365	>365	342	330	322	315	307	299	288

* 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	821	648	473	251	89	4	0	0	23	225	475	738	3747
60	673	508	329	131	31	0	0	0	4	121	336	584	2717
57	586	425	250	79	13	0	0	0	1	77	259	499	2189
55	528	374	204	53	7	0	0	0	0	54	213	441	1874
50	394	247	111	14	0	0	0	0	0	17	121	308	1212
32	77	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	129

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	279	290	553	748	1023	1221	1390	1356	1136	825	519	320	9660
55	17	5	43	111	317	531	677	643	446	166	41	13	3010
57	12	1	27	77	261	471	615	581	387	127	26	9	2594
60	7	0	13	39	186	381	522	488	300	79	13	1	2029
65	0	0	2	9	89	235	367	333	169	27	2	0	1233
70	0	0	0	1	30	110	217	187	71	6	0	0	622

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	108	163	344	543	805	1010	1169	1137	919	599	313	143	108	271	615	1158	1963	2973	4142	5279	6198	6797	7110	7253
45	51	85	220	396	650	860	1014	982	769	446	198	73	51	136	356	752	1402	2262	3276	4258	5027	5473	5671	5744
50	23	36	125	264	495	710	859	827	619	298	108	35	23	59	184	448	943	1653	2512	3339	3958	4256	4364	4399
55	3	12	56	153	348	560	704	672	469	175	49	7	3	15	71	224	572	1132	1836	2508	2977	3152	3201	3208
60	0	0	16	69	208	410	549	517	323	81	16	0	0	0	16	85	293	703	1252	1769	2092	2173	2189	2189
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	70	117	227	350	523	681	798	776	611	386	198	91	70	187	414	764	1287	1968	2766	3542	4153	4539	4737	4828

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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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