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

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**COOP ID: 116558** 

Lon: 87°39W

**Station: PALESTINE 2 W, IL** 

Climate Division: IL 7 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 37.5 20.9 29.2 75 1943 24 42.0 1990 -21+ 1994 19 13.5 1977 1110 0 .0 .0 4.6 10.4 25.8 2.6 Jan 43.5 25.8 34.7 77 1972 29 44.0 1992 -18+1982 10 19.5 1978 850 0 .0 .0 8.2 5.8 20.0 1.3 Feb Mar 55.0 35.3 45.2 88 1929 24 52.5 1990 -12 1960 6 36.6 1978 616 0 .0 .0 19.5 .9 13.1 .1 1983 Apr 66.3 44.3 55.3 94 1989 26 61.3 1981 18 2001 50.1 302 11 .0. .1 28.1 .0 3.4 0. May 76.7 54.4 65.6 98+ 1988 31 73.2 1987 28 1903 1 60.5 1976 115 131 .0 1.3 31.0 .0 .1 .0 63.5 74.4 1954 78.7 34 69.0 7.9 Jun 85.2 108 +26 1994 1988 10 1982 9 288 .4 30.0 .0 .0 .0 Jul 88.5 67.0 77.8 114 1954 14 81.0 38 9 73.4 1971 395 12.3 31.0 0. .0 1988 1917 0 .6 .0 5 86.5 64.8 75.7 108 1930 8 82.8 1988 41 1946 30 72.2 1986 335 .4 9.0 31.0 .0 .0 .0 Aug 5 37 .2 Sep 80.5 56.8 68.7 107 +1954 72.1 1986 26 +1942 28 63.3 1974 148 .0 3.6 30.0 .0 .0 45.4 2 47.6 1988 278 33 Oct 68.8 57.1 95 1953 63.6 1971 16 1952 21 .0 .1 30.1 .0 3.4 .0 54.3 36.5 45.4 84 1950 1 50.9 1994 0 1929 30 37.1 1976 589 .0 .0 18.9 12.5 .0 Nov 1 .4 Dec 42.0 26.2 34.1 74+ 1998 6 41.9 1982 -23 1989 22 22.3 2000 959 0 .0 .0 6.9 5.7 22.2 1.2 Jul Aug Dec Jan 65.4 45.1 55.3 114 1954 14 82.8 1988 -23 1989 22 13.5 1977 4870 1342 1.4 34.3 269.3 23.2 100.7 5.2 Ann

