

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: IDAHO FALLS 2 ESE, ID

1971-2000

COOP ID: 104455

Climate Division: ID 9

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 4,765 Feet Lat: 43°29N

Lon: 112°01W

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	29.7	12.5	21.1	55+	1974	16	30.0	1998	-29+	1963	12	9.3	1979	1362	0	.0	.0	.2	17.2	30.1	5.9
Feb	36.6	16.8	26.7	63	1963	6	35.5	1992	-34	1985	1	14.2	1985	1072	0	.0	.0	2.4	8.6	26.6	3.0
Mar	47.6	24.8	36.2	75	1986	28	43.5	1992	-15	1960	1	24.9	1985	894	0	.0	.0	12.6	1.2	26.2	.2
Apr	58.7	31.3	45.0	85	1992	29	51.2	1987	9	1953	2	36.4	1975	600	0	.0	.0	24.2	.0	16.1	.0
May	67.9	38.7	53.3	92	1986	31	60.1	1992	20+	1982	5	48.3	1975	366	4	.0	@	29.8	.0	4.7	.0
Jun	77.8	46.0	61.9	100	1988	26	68.3	1988	28	1995	7	57.6	1998	146	53	@	3.0	30.0	.0	.4	.0
Jul	86.0	51.4	68.7	100+	2000	31	73.0	1998	34	1981	8	61.0	1993	34	148	.1	10.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	85.8	49.9	67.9	100	1961	4	71.8	2000	31	1992	26	62.9	1993	51	138	.0	9.8	31.0	.0	.1	.0
Sep	75.1	41.3	58.2	95	1990	15	64.8	1990	18+	1985	30	51.9	1971	235	30	.0	1.3	29.8	.0	3.7	.0
Oct	61.4	32.2	46.8	87	1992	1	54.2	1988	7	1991	30	42.0	1984	564	0	.0	.0	26.6	.2	16.2	.0
Nov	43.0	23.2	33.1	73	1965	1	40.6	1999	-12+	1993	26	25.8	1985	957	0	.0	.0	8.1	4.6	26.1	.8
Dec	31.3	13.4	22.4	60	1995	1	28.8	1995	-29	1972	10	11.8	1985	1323	0	.0	.0	.6	15.6	29.8	4.3
Ann	58.4	31.8	45.1	100+	Jul 2000	31	73.0	Jul 1998	-34	Feb 1985	1	9.3	Jan 1979	7604	373	.1	24.5	226.3	47.4	180.0	14.2

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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	1.25	1.15	1.60	1986	1	2.38	1986	.22	1992	12.3	4.0	.2	@	.42	.54	.71	.86	1.00	1.15	1.31	1.49	1.73	2.10	2.44
Feb	1.01	.92	1.35	1986	15	3.13	1986	.00	1991	9.5	3.5	.2	@	.10	.22	.38	.53	.68	.84	1.02	1.24	1.54	2.01	2.47
Mar	1.33	1.31	1.49	1995	11	4.30	1995	.04	1994	9.7	4.5	.3	.1	.33	.45	.65	.82	.99	1.17	1.37	1.61	1.92	2.41	2.87
Apr	1.27	1.25	1.06	2000	18	2.82	1978	.20	1992	9.3	4.1	.4	@	.31	.43	.62	.78	.95	1.12	1.31	1.54	1.84	2.31	2.75
May	2.01	1.66	1.67	1993	6	4.56	1993	.33	1972	10.6	5.4	1.1	.2	.46	.65	.94	1.20	1.47	1.75	2.06	2.43	2.93	3.71	4.44
Jun	1.18	.89	1.19	1997	12	3.16	1995	.15	1996	6.9	3.0	.6	@	.23	.33	.51	.67	.83	1.00	1.20	1.43	1.75	2.25	2.73
Jul	.74	.55	1.14	1954	15	2.13	1983	.00+	1988	5.0	2.3	.2	@	.00	.04	.14	.25	.37	.51	.69	.91	1.22	1.74	2.26
Aug	.93	.92	1.45	1971	29	2.66	1972	.07	1992	5.8	2.4	.5	@	.08	.15	.27	.40	.54	.70	.89	1.13	1.47	2.02	2.56
Sep	.94	.70	1.73	1998	12	2.81	1998	.00+	1987	5.3	2.5	.4	@	.00	.00	.22	.38	.54	.72	.93	1.19	1.52	2.09	2.64
Oct	1.12	1.13	.97	1961	21	2.49	1974	.00	1988	6.5	3.3	.6	.0	.07	.18	.36	.52	.69	.89	1.11	1.38	1.75	2.35	2.93
Nov	1.17	1.09	.90	1970	30	3.20	1988	.00	1976	9.0	4.2	.2	.0	.23	.39	.59	.75	.90	1.06	1.23	1.44	1.70	2.11	2.50
Dec	1.26	1.19	1.10	1997	7	3.18	1983	.00+	1989	10.1	3.5	.3	@	.00	.26	.52	.72	.91	1.11	1.32	1.57	1.91	2.44	2.94
Ann	14.21	13.57	1.73	Sep 1998	12	4.56	May 1993	.00+	Feb 1991	100.0	42.7	5.0	.3	9.39	10.29	11.47	12.37	13.18	13.97	14.78	15.69	16.80	18.43	19.84

