

# Climatology of the United States

## No. 20

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**Station: GROVESPRING 3 N, MO**

**1971-2000**

**COOP ID: 233483**

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**NWS Call Sign:**

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**Lon: 92° 36W**

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	40.8	20.7	30.8	77	1965	7	40.8	1990	-19	1985	20	18.0	1977	1062	0	.0	.0	8.3	8.5	27.7	2.6
Feb	46.9	25.5	36.2	79+	2000	25	46.4	1976	-15	1979	9	24.4	1978	806	0	.0	.0	11.8	5.3	21.0	1.5
Mar	57.0	35.0	46.0	85+	1995	23	52.3	1976	-5	1978	4	38.1	1996	590	0	.0	.0	21.7	1.0	14.7	.2
Apr	67.1	44.6	55.9	89+	2001	10	64.5	1981	18	1975	3	49.6	1983	289	15	.0	.0	27.9	.0	4.3	.0
May	74.9	53.1	64.0	90+	2001	17	69.7	1987	26	1976	3	59.2	1976	121	90	.0	.2	30.9	.0	.5	.0
Jun	83.2	61.7	72.5	97	1978	29	76.0	1971	36	1966	1	68.7	1974	10	235	.1	4.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	89.2	66.2	77.7	106	1980	17	84.4	1980	42	1970	22	74.7	1994	0	394	.8	14.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	89.0	64.5	76.8	104+	2000	31	83.8	1980	39	1967	28	69.7	1992	5	368	.8	13.5	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	80.6	56.5	68.6	104	2000	1	75.0	1980	28	1967	29	62.2	1974	62	168	.1	4.1	30.0	.0	.3	.0
Oct	70.1	45.3	57.7	93	1963	10	63.0	1971	18+	1981	24	51.8	1976	247	20	.0	.1	30.0	.0	4.5	.0
Nov	55.8	35.3	45.6	82	1999	14	54.9	1999	3+	1991	8	37.7	1976	584	0	.0	.0	19.4	.9	13.9	.0
Dec	44.4	25.2	34.8	77	1991	9	43.3	1984	-15	1983	25	20.8	1983	936	0	.0	.0	10.2	5.4	24.4	1.1
Ann	66.6	44.5	55.6	106	Jul 1980	17	84.4	Jul 1980	-19	Jan 1985	20	18.0	Jan 1977	4712	1290	1.8	36.0	282.2	21.1	111.3	5.4

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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	2.16	2.10	2.40	1982	31	5.22	1995	.03	1986	7.5	4.8	1.2	.5	.27	.44	.75	1.05	1.37	1.72	2.13	2.64	3.33	4.46	5.55
Feb	2.31	2.15	2.18	1985	23	4.95	1985	.47	1983	6.9	4.4	1.6	.6	.57	.79	1.12	1.42	1.72	2.03	2.38	2.80	3.34	4.20	5.01
Mar	3.75	3.39	3.89	1984	21	9.35	1973	1.12	1972	9.3	6.9	2.7	.9	1.28	1.64	2.15	2.59	3.01	3.44	3.91	4.47	5.17	6.27	7.27
Apr	4.27	3.66	3.52	1983	29	10.73	1994	.37	2000	10.5	7.0	2.9	1.3	.98	1.37	2.00	2.56	3.12	3.71	4.38	5.18	6.23	7.89	9.46
May	4.60	4.65	4.40	1978	20	9.53	1990	1.35	1975	11.9	7.7	2.9	1.1	1.65	2.08	2.71	3.24	3.74	4.25	4.81	5.46	6.29	7.57	8.75
Jun	4.74	4.27	4.09	1985	4	15.91	1985	1.36	1988	10.1	7.4	3.3	1.5	1.40	1.85	2.53	3.11	3.68	4.27	4.92	5.69	6.68	8.23	9.67
Jul	3.33	3.36	4.85	1961	20	8.71	1979	1.00	1982	8.5	5.9	2.1	.8	.99	1.31	1.79	2.19	2.59	3.01	3.46	4.00	4.70	5.78	6.79
Aug	3.08	2.85	3.54	1971	22	7.70	1974	.36	2000	7.5	5.0	1.9	.7	.82	1.11	1.56	1.95	2.33	2.74	3.18	3.71	4.40	5.48	6.50
Sep	4.01	3.81	4.68	1993	25	13.25	1993	.31	1982	8.3	5.5	2.7	1.1	.70	1.05	1.63	2.18	2.74	3.35	4.05	4.89	6.01	7.83	9.56
Oct	3.31	2.93	2.95	1949	22	6.65	1986	.93	1999	8.1	5.6	2.4	1.0	1.10	1.41	1.87	2.26	2.64	3.03	3.45	3.94	4.58	5.56	6.47
Nov	4.36	3.53	4.39	1993	14	9.40	1985	.28	1976	8.8	6.1	2.9	1.1	.74	1.12	1.76	2.36	2.97	3.64	4.40	5.32	6.56	8.55	10.46
Dec	3.07	2.49	6.58	1982	3	11.09	1982	.62	1989	7.6	5.0	2.2	1.0	.61	.89	1.34	1.76	2.18	2.62	3.13	3.74	4.55	5.84	7.07
Ann	42.99	43.30	6.58	Dec 1982	3	15.91	Jun 1985	.03	Jan 1986	105.0	71.3	28.8	11.6	29.10	31.74	35.15	37.76	40.08	42.34	44.69	47.29	50.46	55.08	59.10

