

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: HEIDELBERG, KY

COOP ID: 153741

Climate Division: KY 4

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 665 Feet Lat: 37° 33N Lon: 83° 46W

## 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	41.9	21.4	31.7	79	1943	24	40.6	1974	-27	1994	20	17.2	1977	1034	0	.0	.0	10.4	5.7	25.0	1.2
Feb	47.2	23.4	35.3	81	1996	24	43.6	1990	-18+	1996	6	22.4	1978	832	0	.0	.0	13.7	3.5	21.7	.9
Mar	57.1	30.8	44.0	87+	1990	15	50.7	2000	-9	1960	6	38.3	1996	654	0	.0	.0	23.7	.4	17.3	.1
Apr	66.8	38.5	52.7	94	1986	28	57.9	1981	18+	1982	7	47.9	1983	374	3	.0	.4	28.2	.0	7.8	.0
May	74.6	49.1	61.9	99	1941	22	68.9	1991	27+	1971	4	57.0	1997	166	68	.0	.6	31.0	.0	.7	.0
Jun	81.7	58.3	70.0	104	1936	29	73.0	1994	27	1941	22	65.6	1972	18	167	.1	4.7	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	85.6	63.2	74.4	105	1988	10	77.8	1993	44+	1988	3	70.9	1976	0	292	.2	10.5	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	84.6	61.9	73.3	105	1936	19	78.6	1995	39+	1986	30	69.0	1976	6	261	.1	7.8	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	78.9	55.0	67.0	101+	1953	3	72.3	1998	32+	1963	25	62.3	1974	55	113	.0	2.6	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	69.1	41.2	55.2	94	1941	6	61.6	1984	15	1962	27	48.7	1976	324	18	.0	.0	30.6	.0	5.6	.0
Nov	57.7	32.5	45.1	85	1961	3	52.7	1985	2	1938	25	36.4	1976	597	0	.0	.0	22.2	.1	14.7	.0
Dec	46.8	25.3	36.1	82+	1982	4	44.3	1971	-15	1962	13	24.9	1989	898	0	.0	.0	13.9	3.5	22.5	.3
Ann	66.0	41.7	53.9	105+	Jul 1988	10	78.6	Aug 1995	-27	Jan 1994	20	17.2	Jan 1977	4958	922	.4	26.6	295.7	13.2	115.3	2.5

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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	3.78	3.33	2.76	1974	11	8.59	1974	.68	1981	12.3	7.2	2.4	.6	1.17	1.53	2.06	2.52	2.97	3.43	3.94	4.53	5.30	6.50	7.60
Feb	3.70	3.69	3.70	1962	27	9.30	1989	.83	1977	10.7	6.7	2.5	.8	1.17	1.52	2.04	2.49	2.92	3.37	3.86	4.43	5.17	6.32	7.38
Mar	4.41	3.99	2.64	1952	23	11.08	1975	1.54	1971	12.8	8.8	2.8	.8	1.53	1.95	2.55	3.06	3.55	4.05	4.60	5.24	6.06	7.32	8.49
Apr	3.87	3.55	2.85	1972	12	10.86	1972	1.19	1997	12.0	7.7	2.3	.5	1.16	1.53	2.08	2.56	3.02	3.50	4.02	4.64	5.44	6.69	7.86
May	4.94	4.65	3.40	1984	7	8.76	1998	1.19	1977	13.1	8.7	3.2	1.2	1.90	2.36	3.02	3.56	4.08	4.60	5.17	5.83	6.66	7.95	9.12
Jun	4.16	4.09	4.57	1960	12	8.74	1998	.84	1980	11.3	8.0	3.1	.9	1.36	1.75	2.33	2.83	3.30	3.80	4.34	4.97	5.78	7.04	8.21
Jul	4.69	4.59	4.15	1965	23	7.95	1992	1.91	1995	11.4	8.2	3.7	.9	2.39	2.78	3.31	3.73	4.12	4.51	4.92	5.39	5.97	6.84	7.61
Aug	4.16	3.84	3.15	1961	21	8.95	1974	1.54	1984	9.8	7.1	3.0	1.0	1.74	2.12	2.65	3.09	3.50	3.91	4.36	4.87	5.52	6.51	7.40
Sep	3.74	3.03	3.58	1989	14	10.80	1989	1.07	1980	9.1	5.9	2.1	1.0	1.00	1.36	1.90	2.37	2.84	3.33	3.87	4.51	5.35	6.67	7.90
Oct	3.00	2.51	5.26	1989	17	7.58	1989	.51	1987	8.9	5.7	2.0	.7	.88	1.16	1.59	1.96	2.32	2.70	3.11	3.60	4.24	5.23	6.15
Nov	3.88	3.40	3.60	1986	9	8.89	1986	.92	1976	10.6	7.1	2.1	.8	1.36	1.73	2.26	2.70	3.13	3.57	4.05	4.60	5.32	6.42	7.43
Dec	4.26	3.63	5.02	1978	8	14.22	1978	1.53	1985	12.5	7.6	2.6	.8	1.11	1.52	2.13	2.68	3.21	3.78	4.40	5.14	6.11	7.64	9.06
Ann	48.59	46.35	5.26	Oct 1989	17	14.22	Dec 1978	.51	Oct 1987	134.5	88.7	31.8	10.0	35.35	37.93	41.23	43.73	45.94	48.08	50.28	52.70	55.64	59.88	63.55

