

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

Station: REDWOOD FALLS MUNICIPAL, MN

1971-2000

COOP ID: 216835

Climate Division: MN 7

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Elevation: 1,025 Feet Lat: 44° 33N

Lon: 95° 05W

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	21.9	4.0	13.0	68	1981	24	27.3	1990	-34	1970	19	.4	1982	1613	0	.0	.0	.5	22.9	30.6	13.8
Feb	28.1	11.5	19.8	64	1981	16	32.3	1987	-33	1936	16	6.7	1979	1265	0	.0	.0	1.4	16.4	26.5	7.5
Mar	40.4	24.0	32.2	82	1968	30	41.3	1973	-25+	1962	1	23.1	1975	1016	0	.0	.0	7.2	7.2	22.9	1.8
Apr	57.2	36.6	46.9	96	1980	21	55.6	1977	4	1936	7	41.2	1975	547	4	.0	.2	22.0	.5	9.0	.0
May	71.4	49.2	60.3	107	1934	31	68.8	1977	21+	1967	3	53.9	1997	210	63	@	1.4	30.3	.0	.8	.0
Jun	80.6	58.5	69.6	105+	1988	24	75.4	1988	34+	1946	2	64.6	1982	30	166	.3	5.0	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	84.4	62.5	73.5	110+	1936	14	78.8	1983	43	1971	30	65.3	1992	16	278	.8	7.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	81.8	60.1	71.0	104+	1971	22	78.5	1983	36	1950	20	65.6	1992	31	215	.4	4.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	73.1	50.3	61.7	103+	1978	7	69.3	1978	25+	1956	30	55.6	1993	152	53	.1	1.8	29.7	.0	.8	.0
Oct	59.9	38.4	49.2	93	1953	2	55.8	1973	12	1967	28	44.0	1987	493	1	.0	.2	25.4	.1	8.4	.0
Nov	40.1	24.0	32.1	82	1999	8	42.3	1999	-15	1996	26	21.4	1985	988	0	.0	.0	7.3	8.5	23.6	1.1
Dec	26.2	9.8	18.0	70	1939	6	27.7	1979	-29+	1983	19	1.1	1983	1458	0	.0	.0	.7	19.9	30.4	8.7
Ann	55.4	35.7	45.6	110+	Jul 1936	14	78.8	Jul 1983	-34	Jan 1970	19	.4	Jan 1982	7819	780	1.6	21.1	216.5	75.5	153.0	32.9

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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	.70	.69	.80	1996	17	1.89	1975	.06	1995	7.0	2.4	.2	.0	.10	.15	.25	.35	.45	.57	.69	.85	1.07	1.42	1.76
Feb	.61	.55	1.08	1977	23	1.69	1971	.02	1985	5.6	2.1	.2	@	.06	.11	.19	.28	.37	.47	.60	.75	.96	1.30	1.64
Mar	1.65	1.54	1.35	1942	20	4.31	1977	.26	1994	8.6	4.0	1.0	.2	.31	.46	.70	.93	1.15	1.40	1.67	2.01	2.45	3.16	3.84
Apr	2.51	2.36	3.30	2001	22	6.43	1986	.32	1980	9.6	5.6	1.5	.5	.55	.78	1.15	1.48	1.82	2.17	2.57	3.04	3.67	4.67	5.61
May	3.11	3.02	2.73	1951	15	5.48	1979	.48	1975	10.7	6.7	2.0	.5	.86	1.15	1.60	1.99	2.37	2.77	3.22	3.74	4.42	5.49	6.49
Jun	4.09	3.73	4.31	1993	16	11.55	1993	.37	1988	11.0	7.1	2.9	.8	1.10	1.49	2.08	2.60	3.10	3.64	4.23	4.93	5.85	7.28	8.62
Jul	3.80	3.79	3.32	1990	26	7.42	1990	.27	1988	9.3	6.3	2.3	1.1	.71	1.04	1.60	2.12	2.64	3.21	3.85	4.63	5.66	7.33	8.91
Aug	3.61	2.94	3.83	1994	10	8.30	1979	1.07	1972	9.3	6.0	2.1	1.1	.98	1.32	1.84	2.30	2.75	3.22	3.74	4.35	5.16	6.41	7.59
Sep	2.48	2.17	3.27	1933	10	6.77	1986	.45	2000	8.0	5.0	1.7	.5	.60	.84	1.20	1.52	1.84	2.17	2.55	3.00	3.58	4.51	5.37
Oct	1.88	1.48	2.29	1968	17	4.97	1984	.04	1989	7.0	4.0	1.4	.5	.22	.36	.63	.89	1.17	1.48	1.85	2.30	2.91	3.93	4.91
Nov	1.60	1.23	2.15	1973	20	5.33	1983	.00	1984	6.9	3.2	1.1	.3	.04	.15	.37	.60	.85	1.15	1.50	1.95	2.57	3.62	4.66
Dec	.60	.61	1.29	1959	27	1.98	1996	.03	1979	6.4	1.7	.1	.0	.06	.10	.19	.27	.36	.46	.58	.74	.94	1.29	1.63
Ann	26.64	26.30	4.31	Jun 1993	16	11.55	Jun 1993	.00	Nov 1984	99.4	54.1	16.5	5.5	16.54	18.39	20.82	22.70	24.39	26.05	27.79	29.72	32.10	35.60	38.67

