

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: MARTIN, SD

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Lon: 101° 44W

## 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	33.0	10.9	22.0	62+	1965	7	32.1	1990	-28	1963	19	6.3	1979	1335	0	.0	.0	3.3	12.5	30.2	7.5
Feb	38.9	16.3	27.6	73	1962	12	36.2	1999	-26	1994	9	14.8	1978	1049	0	.0	.0	6.8	7.1	26.7	3.9
Mar	47.7	23.6	35.7	82+	1978	31	42.7	1986	-20	1948	11	27.3	1996	910	0	.0	.0	14.8	4.4	26.3	1.2
Apr	58.9	32.8	45.9	92	1980	21	53.4	1981	3	1975	2	37.8	1995	575	0	.0	.1	23.6	.5	14.9	.0
May	70.0	43.3	56.7	97	1969	27	62.2	1977	15	1954	3	49.6	1995	277	19	.0	.5	30.4	.0	2.5	.0
Jun	80.2	52.3	66.3	104	1961	29	74.4	1988	29	1969	14	60.6	1995	85	123	.3	4.1	29.8	.0	.1	.0
Jul	87.0	58.6	72.8	108+	1973	6	79.6	1974	40+	1972	3	64.2	1992	23	265	2.1	12.8	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	86.1	57.3	71.7	106	1980	6	78.4	1983	37	1966	22	65.9	1992	22	229	.8	11.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	76.6	46.9	61.8	103+	1960	4	67.6	1979	23+	1972	26	55.2	1993	162	64	.1	4.1	29.5	.0	1.8	.0
Oct	62.3	35.0	48.7	92+	1967	3	52.4	1974	9	1993	30	43.6	1995	507	0	.0	.1	26.4	.3	11.8	.0
Nov	43.8	22.8	33.3	82	1999	8	44.7	1999	-17	1959	14	19.6	1985	952	0	.0	.0	10.3	5.4	25.5	1.1
Dec	35.2	13.8	24.5	69	1979	18	32.8	1979	-26	1968	30	7.3	1983	1255	0	.0	.0	4.8	10.4	30.0	5.2
Ann	60.0	34.5	47.3	108+	Jul 1973	6	79.6	Jul 1974	-28	Jan 1963	19	6.3	Jan 1979	7152	700	3.3	33.1	241.7	40.6	169.8	18.9

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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	.30	.25	.60	1960	1	.71	1994	.03	1999	4.3	1.0	@	.0	.06	.08	.13	.17	.21	.25	.31	.37	.45	.58	.71
Feb	.41	.32	.60	1993	10	1.38	1994	.01	1979	4.7	1.4	@	.0	.03	.06	.11	.17	.23	.30	.39	.49	.64	.89	1.13
Mar	1.24	1.06	2.72	2000	8	5.08	1977	.14	1978	7.5	3.1	.7	.2	.16	.27	.44	.62	.80	1.00	1.23	1.52	1.91	2.54	3.15
Apr	2.30	2.06	2.78	1974	11	5.22	1995	.42	1987	9.6	4.9	1.3	.3	.54	.76	1.09	1.39	1.69	2.01	2.36	2.79	3.34	4.22	5.04
May	3.36	3.08	2.38	1973	27	6.83	1982	.93	1975	11.2	7.2	2.1	.8	1.20	1.52	1.98	2.36	2.73	3.11	3.51	3.99	4.60	5.54	6.40
Jun	2.94	2.66	3.90	1968	6	6.35	1999	.68	1973	11.1	6.3	1.8	.6	.86	1.14	1.56	1.92	2.28	2.64	3.05	3.53	4.15	5.12	6.02
Jul	2.54	2.34	4.10	1967	18	4.74	1992	.70	1974	9.0	5.9	1.9	.5	.91	1.15	1.49	1.78	2.06	2.34	2.65	3.01	3.47	4.18	4.83
Aug	1.94	1.99	2.82	1998	11	4.56	1977	.29	1994	8.3	4.3	.8	.2	.57	.75	1.03	1.27	1.50	1.74	2.01	2.33	2.73	3.37	3.96
Sep	1.45	1.32	2.18	1955	20	3.83	1973	.39	1979	7.0	3.3	.8	.1	.26	.39	.61	.80	1.00	1.22	1.47	1.77	2.17	2.81	3.42
Oct	1.27	.95	1.65	1995	5	4.85	1998	.10	1988	4.7	2.6	.7	.1	.16	.26	.44	.62	.81	1.02	1.26	1.56	1.96	2.62	3.26
Nov	.55	.45	1.11	1977	8	1.68	1998	.05	1997	5.6	1.9	.2	@	.11	.16	.24	.31	.39	.47	.56	.67	.81	1.05	1.27
Dec	.37	.36	.58	1967	17	1.64	1993	.00	1998	5.3	1.6	.0	.0	.02	.05	.10	.16	.22	.28	.36	.46	.59	.81	1.03
Ann	18.67	17.88	4.10	Jul 1967	18	6.83	May 1982	.00	Dec 1998	88.3	43.5	10.3	2.8	12.97	14.07	15.47	16.54	17.50	18.42	19.38	20.44	21.72	23.59	25.21

