

Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: GOLDFIELD, NV

COOP ID: 263285

Climate Division: NV 3

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 5,690 Feet Lat: 37°42N

Lon: 117°14W

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	42.4	21.5	32.0	65+	1959	17	39.9	1986	-10+	1949	2	25.4	1987	1026	0	.0	.0	7.1	4.0	28.9	.2
Feb	47.3	25.3	36.3	70+	1977	16	44.1	1995	-13	1989	6	31.7	1989	804	0	.0	.0	11.6	1.7	23.1	.1
Mar	53.3	29.7	41.5	76	1966	31	48.2	1972	0	1971	1	34.4	1973	729	0	.0	.0	20.3	.4	19.1	@
Apr	61.2	35.0	48.1	83	1950	21	56.0	1989	16	1975	6	38.4	1975	511	5	.0	.0	26.0	.0	10.7	.0
May	70.1	43.0	56.6	92	1951	26	63.0	1997	22+	1950	9	48.8	1998	299	37	.0	.1	30.0	@	3.2	.0
Jun	81.4	51.9	66.7	98	1985	19	71.4	1985	29+	1950	8	60.6	1995	73	122	.0	4.1	30.0	.0	.1	.0
Jul	88.1	59.3	73.7	100+	1959	17	78.0	1996	38+	1952	14	69.8	1987	3	273	.0	13.8	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	86.3	58.1	72.2	101	2000	2	75.6	1994	30	1963	13	66.3	1976	7	230	@	9.5	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	77.8	50.2	64.0	98	1950	1	67.9+	1979	26	1950	30	57.7	1986	100	71	.0	.9	30.0	.0	.4	.0
Oct	65.8	39.3	52.6	87	1980	2	59.1	1988	12	1948	28	46.9	1984	393	8	.0	.0	29.1	@	6.1	.0
Nov	51.4	28.6	40.0	75	1965	1	48.0	1995	6	1975	29	31.4	1994	750	0	.0	.0	17.5	.5	20.2	.0
Dec	43.0	21.2	32.1	66+	1958	3	38.7	1977	-15	1972	10	24.2	1971	1021	0	.0	.0	7.5	4.0	29.1	.4
Ann	64.0	38.6	51.3	101	Aug 2000	2	78.0	Jul 1996	-15	Dec 1972	10	24.2	Dec 1971	5716	746	@	28.4	271.1	10.6	140.9	.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	.66	.42	1.40	1973	18	2.75	1973	.00+	1994	3.4	1.5	.4	.1	.00	.00	.06	.14	.25	.38	.55	.78	1.10	1.67	2.26
Feb	.83	.35	1.96	1976	7	3.02	1976	.00+	1999	3.0	1.9	.3	.1	.00	.00	.01	.09	.21	.38	.61	.93	1.41	2.28	3.20
Mar	.89	.67	1.20+	1983	3	2.98	1978	.00+	1989	3.9	2.5	.4	.1	.00	.03	.14	.26	.41	.58	.80	1.07	1.47	2.15	2.83
Apr	.52	.22	1.05	1988	14	3.16	1988	.00+	2000	2.8	1.4	.2	@	.00	.00	.00	.03	.11	.21	.36	.57	.89	1.48	2.09
May	.71	.15	1.52	1977	8	2.57	1987	.00+	1993	3.3	1.6	.4	.1	.00	.00	.00	.04	.14	.29	.50	.79	1.22	2.00	2.81
Jun	.41	.05	1.36	1993	5	2.03	1993	.00+	2000	1.8	.9	.2	@	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.04	.17	.37	.69	1.30	1.93
Jul	.43	.18	1.50	2001	8	2.44	1976	.00+	2000	2.0	1.1	.2	.0	.00	.00	.02	.07	.14	.23	.34	.50	.73	1.13	1.55
Aug	.67	.34	1.43	1977	17	2.38	1977	.00+	1994	2.4	1.3	.4	.1	.00	.00	.06	.16	.28	.42	.59	.82	1.14	1.68	2.23
Sep	.53	.39	1.51	1967	5	2.29	1976	.00+	1996	2.4	1.3	.4	.1	.00	.00	.00	.07	.16	.28	.43	.63	.92	1.42	1.92
Oct	.53	.14	2.25	1972	4	3.07	1972	.00+	1999	1.6	1.1	.4	.1	.00	.00	.00	.00	.05	.16	.33	.57	.93	1.57	2.23
Nov	.29	.09	2.01	1960	6	1.76	1987	.00+	1999	1.7	.8	.1	.0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.05	.12	.22	.34	.51	.82	1.13
Dec	.27	.18	.80	1966	6	.88	1996	.00+	2000	1.9	1.0	.1	.0	.00	.00	.00	.02	.08	.14	.22	.33	.47	.72	.96
Ann	6.74	6.24	2.25	Oct 1972	4	3.16	Apr 1988	.00+	Dec 2000	30.2	16.4	3.5	.7	3.15	3.73	4.54	5.19	5.80	6.40	7.05	7.79	8.71	10.12	11.38

