

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: W KERR SCOTT RESERVOIR, NC

COOP ID: 319555

Climate Division: NC 2

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 1,070 Feet Lat: 36°08N

Lon: 81°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	46.9	23.4	35.2	76+	1975	30	43.5	1974	-10	1985	21	23.6	1977	925	0	.0	.0	13.3	2.1	25.0	.4
Feb	51.5	25.7	38.6	82	1989	16	45.0	1990	-6+	1996	6	30.5	1978	739	0	.0	.0	15.8	1.2	21.8	.1
Mar	59.7	33.2	46.5	87+	1990	14	51.7	1990	1	1993	15	40.8	1980	576	0	.0	.0	25.4	.2	14.4	.0
Apr	69.3	40.8	55.1	94+	1989	28	59.3	1986	20	1972	9	49.9	1983	303	3	.0	.3	29.0	.0	5.3	.0
May	77.1	50.4	63.8	96+	1996	20	69.5	1991	29+	1989	8	59.3	1997	114	75	.0	.8	30.9	.0	.2	.0
Jun	84.0	59.2	71.6	98+	1988	27	74.9	1986	35	1966	2	67.1	1972	12	210	.0	6.7	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	87.7	63.4	75.6	100+	1993	9	79.2	1993	46	1988	2	72.2	1979	0	328	.2	13.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	86.1	62.0	74.1	102+	1988	19	77.0	1995	44+	1986	30	71.1	1992	0	281	.2	9.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	80.1	55.4	67.8	97+	1993	2	73.2	1998	31	1967	30	64.7	1981	38	119	.0	2.7	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	70.5	41.9	56.2	91	1986	5	63.9	1984	21	1965	30	50.6	1987	297	24	.0	.1	30.7	.0	4.0	.0
Nov	60.3	33.8	47.1	84+	1974	3	56.0	1985	7	1970	25	40.5	1976	540	1	.0	.0	25.6	.0	14.1	.0
Dec	50.8	26.4	38.6	80	1998	8	46.9	1984	-3	1983	25	31.5	1989	819	0	.0	.0	17.3	.8	23.4	@
Ann	68.7	43.0	55.9	102+	Aug 1988	19	79.2	Jul 1993	-10	Jan 1985	21	23.6	Jan 1977	4363	1041	.4	32.8	310.0	4.3	108.2	.5

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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	4.54	4.19	3.11	1995	15	9.61	1996	.62	1981	11.0	7.4	3.1	1.2	1.37	1.80	2.44	3.00	3.54	4.10	4.72	5.44	6.38	7.84	9.20
Feb	3.86	3.99	4.00	1984	14	7.24	1990	.43	1978	10.3	6.8	2.6	1.0	.95	1.32	1.88	2.38	2.87	3.39	3.97	4.67	5.57	7.00	8.34
Mar	5.12	4.77	3.48	1979	24	11.73	1975	1.23	1985	12.0	8.2	3.6	1.6	1.72	2.20	2.91	3.52	4.09	4.69	5.34	6.10	7.08	8.59	9.99
Apr	4.51	4.55	5.20	1983	10	10.44	1983	.38	1986	10.4	7.3	2.7	1.3	.94	1.35	2.01	2.61	3.22	3.87	4.61	5.49	6.65	8.52	10.28
May	4.91	4.98	2.96	1981	28	8.61	1992	1.60	1997	12.5	8.3	3.2	1.5	2.33	2.76	3.34	3.81	4.24	4.68	5.15	5.68	6.34	7.35	8.25
Jun	4.75	4.53	4.11	1972	21	9.32	1976	.57	1986	11.8	7.6	3.2	1.3	1.47	1.92	2.59	3.17	3.72	4.30	4.94	5.69	6.65	8.15	9.55
Jul	4.54	4.34	3.33	1978	16	11.41	1984	.47	1983	13.0	8.3	3.1	1.2	1.42	1.85	2.49	3.04	3.57	4.12	4.73	5.44	6.36	7.78	9.10
Aug	4.84	4.37	7.30	1970	10	12.49	1996	1.17	1980	11.4	7.4	3.2	1.5	1.05	1.50	2.21	2.85	3.49	4.18	4.95	5.87	7.09	9.03	10.87
Sep	4.92	4.43	5.36	1977	8	11.74	1979	.22	1985	11.2	6.9	3.2	1.6	.84	1.27	1.99	2.66	3.35	4.11	4.97	6.01	7.40	9.65	11.80
Oct	3.81	3.26	4.36	1975	18	10.83	1990	.06	2000	8.7	5.3	2.4	1.2	.47	.77	1.31	1.84	2.40	3.02	3.75	4.65	5.87	7.88	9.82
Nov	3.67	3.30	3.80	1977	6	8.89	1977	.68	1981	10.7	6.4	2.6	1.0	1.15	1.49	2.01	2.45	2.88	3.33	3.82	4.39	5.13	6.28	7.34
Dec	3.77	3.70	2.58	1998	13	8.16	1973	.71	1980	11.4	6.6	2.2	1.2	1.00	1.35	1.90	2.38	2.85	3.35	3.90	4.55	5.41	6.75	8.00
Ann	53.24	53.44	7.30	Aug 1970	10	12.49	Aug 1996	.06	Oct 2000	134.4	86.5	35.1	15.6	40.69	43.19	46.35	48.72	50.81	52.82	54.88	57.15	59.87	63.79	67.16

