

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: LAKE CITY EXP FARM, MI

1971-2000

COOP ID: 204502

Climate Division: MI 3

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 1,240 Feet Lat: 44° 19N

Lon: 85° 12W

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	25.9	7.9	16.9	54	1973	26	25.5	1990	-37	1951	30	8.3	1994	1491	0	.0	.0	.1	23.3	30.7	8.1
Feb	29.3	8.1	18.7	60	2000	27	30.0	1998	-35	1979	18	8.9	1978	1296	0	.0	.0	.5	17.5	27.7	8.4
Mar	39.0	17.2	28.1	75	2000	9	38.4	2000	-24	1962	2	21.6	1984	1145	0	.0	.0	5.1	8.3	27.8	3.6
Apr	52.6	29.9	41.3	87+	1962	27	45.7	1991	-11	1954	3	36.1	1982	712	0	.0	.0	17.6	1.1	18.9	.0
May	66.7	40.3	53.5	92+	1977	25	60.2	1998	17	1966	9	45.9	1997	377	19	.0	.1	29.3	.0	6.2	.0
Jun	75.5	49.3	62.4	99+	1966	29	67.1	1995	24	1949	8	56.0	1982	130	53	.0	1.1	30.0	.0	.5	.0
Jul	79.9	53.6	66.8	99	1977	18	70.7	1987	31	1985	7	61.6	1992	43	98	.0	2.1	31.0	.0	@	.0
Aug	77.2	52.1	64.7	99	1955	21	70.0	1995	27	1982	29	60.5	1992	94	82	.0	.8	31.0	.0	.2	.0
Sep	68.6	44.1	56.4	95+	1953	1	61.5	1998	20+	1957	27	52.0	1993	265	5	.0	.0	29.7	.0	3.0	.0
Oct	56.3	34.3	45.3	85	1963	6	53.7	1971	15	1952	18	40.2	1980	610	0	.0	.0	22.8	.1	14.2	.0
Nov	42.1	25.5	33.8	75	1950	1	40.2	1975	-13	1950	25	26.7	1995	937	0	.0	.0	7.3	5.4	23.5	.3
Dec	30.6	14.7	22.7	64	2001	6	30.1	1982	-25+	1976	29	12.3	1976	1314	0	.0	.0	1.1	18.0	29.9	4.1
Ann	53.6	31.4	42.6	99+	Jul 1977	18	70.7	Jul 1987	-37	Jan 1951	30	8.3	Jan 1994	8414	257	.0	4.1	205.5	73.7	182.6	24.5

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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	1.58	1.59	1.34	1974	27	2.82	1974	.45	1972	14.3	4.8	.4	@	.61	.75	.96	1.14	1.30	1.47	1.65	1.86	2.13	2.54	2.91
Feb	1.21	1.02	1.00	1968	1	2.74	1971	.42	1987	11.3	3.5	.3	.0	.40	.52	.68	.83	.97	1.11	1.26	1.45	1.68	2.04	2.38
Mar	2.01	2.01	1.62	1976	5	5.09	1976	.53	1981	11.4	5.5	1.1	.2	.64	.84	1.12	1.36	1.59	1.83	2.10	2.41	2.80	3.42	4.00
Apr	2.77	2.50	2.84	1979	26	5.57	1991	1.07	1997	11.6	6.8	1.3	.4	1.03	1.29	1.66	1.97	2.27	2.57	2.90	3.28	3.77	4.51	5.20
May	2.80	2.43	2.59	2001	16	5.53	1983	.51	1977	10.9	6.4	1.8	.4	.82	1.09	1.49	1.83	2.17	2.52	2.90	3.36	3.95	4.87	5.73
Jun	2.95	2.54	3.19	1969	26	5.94	1990	.74	1988	10.7	6.0	2.1	.5	.90	1.18	1.60	1.96	2.31	2.67	3.07	3.54	4.14	5.09	5.96
Jul	2.86	2.58	6.77	1957	8	8.55	1994	.78	1981	10.9	6.1	1.7	.6	.97	1.24	1.63	1.97	2.29	2.63	2.99	3.41	3.96	4.80	5.58
Aug	3.66	3.33	3.04	1996	20	8.78	1975	.96	1980	11.7	6.7	2.3	.8	.99	1.34	1.87	2.33	2.78	3.26	3.79	4.41	5.22	6.50	7.68
Sep	3.72	2.97	2.39	1992	18	11.42	1986	.11	1979	12.8	7.6	2.3	.8	.78	1.12	1.67	2.17	2.67	3.20	3.80	4.53	5.48	7.01	8.45
Oct	2.94	2.87	3.43	1991	25	8.73	1991	.49	1971	13.2	7.2	1.5	.5	.95	1.23	1.64	1.99	2.33	2.68	3.06	3.51	4.09	4.99	5.82
Nov	2.48	2.40	1.93	1952	17	6.20	1988	.72	1986	13.6	6.2	1.2	.3	.75	.99	1.34	1.64	1.94	2.24	2.58	2.97	3.48	4.28	5.01
Dec	1.81	1.69	1.35	1971	10	3.96	1982	.43	1994	14.3	5.2	.6	.2	.58	.75	1.00	1.22	1.43	1.65	1.89	2.17	2.53	3.09	3.61
Ann	30.79	30.32	6.77	Jul 1957	8	11.42	Sep 1986	.11	Sep 1979	146.7	72.0	16.6	4.7	24.43	25.72	27.33	28.54	29.60	30.62	31.66	32.79	34.16	36.11	37.78

