

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: DAVIS 2 WSW EXP FARM, CA

1971-2000

COOP ID: 042294

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Lat: 38° 32N

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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	53.3	37.1	45.2	77	1962	9	50.6	1978	18	1937	9	40.4	1972	614	0	.0	.0	22.9	.0	7.8	.0
Feb	59.8	39.8	49.8	78	1977	15	53.7	1991	21	1989	8	45.5	1989	425	0	.0	.0	27.0	.1	3.3	.0
Mar	64.7	42.4	53.6	89	1988	27	57.6	1972	26+	1966	4	49.4	1991	358	3	.0	.0	30.7	.0	.8	.0
Apr	72.0	45.1	58.6	98	1931	22	63.0	1990	26	1929	9	53.0	1975	215	20	.0	.4	30.0	.0	.3	.0
May	80.3	50.0	65.2	106	1984	29	71.0	1992	33	1933	8	58.1	1977	99	104	.4	5.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	88.2	54.5	71.4	115	1925	25	77.4	1981	36	1929	1	66.8	1980	11	202	3.1	13.0	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	92.7	55.9	74.3	116	1925	17	79.0	1988	43	1930	11	70.4	1987	0	289	5.0	21.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	91.7	55.0	73.4	114+	1920	15	76.4	1998	40	1939	28	69.9	1976	1	261	4.4	19.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	88.0	53.3	70.7	112	1950	2	75.0	1984	36+	1929	30	65.5	1986	15	185	1.8	13.7	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	78.9	48.0	63.5	104	2001	3	68.6	1991	26+	1946	29	59.6	1971	109	61	.3	4.2	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	63.6	40.8	52.2	91	1933	29	58.2	1995	23+	1931	24	46.6	1994	386	2	.0	.0	29.1	.0	2.4	.0
Dec	53.9	36.1	45.0	76	1967	27	50.0	1977	12	1932	11	40.5	1972	620	0	.0	.0	23.2	@	9.0	.0
Ann	73.9	46.5	60.2	116	Jul 1925	17	79.0	Jul 1988	12	Dec 1932	11	40.4	Jan 1972	2853	1127	15.0	77.8	346.9	.1	23.6	.0

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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	4.04	4.02	3.29	1963	31	12.48	1995	.23	1975	12.6	7.0	2.8	1.1	.26	.50	1.01	1.56	2.18	2.91	3.78	4.90	6.45	9.09	11.71
Feb	3.76	3.20	2.93	1917	24	11.38	1998	.13	1971	10.4	6.4	2.7	1.0	.18	.38	.82	1.32	1.90	2.59	3.43	4.52	6.06	8.69	11.32
Mar	3.03	2.22	2.48	1925	31	8.63	1983	.08+	1994	9.6	6.1	2.1	.5	.21	.40	.78	1.19	1.66	2.20	2.85	3.67	4.82	6.75	8.67
Apr	.97	.75	3.20	1926	4	5.44	1982	.01	1977	4.7	2.5	.4	.1	.05	.11	.22	.35	.50	.68	.89	1.17	1.55	2.21	2.87
May	.55	.17	2.13	1996	16	2.47	1998	.00+	1992	2.9	1.3	.3	@	.00	.00	.00	.03	.11	.22	.37	.59	.93	1.55	2.20
Jun	.18	.07	.90	1993	6	1.53	1993	.00+	1996	1.1	.5	.1	.0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.05	.10	.19	.32	.55	.78
Jul	.03	.00	.46	1974	8	.63	1974	.00+	2000	.2	.1	.0	.0	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Aug	.04	.00	.51	1965	12	.51	1976	.00+	2000	.4	.2	.0	.0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.11	.24
Sep	.30	.03	2.78	1918	12	2.31	1989	.00+	1999	1.5	.7	.2	@	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.03	.10	.24	.48	.95	1.46
Oct	.90	.57	3.50	1962	13	2.81	1982	.00+	1995	3.6	1.9	.7	.1	.00	.02	.11	.23	.37	.55	.77	1.07	1.49	2.22	2.97
Nov	2.44	1.67	2.38	1983	11	6.49	1984	.02	1995	8.1	4.8	1.6	.5	.07	.16	.40	.71	1.08	1.53	2.11	2.88	3.98	5.92	7.89
Dec	2.81	2.75	3.38	1995	12	6.73	1996	.00	2000	10.6	5.1	1.9	.6	.11	.33	.73	1.14	1.58	2.09	2.69	3.44	4.48	6.22	7.92
Ann	19.05	16.93	3.50	Oct 1962	13	12.48	Jan 1995	.00+	Dec 2000	65.7	36.6	12.8	3.9	8.10	9.82	12.23	14.21	16.06	17.93	19.94	22.26	25.19	29.64	33.68