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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	9.3	6.5	5	3	6.0	1977	3	17.5	1971	26	1993	13	26	1993	5.1	4.6	1.8	.4	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	5.6	4.3	2	1	10.0	2000	25	15.8	1985	20	1979	2	15	1979	3.1	2.6	.8	.2	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	3.9	4.0	1	#	6.0	1985	2	12.0	1985	22	1984	6	7	1984	1.8	1.6	.4	.1	.0	1.8	.8	.6	.0
Apr	.6	.0	#	0	3.0	1997	1	3.0+	1997	2	1982	1	#+	1988	.3	.3	@	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
May	.1	.0	#	0	1.5	1988	1	1.5	1988	1	1988	1	#+	1990	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1	.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	.1	.0	0	0	2.0	1983	19	2.0	1983	0	0	0	0	0	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.5	.0	#	0	6.0	1997	24	7.0	1997	4	1997	24	#+	1997	.2	.2	.1	@	.0	.1	.1	.0	.0
Nov	4.5	4.5	#	#	6.0	1998	6	11.2	2000	12	1985	29	1+	2000	2.8	2.3	.5	.1	.0	1.9	.6	.3	.0
Dec	8.2	9.7	5	3	10.0	1983	4	22.5	1994	23	1983	6	15	1985	4.2	3.6	1.4	.4	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Ann	32.8	29.0	N/A	N/A	10.0+	Feb 2000	25	22.5	Dec 1994	26	Jan 1993	13	26	Jan 1993	17.6	15.3	5.0	1.2	.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	6/28	6/22	6/18	6/14	6/11	6/07	6/04	5/31	5/25
32	6/16	6/09	6/04	5/31	5/27	5/23	5/19	5/14	5/07
28	5/24	5/18	5/14	5/11	5/07	5/04	5/01	4/26	4/21
24	5/05	4/30	4/26	4/23	4/20	4/17	4/14	4/10	4/05
20	4/22	4/15	4/11	4/07	4/03	3/30	3/26	3/22	3/15
16	4/10	4/02	3/27	3/22	3/18	3/13	3/08	3/03	2/23
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	8/26	8/31	9/03	9/06	9/09	9/12	9/15	9/18	9/23
32	9/07	9/11	9/15	9/17	9/20	9/22	9/25	9/28	10/02
28	9/19	9/23	9/26	9/29	10/02	10/04	10/07	10/10	10/14
24	9/26	10/02	10/06	10/09	10/12	10/15	10/19	10/23	10/28
20	10/07	10/14	10/18	10/22	10/26	10/30	11/02	11/07	11/13
16	10/21	10/27	10/31	11/04	11/07	11/11	11/14	11/19	11/24
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	112	104	99	94	90	85	80	75	67
32	138	130	124	120	115	110	106	100	92
28	169	162	156	151	147	142	137	132	124
24	195	188	183	178	174	170	166	161	154
20	232	223	216	210	205	200	194	188	179
16	264	254	246	240	234	228	222	214	204

\* 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	1362	1072	894	600	366	146	34	51	235	564	957	1323	7604
60	1207	932	739	455	230	67	7	15	132	411	807	1168	6170
57	1114	848	647	372	161	36	2	5	86	323	717	1075	5386
55	1052	792	587	319	123	22	0	3	61	267	657	1013	4896
50	897	655	444	205	52	5	0	0	21	149	510	858	3796
32	389	234	86	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	110	345	1177

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	50	86	216	402	661	897	1137	1110	785	461	144	44	5993
55	0	0	4	20	71	229	424	400	157	14	0	0	1319
57	0	0	1	13	47	183	363	341	121	7	0	0	1076
60	0	0	0	6	23	124	276	257	78	2	0	0	766
65	0	0	0	0	4	53	148	138	30	0	0	0	373
70	0	0	0	0	0	16	61	58	8	0	0	0	143

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	5	51	200	440	682	912	881	562	246	30	1	0	5	56	256	696	1378	2290	3171	3733	3979	4009	4010
45	0	0	11	106	294	532	757	726	417	131	6	0	0	0	11	117	411	943	1700	2426	2843	2974	2980	2980
50	0	0	0	46	173	388	602	571	280	52	0	0	0	0	0	46	219	607	1209	1780	2060	2112	2112	2112
55	0	0	0	16	84	246	447	418	161	13	0	0	0	0	0	16	100	346	793	1211	1372	1385	1385	1385
60	0	0	0	3	27	134	297	269	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	164	461	730	803	804	804	804
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	5	47	155	294	432	576	564	387	203	28	0	0	5	52	207	501	933	1509	2073	2460	2663	2691	2691

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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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