# Climatography of the United States No. 20 1971-2000

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COOP ID: 098535

Lon: 84°31W

**Station: TALBOTTON, GA** 

Climate Division: GA 4 NWS Call Sign:

Temperature (°F) Degree Days (1) Mean (1) Mean Number of Days (3) **Extremes** Base Temp 65 Max Max Max Max Min Min Highest Lowest Daily Daily Highest Lowest Month(1) Month(1) Cooling >= >= >= <= <= <= Month Mean Year Day Year Year Day Year Heating Max Min Daily(2) Daily(2) Mean Mean 100 90 50 32 32 0 54.5 31.6 43.1 82 1949 12 55.8 1974 -5 1985 21 32.9 1977 680 0 .0 .0 24.3 15.2 Jan 33.5 38.9 59.6 46.6 83 1989 16 52.1 1990 6 1996 5 1978 517 0 .0 .0 24.4 .2 11.3 0. Feb Mar 67.3 40.2 53.8 92 1974 10 60.8 1997 12 +1980 3 48.3 1971 357 8 .0 @ 30.1 .0 5.6 0. 47.2 93 27 25 57.0 1983 Apr 74.7 61.0 1986 66.3 1999 1987 152 30 .0. .6 30.0 .0 1.2 0. May 81.3 55.8 68.6 99 1962 28 72.9 2000 33 1988 2 64.5 1988 36 145 .0 3.8 31.0 .0 .0 .0 64.2 1931 11 72.0 13.4 87.6 75.9 105 +28 81.4 1998 42+ 1988 1997 1 327 .2 30.0 .0 .0 .0 Jun Jul 89.6 68.1 78.9 107 +1930 12 81.9 1980 48 1988 76.1 1994 429 .9 19.5 31.0 0. .0 0 .0 1992 88.5 67.0 77.8 104 1983 31 81.5 1999 50 1936 27 75.1 0 394 .6 18.4 31.0 .0 .0 .0 Aug 8 Sep 83.3 61.2 72.3 102 1931 7 75.9 1978 26 1964 17 69.1 1985 226 @ 8.3 30.0 .0 .0 .0 74.0 48.5 97 24 29 55.2 1987 162 45 Oct 61.3 1951 6 67.1 1984 1976 .0 .4 31.0 .0 1.2 .0 39.9 52.8 89 2 59.6 1985 8 1950 25 45.7 1976 374 .0 .0 29.4 .0 7.0 .0 Nov 65.6 1961 6 Dec 56.5 33.8 45.2 81 +1972 10 52.7 1971 1 1962 13 37.6 1989 615 0 .0 .0 26.1 .1 12.4 .0 Jul Jul Jan Jan 73.5 49.3 61.4 107 +1930 12 81.9 1980 -5 1985 21 32.9 1977 2902 1610 1.7 64.4 348.3 .5 53.9 .1 Ann