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|       |       |             |                     |             |        |                       |             |                      |             | Pı         | ecipi      | tation     | (incl      | hes)   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
|-------|-------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
|       | Me    | ans/        | P                   | recipi      | 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           |                      |             | П          | aily Pre   | cipitatio  | n          | These values were determined from the incomplete gamma distribution  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| Month | Mean  | Med-<br>ian | Highest<br>Daily(2) | Year        | Day    | Highest<br>Monthly(1) | Year        | Lowest<br>Monthly(1) | Year        | >=<br>0.01 | >=<br>0.10 | >=<br>0.50 | >=<br>1.00 | .05  | .10   | .20   | .30   | .40   | .50   | .60   | .70   | .80   | .90   | .95   |  |  |
| Jan   | 2.45  | 1.66        | 3.62                | 1916        | 30     | 8.81                  | 1999        | .19                  | 1986        | 9.1        | 5.6        | 1.6        | .5         | .39  | .60   | .95   | 1.29  | 1.64  | 2.02  | 2.46  | 2.99  | 3.70  | 4.86  | 5.97  |  |  |
| Feb   | 2.58  | 2.57        | 2.70                | 1999        | 7      | 5.59                  | 1990        | .45                  | 1978        | 8.2        | 5.1        | 1.8        | .5         | .74  | .99   | 1.36  | 1.68  | 1.99  | 2.31  | 2.67  | 3.10  | 3.65  | 4.51  | 5.31  |  |  |
| Mar   | 3.80  | 4.09        | 4.40                | 1904        | 25     | 7.83                  | 1973        | .68                  | 1994        | 10.4       | 7.8        | 2.8        | .8         | 1.10   | 1.46  | 2.01  | 2.48  | 2.94  | 3.41  | 3.94  | 4.57  | 5.37  | 6.64  | 7.82  |  |  |
| Apr   | 4.00  | 3.61        | 2.70+               | 1994        | 30     | 9.58                  | 1994        | 1.19                 | 1976        | 11.3       | 8.6        | 2.8        | .8         | 1.32   | 1.70  | 2.26  | 2.73  | 3.19  | 3.66  | 4.17  | 4.77  | 5.54  | 6.74  | 7.85  |  |  |
| May   | 4.67  | 4.25        | 4.00                | 1996        | 8      | 10.94                 | 1974        | 1.20                 | 1987        | 10.5       | 7.7        | 3.3        | 1.4        | 1.23   | 1.67  | 2.35  | 2.94  | 3.53  | 4.14  | 4.83  | 5.64  | 6.70  | 8.36  | 9.92  |  |  |
| Jun   | 3.81  | 3.86        | 3.22                | 1938        | 25     | 6.46                  | 1973        | .66                  | 1988        | 9.5        | 6.8        | 2.7        | .9         | 1.23   | 1.59  | 2.13  | 2.58  | 3.02  | 3.47  | 3.97  | 4.55  | 5.29  | 6.46  | 7.53  |  |  |
| Jul   | 4.24  | 3.81        | 6.10                | 1958        | 11     | 11.32                 | 1979        | .81                  | 1997        | 8.7        | 6.6        | 2.9        | 1.4        | 1.13   | 1.53  | 2.15  | 2.69  | 3.22  | 3.77  | 4.39  | 5.12  | 6.07  | 7.56  | 8.96  |  |  |
| Aug   | 3.76  | 3.12        | 4.93                | 1951        | 29     | 8.22                  | 1977        | .98                  | 1984        | 7.7        | 5.7        | 2.6        | 1.1        | 1.02   | 1.37  | 1.92  | 2.39  | 2.86  | 3.35  | 3.89  | 4.53  | 5.37  | 6.68  | 7.91  |  |  |
| Sep   | 3.50  | 2.80        | 4.35                | 2000        | 10     | 9.09                  | 1974        | .10                  | 1995        | 7.1        | 5.3        | 2.1        | 1.1        | .40  | .66   | 1.15  | 1.64  | 2.16  | 2.75  | 3.43  | 4.28  | 5.43  | 7.33  | 9.19  |  |  |
| Oct   | 3.03  | 2.97        | 3.45                | 1905        | 18     | 6.65                  | 1983        | .88                  | 1987        | 7.2        | 4.8        | 2.1        | .8         | 1.05   | 1.34  | 1.75  | 2.10  | 2.44  | 2.79  | 3.16  | 3.60  | 4.16  | 5.04  | 5.84  |  |  |
| Nov   | 3.85  | 3.15        | 4.11                | 1993        | 14     | 11.41                 | 1985        | .44                  | 1999        | 9.2        | 6.5        | 2.8        | 1.0        | .95  | 1.31  | 1.87  | 2.37  | 2.86  | 3.38  | 3.96  | 4.65  | 5.55  | 6.98  | 8.31  |  |  |
| Dec   | 3.15  | 2.71        | 3.94                | 1982        | 3      | 8.48                  | 1982        | .18                  | 1989        | 9.3        | 6.3        | 2.6        | .7         | .59  | .87   | 1.34  | 1.76  | 2.20  | 2.66  | 3.19  | 3.83  | 4.68  | 6.05  | 7.35  |  |  |
| Ann   | 42.84 | 43.72       | 6.10                | Jul<br>1958 | 11     | 11.41                 | Nov<br>1985 | .10                  | Sep<br>1995 | 108.2      | 76.8       | 30.1       | 11.0       | 31.17  | 33.44 | 36.35 | 38.55 | 40.50 | 42.38 | 44.31 | 46.45 | 49.04 | 52.78 | 56.00 |  |  |

