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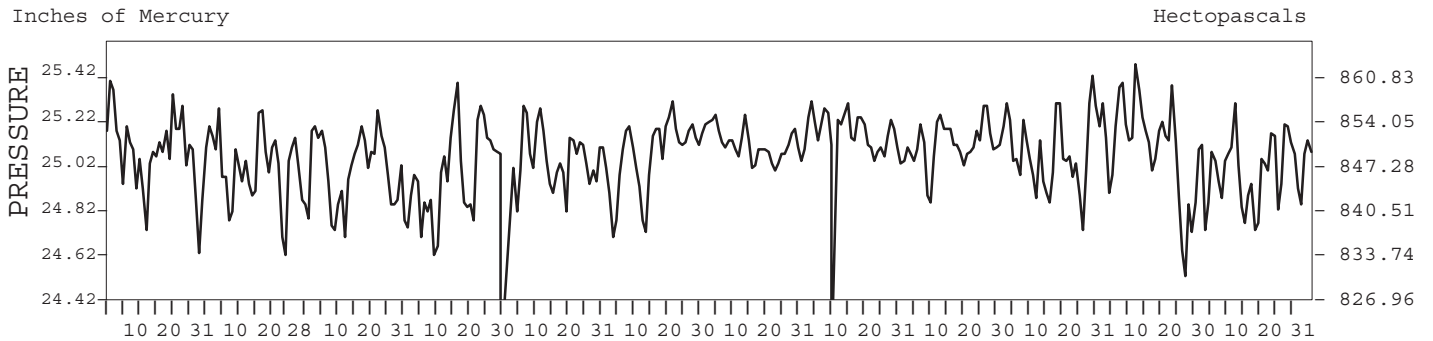
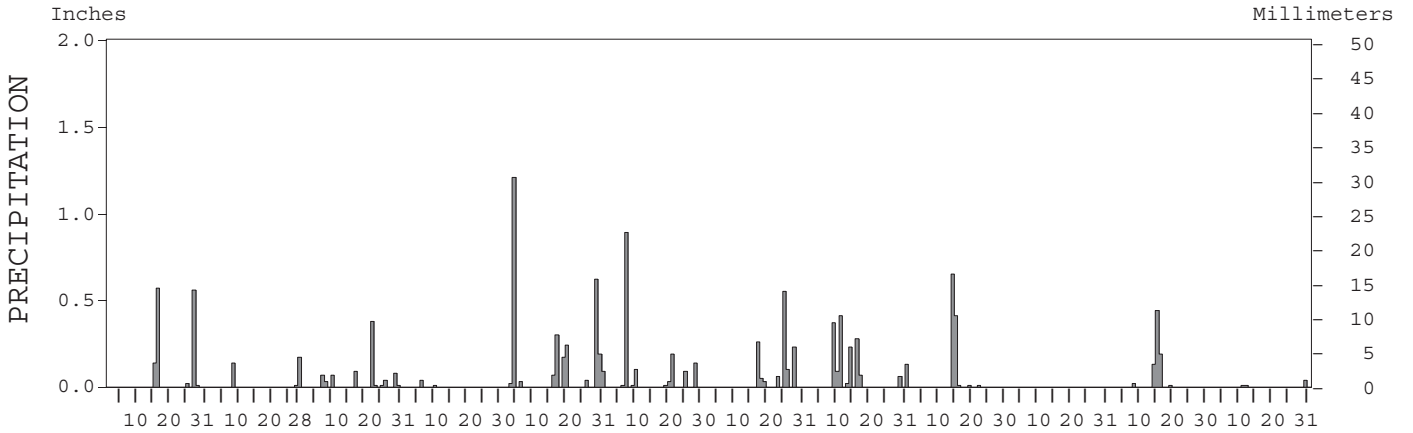