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# Denotes amounts of a trace

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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	.1	.0	#	0	1.1	1973	8	1.1	1973	1	1974	4	#+	1974	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Feb	.0	.0	#	0	.5	1976	5	.5	1976	1	1976	5	#	1976	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Mar	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
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	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	#	.0	0	0	#	1972	13	#	1972	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	.1	.0	N/A	N/A	1.1	Jan 1973	8	1.1	Jan 1973	1+	Feb 1976	5	#+	Feb 1976	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.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	4/28	4/20	4/14	4/09	4/04	3/31	3/26	3/20	3/12
32	4/08	3/25	3/15	3/06	2/26	2/18	2/09	1/30	1/16
28	2/24	2/10	1/31	1/22	1/13	1/04	12/25	12/11	0/00
24	1/08	12/27	12/11	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
20	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
16	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
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	10/23	10/29	11/02	11/06	11/09	11/12	11/16	11/20	11/26
32	10/31	11/10	11/17	11/23	11/28	12/04	12/10	12/17	12/27
28	11/19	11/27	12/03	12/09	12/14	12/19	12/25	1/03	0/00
24	12/15	12/29	1/16	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
20	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
16	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	249	238	231	224	218	212	205	197	186
32	324	305	292	282	273	263	253	242	226
28	>365	>365	>365	348	334	322	310	298	282
24	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365
20	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365

\* 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	614	425	358	215	99	11	0	1	15	109	386	620	2853
60	459	286	218	111	39	1	0	0	2	40	249	465	1870
57	367	207	147	66	19	0	0	0	0	18	177	374	1375
55	310	157	109	42	11	0	0	0	0	9	136	317	1091
50	176	63	38	11	2	0	0	0	0	1	60	183	534
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	409	499	668	795	1028	1181	1312	1283	1160	975	606	403	10319
55	6	12	64	148	326	491	599	570	470	272	52	7	3017
57	1	5	40	111	272	431	537	508	410	219	33	2	2569
60	0	1	17	66	198	342	444	415	322	148	15	0	1968
65	0	0	3	20	104	202	289	261	185	61	2	0	1127
70	0	0	0	4	40	90	147	122	82	17	0	0	502

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	179	302	432	563	791	951	1075	1045	930	740	377	185	179	481	913	1476	2267	3218	4293	5338	6268	7008	7385	7570
45	74	162	278	414	636	801	920	890	780	585	235	71	74	236	514	928	1564	2365	3285	4175	4955	5540	5775	5846
50	19	62	144	270	481	651	765	735	630	431	115	14	19	81	225	495	976	1627	2392	3127	3757	4188	4303	4317
55	0	9	50	146	332	501	610	580	480	280	38	0	0	9	59	205	537	1038	1648	2228	2708	2988	3026	3026
60	0	0	6	56	196	355	455	425	330	147	6	0	0	0	6	62	258	613	1068	1493	1823	1970	1976	1976
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	75	153	240	344	487	590	646	635	572	459	216	89	75	228	468	812	1299	1889	2535	3170	3742	4201	4417	4506

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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 are 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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