

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: LODGEPOLE, CA

COOP ID: 045026

Climate Division: CA 5

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Lon: 118° 44W

## 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	39.1	15.3	27.2	65	1971	18	34.1	1986	-10+	1979	30	21.8	1973	1172	0	.0	.0	1.8	6.6	30.9	1.4
Feb	42.1	16.7	29.4	62	1995	20	37.0	1995	-12	1989	6	24.0	1990	997	0	.0	.0	5.9	4.3	28.1	.8
Mar	44.4	20.6	32.5	65+	1997	21	38.7	1997	-2	1976	4	25.2	1973	993	0	.0	.0	8.9	2.9	30.7	.1
Apr	49.9	25.0	37.5	72+	2000	27	44.0	1989	-1	1975	7	27.8	1975	828	0	.0	.0	15.5	1.4	27.4	.1
May	57.9	31.7	44.8	85	1984	29	51.8	1992	9	1975	5	36.4	1998	626	0	.0	.0	23.9	@	17.6	.0
Jun	68.2	38.6	53.4	86	1987	27	58.2	1981	23+	1988	8	47.0	1998	351	3	.0	.0	28.7	.0	4.3	.0
Jul	75.6	43.9	59.8	91+	1998	18	62.8+	1996	28	1987	22	55.5	1987	176	14	.0	.1	31.0	.0	.7	.0
Aug	75.0	43.0	59.0	89+	1997	7	62.2	1971	28+	1989	26	52.9	1976	197	12	.0	.1	31.0	.0	1.1	.0
Sep	68.3	37.7	53.0	86	1976	1	57.3	1974	19	1971	28	46.0	1986	362	2	.0	.0	29.0	.0	5.7	.0
Oct	58.2	29.9	44.1	81+	1980	3	49.7	1988	1	1971	30	38.6	1984	650	0	.0	.0	25.0	.2	21.3	.0
Nov	45.6	21.8	33.7	67	1999	2	41.6	1995	-3	1994	19	26.4	1994	939	0	.0	.0	10.4	2.4	29.4	.1
Dec	38.7	15.9	27.3	57	1995	7	33.7	1977	-16	1972	9	19.0	1971	1169	0	.0	.0	1.4	6.9	30.9	1.3
Ann	55.3	28.3	41.8	91+	Jul 1998	18	62.8+	Jul 1996	-16	Dec 1972	9	19.0	Dec 1971	8460	31	.0	.2	212.5	24.7	228.1	3.8

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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	8.60	7.53	9.33	1969	25	29.11	1980	.03	1984	9.3	7.6	4.5	3.1	.36	.78	1.74	2.86	4.18	5.77	7.74	10.29	13.93	20.20	26.51
Feb	8.71	6.29	9.95	1969	25	31.64	1986	.49	1988	9.2	7.6	4.6	2.9	.63	1.19	2.31	3.50	4.84	6.38	8.23	10.58	13.83	19.32	24.74
Mar	7.66	6.29	5.94	1991	5	26.37	1991	.00	1972	10.0	8.1	4.5	2.8	.42	1.13	2.30	3.43	4.63	5.96	7.52	9.44	12.06	16.38	20.59
Apr	3.06	2.49	6.83	1982	11	14.91	1982	.06	1992	8.0	5.5	1.6	.8	.13	.28	.62	1.03	1.50	2.06	2.76	3.67	4.95	7.17	9.41
May	1.34	.95	2.00	1998	13	4.84	1998	.00	1984	5.7	3.0	.8	.2	.04	.13	.31	.51	.72	.96	1.26	1.63	2.15	3.03	3.90
Jun	.66	.32	1.85	1998	11	4.95	1998	.00+	1994	2.4	1.3	.4	.2	.00	.00	.00	.02	.08	.20	.39	.66	1.10	1.93	2.82
Jul	.47	.25	.98	1992	13	3.21	1992	.00+	2000	2.2	1.4	.2	.0	.00	.00	.00	.03	.09	.19	.33	.52	.80	1.31	1.84
Aug	.34	.15	1.03	1988	26	2.15	1983	.00+	1997	2.3	1.0	.1	@	.00	.00	.02	.06	.11	.18	.27	.40	.58	.90	1.23
Sep	1.51	.70	5.06	1976	11	7.90	1976	.00+	1993	3.5	2.2	.8	.4	.00	.00	.05	.17	.36	.65	1.05	1.63	2.52	4.17	5.93
Oct	2.02	1.29	3.98	1992	30	6.54	2000	.00+	1995	4.1	2.8	1.0	.6	.00	.00	.34	.66	1.01	1.41	1.90	2.51	3.34	4.75	6.14
Nov	4.38	2.95	4.57	1982	30	14.47	1983	.00	1992	6.6	5.2	2.4	1.3	.07	.29	.80	1.40	2.09	2.92	3.94	5.27	7.15	10.38	13.63
Dec	5.99	5.17	5.80	1982	23	18.34	1996	.00	1989	7.3	6.0	3.0	2.0	.22	.69	1.54	2.41	3.36	4.44	5.73	7.35	9.58	13.32	16.99
Ann	44.74	40.61	9.95	Feb 1969	25	31.64	Feb 1986	.00+	Jul 2000	70.6	51.7	23.9	14.3	19.60	23.61	29.20	33.75	38.01	42.30	46.91	52.20	58.87	69.00	78.16

