

# Climatology of the United States No. 20

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Station: STILLWATER 1 SE, MN

1971-2000

COOP ID: 218037

Climate Division: MN 6

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 710 Feet

Lat: 45°03N

Lon: 92°48W

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	23.3	4.9	14.1	54	1981	25	27.1	1990	-40	1977	9	.3	1977	1578	0	.0	.0	.1	22.4	30.8	12.7
Feb	30.3	11.4	20.9	62	2000	29	33.9	1987	-36	1996	2	9.9	1979	1237	0	.0	.0	1.2	14.4	27.0	8.4
Mar	42.3	23.3	32.8	83+	1986	30	42.6	2000	-37	1962	1	23.6	1975	999	0	.0	.0	7.7	5.8	25.1	2.2
Apr	58.6	36.1	47.4	94	1980	21	55.3	1987	4	1975	2	39.2	1975	535	5	.0	.1	22.7	.3	11.2	.0
May	71.9	48.6	60.3	96	1964	22	68.4	1977	20	1967	3	54.1	1974	213	65	.0	.7	30.8	.0	.8	.0
Jun	80.5	57.9	69.2	103	1963	30	74.0	1988	34+	1990	4	64.4	1982	35	161	.1	3.5	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	84.8	62.7	73.8	106+	1990	4	79.2	1988	45	1971	29	68.5	1992	8	278	.5	6.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	82.1	60.6	71.4	104+	1988	16	76.4	1988	37	1964	26	67.5	1977	17	214	.1	4.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	72.7	51.5	62.1	98	1960	6	68.6	1998	26	1974	22	56.5	1993	135	49	.0	.8	29.8	.0	.5	.0
Oct	60.2	40.2	50.2	90	1997	4	56.6	2000	15+	1976	27	44.5	1987	461	3	.0	@	26.2	@	7.3	.0
Nov	41.5	26.4	34.0	78+	1999	9	44.0	1999	-16	1964	30	26.7	1985	931	0	.0	.0	7.3	6.0	23.6	.7
Dec	27.5	12.0	19.8	67+	1998	2	28.5	1997	-39	1983	19	5.9	1983	1403	0	.0	.0	.5	19.2	30.3	7.7
Ann	56.3	36.3	46.3	106+	Jul 1990	4	79.2	Jul 1988	-40	Jan 1977	9	.3	Jan 1977	7552	775	.7	15.6	218.3	68.1	156.6	31.7

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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	1.02	.92	1.77	1996	18	3.05	1982	.16	1974	8.0	3.4	.3	.1	.17	.26	.41	.55	.70	.85	1.03	1.25	1.53	2.00	2.45
Feb	.72	.56	1.06	1965	10	2.87	1981	.05	1987	5.7	2.4	.2	.0	.09	.14	.24	.34	.45	.57	.71	.88	1.11	1.49	1.86
Mar	1.78	1.48	1.33	1979	30	4.18	1977	.31	1994	7.8	4.4	1.0	.2	.38	.54	.80	1.04	1.28	1.53	1.82	2.16	2.61	3.34	4.02
Apr	2.86	2.67	2.35	1986	28	6.56	1975	.19	1987	9.0	5.9	1.9	.5	.49	.74	1.16	1.55	1.95	2.38	2.88	3.49	4.29	5.59	6.84
May	3.58	3.51	2.77	1978	28	8.37	1991	.44	1976	10.5	7.0	2.5	.8	1.07	1.41	1.92	2.36	2.78	3.23	3.72	4.29	5.04	6.20	7.28
Jun	4.77	4.19	7.98	1967	1	10.20	1975	1.28	1988	10.9	8.0	2.9	1.3	1.78	2.23	2.87	3.40	3.91	4.43	4.99	5.64	6.48	7.76	8.93
Jul	4.70	4.50	5.14	1987	24	14.04	1987	.88	1974	10.4	7.2	2.9	1.2	1.40	1.84	2.51	3.09	3.65	4.24	4.89	5.65	6.63	8.17	9.59
Aug	4.92	4.56	4.50	1993	9	10.92	1993	1.08	1976	9.3	6.3	3.1	1.8	1.63	2.09	2.78	3.36	3.92	4.50	5.13	5.87	6.82	8.29	9.65
Sep	3.57	3.15	3.56	1992	16	8.52	1986	1.09	1998	9.4	6.1	2.4	1.0	1.03	1.37	1.88	2.32	2.75	3.20	3.70	4.29	5.05	6.24	7.34
Oct	2.61	2.42	2.53	1966	15	6.02	1971	.16	1978	8.1	5.1	1.7	.6	.40	.62	1.00	1.36	1.73	2.14	2.61	3.19	3.96	5.21	6.42
Nov	2.15	1.59	1.92	1975	10	6.53	1991	.05	1976	7.7	4.7	1.4	.4	.25	.42	.72	1.02	1.34	1.69	2.11	2.62	3.32	4.47	5.59
Dec	.93	.91	1.81	1982	25	3.65	1982	.19	1997	7.2	2.9	.3	.1	.16	.24	.38	.51	.64	.78	.94	1.14	1.40	1.82	2.22
Ann	33.61	33.17	7.98	Jun 1967	1	14.04	Jul 1987	.05+	Feb 1987	104.0	63.4	20.6	8.0	22.57	24.66	27.36	29.43	31.28	33.08	34.94	37.01	39.54	43.23	46.44