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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                     | w (incl     | hes) |   |             |                         |     |       |                          |      |      |      |     |     |  |  |  |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|---|-------------|-------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--|--|--|
|       |                      |                        |                       |                         |                                  | Sn          | ow To | tals                               |             |                          |             |      |   |             | Mean Number of Days (1) |     |       |                          |      |      |      |     |     |  |  |  |
|       | Mean                 | s/Medi                 | ians (1)              | )                       | Extremes (2)                     |             |       |                                    |             |                          |             |      |   |             |                         |     | ow Fa | Snow Depth >= Thresholds |      |      |      |     |     |  |  |  |
| Month | Snow<br>Fall<br>Mean | Snow<br>Fall<br>Median | Snow<br>Depth<br>Mean | Snow<br>Depth<br>Median | Highest<br>Daily<br>Snow<br>Fall | Year        | Day   | Highest<br>Monthly<br>Snow<br>Fall | Year        | Highest Daily Snow Depth | Year        | Day  | Highest<br>Monthly<br>Mean<br>Snow<br>Depth | Year        | 0.1                     | 1.0 | 3.0   | 5.0                      | 10.0 | 1    | 3    | 5   | 10  |  |  |  |
| Jan   | 5.8                  | 4.0                    | 1                     | 1                       | 8.0                              | 1999        | 2     | 19.5                               | 1979        | 13                       | 1978        | 31   | 7   | 1977        | 3.3                     | 2.5 | .4    | .2                       | .0   | 10.4 | 5.7  | 3.1 | .5  |  |  |  |
| Feb   | 3.6                  | 2.6                    | 2                     | #                       | 8.0                              | 1984        | 27    | 11.5                               | 1979        | 13                       | 1978        | 1    | 11  | 1978        | 2.0                     | 1.4 | .4    | .2                       | .0   | 7.7  | 5.9  | 4.1 | 1.4 |  |  |  |
| Mar   | 2.5                  | .5                     | #                     | 0                       | 10.0                             | 1978        | 7     | 15.7                               | 1978        | 17                       | 1978        | 8    | 5   | 1978        | 1.0                     | .8  | .3    | .1                       | @    | 1.7  | 1.0  | .6  | .4  |  |  |  |
| Apr   | .2                   | .0                     | #                     | 0                       | 2.0                              | 1973        | 10    | 3.0                                | 1973        | #+                       | 1982        | 8    | #+  | 1982        | .2                      | .1  | .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                       | #                                | 1989        | 18    | #                                  | 1989        | 1                        | 1993        | 30   | #   | 1993        | .0                      | .0  | .0    | .0                       | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  | .0  |  |  |  |
| Nov   | 1.0                  | .0                     | #                     | 0                       | 3.0                              | 1975        | 26    | 5.0+                               | 1997        | 3                        | 1975        | 26   | #+  | 1997        | .7                      | .4  | .1    | .0                       | .0   | .7   | @    | .0  | .0  |  |  |  |
| Dec   | 3.8                  | 2.5                    | 1                     | #                       | 12.5                             | 1987        | 14    | 15.5+                              | 1987        | 11                       | 2000        | 31   | 6   | 2000        | 2.0                     | 1.4 | .3    | .1                       | @    | 4.3  | 1.9  | 1.0 | .4  |  |  |  |
| Ann   | 16.9                 | 9.6                    | N/A                   | N/A                     | 12.5                             | Dec<br>1987 | 14    | 19.5                               | Jan<br>1979 | 17                       | Mar<br>1978 | 8    | 11  | Feb<br>1978 | 9.2                     | 6.6 | 1.5   | .6                       | @    | 24.8 | 14.5 | 8.8 | 2.7 |  |  |  |

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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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Freeze Data Spring Freeze Dates (Month/Day) Probability of later date in spring (thru Jul 31) than indicated(\*) Temp (F) .10 .20 .30 .40 .60 .70 .80 .90 36 5/22 5/14 5/08 5/04 4/29 4/25 4/20 4/15 4/07 32 4/23 4/28 4/20 4/17 4/14 4/12 4/09 4/05 4/01 28 4/16 4/11 4/07 4/04 4/01 3/29 3/25 3/22 3/16 3/05 24 4/07 4/01 3/28 3/25 3/22 3/18 3/15 3/11 20 3/26 3/19 3/15 3/11 3/07 3/03 2/27 2/22 2/15 3/09 2/27 2/23 16 3/16 3/04 2/19 2/15 2/09 2/02 Fall Freeze Dates (Month/Day) Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(\*) Temp (F) .20 .30 .40 .50 .70 .10 .60 .80 .90 9/29 36 9/20 9/25 10/02 10/05 10/08 10/11 10/15 10/20 32 9/24 10/02 10/07 10/12 10/17 10/21 10/26 10/31 11/08 28 10/13 10/19 10/23 10/26 10/29 11/01 11/04 11/08 11/13 24 10/23 10/29 11/03 11/07 11/10 11/14 11/17 11/22 11/28 20 11/05 11/12 11/16 11/21 11/25 11/29 12/03 12/08 12/15 11/24 12/05 12/10 12/20 16 11/16 11/30 12/15 12/26 1/03 Freeze Free Period **Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)** Temp (F) .10 .20 .30 .40 .50 .60 .70 .80 .90 177 170 164 158 153 147 36 186 140 130 32 211 202 195 190 185 179 174 167 158 28 233 226 220 215 211 206 201 188 196 24 254 247 242 237 233 229 224 219 212 273 262 257 245 235 20 289 280 268 251

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0/00 Indicates that the probability of occurrence of threshold temperature is less than the indicated probability.

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Derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data

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Complete documentation available from:

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<sup>\*</sup> Probability of observing a temperature as cold, or colder, later in the spring or earlier in the fall than the indicated date.