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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	3.9	2.5	1	#	10.0	1988	8	18.5	1996	16	1987	26	4	1987	1.3	1.2	.6	.3	.1	3.0	1.5	.9	.3
Feb	4.6	2.4	#	#	8.5	1983	11	19.8	1979	13	1979	19	3	1979	1.5	1.0	.5	.3	.0	2.8	1.5	.7	.1
Mar	1.8	.0	#	0	12.3	1993	13	12.3	1993	16	1993	14	2	1993	.4	.4	.2	.1	.1	.6	.4	.2	.1
Apr	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
May	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.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	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	#	.0	#	0	#	1987	11	#+	1987	2	1971	25	#	1971	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	1.4	.0	#	0	7.0	1971	4	8.0	1989	11	1993	21	2	1993	.5	.3	.2	.1	.0	.4	.3	@	.0
Ann	11.7	4.9	N/A	N/A	12.3	Mar 1993	13	19.8	Feb 1979	16+	Mar 1993	14	4	Jan 1987	3.7	2.9	1.5	.8	.2	6.8	3.7	1.8	.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	5/17	5/12	5/08	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/18
32	5/07	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/20	4/17	4/13	4/08
28	4/20	4/16	4/14	4/11	4/09	4/07	4/05	4/02	3/29
24	4/06	3/31	3/27	3/23	3/20	3/16	3/13	3/09	3/03
20	3/26	3/20	3/15	3/12	3/08	3/05	3/01	2/24	2/18
16	3/12	3/05	3/01	2/25	2/21	2/17	2/13	2/08	2/02
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	9/27	9/30	10/03	10/05	10/08	10/10	10/12	10/15	10/18
32	10/05	10/10	10/14	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/03
28	10/14	10/20	10/25	10/29	11/01	11/05	11/08	11/13	11/19
24	10/27	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/13	11/17	11/20	11/24	11/30
20	11/11	11/17	11/21	11/25	11/28	12/01	12/05	12/09	12/15
16	11/29	12/04	12/08	12/11	12/15	12/18	12/21	12/25	12/30
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	176	169	165	161	158	154	150	146	140
32	200	193	188	184	179	175	171	166	158
28	224	218	213	209	205	202	198	193	186
24	261	253	247	242	238	233	228	222	214
20	286	279	273	269	264	260	255	250	242
16	320	312	306	301	296	291	286	280	272

* 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	925	739	576	303	114	12	0	0	38	297	540	819	4363
60	770	599	425	172	45	2	0	0	9	184	395	664	3265
57	677	515	340	109	21	0	0	0	3	130	313	571	2679
55	623	460	286	76	12	0	0	0	2	100	262	515	2336
50	479	331	172	23	2	0	0	0	0	45	153	372	1577
32	112	36	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	205

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	210	221	452	691	984	1188	1351	1303	1072	750	453	254	8929
55	8	1	20	76	282	498	638	590	383	137	22	6	2661
57	0	0	12	50	230	438	576	528	325	105	14	0	2278
60	0	0	5	22	161	349	483	435	241	66	5	0	1767
65	0	0	0	3	75	210	328	281	119	24	1	0	1041
70	0	0	0	0	25	98	181	138	37	6	0	0	485

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	68	103	262	477	751	968	1123	1078	849	531	262	102	68	171	433	910	1661	2629	3752	4830	5679	6210	6472	6574
45	28	47	152	338	597	818	968	923	699	376	155	47	28	75	227	565	1162	1980	2948	3871	4570	4946	5101	5148
50	4	13	77	208	444	668	813	768	549	243	77	20	4	17	94	302	746	1414	2227	2995	3544	3787	3864	3884
55	0	2	30	116	299	518	658	613	400	127	33	2	0	2	32	148	447	965	1623	2236	2636	2763	2796	2798
60	0	0	5	52	169	371	503	458	261	56	7	0	0	0	5	57	226	597	1100	1558	1819	1875	1882	1882
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	58	96	190	316	485	647	758	728	562	353	187	85	58	154	344	660	1145	1792	2550	3278	3840	4193	4380	4465

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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.

- a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables
 - 1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
 - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
 - 3. National Weather Service station records
 - 4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily data
- b. Degree Day Table
 - 1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
 - 2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data
- c. Snow Tables
 - 1. Snow Climatology
 - 2. Cooperative Summary of the Day
- d. Freeze Data Table
1971-2000 serially complete daily data

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