

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: KIPLING 3 NW, MS

COOP ID: 224702

Climate Division: MS 6

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Lat: 32°43N

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## 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	55.0	31.7	43.4	82+	1949	11	52.8	1974	-4	1962	12	32.9	1977	675	0	.0	.0	22.1	.7	17.0	.1
Feb	59.8	34.1	47.0	85	1962	27	53.4	1990	1	1951	2	37.7	1978	504	0	.0	.0	23.3	.4	11.9	.0
Mar	68.1	41.3	54.7	90	1995	22	61.8	1974	10	1980	3	49.2	1996	333	13	.0	@	29.9	.0	6.8	.0
Apr	75.3	48.7	62.0	94	1987	21	67.6	1981	26+	1973	11	58.1	1997	126	36	.0	.2	30.0	.0	1.3	.0
May	82.2	57.9	70.1	99	1951	31	73.0	1987	35	1971	4	64.9	1976	19	175	.0	2.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	88.8	65.2	77.0	102	1954	28	79.8	1981	41	1956	3	73.8	1974	0	359	.1	14.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	91.3	69.2	80.3	104+	1980	14	83.1	1980	50+	1950	1	77.6	1994	0	473	.7	20.7	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	91.4	68.2	79.8	104+	1951	31	82.5	1999	50	1968	30	75.7	1992	0	459	.8	20.8	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	86.4	62.0	74.2	103	1951	1	79.4	1980	33	1967	30	70.9	1975	7	283	.3	10.6	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	77.0	49.1	63.1	98	1954	5	69.9	1984	18	1952	30	57.6	1987	134	73	.0	.9	30.9	.0	1.4	.0
Nov	66.9	40.7	53.8	85+	1955	13	60.8	1985	13	1950	25	45.9	1976	350	14	.0	.0	28.6	.0	7.5	.0
Dec	58.1	34.5	46.3	82+	1951	6	55.1	1984	0	1989	23	37.6	2000	582	3	.0	.0	24.8	.3	13.5	@
Ann	75.0	50.2	62.6	104+	Jul 1980	14	83.1	Jul 1980	-4	Jan 1962	12	32.9	Jan 1977	2730	1888	1.9	69.6	342.6	1.4	59.4	.1

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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	5.70	5.56	5.20	1950	6	12.13	1990	1.06	1986	10.8	8.2	4.0	1.7	1.91	2.45	3.24	3.91	4.56	5.22	5.94	6.79	7.88	9.56	11.12
Feb	4.98	4.41	5.15	1990	16	10.93	1990	1.34	1976	8.6	6.3	3.6	1.9	1.56	2.03	2.73	3.33	3.91	4.52	5.18	5.96	6.96	8.52	9.97
Mar	6.47	6.07	4.53	1979	3	17.59	1976	1.87	1992	9.8	7.8	4.4	2.3	2.06	2.68	3.59	4.36	5.11	5.89	6.74	7.74	9.03	11.03	12.88
Apr	5.67	4.64	6.25	1974	12	16.63	1979	.51	1976	7.9	5.9	3.1	2.1	1.06	1.56	2.40	3.17	3.95	4.79	5.75	6.91	8.46	10.93	13.29
May	4.88	3.33	4.56	1983	16	12.75	1989	.16	2000	9.3	6.6	3.0	1.3	.73	1.14	1.84	2.52	3.22	3.99	4.88	5.96	7.42	9.79	12.07
Jun	4.10	3.31	3.65	1974	6	12.31	1989	.95	1988	9.3	7.1	2.9	1.1	1.10	1.49	2.09	2.61	3.12	3.65	4.24	4.95	5.87	7.30	8.64
Jul	4.76	4.72	3.68	1952	2	9.77+	1984	.45	1993	9.9	7.2	3.4	1.5	1.14	1.58	2.28	2.90	3.52	4.17	4.90	5.77	6.91	8.71	10.41
Aug	3.01	2.61	3.60	1992	27	10.55	1992	.25	1980	8.8	5.7	2.0	.7	.71	.99	1.43	1.82	2.22	2.63	3.10	3.65	4.38	5.53	6.62
Sep	3.31	3.05	4.77	1979	13	9.40	1979	.51+	1990	7.1	4.8	2.1	.8	.64	.94	1.43	1.87	2.33	2.81	3.37	4.03	4.91	6.33	7.68
Oct	3.16	2.64	4.56	1977	25	8.37	1985	.02	1987	5.8	4.2	1.9	1.0	.30	.53	.95	1.39	1.87	2.41	3.06	3.86	4.96	6.79	8.59
Nov	4.48	4.05	4.47	1948	28	10.34	1986	.57	1999	8.4	6.3	3.3	1.7	1.10	1.52	2.17	2.75	3.33	3.94	4.61	5.42	6.48	8.15	9.71
Dec	5.11	4.23	6.00	1994	5	11.53	1973	1.04	1980	9.1	6.9	3.4	1.6	1.66	2.14	2.86	3.47	4.05	4.66	5.32	6.10	7.10	8.66	10.09
Ann	55.63	52.98	6.25	Apr 1974	12	17.59	Mar 1976	.02	Oct 1987	104.8	77.0	37.1	17.7	37.84	41.23	45.60	48.94	51.92	54.82	57.82	61.15	65.21	71.12	76.26