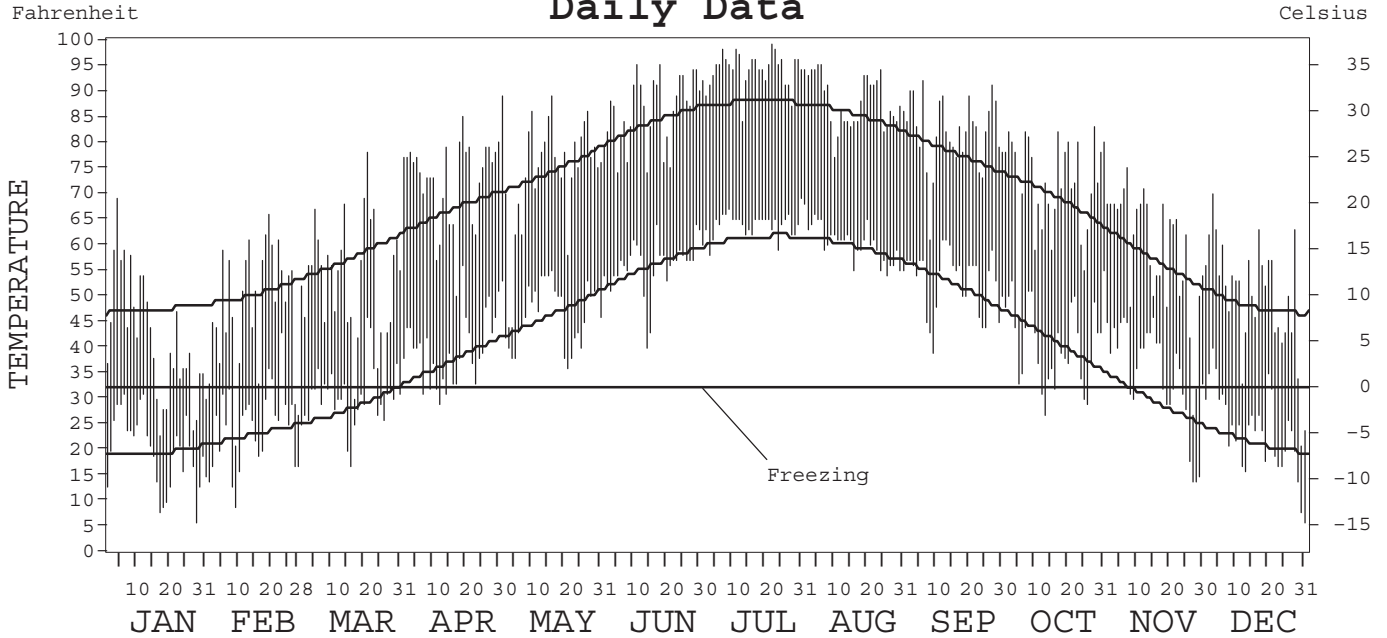
LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA  
ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA



