

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: GRAN QUIVIRA NATL MON, NM

1971-2000

COOP ID: 293649

Climate Division: NM 6

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 6,600 Feet Lat: 34° 16N

Lon: 106° 06W

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	48.2	21.6	34.9	71	1990	11	40.4	2000	-26	1971	6	30.2	1992	934	0	.0	.0	15.0	1.4	29.1	.4
Feb	53.8	25.0	39.4	75+	1986	25	44.9	1995	-14	1951	1	35.6	1973	718	0	.0	.0	20.4	.8	24.3	.1
Mar	60.8	29.3	45.1	84	1989	11	51.2	1972	-1	1948	11	40.3	1973	620	0	.0	.0	28.0	@	21.1	.0
Apr	68.7	34.9	51.8	88+	1989	20	58.4	1989	5	1973	8	44.7	1973	401	6	.0	.0	28.9	@	11.4	.0
May	77.4	43.7	60.6	96	2000	30	68.2	1996	16	1951	3	56.0	1983	182	44	.0	1.4	31.0	.0	1.5	.0
Jun	86.7	52.2	69.5	104+	1990	24	75.4	1990	35+	1951	3	65.2	1983	31	165	1.0	13.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	88.0	55.9	72.0	102+	1995	27	75.8	1980	45+	1958	7	69.0	1975	2	218	.5	15.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	85.3	54.8	70.1	100	1980	2	73.3	1995	40	1992	28	67.2	1974	6	163	@	8.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	80.1	48.8	64.5	98	1983	3	69.1	1997	28	2000	25	61.0	1974	78	63	.0	2.1	29.9	.0	.3	.0
Oct	70.6	38.9	54.8	89	1980	1	58.8	1988	2	1991	31	49.8	1984	324	5	.0	.0	30.2	.0	5.6	.0
Nov	57.2	28.4	42.8	78	1980	9	49.4	1999	-9	1976	28	36.6	2000	666	0	.0	.0	23.5	.2	20.6	.1
Dec	49.2	21.9	35.6	71+	1981	8	42.3	1980	-13	1978	9	29.9	1997	913	0	.0	.0	16.0	.8	28.6	.3
Ann	68.8	38.0	53.4	104+	Jun 1990	24	75.8	Jul 1980	-26	Jan 1971	6	29.9	Dec 1997	4875	664	1.5	40.3	314.9	3.2	142.5	.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	.77	.83	1.20	2001	28	2.03	1978	.00	1994	5.1	2.6	.3	.0	.06	.15	.28	.39	.50	.63	.78	.95	1.19	1.57	1.94
Feb	.75	.74	1.10	1986	10	1.70	1986	.01+	1999	4.5	2.6	.3	@	.04	.08	.16	.26	.38	.52	.68	.90	1.21	1.73	2.25
Mar	.76	.54	.85	1953	1	2.06	1973	.00	1996	4.7	2.4	.4	.0	.05	.13	.25	.36	.47	.60	.75	.94	1.19	1.60	1.99
Apr	.70	.57	1.55	1988	1	2.73	1988	.00+	1996	4.0	2.0	.4	.1	.00	.00	.12	.26	.39	.53	.69	.89	1.17	1.60	2.04
May	1.00	.82	1.50	1978	20	3.25	1992	.00+	2000	4.9	2.4	.7	.1	.00	.00	.08	.27	.46	.68	.94	1.26	1.71	2.43	3.19
Jun	1.16	.99	1.70	1987	27	3.09	2000	.00	1975	5.3	3.4	.6	.1	.04	.13	.30	.47	.65	.86	1.11	1.43	1.86	2.58	3.30
Jul	2.77	2.75	2.70	1967	7	6.83	1991	.69	1995	11.5	6.8	1.6	.4	.81	1.08	1.47	1.81	2.15	2.49	2.88	3.33	3.91	4.83	5.68
Aug	3.50	3.09	2.48	1972	26	9.02	1993	1.02	1998	12.5	8.1	2.4	.8	1.13	1.47	1.96	2.37	2.78	3.19	3.65	4.18	4.87	5.94	6.92
Sep	2.22	1.98	2.31	1997	21	6.19	1997	.24	1973	8.0	4.9	1.4	.3	.60	.81	1.14	1.42	1.69	1.98	2.30	2.67	3.17	3.94	4.66
Oct	1.61	1.02	1.71	1994	15	5.27	1972	.00	1975	5.6	3.5	1.1	.3	.02	.09	.27	.48	.74	1.04	1.43	1.93	2.64	3.87	5.12
Nov	1.00	1.04	2.00	1986	2	3.45	1986	.00+	1999	4.7	2.6	.6	.1	.00	.19	.40	.55	.71	.87	1.04	1.25	1.52	1.96	2.37
Dec	.99	.63	1.47	1987	13	3.24	1978	.00	1981	4.9	2.7	.7	.1	.01	.06	.17	.31	.46	.65	.88	1.19	1.62	2.37	3.12
Ann	17.23	17.09	2.70	Jul 1967	7	9.02	Aug 1993	.00+	May 2000	75.7	44.0	10.5	2.3	11.44	12.54	13.95	15.03	16.01	16.95	17.93	19.02	20.35	22.30	23.99