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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	5.2	2.0	1	#	13.5	1996	7	22.0	1996	15	1996	8	5	1996	2.8	1.7	.5	.2	.1	4.7	2.1	1.2	.5
Feb	5.0	3.0	1	#	15.0	1985	13	30.0	1985	19	1985	13	7	1978	2.1	1.4	.6	.3	.1	3.7	2.0	1.0	.4
Mar	2.3	.5	#	#	14.0	1993	14	19.0	1993	18	1993	14	2	1993	1.0	.6	.2	.1	@	1.0	.2	.2	@
Apr	.6	.0	#	0	8.8	1987	5	12.5	1987	6	1987	5	#+	1997	.3	.1	@	@	.0	.2	.1	@	.0
May	#	.0	0	0	#	1989	8	#	1989	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	.2	.0	#	0	3.0	1995	29	3.0	1995	1	1995	29	#+	1997	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Dec	1.7	1.0	#	#	6.0	2000	3	9.8	1997	6	2000	3	1+	2000	2.1	1.0	.2	@	.0	2.6	.4	.1	.0
Ann	15.0	6.5	N/A	N/A	15.0	Feb 1985	13	30.0	Feb 1985	19	Feb 1985	13	7	Feb 1978	8.5	4.9	1.5	.6	.2	12.3	4.8	2.5	.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	5/18	5/13	5/10	5/07	5/04	5/01	4/28	4/24	4/19
32	5/12	5/07	5/03	4/30	4/27	4/24	4/21	4/17	4/12
28	4/26	4/20	4/17	4/14	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/01	3/27
24	4/16	4/11	4/07	4/04	4/01	3/29	3/26	3/22	3/16
20	4/04	3/28	3/24	3/20	3/16	3/12	3/08	3/03	2/24
16	3/22	3/13	3/07	3/02	2/25	2/20	2/15	2/08	1/31
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	9/30	10/03	10/05	10/07	10/08	10/10	10/12	10/14	10/17
32	10/04	10/08	10/11	10/13	10/16	10/18	10/20	10/23	10/27
28	10/14	10/19	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/01	11/04	11/08	11/14
24	10/24	10/30	11/03	11/07	11/10	11/14	11/17	11/22	11/28
20	11/02	11/08	11/12	11/16	11/19	11/23	11/27	12/01	12/07
16	11/16	11/23	11/28	12/02	12/06	12/10	12/14	12/19	12/26
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	175	169	164	160	157	153	149	145	138
32	190	183	179	175	171	167	163	159	152
28	223	215	210	205	201	196	192	186	179
24	246	238	232	227	223	218	213	207	199
20	274	265	259	253	248	243	237	231	222
16	313	303	296	289	283	277	271	264	253

\* 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	1034	832	654	374	166	18	0	6	55	324	597	898	4958
60	879	692	501	238	85	3	0	0	16	204	451	743	3812
57	786	609	415	167	51	1	0	0	7	146	369	651	3202
55	733	559	358	127	34	0	0	0	3	114	315	596	2839
50	588	429	232	53	10	0	0	0	0	53	199	452	2016
32	189	99	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	97	410

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	178	191	385	620	925	1140	1315	1279	1047	717	402	222	8421
55	9	7	15	57	246	450	602	566	361	118	18	8	2457
57	0	1	9	37	201	391	540	504	304	88	12	1	2088
60	0	0	2	17	142	303	447	411	224	53	4	0	1603
65	0	0	0	3	68	167	292	261	113	18	0	0	922
70	0	0	0	0	24	66	150	132	41	4	0	0	417

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	60	95	239	444	723	945	1108	1071	843	508	240	95	60	155	394	838	1561	2506	3614	4685	5528	6036	6276	6371
45	28	47	142	308	568	795	953	916	693	364	148	49	28	75	217	525	1093	1888	2841	3757	4450	4814	4962	5011
50	9	17	73	192	418	645	798	761	543	233	82	19	9	26	99	291	709	1354	2152	2913	3456	3689	3771	3790
55	0	2	34	104	277	495	643	606	395	127	34	3	0	2	36	140	417	912	1555	2161	2556	2683	2717	2720
60	0	0	9	51	159	348	488	452	259	60	8	0	0	0	9	60	219	567	1055	1507	1766	1826	1834	1834
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	46	81	185	308	471	635	756	730	553	340	167	69	46	127	312	620	1091	1726	2482	3212	3765	4105	4272	4341

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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.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals</li><li>2. Cooperative Summary of the Day</li><li>3. National Weather Service station records</li><li>4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol></li><li>b. Degree Day Table<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals</li><li>2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. Snow Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Snow Climatology</li><li>2. Cooperative Summary of the Day</li></ol></li><li>d. Freeze Data Table<br/>1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol> |
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