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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	2.6	.8	#	0	10.0	1999	24	11.0	1999	5	1983	29	#+	1998	1.0	.8	.2	.1	.1	.5	.1	.0	.0
Feb	3.0	.5	#	0	12.0	1976	7	18.1	1976	2+	1998	4	#+	1998	1.0	.6	.3	.1	.1	.4	.0	.0	.0
Mar	3.1	.4	#	0	12.0	1976	3	13.0	1976	6	1982	18	1	1982	1.2	.9	.4	.1	.1	.6	.2	.1	.0
Apr	1.7	.0	#	0	4.0	1995	18	11.5	1999	8	1994	23	#+	1999	.9	.8	.2	.0	.0	.3	.0	.0	.0
May	.9	.0	#	0	4.0	1971	20	4.0+	1980	3	1977	8	#+	1977	.3	.3	.2	.0	.0	.1	.1	.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	.1	.0	0	0	2.0	1982	30	2.0	1982	0	0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.8	.0	#	0	5.5	1978	30	5.5	1978	6	1978	30	#+	1981	.3	.3	.1	.1	.0	.2	@	@	.0
Nov	1.0	.0	#	0	4.0	1981	28	11.0	1981	8	1981	29	1	1981	.5	.3	.2	.0	.0	.4	.2	.2	.0
Dec	1.0	.3	#	0	5.0	1996	22	5.0	1996	5	1996	22	#+	1996	.5	.3	.2	.1	.0	.2	.1	.0	.0
Ann	14.2	2.0	N/A	N/A	12.0+	Mar 1976	3	18.1	Feb 1976	8+	Apr 1994	23	1+	Mar 1982	5.8	4.4	1.8	.5	.3	2.7	.7	.3	.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	6/15	6/09	6/04	6/01	5/28	5/25	5/21	5/16	5/10
32	6/04	5/28	5/23	5/19	5/15	5/11	5/07	5/02	4/25
28	5/18	5/10	5/04	4/29	4/24	4/19	4/14	4/08	3/31
24	5/04	4/25	4/18	4/12	4/07	4/02	3/27	3/20	3/11
20	4/14	4/04	3/28	3/22	3/16	3/11	3/05	2/25	2/15
16	3/23	3/11	3/03	2/24	2/18	2/11	2/04	1/27	1/16
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	9/17	9/23	9/28	10/02	10/06	10/09	10/13	10/18	10/24
32	9/27	10/03	10/07	10/10	10/14	10/17	10/21	10/25	10/31
28	10/04	10/10	10/15	10/18	10/22	10/25	10/29	11/03	11/09
24	10/16	10/21	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/05	11/09	11/13	11/19
20	10/25	11/01	11/06	11/10	11/13	11/17	11/21	11/26	12/02
16	11/09	11/16	11/20	11/24	11/28	12/02	12/06	12/10	12/17
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	153	145	139	134	130	125	120	115	107
32	182	172	164	157	151	145	138	130	120
28	213	202	193	187	180	174	167	159	147
24	244	232	223	215	208	201	193	184	172
20	275	263	255	248	241	235	227	219	208
16	319	306	297	290	283	275	268	259	246

* 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	1026	804	729	511	299	73	3	7	100	393	750	1021	5716
60	871	664	577	375	193	27	0	0	39	260	600	866	4472
57	778	580	488	299	141	13	0	0	18	192	512	773	3794
55	716	524	431	253	112	8	0	0	10	152	454	711	3371
50	561	386	297	159	54	2	0	0	2	76	319	557	2413
32	120	36	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	125	344

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	117	156	319	491	761	1039	1293	1246	961	638	271	127	7419
55	0	0	12	47	160	357	580	533	281	77	5	0	2052
57	0	0	7	33	127	302	518	471	229	54	2	0	1743
60	0	0	3	19	86	226	425	378	159	29	0	0	1325
65	0	0	0	5	37	122	273	230	71	8	0	0	746
70	0	0	0	0	14	50	139	108	21	1	0	0	333

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	18	52	131	280	531	811	1061	1018	736	410	107	9	18	70	201	481	1012	1823	2884	3902	4638	5048	5155	5164
45	0	14	60	165	385	661	906	863	586	275	44	0	0	14	74	239	624	1285	2191	3054	3640	3915	3959	3959
50	0	0	16	78	252	514	751	708	437	158	11	0	0	0	16	94	346	860	1611	2319	2756	2914	2925	2925
55	0	0	0	30	141	370	596	553	298	69	0	0	0	0	0	30	171	541	1137	1690	1988	2057	2057	2057
60	0	0	0	4	63	236	442	399	174	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	67	303	745	1144	1318	1341	1341	1341
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	19	45	96	192	334	525	699	672	466	265	77	15	19	64	160	352	686	1211	1910	2582	3048	3313	3390	3405

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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:
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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 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">a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Cooperative Summary of the Day3. National Weather Service station records4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily datab. Degree Day Table<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data | <ol style="list-style-type: none">c. Snow Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Snow Climatology2. Cooperative Summary of the Dayd. Freeze Data Table
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