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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	19.1	17.0	9	7	9.0	1978	27	42.7	1978	37	1978	29	22	1979	14.7	6.6	1.7	.7	.0	28.1	25.6	21.8	9.1
Feb	13.7	13.5	11	10	10.0	1974	22	34.1	1976	32	1978	1	29	1978	11.7	4.9	1.4	.4	@	24.8	22.8	20.3	11.6
Mar	11.0	10.0	7	6	12.0	1971	19	25.7	1989	30	1978	3	25	1978	8.7	3.8	1.3	.3	@	16.1	12.3	10.3	5.8
Apr	4.1	3.9	1	#	7.0	2000	8	13.7	1985	15	1971	2	3	1978	3.7	1.8	.4	.1	.0	3.6	1.5	.9	.2
May	.5	.0	#	0	5.2	1994	1	5.2	1994	5	1994	1	#+	1996	.1	.1	.1	@	.0	.1	@	@	.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	#	1989	23	#+	1989	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	1.4	.0	#	#	6.5	1988	12	6.7	1988	5	1988	12	#+	2000	.9	.4	.2	@	.0	.4	.1	@	.0
Nov	9.3	7.5	1	1	8.0	1987	21	26.4	1995	12	1995	28	4	1995	7.1	3.7	.9	.3	.0	7.9	3.4	1.5	@
Dec	15.6	14.5	4	3	8.5	1971	30	36.5	1972	18+	1976	28	10+	1976	13.4	5.7	1.3	.3	.0	22.6	15.5	8.9	2.0
Ann	74.7	66.4	N/A	N/A	12.0	Mar 1971	19	42.7	Jan 1978	37	Jan 1978	29	29	Feb 1978	60.3	27.0	7.3	2.1	@	103.6	81.2	63.7	28.7

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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	7/18	7/09	7/02	6/26	6/21	6/15	6/09	6/02	5/24
32	6/14	6/09	6/04	6/01	5/29	5/25	5/22	5/18	5/12
28	5/25	5/20	5/17	5/13	5/10	5/07	5/04	5/01	4/25
24	5/14	5/09	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/20	4/15
20	4/25	4/21	4/18	4/15	4/13	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/01
16	4/17	4/13	4/10	4/07	4/05	4/03	3/31	3/28	3/24
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	8/19	8/25	8/30	9/03	9/07	9/10	9/14	9/19	9/25
32	8/31	9/05	9/09	9/13	9/16	9/20	9/23	9/27	10/03
28	9/16	9/22	9/25	9/29	10/02	10/05	10/08	10/12	10/17
24	10/01	10/07	10/12	10/16	10/19	10/23	10/27	11/01	11/07
20	10/18	10/23	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/05	11/08	11/11	11/16
16	11/01	11/06	11/10	11/13	11/16	11/19	11/22	11/26	12/01
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	114	102	92	85	77	70	62	53	40
32	133	125	119	114	110	105	100	95	87
28	167	159	153	148	144	139	134	128	120
24	197	189	183	177	172	167	162	156	147
20	222	215	210	206	202	198	194	189	182
16	249	240	234	229	224	219	214	208	200

\* 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	1491	1296	1145	712	377	130	43	94	265	610	937	1314	8414
60	1336	1156	990	562	254	57	7	31	140	460	787	1159	6939
57	1243	1072	897	474	192	30	1	13	84	373	697	1066	6142
55	1181	1016	835	416	155	18	0	7	56	318	637	1004	5643
50	1026	876	680	281	82	5	0	0	15	200	489	849	4503
32	483	396	219	17	0	0	0	0	0	8	79	341	1543

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	15	24	98	295	665	912	1077	1011	730	421	132	50	5430
55	0	0	0	4	107	241	364	305	96	18	0	0	1135
57	0	0	0	2	82	193	303	249	64	11	0	0	904
60	0	0	0	1	51	129	217	174	30	4	0	0	606
65	0	0	0	0	19	53	98	82	5	0	0	0	257
70	0	0	0	0	6	13	27	26	0	0	0	0	72

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	25	144	436	686	844	776	506	217	45	2	0	0	25	169	605	1291	2135	2911	3417	3634	3679	3681
45	0	0	11	78	298	536	689	621	363	120	18	0	0	0	11	89	387	923	1612	2233	2596	2716	2734	2734
50	0	0	2	39	184	389	534	467	230	58	5	0	0	0	2	41	225	614	1148	1615	1845	1903	1908	1908
55	0	0	0	18	101	255	383	318	129	23	0	0	0	0	0	18	119	374	757	1075	1204	1227	1227	1227
60	0	0	0	4	48	145	237	184	60	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	52	197	434	618	678	682	682	682
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	0	18	101	285	436	552	497	310	134	25	0	0	0	18	119	404	840	1392	1889	2199	2333	2358	2358

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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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