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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	7.3	6.1	6	5	7.2	2000	19	17.1	1979	26+	1997	2	22	1997	6.4	2.7	.5	.2	.0	24.8	21.2	14.5	7.5
Feb	4.9	4.2	5	4	11.0	1971	26	17.1	1971	22+	1982	6	19	1979	4.6	2.0	.2	.1	@	21.1	16.3	11.3	5.4
Mar	7.7	6.3	2	2	14.0	1984	4	25.2	1989	20+	1989	6	9	1979	5.0	2.2	.8	.4	.1	13.9	10.1	5.8	2.0
Apr	2.0	1.2	#	0	6.0	1994	28	7.2	1972	7	1975	1	1	1975	1.5	.8	.2	@	.0	1.2	.5	.1	.0
May	#	.0	#	0	#	1989	6	#+	1989	0	0	0	#	2000	.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	#	1995	21	#+	1995	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.4	.0	#	0	3.6	1991	31	4.9	1976	2+	1976	24	#	1981	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Nov	6.7	5.3	1	1	8.6	1991	1	21.1	1983	17	1983	29	5	1991	4.1	2.0	.7	.4	.0	7.6	4.3	2.2	.7
Dec	6.1	5.6	3	2	10.0	1996	14	20.2	1996	26+	1996	31	17	1996	5.9	2.1	.5	.1	@	19.7	12.7	8.3	2.9
Ann	35.1	28.7	N/A	N/A	14.0	Mar 1984	4	25.2	Mar 1989	26+	Jan 1997	2	22	Jan 1997	27.7	11.9	2.9	1.2	.1	88.4	65.1	42.2	18.5

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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	5/20	5/15	5/12	5/09	5/06	5/04	5/01	4/27	4/23
32	5/10	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/20	4/17	4/12
28	4/27	4/22	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/02	3/28
24	4/16	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/04	4/01	3/29	3/26	3/22
20	4/13	4/07	4/03	3/31	3/27	3/24	3/21	3/16	3/11
16	4/03	3/29	3/26	3/23	3/20	3/17	3/14	3/10	3/05
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	9/14	9/18	9/21	9/23	9/26	9/28	9/30	10/03	10/07
32	9/19	9/24	9/28	10/01	10/05	10/08	10/11	10/15	10/20
28	9/26	10/02	10/06	10/09	10/13	10/16	10/20	10/24	10/29
24	10/11	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/05	11/10
20	10/19	10/24	10/28	10/31	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/13	11/18
16	10/25	10/31	11/04	11/07	11/11	11/14	11/18	11/22	11/28
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	161	155	150	145	142	138	134	129	122
32	182	175	169	165	161	157	152	147	140
28	203	196	191	187	183	179	175	170	163
24	226	219	214	209	205	201	197	191	184
20	245	236	230	225	220	215	210	203	195
16	259	251	245	240	236	231	226	220	212

\* 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	1613	1265	1016	547	210	30	16	31	152	493	988	1458	7819
60	1458	1125	861	407	121	6	4	9	70	345	838	1303	6547
57	1365	1041	768	330	82	2	0	2	38	265	748	1210	5851
55	1303	985	707	282	60	1	0	0	23	216	690	1148	5415
50	1148	852	563	179	25	0	0	0	5	118	551	994	4435
32	631	412	158	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	164	494	1871

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	42	71	165	457	877	1126	1284	1207	891	534	166	59	6879
55	0	0	1	40	224	437	571	495	224	35	2	0	2029
57	0	0	0	27	183	378	509	434	179	21	0	0	1731
60	0	0	0	14	130	292	420	348	121	8	0	0	1333
65	0	0	0	4	63	166	278	215	53	1	0	0	780
70	0	0	0	0	24	75	160	116	16	0	0	0	391

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	48	258	645	896	1046	969	658	320	51	2	0	3	51	309	954	1850	2896	3865	4523	4843	4894	4896
45	0	0	18	153	491	746	891	814	510	198	22	0	0	0	18	171	662	1408	2299	3113	3623	3821	3843	3843
50	0	0	4	79	346	597	736	659	368	106	8	0	0	0	4	83	429	1026	1762	2421	2789	2895	2903	2903
55	0	0	2	39	216	448	581	504	240	50	0	0	0	0	2	41	257	705	1286	1790	2030	2080	2080	2080
60	0	0	0	15	120	305	428	350	135	21	0	0	0	0	0	15	135	440	868	1218	1353	1374	1374	1374
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	1	31	154	387	582	701	640	406	189	33	0	0	1	32	186	573	1155	1856	2496	2902	3091	3124	3124

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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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