

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: MCCLELLANVILLE, SC

COOP ID: 385628

Climate Division: SC 7

NWS Call Sign:

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Lon: 79°28W

## 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	57.6	36.0	46.8	81	1972	28	59.3	1974	4	1985	21	36.1	1977	576	0	.0	.0	25.9	.1	11.5	.0
Feb	60.6	37.6	49.1	81+	2001	26	56.5	1990	13	1996	5	37.8	1978	447	2	.0	.0	24.8	.1	9.1	.0
Mar	67.4	44.2	55.8	89+	1974	10	61.3	1997	13+	1980	3	50.6	1971	296	10	.0	.0	30.3	@	4.6	.0
Apr	74.7	51.2	63.0	93+	1989	27	67.5	1991	23	1983	20	58.7	1983	104	42	.0	.5	30.0	.0	.8	.0
May	81.9	60.5	71.2	97	1962	27	77.6	1991	36	1963	2	68.5	1976	12	204	.0	1.7	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	87.7	68.0	77.9	104	1990	21	82.3	1981	43	1984	1	73.7	1972	0	385	.1	8.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	91.0	72.0	81.5	104	1999	31	83.6	1993	54+	1988	2	78.8	1975	0	510	.4	17.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	89.4	70.6	80.0	104	1999	1	83.0	1999	55+	1994	26	76.7	1976	0	465	.2	13.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	84.5	65.6	75.1	96+	1994	1	77.4	1977	41	1983	23	72.4+	1984	1	302	.0	4.4	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	76.8	54.5	65.7	95	1986	5	71.9	1985	28	1976	28	59.9	1987	94	114	.0	.2	31.0	.0	.2	.0
Nov	68.9	45.5	57.2	89	1961	5	66.2	1985	17	1970	25	49.1	1976	260	27	.0	.0	29.5	.0	4.4	.0
Dec	60.6	38.5	49.6	88	1972	11	57.7	1971	5	1983	26	40.6	1989	485	6	.0	.0	27.2	.1	8.8	.0
Ann	75.1	53.7	64.4	104+	Aug 1999	1	83.6	Jul 1993	4	Jan 1985	21	36.1	Jan 1977	2275	2067	.7	44.9	351.7	.3	39.4	.0

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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	4.51	4.50	3.51	1998	23	10.42	1998	.85	1981	11.9	8.0	3.1	1.0	1.38	1.81	2.45	3.00	3.53	4.08	4.69	5.41	6.33	7.77	9.11
Feb	3.36	2.70	2.95	1965	7	9.97	1998	.60	1976	9.2	5.6	2.4	1.0	.86	1.18	1.67	2.10	2.52	2.97	3.47	4.06	4.83	6.04	7.18
Mar	4.42	4.19	4.45	1983	17	11.22	1983	1.60	1999	10.0	5.9	3.0	1.2	1.66	2.07	2.66	3.16	3.63	4.11	4.63	5.23	6.00	7.18	8.26
Apr	3.12	2.84	4.86	1997	28	7.83	1984	.00	1972	7.6	4.6	2.0	1.0	.29	.65	1.16	1.61	2.08	2.59	3.16	3.86	4.78	6.29	7.72
May	3.28	2.93	3.65	1967	23	7.66	1976	.70	1983	8.4	5.0	2.2	.8	.82	1.13	1.61	2.03	2.45	2.89	3.39	3.97	4.74	5.95	7.09
Jun	5.63	4.87	4.54	1997	28	16.55	1973	1.41	1988	10.9	6.9	3.4	1.6	1.25	1.77	2.60	3.34	4.09	4.88	5.77	6.83	8.24	10.47	12.58
Jul	6.21	6.02	4.25	1959	9	12.26	1975	.70	1987	11.6	7.9	3.9	2.1	2.07	2.66	3.52	4.25	4.95	5.68	6.47	7.40	8.59	10.44	12.15
Aug	6.52	5.87	4.70	1964	29	15.77	1971	.40	1980	13.3	8.6	3.9	1.8	1.62	2.23	3.18	4.03	4.86	5.74	6.72	7.89	9.42	11.84	14.10
Sep	6.09	5.87	10.26	1999	15	14.18	1999	.59	1990	10.7	6.7	3.3	1.8	1.12	1.66	2.55	3.38	4.22	5.14	6.17	7.43	9.09	11.77	14.33
Oct	3.88	3.10	7.45	1990	11	14.32	1971	.00	2000	7.7	4.6	2.3	1.2	.10	.35	.86	1.41	2.03	2.75	3.62	4.73	6.28	8.89	11.49
Nov	3.05	2.29	6.15	1985	4	10.71	1985	.79	1996	9.2	4.9	1.7	.7	.57	.84	1.29	1.70	2.12	2.58	3.10	3.72	4.55	5.88	7.15
Dec	3.41	2.93	3.62	1964	27	8.59	1994	.67	1984	9.9	5.9	2.2	1.0	.83	1.15	1.65	2.09	2.53	2.99	3.51	4.13	4.94	6.22	7.42
Ann	53.48	51.65	10.26	Sep 1999	15	16.55	Jun 1973	.00+	Oct 2000	120.4	74.6	33.4	15.2	39.69	42.41	45.86	48.47	50.78	53.00	55.28	57.80	60.84	65.23	69.00