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|       |      |     |     | Deg | ree Days t | o Selected | Base Tem   | peratures | (°F) |     |     |     |      |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Base  |      |     |     |     |            | Heatin     | g Degree l | Days (1)  |      |     |     |     |      |
| Below | Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr | May        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug       | Sep  | Oct | Nov | Dec | Ann  |
| 65    | 1110 | 850 | 616 | 302 | 115        | 9          | 0          | 5         | 37   | 278 | 589 | 959 | 4870 |
| 60    | 955  | 712 | 473 | 181 | 53         | 2          | 0          | 0         | 9    | 171 | 444 | 804 | 3804 |
| 57    | 871  | 636 | 389 | 123 | 30         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 3    | 121 | 362 | 718 | 3253 |
| 55    | 811  | 583 | 338 | 91  | 19         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 2    | 93  | 310 | 659 | 2906 |
| 50    | 667  | 457 | 226 | 35  | 6          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0    | 42  | 196 | 516 | 2145 |
| 32    | 256  | 133 | 23  | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0    | 0   | 10  | 145 | 567  |

| Base  |     |     |     |     |      | Coolin | g Degree l | Days (1) |      |     |     |     |      |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|------------|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Above | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May  | Jun    | Jul        | Aug      | Sep  | Oct | Nov | Dec | Ann  |
| 32    | 170 | 208 | 430 | 699 | 1039 | 1270   | 1418       | 1353     | 1101 | 777 | 411 | 210 | 9086 |
| 55    | 12  | 13  | 32  | 99  | 346  | 580    | 705        | 640      | 412  | 157 | 21  | 10  | 3027 |
| 57    | 9   | 10  | 22  | 71  | 294  | 520    | 643        | 578      | 354  | 123 | 13  | 8   | 2645 |
| 60    | 0   | 3   | 12  | 40  | 225  | 431    | 550        | 485      | 270  | 81  | 5   | 0   | 2102 |
| 65    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 11  | 131  | 288    | 395        | 335      | 148  | 33  | 1   | 0   | 1342 |
| 70    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 64   | 163    | 245        | 199      | 61   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 744  |

|       |   |   |     |     |        |          |          |           |     | Gro | wing | Degre | e Uni                                      | ts (2) |     |         |          |           |          |         |         |      |      |      |  |  |
|-------|---|---|-----|-----|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-------|--|--------|-----|---------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Base  |   |   |     |     | Growin | g Degree | Units (N | (Ionthly) |     |     |      |       | Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly) |        |     |         |          |           |          |         |         |      |      |      |  |  |
|       | Jan         Feb         Mar         Apr         May         Jun         Jul         Aug         Sep         Oct         Nov         Dec         Jun |   |     |     |        |          |          |           |     |     |      |       |  | Feb    | Mar | Apr     | May      | Jun       | Jul      | Aug     | Sep     | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |  |  |
| 40    | 32  | 71                                      | 219 | 463 | 786    | 1017     | 1169     | 1107      | 839 | 532 | 213  | 57    | 32   | 103    | 322 | 785     | 1571     | 2588      | 3757     | 4864    | 5703    | 6235 | 6448 | 6505 |  |  |
| 45    | 9   | 35                                      | 130 | 327 | 631    | 867      | 1014     | 952       | 689 | 384 | 127  | 27    | 9  | 44     | 174 | 501     | 1132     | 1999      | 3013     | 3965    | 4654    | 5038 | 5165 | 5192 |  |  |
| 50    | 3   | 11                                      | 72  | 207 | 476    | 717      | 859      | 797       | 539 | 250 | 67   | 10    | 3  | 14     | 86  | 293     | 769      | 1486      | 2345     | 3142    | 3681    | 3931 | 3998 | 4008 |  |  |
| 55    | 0   | 2                                       | 36  | 116 | 329    | 567      | 704      | 642       | 395 | 145 | 26   | 3     | 0  | 2      | 38  | 154     | 483      | 1050      | 1754     | 2396    | 2791    | 2936 | 2962 | 2965 |  |  |
| 60    | 0   | 0                                       | 10  | 58  | 203    | 417      | 549      | 487       | 262 | 67  | 7    | 0     | 0  | 0      | 10  | 68      | 271      | 688       | 1237     | 1724    | 1986    | 2053 | 2060 | 2060 |  |  |
| Base  |   | Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly) |     |     |        |          |          |           |     |     |      |       |  |        | Gr  | owing D | egree Ur | its for C | orn (Acc | umulate | d Month | ly)  |      |      |  |  |
| 50/86 | 15  | 41                                      | 130 | 277 | 497    | 690      | 803      | 756       | 556 | 323 | 115  | 30    | 15   | 56     | 186 | 463     | 960      | 1650      | 2453     | 3209    | 3765    | 4088 | 4203 | 4233 |  |  |

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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

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