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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	6.2	4.5	1	1	6.8	1995	19	18.0	1979	11	1978	21	7	1977	2.8	2.2	.8	.3	.0	8.2	4.8	2.3	.4
Feb	4.1	1.8	1	#	16.0	1980	8	20.5	1980	16	1980	11	5	1980	1.5	1.1	.4	.2	.1	6.1	4.2	2.8	.4
Mar	2.5	.8	#	#	9.0	1975	10	13.0	1999	9	1975	10	2	1975	1.2	.8	.4	.2	.0	1.6	.9	.3	.0
Apr	.8	.0	#	0	8.5	1980	14	8.5	1980	8	1980	14	#+	1994	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.2	.1	@	.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	.1	.0	#	0	1.5	1993	30	1.5	1993	1	1993	30	#	1993	@	@	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Nov	1.7	.0	#	#	6.5	1972	19	8.0+	1975	8	1975	28	1	1980	.8	.6	.2	.1	.0	1.0	.5	.2	.0
Dec	2.4	1.3	#	#	16.0	2000	13	16.0	2000	10	2000	14	3	2000	1.8	1.3	.4	.2	@	2.9	2.0	1.0	.1
Ann	17.8	8.4	N/A	N/A	16.0+	Dec 2000	13	20.5	Feb 1980	16	Feb 1980	11	7	Jan 1977	8.3	6.2	2.3	1.1	.1	20.0	12.5	6.6	.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	5/23	5/17	5/13	5/09	5/06	5/03	4/29	4/25	4/20
32	5/07	5/01	4/27	4/23	4/20	4/16	4/13	4/08	4/02
28	4/24	4/18	4/14	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/01	3/28	3/23
24	4/13	4/08	4/04	4/01	3/29	3/27	3/24	3/20	3/15
20	3/31	3/25	3/21	3/17	3/14	3/11	3/07	3/03	2/25
16	3/24	3/16	3/10	3/05	3/01	2/24	2/20	2/14	2/06
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	9/15	9/20	9/23	9/26	9/29	10/02	10/05	10/08	10/13
32	9/26	10/01	10/04	10/07	10/09	10/12	10/14	10/18	10/22
28	10/06	10/13	10/18	10/22	10/26	10/29	11/03	11/07	11/14
24	10/20	10/27	10/31	11/04	11/07	11/11	11/15	11/19	11/25
20	10/29	11/05	11/09	11/13	11/17	11/21	11/25	11/29	12/06
16	11/07	11/13	11/18	11/22	11/25	11/29	12/03	12/07	12/13
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	168	160	154	150	145	140	136	130	122
32	195	187	181	176	172	167	162	156	148
28	227	218	211	205	200	195	189	182	173
24	243	236	231	226	222	218	214	209	202
20	272	263	257	252	248	243	238	232	223
16	300	289	282	275	269	262	256	248	237

\* 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	1062	806	590	289	121	10	0	5	62	247	584	936	4712
60	907	670	445	173	54	2	0	1	22	134	444	783	3635
57	814	592	361	118	28	0	0	0	10	84	364	695	3066
55	754	540	309	88	17	0	0	0	6	59	313	638	2724
50	610	416	199	34	4	0	0	0	0	19	206	497	1985
32	194	107	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	133	465

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	155	226	448	716	992	1214	1417	1386	1096	797	423	220	9090
55	2	14	30	114	297	524	704	673	412	142	29	11	2952
57	0	10	20	84	246	464	642	611	356	105	20	7	2565
60	0	5	10	49	178	376	549	519	278	63	10	2	2039
65	0	0	0	15	90	235	394	368	168	20	0	0	1290
70	0	0	0	3	34	118	246	231	88	4	0	0	724

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	38	100	245	473	725	959	1147	1111	831	529	218	67	38	138	383	856	1581	2540	3687	4798	5629	6158	6376	6443
45	14	52	153	337	570	809	992	956	681	385	134	34	14	66	219	556	1126	1935	2927	3883	4564	4949	5083	5117
50	3	21	83	218	419	659	837	801	532	256	70	13	3	24	107	325	744	1403	2240	3041	3573	3829	3899	3912
55	0	6	40	126	279	510	682	646	393	151	29	1	0	6	46	172	451	961	1643	2289	2682	2833	2862	2863
60	0	1	14	62	162	361	527	492	266	70	7	0	0	1	15	77	239	600	1127	1619	1885	1955	1962	1962
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	34	73	164	299	463	645	775	745	548	340	138	48	34	107	271	570	1033	1678	2453	3198	3746	4086	4224	4272

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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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