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										Pı	recipi	tation	(incl	nes)										
	Mea	ans/	P	recip	itatio	on Total						ays (3	)	Precipitation Probabilities (1) Probability that the monthly/annual precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount  Monthly/Annual Precipitation vs Probability Levels										
	Medi	ans(1)				Extremes	3			Daily Precipitation				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	5.01	4.87	3.42	1940	12	9.67	1991	1.00	1981	8.4	7.4	4.0	1.6	1.85	2.32	2.99	3.56	4.10	4.65	5.24	5.94	6.82	8.19	9.44
Feb	4.74	5.12	3.60	1962	22	8.48	1981	.95	2000	6.6	6.0	3.5	1.8	1.53	1.98	2.64	3.21	3.75	4.32	4.93	5.66	6.59	8.04	9.38
Mar	5.87	5.91	9.00	1990	17	12.20	1980	1.50	1982	7.6	7.0	4.2	1.9	1.73	2.28	3.12	3.85	4.55	5.28	6.09	7.05	8.28	10.21	12.00
Apr	3.94	3.26	4.80	1981	1	9.13	1979	.00	1986	5.6	4.9	2.8	1.5	.33	.77	1.41	1.99	2.58	3.23	3.97	4.87	6.07	8.03	9.90
May	3.34	3.09	6.00	1943	24	6.80	1978	.46	2000	6.3	5.5	2.5	1.1	.91	1.23	1.71	2.13	2.54	2.97	3.45	4.02	4.75	5.91	6.99
Jun	4.04	3.47	5.38	1959	2	8.83	1999	1.00	1990	6.8	6.0	3.0	1.3	1.08	1.47	2.05	2.56	3.07	3.59	4.18	4.87	5.78	7.20	8.52
Jul	4.77	4.16	4.29	1994	5	14.04	1989	.50	1986	7.8	7.1	3.7	1.3	1.12	1.57	2.27	2.89	3.51	4.17	4.91	5.79	6.94	8.77	10.49
Aug	4.02	3.99	4.25	1939	18	7.45	1977	.36	1997	6.7	5.6	3.0	1.1	.90	1.27	1.86	2.39	2.92	3.49	4.12	4.88	5.89	7.48	8.98
Sep	3.29	2.94	5.30	1956	25	8.18	1986	.00	1984	5.7	5.1	2.4	.9	.66	1.12	1.67	2.12	2.55	2.98	3.47	4.03	4.76	5.90	6.95
Oct	2.81	2.73	5.47	1964	5	7.23	1995	.00	1978	4.6	4.0	2.0	.8	.30	.63	1.10	1.51	1.92	2.37	2.87	3.47	4.27	5.56	6.79
Nov	3.81	3.49	3.85	1957	19	11.17	1992	.25	1990	5.6	5.2	2.7	1.4	.92	1.27	1.83	2.32	2.82	3.34	3.92	4.61	5.52	6.96	8.31
Dec	4.54	4.00	4.65	1964	26	10.68	1981	1.45	1980	6.9	6.2	3.3	1.5	1.63	2.05	2.67	3.19	3.69	4.19	4.75	5.39	6.21	7.48	8.65
Ann	50.18	48.51	9.00	Mar 1990	17	14.04	Jul 1989	.00+	Apr 1986	78.6	70.0	37.1	16.2	37.90	40.33	43.42	45.74	47.79	49.77	51.79	54.02	56.70	60.57	63.89

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Statistics not computed because less than six years out of thirty had measurable precipitation

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										Snov	v (incl	hes)													
						Sno	ow To	tals									Mea	n Nu	mber	of Day	ys (1)				
	Mean	s/Medi	ians (1)	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	1.0	1992	19	1.0+	1992	1	1986	27	#+	1996	@	@	.0	.0	.0	0.	.0	0.	.0		
Feb	.6	.0	0	0	14.0	1973	10	14.0	1973	0	0	0	0	0	@	@	@	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.0		
Mar	.2	.0	#	0	3.0	1993	13	3.0	1993	1	1983	24	#	1983	.1	.1	@	.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	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0		
Nov	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0		
Dec	#	.0	#	0	#	1997	15	#+	1997	2	1993	22	#+	1997	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0		
Ann	.9	.0	N/A	N/A	14.0	Feb 1973	10	14.0	Feb 1973	2	Dec 1993	22	#+	Dec 1997	.1	.1	@	@	@	@	.0	.0	.0		

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<sup>-9/-9.9</sup> represents missing values Annual statistics for Mean/Median snow depths are not appropriate