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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	9.1	10.5	9	8	17.0	1982	23	21.0	1975	39	1982	30	39	1982	5.3	3.8	1.3	.5	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	5.5	4.2	7	6	6.0	1990	16	13.1	1979	24	1979	1	18	1979	3.6	2.2	.7	.2	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	7.5	6.5	3	2	11.0	1977	3	16.0	1977	17	1989	5	10	1975	3.0	2.3	1.1	.4	.1	5.8	2.5	1.4	.5
Apr	1.2	.0	#	#	5.0	1974	4	5.0	1974	6	1980	10	1	1980	.5	.5	.1	.1	.0	.6	.1	.1	.0
May	.0	.0	#	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	#	1989	6	#	1989	.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	#	1997	14	#+	1997	#+	1997	14	#+	1997	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	2.6	-99.9	2	1	12.8	1983	24	12.8	1983	14	1991	7	8	1991	2.4	1.6	.9	.5	.2	5.3	2.9	2.2	.7
Dec	8.1	9.0	4	3	7.5	1996	15	13.0	1972	18	1996	23	15	1983	4.1	2.9	.7	.3	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Ann	34.0	-9.9	N/A	N/A	17.0	Jan 1982	23	21.0	Jan 1975	39	Jan 1982	30	39	Jan 1982	18.9	13.3	4.8	2.0	.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	5/27	5/22	5/17	5/14	5/10	5/07	5/04	4/29	4/24
32	5/11	5/07	5/03	4/30	4/27	4/25	4/22	4/18	4/13
28	4/30	4/25	4/22	4/19	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/07	4/02
24	4/21	4/17	4/13	4/11	4/08	4/06	4/03	3/31	3/26
20	4/13	4/09	4/06	4/04	4/01	3/30	3/28	3/25	3/21
16	4/11	4/05	4/01	3/29	3/26	3/23	3/20	3/16	3/11
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	9/16	9/20	9/22	9/24	9/26	9/28	10/01	10/03	10/07
32	9/22	9/27	9/30	10/04	10/07	10/10	10/13	10/16	10/21
28	9/27	10/03	10/07	10/11	10/15	10/18	10/22	10/27	11/02
24	10/15	10/20	10/24	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/05	11/08	11/13
20	10/24	10/28	11/01	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/12	11/15	11/19
16	10/27	11/03	11/07	11/11	11/14	11/18	11/22	11/26	12/02
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	160	153	147	143	138	134	129	124	116
32	182	175	170	166	162	157	153	148	141
28	206	197	191	186	181	176	171	165	156
24	224	217	212	208	204	200	196	191	184
20	236	230	225	222	218	214	211	206	200
16	258	249	243	238	233	227	222	216	207

\* 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	1578	1237	999	535	213	35	8	17	135	461	931	1403	7552
60	1423	1097	844	397	125	9	0	2	58	318	781	1248	6302
57	1330	1013	752	321	85	3	0	0	30	243	691	1155	5623
55	1268	957	693	274	63	1	0	0	17	197	633	1093	5196
50	1113	822	550	174	26	0	0	0	3	107	491	938	4224
32	591	382	158	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	117	438	1698

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	36	70	182	470	875	1115	1294	1220	904	567	176	57	6966
55	0	0	3	44	225	427	581	507	231	49	2	0	2069
57	0	0	1	31	185	368	519	445	184	32	0	0	1765
60	0	0	0	17	132	284	426	354	122	15	0	0	1350
65	0	0	0	5	65	161	278	214	49	3	0	0	775
70	0	0	0	1	25	72	151	105	13	0	0	0	367

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	0	3	42	255	624	875	1042	970	663	327	49	2	0	3	45	300	924	1799	2841	3811	4474	4801	4850	4852
45	0	1	19	153	470	725	887	815	514	205	21	1	0	1	20	173	643	1368	2255	3070	3584	3789	3810	3811
50	0	1	6	82	326	575	732	660	370	111	8	0	0	1	7	89	415	990	1722	2382	2752	2863	2871	2871
55	0	0	0	39	201	426	577	505	235	50	1	0	0	0	0	39	240	666	1243	1748	1983	2033	2034	2034
60	0	0	0	13	106	283	422	352	134	17	0	0	0	0	0	13	119	402	824	1176	1310	1327	1327	1327
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	1	33	165	386	568	703	644	405	191	29	1	0	1	34	199	585	1153	1856	2500	2905	3096	3125	3126

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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.

- 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
- 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
- c. Snow Tables
  - 1. Snow Climatology
  - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table  
1971-2000 serially complete daily data

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Snow Climatology Project Description, [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/monitoring/snowclim/mainpage.html](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/monitoring/snowclim/mainpage.html)  
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