

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: BOYS RANCH, TX

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Climate Division: TX 1

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Lon: 102° 15W

## 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	51.3	20.5	35.9	80+	1999	15	42.9	1986	-8+	1988	8	25.9	1979	903	0	.0	.0	17.0	4.0	30.0	.7
Feb	56.4	25.2	40.8	82+	1996	22	49.2	1991	-7	1986	12	28.4	1978	678	0	.0	.0	19.7	2.2	23.3	.2
Mar	65.1	32.1	48.6	95	1989	12	53.7	1986	3	1982	6	44.3	1998	508	0	.0	.1	26.4	.3	19.1	.0
Apr	73.0	40.1	56.6	99	1965	22	61.3	1990	19+	1997	12	50.0	1997	274	20	.0	.8	28.6	@	4.6	.0
May	80.4	50.8	65.6	103	1996	16	72.6	1996	29	1991	1	61.9	1976	78	97	.3	4.3	30.8	.0	@	.0
Jun	89.1	61.1	75.1	109	1990	24	81.9	1990	44+	1993	8	69.7	1989	7	309	2.8	14.8	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	92.3	65.3	78.8	110	1982	27	83.7	1980	51+	1990	13	75.3	1975	0	427	2.6	22.8	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	89.7	63.4	76.6	106	1964	7	81.1	2000	51+	1988	29	72.9+	1974	1	359	1.2	19.2	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	83.1	55.3	69.2	104	1995	5	74.7	1998	28	1984	30	62.9	1974	38	165	.5	8.0	29.8	.0	.2	.0
Oct	73.4	42.1	57.8	96	2000	3	60.8	1979	13	1993	30	51.4	1976	235	9	.0	.6	30.4	@	4.0	.0
Nov	60.4	28.9	44.7	89	1980	11	51.1	1999	-2	1980	26	37.6	1972	611	0	.0	.0	24.1	.6	21.6	.1
Dec	51.9	21.6	36.8	80+	1996	9	41.8	1994	-11	1983	29	25.6	1983	876	0	.0	.0	19.8	2.4	29.0	.6
Ann	72.2	42.2	57.2	110	Jul 1982	27	83.7	Jul 1980	-11	Dec 1983	29	25.6	Dec 1983	4209	1386	7.4	70.6	318.6	9.5	131.8	1.6

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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	.49	.39	1.61	1999	29	1.71	1999	.00+	1986	3.4	1.1	.2	@	.00	.04	.11	.19	.27	.36	.47	.60	.78	1.09	1.39
Feb	.28	.19	.67	1990	20	1.09	1983	.00+	1999	3.2	1.2	@	.0	.00	.00	.02	.07	.12	.18	.25	.35	.48	.70	.92
Mar	.89	.75	1.44	2000	23	4.10	2000	.00+	1997	4.7	2.5	.7	.1	.00	.06	.19	.33	.48	.65	.85	1.10	1.45	2.04	2.62
Apr	1.13	.60	2.10	1999	13	6.39	1999	.00+	1996	4.7	2.6	.8	.3	.00	.04	.17	.32	.51	.73	1.01	1.36	1.87	2.74	3.62
May	2.47	2.47	4.20	1988	31	6.13	1988	.14	1998	6.8	4.9	1.9	.6	.44	.65	1.01	1.35	1.70	2.07	2.50	3.01	3.70	4.81	5.87
Jun	2.18	2.02	2.78	1989	13	4.55	1992	.15	1998	6.9	4.3	1.4	.5	.45	.65	.97	1.27	1.56	1.87	2.23	2.66	3.22	4.12	4.97
Jul	2.96	2.93	3.00	1982	30	6.72	1994	.02	1989	6.8	4.8	1.8	.7	.39	.63	1.05	1.47	1.90	2.38	2.93	3.61	4.53	6.04	7.50
Aug	3.20	2.98	3.13	1987	9	10.11	1981	.12	1983	8.7	5.5	1.9	.9	.38	.63	1.08	1.53	2.00	2.53	3.14	3.90	4.94	6.64	8.29
Sep	1.94	1.49	4.50	1990	28	7.95	1990	.00	2000	5.6	3.2	1.2	.5	.04	.14	.38	.65	.96	1.32	1.77	2.35	3.16	4.55	5.94
Oct	1.48	.99	2.99	2000	23	6.87	2000	.00+	1992	3.7	2.0	.8	.4	.00	.10	.34	.56	.81	1.09	1.42	1.83	2.40	3.36	4.29
Nov	.66	.58	1.29	1986	4	1.83	1986	.00+	1999	3.3	1.8	.4	.1	.00	.05	.16	.27	.38	.50	.64	.82	1.06	1.46	1.85
Dec	.50	.41	1.06	2000	26	2.72	1991	.00+	1996	3.2	1.6	.2	@	.00	.00	.04	.12	.21	.31	.44	.60	.84	1.23	1.63
Ann	18.18	17.30	4.50	Sep 1990	28	10.11	Aug 1981	.00+	Sep 2000	61.0	35.5	11.3	4.1	11.79	12.98	14.53	15.73	16.80	17.84	18.93	20.14	21.61	23.78	25.67