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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	#	.0	#	0	#	1987	27	#+	1987	#+	2000	26	#+	2000	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Feb	.1	.0	#	0	1.0	1996	16	1.0	1996	1	1996	16	#	1996	.1	@	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Mar	#	.0	#	0	#	1983	25	#	1983	2	1980	2	#	1980	.0	.0	.0	.0	.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	0	0	1.0	1980	27	1.0	1980	9	1989	24	1	1989	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	.1	.0	N/A	N/A	1.0+	Feb 1996	16	1.0+	Feb 1996	9	Dec 1989	24	1	Dec 1989	.1	@	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.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	4/23	4/17	4/14	4/10	4/07	4/04	4/01	3/28	3/23
32	4/16	4/09	4/05	3/31	3/27	3/24	3/19	3/14	3/08
28	3/30	3/23	3/17	3/13	3/08	3/04	2/27	2/22	2/15
24	3/20	3/12	3/05	2/28	2/23	2/18	2/12	2/06	1/28
20	2/27	2/19	2/13	2/07	2/02	1/28	1/22	1/13	0/00
16	2/05	1/24	1/14	12/31	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	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	10/15	10/21	10/25	10/29	11/01	11/04	11/08	11/12	11/18
32	10/26	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/14	11/17	11/21	11/26	12/02
28	11/08	11/15	11/20	11/25	11/29	12/03	12/08	12/13	12/20
24	11/17	11/27	12/05	12/11	12/17	12/23	12/29	1/05	1/15
20	12/09	12/21	12/29	1/06	1/13	1/21	1/31	2/14	0/00
16	12/28	1/09	1/20	2/02	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	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	228	221	216	211	207	203	199	193	186
32	261	250	243	237	231	225	218	211	200
28	294	284	277	271	265	259	253	246	236
24	341	321	310	301	293	286	278	269	256
20	>365	>365	>365	355	339	330	322	314	303
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	343

\* 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	576	447	296	104	12	0	0	0	1	94	260	485	2275
60	436	319	171	34	1	0	0	0	0	39	155	343	1498
57	359	247	113	13	0	0	0	0	0	20	106	266	1124
55	312	204	82	6	0	0	0	0	0	12	78	221	915
50	214	119	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	131	526
32	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	28

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	480	481	736	928	1216	1375	1533	1488	1291	1043	756	548	11875
55	58	38	106	245	503	685	820	775	601	342	145	52	4370
57	43	25	75	192	441	625	758	713	541	288	112	35	3848
60	27	13	39	123	349	535	665	620	451	214	71	19	3126
65	0	2	10	42	204	385	510	465	302	114	27	6	2067
70	0	0	0	8	92	239	355	310	160	45	8	0	1217

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	278	319	519	702	958	1127	1271	1233	1062	809	537	338	278	597	1116	1818	2776	3903	5174	6407	7469	8278	8815	9153
45	165	202	375	552	803	977	1116	1078	912	654	395	214	165	367	742	1294	2097	3074	4190	5268	6180	6834	7229	7443
50	83	112	240	403	648	827	961	923	762	500	264	121	83	195	435	838	1486	2313	3274	4197	4959	5459	5723	5844
55	32	52	132	268	493	677	806	768	612	350	162	56	32	84	216	484	977	1654	2460	3228	3840	4190	4352	4408
60	11	16	61	149	340	527	651	613	462	216	79	23	11	27	88	237	577	1104	1755	2368	2830	3046	3125	3148
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	165	200	325	452	644	784	890	871	743	534	339	202	165	365	690	1142	1786	2570	3460	4331	5074	5608	5947	6149

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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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