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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	.0	#	0	3.5	1977	31	5.5	1977	4	1982	14	#+	2000	.4	.3	.1	.0	.0	.3	.1	.0	.0
Feb	#	.0	#	0	#	1989	23	#+	1989	#+	1989	23	#+	1989	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Mar	.3	.0	#	0	6.0	1993	13	6.0	1993	6	1993	13	#+	1993	.1	@	@	@	.0	.1	.1	@	.0
Apr	.1	.0	#	0	2.0	1987	3	2.0	1987	2	1987	3	#	1987	.1	.1	.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	#	1975	23	#+	1975	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	.0	.0	#	0	.5	1973	20	.5	1973	1	1973	20	#	1973	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Ann	1.0	.0	N/A	N/A	6.0	Mar 1993	13	6.0	Mar 1993	6	Mar 1993	13	#+	Jan 2000	.6	.4	.1	@	.0	.4	.2	@	.0

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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	4/29	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/16	4/13	4/11	4/07	4/03
32	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/07	4/05	4/03	3/31	3/29	3/25
28	4/06	4/01	3/28	3/24	3/21	3/17	3/14	3/10	3/04
24	3/18	3/11	3/06	3/02	2/26	2/21	2/17	2/12	2/05
20	3/10	3/02	2/25	2/20	2/16	2/12	2/07	2/02	1/25
16	3/03	2/22	2/15	2/09	2/03	1/28	1/20	1/05	0/00
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	10/04	10/08	10/11	10/13	10/15	10/18	10/20	10/23	10/27
32	10/10	10/16	10/20	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/06	11/11
28	10/27	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/13	11/17	11/20	11/25	11/30
24	11/09	11/16	11/22	11/26	11/30	12/04	12/09	12/14	12/21
20	11/23	12/02	12/08	12/13	12/18	12/22	12/27	1/02	1/11
16	12/02	12/14	12/23	12/31	1/07	1/16	1/26	2/15	0/00
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	199	193	189	185	182	178	175	170	165
32	219	213	210	206	203	200	197	193	188
28	263	254	248	242	237	232	226	220	211
24	305	295	288	282	277	271	265	258	249
20	331	318	311	305	300	295	290	284	276
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	339	326	316	306	293

\* 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	675	504	333	126	19	0	0	0	7	134	350	582	2730
60	530	370	208	48	2	0	0	0	1	62	227	439	1887
57	446	292	148	22	0	0	0	0	0	34	167	358	1467
55	393	244	115	12	0	0	0	0	0	21	133	308	1226
50	275	143	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	65	202	744
32	33	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	51

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	385	423	703	900	1179	1349	1496	1482	1266	962	654	459	11258
55	32	19	105	222	466	659	783	769	576	271	97	39	4038
57	23	12	77	172	404	599	721	707	516	222	71	27	3551
60	14	6	43	108	313	509	628	614	427	156	41	16	2875
65	0	0	13	36	175	359	473	459	283	73	14	3	1888
70	0	0	2	7	73	212	318	304	158	25	2	0	1101

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	204	292	503	682	954	1116	1247	1227	1037	726	440	272	204	496	999	1681	2635	3751	4998	6225	7262	7988	8428	8700
45	121	188	359	532	799	966	1092	1072	887	571	307	169	121	309	668	1200	1999	2965	4057	5129	6016	6587	6894	7063
50	64	108	235	386	644	816	937	917	737	420	195	98	64	172	407	793	1437	2253	3190	4107	4844	5264	5459	5557
55	28	53	129	252	489	666	782	762	587	279	109	50	28	81	210	462	951	1617	2399	3161	3748	4027	4136	4186
60	5	17	63	138	337	516	627	607	440	163	50	24	5	22	85	223	560	1076	1703	2310	2750	2913	2963	2987
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	143	196	335	449	638	765	855	834	700	485	292	182	143	339	674	1123	1761	2526	3381	4215	4915	5400	5692	5874

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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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