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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	6.1	6.3	2	2	8.0	1971	30	13.0	1971	11	1979	16	7	1979	3.8	2.6	.5	.2	.0	17.4	9.5	3.2	.1
Feb	5.8	5.0	2	1	6.0	1993	10	16.1	1994	11+	1994	10	8	1978	3.5	2.7	.9	.1	.0	13.2	9.1	5.7	1.2
Mar	8.8	6.5	1	1	8.0	1980	28	41.0	1977	15	1975	29	6	1977	3.3	2.8	1.4	.5	.0	7.0	4.2	2.5	1.0
Apr	6.0	3.5	1	#	10.4	1995	11	29.7	1995	20	1995	11	3	1995	2.1	1.9	.7	.4	.1	2.5	2.0	1.1	.4
May	.6	.0	#	0	6.0	1979	10	8.0	1979	6	1979	10	#+	1979	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	.1	.1	.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	1.0	1973	16	1.0	1973	1	1973	16	#	1973	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Oct	2.9	1.0	#	#	6.0	1973	11	12.0	1995	6	1975	24	1	1998	.9	.9	.5	.1	.0	1.1	.9	.3	.0
Nov	4.3	4.5	1	1	7.0	1998	3	8.0	1972	18	1998	7	4	1998	2.8	2.2	.6	.4	.0	7.3	3.1	1.7	.0
Dec	5.2	4.0	1	1	6.0	1978	2	15.0	1993	15	1978	9	8	1978	2.9	2.1	.6	.2	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Ann	39.8	30.8	N/A	N/A	10.4	Apr 1995	11	41.0	Mar 1977	20	Apr 1995	11	8+	Dec 1978	19.6	15.5	5.3	2.0	.1	-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	6/11	6/04	5/31	5/27	5/23	5/19	5/15	5/11	5/04
32	5/27	5/22	5/18	5/15	5/12	5/09	5/06	5/02	4/27
28	5/15	5/10	5/07	5/04	5/01	4/28	4/26	4/22	4/18
24	5/05	4/30	4/27	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/16	4/12	4/07
20	4/21	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/07	4/05	4/02	3/29	3/25
16	4/15	4/09	4/05	4/01	3/29	3/26	3/23	3/19	3/13
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	9/06	9/10	9/12	9/14	9/17	9/19	9/21	9/23	9/27
32	9/13	9/17	9/20	9/22	9/25	9/27	9/30	10/03	10/07
28	9/21	9/27	10/01	10/04	10/07	10/10	10/13	10/17	10/23
24	9/28	10/04	10/08	10/11	10/15	10/18	10/22	10/26	11/01
20	10/09	10/14	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/25	10/28	11/01	11/06
16	10/19	10/24	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/05	11/08	11/12	11/17
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	137	130	125	120	116	112	107	102	95
32	155	148	143	139	135	131	127	122	115
28	178	171	166	162	158	154	150	145	138
24	199	191	185	180	176	171	167	161	153
20	215	209	205	201	198	194	190	186	180
16	236	230	225	221	217	214	210	205	198

\* 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>	1335	1049	910	575	277	85	23	22	162	507	952	1255	7152
<b>60</b>	1180	909	755	430	162	32	6	4	80	354	802	1100	5814
<b>57</b>	1087	825	662	347	108	16	1	1	46	267	712	1007	5079
<b>55</b>	1025	773	600	295	79	9	0	0	30	213	655	945	4624
<b>50</b>	875	642	453	183	30	1	0	0	7	104	516	795	3606
<b>32</b>	394	249	76	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	142	323	1191

<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>	82	125	189	421	764	1028	1265	1230	892	517	181	91	6785
<b>55</b>	0	4	0	21	130	347	552	518	231	16	4	0	1823
<b>57</b>	0	0	0	13	97	294	492	457	188	8	0	0	1549
<b>60</b>	0	0	0	5	58	220	403	367	132	2	0	0	1187
<b>65</b>	0	0	0	0	19	123	265	229	64	0	0	0	700
<b>70</b>	0	0	0	0	4	56	154	121	24	0	0	0	359

**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>	6	19	77	226	534	805	1037	988	669	315	58	13	6	25	102	328	862	1667	2704	3692	4361	4676	4734	4747
<b>45</b>	0	2	31	135	384	656	882	833	524	198	21	0	0	2	33	168	552	1208	2090	2923	3447	3645	3666	3666
<b>50</b>	0	0	11	67	248	506	727	678	385	106	6	0	0	0	11	78	326	832	1559	2237	2622	2728	2734	2734
<b>55</b>	0	0	2	30	138	362	572	524	259	47	0	0	0	0	2	32	170	532	1104	1628	1887	1934	1934	1934
<b>60</b>	0	0	0	10	59	226	417	372	154	12	0	0	0	0	0	10	69	295	712	1084	1238	1250	1250	1250
<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
<b>50/86</b>	6	26	78	171	339	513	663	637	428	224	50	14	6	32	110	281	620	1133	1796	2433	2861	3085	3135	3149

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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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