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				Freez	e Data										
			Spri	ng Freeze D	ates (Month/	/Day)									
Temp (F)		P	robability of	f later date i	n spring (thr	ru Jul 31) tha	n indicated	(*)							
Temp (F)	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90						
36	5/04	4/28	4/24	4/20	4/17	4/14	4/10	4/06	3/31						
32	4/20	4/15	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/02	3/30	3/26	3/21						
28	4/03	3/28	3/24	3/20	3/17	3/13	3/10	3/05	2/27						
24	3/12	3/05	2/28	2/24	2/20	2/16	2/12	2/08	2/01						
20	3/04	2/24	2/18	2/13	2/08	2/03	1/28	1/21	1/07						
16	2/27	2/17	2/09	2/03	1/27	1/20	1/10	0/00	0/00						
			Fa	ll Freeze Da	tes (Month/D	Day)			•						
Tomn (F)	Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(*)														
<b>Temp (F)</b> 36	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90						
36	10/06	10/10	10/13	10/16	10/18	10/21	10/24	10/27	10/31						
32	10/15	10/20	10/24	10/28	10/31	11/03	11/06	11/10	11/16						
28	10/27	11/03	11/07	11/11	11/15	11/19	11/23	11/28	12/04						
24	11/10	11/19	11/26	12/02	12/07	12/12	12/18	12/25	1/03						
20	11/29	12/08	12/14	12/20	12/25	12/30	1/05	1/13	1/27						
16	12/09	12/21	12/29	1/06	1/14	1/22	2/03	0/00	0/00						
				Freeze F	ree Period			-							
Temp (F)			Probability	of longer th	an indicated	freeze free p	eriod (Days)	)							
remp (r)	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90						
36	205	197	192	188	184	179	175	170	162						
32	230	223	217	212	208	204	199	194	186						
28	268	259	253	248	242	237	232	225	217						
24	320	308	300	293	287	281	275	267	257						
20	>365	349	332	323	316	309	302	294	283						
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	362	340	327	315	301						

<sup>\*</sup> 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						Heatin	g Degree 1	Days (1)							
Below	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann		
65	680	517	357	152	36	1	0	0	8	162	374	615	2902		
60	538	379	225	66	7	0	0	0	1	77	242	469	2004		
57	453	302	160	33	2	0	0	0	0	43	176	383	1552		
55	399	252	124	19	0	0	0	0	0	27	138	329	1288		
50	279	148	55	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	65	214	771		
32	34	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	51		

Base						Coolin	g Degree l	Days (1)					
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	376	411	675	868	1133	1316	1452	1417	1208	907	623	422	10808
55	29	16	86	197	420	626	739	704	518	221	71	25	3652
57	21	10	60	151	360	566	677	642	458	175	48	16	3184
60	12	3	31	93	272	476	584	549	369	115	24	9	2537
65	0	0	8	30	145	327	429	394	226	45	6	0	1610
70	0	0	0	6	59	188	274	240	106	12	0	0	885

	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											Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
40	227	300	524	694	937	1100	1234	1218	1023	736	464	280	227	527	1051	1745	2682	3782	5016	6234	7257	7993	8457	8737
45	126	185	378	544	782	950	1079	1063	873	581	327	163	126	311	689	1233	2015	2965	4044	5107	5980	6561	6888	7051
50	63	105	242	397	627	800	924	908	723	427	206	89	63	168	410	807	1434	2234	3158	4066	4789	5216	5422	5511
55	28	50	141	261	472	650	769	753	573	282	110	40	28	78	219	480	952	1602	2371	3124	3697	3979	4089	4129
60	3	19	63	143	318	500	614	598	424	158	48	13	3	22	85	228	546	1046	1660	2258	2682	2840	2888	2901
Base				Gro	wing Deg	gree Unit	s for Co	rn (Mont	hly)						Gr	owing D	egree Un	its for C	orn (Acc	umulate	d Month	ly)		
50/86	149	209	347	462	624	748	839	827	695	487	312	180	149	358	705	1167	1791	2539	3378	4205	4900	5387	5699	5879

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**Note:** For corn, temperatures below 50 are set to 50, and temperatures above 86 are set to 86

#### 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.

Compete 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 are 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

- c. Snow Tables
  - 1. Snow Climatology
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table

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

#### References

U.S. Climate Normals 1971-2000, www.ncdc.noaa.gov/normals.html

U.S. Climate Normals 1971-2000-Products Clim20, www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normals/usnormalsprods.html

Snow Climatology Project Description, www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/monitoring/snowclim/mainpage.html

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