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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	52.1	51.5	37	34	33.0	1974	7	120.6	1995	104	1983	31	69	1993	7.6	7.0	4.9	3.7	2.2	28.1	27.0	25.7	23.5
Feb	50.0	51.6	55	54	33.0	1978	13	126.5	1998	132	1978	14	106	1973	8.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	1.9	26.6	26.6	26.2	23.9
Mar	44.9	38.0	59	58	31.0	1995	23	138.0	1982	156	1983	26	129	1983	7.5	6.9	4.8	3.4	1.8	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Apr	19.9	16.0	36	28	30.0	1982	1	65.0	1998	122	1983	1	113	1983	5.3	4.9	2.5	1.2	.5	16.9	16.5	15.9	13.9
May	5.7	3.0	10	#	16.0	1983	1	24.0	1977	120	1983	1	78	1983	2.1	1.8	.7	.4	.1	4.9	3.9	3.7	3.2
Jun	.6	.0	1	0	9.0	1993	5	13.0	1993	26	1998	1	9	1983	.2	.2	.1	@	.0	.8	.7	.4	.1
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	.3	.0	#	0	4.0	1986	25	4.0	1986	7	1985	11	#+	1986	.1	.1	@	.0	.0	.2	@	.0	.0
Oct	3.5	.0	#	#	10.0	1996	30	19.0	2000	13	1996	31	2	1981	1.2	1.0	.4	.3	@	1.5	.7	.3	.1
Nov	18.7	9.3	4	3	27.0	1975	28	70.5	1972	43	1972	17	24	1972	4.5	4.0	2.1	1.6	.4	13.9	11.0	6.8	2.4
Dec	34.2	32.0	17	16	27.0	1978	19	106.0	1971	66	1971	29	43	1972	5.8	5.1	3.4	2.4	1.3	23.8	21.7	18.3	16.5
Ann	229.9	201.4	N/A	N/A	33.0+	Feb 1978	13	138.0	Mar 1982	156	Mar 1983	26	129	Mar 1983	42.3	38.0	23.9	17.0	8.2	-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	7/27	7/21	7/17	7/14	7/10	7/07	7/03	6/29	6/23
32	7/16	7/09	7/04	6/29	6/25	6/21	6/17	6/12	6/05
28	6/23	6/16	6/11	6/06	6/02	5/29	5/24	5/19	5/11
24	5/30	5/23	5/19	5/15	5/11	5/07	5/03	4/28	4/22
20	5/21	5/13	5/07	5/02	4/27	4/23	4/18	4/12	4/04
16	5/12	5/04	4/27	4/22	4/17	4/12	4/07	3/31	3/23
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	8/03	8/10	8/14	8/19	8/22	8/26	8/30	9/04	9/11
32	8/12	8/21	8/27	9/01	9/06	9/11	9/16	9/22	10/01
28	9/02	9/11	9/17	9/22	9/27	10/02	10/07	10/13	10/21
24	9/23	10/01	10/06	10/11	10/15	10/20	10/24	10/30	11/06
20	10/10	10/17	10/22	10/27	10/31	11/05	11/09	11/15	11/22
16	10/22	10/29	11/03	11/07	11/11	11/15	11/20	11/25	12/02
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	73	62	55	48	42	36	30	22	12
32	112	98	88	80	72	64	56	46	32
28	143	134	127	121	116	111	105	99	90
24	189	178	170	163	157	150	144	136	124
20	216	206	199	192	186	181	174	167	157
16	241	230	221	214	208	201	194	185	174

\* 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	1172	997	993	828	626	351	176	197	362	650	939	1169	8460
60	1017	857	852	678	475	216	74	88	225	496	789	1014	6781
57	924	773	759	588	390	149	33	44	156	408	699	921	5844
55	862	717	697	531	334	113	17	24	117	351	639	859	5261
50	707	577	542	391	214	46	2	3	47	223	490	704	3946
32	181	132	101	53	11	0	0	0	0	9	85	213	785

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	32	59	118	216	408	642	861	838	630	382	136	67	4389
55	0	0	0	3	19	64	165	149	57	11	0	0	468
57	0	0	0	1	12	41	120	107	36	6	0	0	323
60	0	0	0	0	4	18	67	58	15	2	0	0	164
65	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	12	2	0	0	0	31
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	52	189	403	612	594	403	174	22	0	0	0	8	60	249	652	1264	1858	2261	2435	2457	2457
45	0	0	0	14	96	267	457	439	266	80	0	0	0	0	0	14	110	377	834	1273	1539	1619	1619	1619
50	0	0	0	0	35	145	304	290	148	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	180	484	774	922	948	948	948
55	0	0	0	0	4	60	161	156	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	64	225	381	444	448	448	448
60	0	0	0	0	0	10	61	56	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	71	127	135	135	135	135
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	14	22	61	146	276	403	395	283	152	28	0	0	14	36	97	243	519	922	1317	1600	1752	1780	1780

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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](http://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.

- 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
- 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
- c. Snow Tables
  - 1. Snow Climatology
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table  
1971-2000 serially complete daily data

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