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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	3.0	3.0	#	0	15.5	1999	29	15.5	1999	5	1999	29	#+	2000	1.0	.8	.4	.2	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	1.3	.0	#	0	6.0	1983	1	14.0	1983	2	1996	2	#+	1998	.7	.3	.2	.1	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	.7	.0	#	0	3.0	1999	18	3.5+	1999	5	1994	8	#+	1999	.3	.2	.1	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Apr	.1	.0	#	0	1.5	1983	7	1.5	1983	#+	1997	13	#+	1997	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
May	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Jun	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Jul	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Aug	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Sep	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Oct	.0	.0	#	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	3	1991	31	#	1991	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Nov	1.9	.0	#	0	12.0	2000	7	13.5	1980	8	2000	7	#+	2000	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Dec	2.5	.0	#	0	12.0	2000	26	14.8	1997	14	2000	27	2+	2000	.6	.5	.2	.2	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Ann	9.5	3.0	N/A	N/A	15.5	Jan 1999	29	15.5	Jan 1999	14	Dec 2000	27	2+	Dec 2000	3.0	2.1	1.1	.7	.3	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9

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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	5/12	5/07	5/04	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/24	4/20	4/16
32	4/28	4/23	4/19	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/07	4/04	3/30
28	4/21	4/16	4/12	4/09	4/07	4/04	4/01	3/28	3/23
24	4/12	4/06	4/02	3/29	3/26	3/22	3/18	3/14	3/08
20	4/07	3/30	3/25	3/20	3/16	3/12	3/07	3/02	2/22
16	3/30	3/21	3/15	3/10	3/05	2/28	2/22	2/16	2/07
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	9/27	9/30	10/03	10/05	10/07	10/09	10/11	10/14	10/17
32	10/02	10/07	10/10	10/14	10/16	10/19	10/22	10/26	10/31
28	10/14	10/18	10/22	10/24	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/05	11/10
24	10/23	10/27	10/31	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/12	11/15	11/20
20	11/01	11/06	11/09	11/12	11/15	11/17	11/20	11/24	11/28
16	11/07	11/14	11/18	11/22	11/26	11/30	12/04	12/08	12/15
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	177	172	167	164	160	157	153	149	143
32	204	198	193	189	186	182	178	173	167
28	222	215	210	207	203	199	195	190	184
24	250	241	235	230	225	220	214	208	199
20	269	260	254	248	243	238	233	226	218
16	292	283	276	271	266	261	255	249	240

\* 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)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Heating Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Below</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>65</b>	903	678	508	274	78	7	0	1	38	235	611	876	4209
<b>60</b>	748	542	355	162	27	0	0	0	9	114	464	721	3142
<b>57</b>	656	464	269	110	11	0	0	0	3	64	381	628	2586
<b>55</b>	595	412	215	81	6	0	0	0	0	42	328	566	2245
<b>50</b>	448	292	107	30	1	0	0	0	0	11	210	416	1515
<b>32</b>	73	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	45	169

<b>Base</b>	<b>Cooling Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Above</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>32</b>	193	284	516	736	1042	1293	1450	1381	1117	797	392	192	9393
<b>55</b>	2	13	17	127	335	603	737	668	427	126	17	0	3072
<b>57</b>	1	9	9	96	278	543	675	606	370	86	10	0	2683
<b>60</b>	0	4	2	58	201	453	582	513	286	43	4	0	2146
<b>65</b>	0	0	0	20	97	309	427	359	165	9	0	0	1386
<b>70</b>	0	0	0	5	34	183	274	212	79	1	0	0	788

**Growing Degree Units (2)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>40</b>	45	131	261	501	805	1059	1212	1153	886	546	202	66	45	176	437	938	1743	2802	4014	5167	6053	6599	6801	6867
<b>45</b>	14	63	156	363	650	909	1057	998	737	396	107	27	14	77	233	596	1246	2155	3212	4210	4947	5343	5450	5477
<b>50</b>	0	24	72	235	497	759	902	843	590	251	45	2	0	24	96	331	828	1587	2489	3332	3922	4173	4218	4220
<b>55</b>	0	4	28	132	347	610	747	688	442	133	14	0	0	4	32	164	511	1121	1868	2556	2998	3131	3145	3145
<b>60</b>	0	0	8	60	213	460	592	533	308	53	1	0	0	0	8	68	281	741	1333	1866	2174	2227	2228	2228
<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
<b>50/86</b>	83	142	234	345	509	685	798	761	570	383	194	104	83	225	459	804	1313	1998	2796	3557	4127	4510	4704	4808

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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.  
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[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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