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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	5.0	1.8	1	#	11.0	1987	17	19.0	1973	9+	1999	29	9	1975	1.8	1.4	.7	.5	@	1.4	.9	.4	.0
Feb	5.4	4.5	1	0	9.0	1979	16	16.5	1977	19	1986	10	19	1986	1.8	1.6	.8	.4	.0	.5	.3	.2	.0
Mar	2.5	.0	#	0	7.0	1977	29	21.0	1973	4	1971	2	2	1977	.8	.7	.4	.1	.0	.2	.1	.0	.0
Apr	.5	.0	#	0	4.0	1973	8	9.0	1973	2	1997	24	#	1997	.4	.3	.1	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
May	.0	.0	#	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	2	1978	2	#	1978	.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	#	1971	18	#	1971	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.8	.0	#	0	9.0	1991	31	9.7	1991	7	1991	31	#+	1999	.2	.1	.1	@	.0	.1	.1	@	.0
Nov	2.5	.0	#	0	12.0	1976	27	16.0+	1976	12	1976	28	2	1976	.6	.5	.4	.2	@	.1	.0	.0	.0
Dec	4.6	1.0	1	0	18.0	1984	14	26.0	1987	19	1987	14	4	1971	1.5	1.3	.8	.4	.1	.6	.2	.1	.0
Ann	21.3	7.3	N/A	N/A	18.0	Dec 1984	14	26.0	Dec 1987	19+	Dec 1987	14	19	Feb 1986	7.1	5.9	3.3	1.6	.1	3.0	1.6	.7	.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	5/25	5/21	5/18	5/15	5/13	5/11	5/08	5/05	5/01
32	5/17	5/13	5/10	5/08	5/05	5/03	4/30	4/27	4/23
28	5/11	5/05	5/01	4/27	4/23	4/20	4/16	4/11	4/05
24	4/26	4/20	4/16	4/13	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/30	3/24
20	4/16	4/09	4/04	3/31	3/27	3/23	3/19	3/14	3/08
16	4/07	3/29	3/22	3/16	3/11	3/05	2/28	2/21	2/11
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	9/21	9/25	9/28	9/30	10/03	10/05	10/07	10/10	10/14
32	9/25	9/30	10/03	10/06	10/08	10/11	10/14	10/17	10/21
28	10/04	10/09	10/13	10/16	10/19	10/22	10/25	10/29	11/03
24	10/19	10/23	10/27	10/29	11/01	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/14
20	10/31	11/04	11/08	11/10	11/13	11/16	11/19	11/22	11/26
16	11/06	11/12	11/16	11/19	11/22	11/26	11/29	12/03	12/08
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	162	155	150	146	142	138	134	129	122
32	176	169	164	159	155	151	147	142	134
28	200	192	187	183	178	174	170	164	157
24	226	219	213	209	205	200	196	190	183
20	254	246	240	235	230	226	220	215	206
16	288	277	269	262	256	249	243	235	224

\* 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	934	718	620	401	182	31	2	6	78	324	666	913	4875
60	779	578	466	268	92	7	0	0	23	192	516	758	3679
57	686	494	376	198	55	2	0	0	8	128	429	665	3041
55	624	438	318	159	36	1	0	0	4	93	373	603	2649
50	469	302	189	80	10	0	0	0	0	36	243	449	1778
32	54	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	48	129

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	144	220	405	595	885	1124	1239	1180	975	705	335	159	7966
55	0	0	9	63	209	435	526	467	288	85	7	0	2089
57	0	0	4	43	165	376	464	405	233	57	3	0	1750
60	0	0	1	22	109	291	371	312	157	28	1	0	1292
65	0	0	0	6	44	165	218	163	63	5	0	0	664
70	0	0	0	0	13	75	87	51	14	0	0	0	240

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	31	88	205	387	667	912	1015	949	750	471	153	40	31	119	324	711	1378	2290	3305	4254	5004	5475	5628	5668
45	4	29	100	251	512	762	860	794	600	327	68	3	4	33	133	384	896	1658	2518	3312	3912	4239	4307	4310
50	0	2	37	138	358	612	705	639	453	195	16	0	0	2	39	177	535	1147	1852	2491	2944	3139	3155	3155
55	0	0	2	53	215	462	550	484	310	90	0	0	0	0	2	55	270	732	1282	1766	2076	2166	2166	2166
60	0	0	0	12	97	312	395	329	173	23	0	0	0	0	0	12	109	421	816	1145	1318	1341	1341	1341
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	47	99	193	306	452	573	642	613	479	334	138	49	47	146	339	645	1097	1670	2312	2925	3404	3738	3876	3925

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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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