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CLAYTON,  
NEW MEXICO (CAO)

Daily Data



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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2001

## CLAYTON, NM (CAO)

LATITUDE: 36° 26' 45" N      LONGITUDE: 103° 09' 15" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 4968      BARO: 4971      TIME ZONE: MOUNTAIN (UTC + 7)      WBAN: 23051

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	41.4	48.0	53.3	72.6	74.4	86.0	94.0	88.0	81.7	71.8	58.8	49.8	68.3	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	69	66	78	85	89	95	99	95	92	83	75	70	99	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	19	21	19	16+	18+	22	06+	06	28	07	03	JUL 22	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	20.0	24.6	30.5	39.6	46.6	55.8	63.9	60.2	52.7	40.9	34.8	23.9	41.1	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	6	9	17	29	36	40	58	54	39	27	14	6	6	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	28	09	16	12	21	14	03	26	09	13	27+	31	DEC 31	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	30.7	36.3	41.9	56.1	60.5	70.9	79.0	74.1	67.2	56.4	46.8	36.9	54.7	
	MEAN WET BULB	26.3	30.8		43.3			62.8		54.9	43.4	38.9	28.5		
	MEAN DEW POINT	18.7	24.3		28.3			53.0		45.8	28.8	30.2	15.2		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	11	28	14	4	0	0	0	0	57
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	16
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	31	25	23	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	27	27	128	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1057	799	706	264	166	11	0	0	45	269	538	866	4721	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	7	31	196	438	290	119	8	0	0	1089	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	66	68	70	39	64	49	46	51	53	39	60	48	54	
	HOUR 05 LST	71	78	82	57	81	70	70	72	74	53	70	55	69	
	HOUR 11 LST	56	60	55	27	46	35	30	35	37	29	46	35	41	
	HOUR 17 LST	64	57	54	25	48	31	31	35	33	28	53	45	42	
	HOUR 23 LST	73	76	82	49	79	60	57	63	65	45	69	58	65	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	7	11	9	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	37	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CLOUDINESS	SUNRISE-SUNSET: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
CLEAR															
PARTLY CLOUDY															
CLOUDY															
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	25.06	25.00	24.98	24.96		25.05	25.09		25.10	25.05	25.05	24.99		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.13	30.03		29.85		29.87	29.89		29.97	29.96	30.03	30.01		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.5	4.7		9.3		3.7	4.3		3.2	4.0	3.0	5.7		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	23		21		20	21		20	25	26	25		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	11.6	11.1	11.5	15.3		12.6	11.3	10.5	10.7	12.4	11.5	11.8		
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	25	21	36	20	36	18	20	20	19	24	24	25	20	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	38	36	47	53	45	43	39	35	30	36	37	38	53	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	30	31	33	19	33	28	29	01	30	35	26	26	19	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	24	15	06	20	20	15+	25+	07	15	25+	21+	APR 06	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	44	41	56	63	54	51	49	40	38	41	47	46	63	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	30	31	33	19	33	28	25	01	01	35	26	26	19		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	24	15	06	20	20	14	31	07	12+	25	21	APR 06		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.30	0.32	0.79	0.05	2.98	1.47	1.28	1.66	1.09	T	0.79	0.06	11.79	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.71	0.17	0.38	0.04	0.62	0.89	0.65	0.49	0.65	T	0.63	0.04	0.89	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	15-16	28	22	06	29	07	25-26	10-11	14	12	15-16	30	JUN 07	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	5	3	10	2	11	9	7	9	5	0	5	3	69	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	3	2	1	0	6	4	4	5	2	0	3	0	30		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)														
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0															



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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	T	0.65	1.48	0.93	4.38	3.23	2.21	5.17	3.59	3.15	0.27	0.64	25.70
1970	T	0.18	0.83	1.33	0.69	0.79	2.11	1.97	1.88	0.47	0.11	T	10.36
1971	0.13	0.33	0.38	1.16	2.27	2.95	3.31	2.49	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.52	16.18
1972	0.06	0.01	0.44	0.20	2.60	3.08	4.58	3.33	3.05	0.58	1.05	0.17	19.15
1973	0.42	0.22	2.29	2.65	0.86	1.04	2.00	1.31	0.99	0.40	0.10	0.74	13.02
1974	0.33	0.10	0.24	0.06	0.27	2.84	2.85	2.45	0.71	1.32	0.30	0.13	11.60
1975	0.39	0.17	0.14	0.63	1.77	1.55	3.80	2.06	1.71	T	1.02	0.06	13.30
1976	0.10	0.18	0.13	0.82	2.39	0.67	3.83	1.04	3.32	0.22	0.25	0.03	12.98
1977	0.20	0.04	0.15	3.00	1.47	0.80	1.39	2.44	0.45	0.01	0.19	0.08	10.22
1978	0.27	0.61	0.09	0.26	3.63	2.66	1.14	1.41	0.58	0.18	2.08	0.39	13.30
1979	0.74	0.03	0.86	1.36	2.41	2.73	3.38	1.01	1.31	0.41	0.31	0.30	14.85
1980	0.29	0.04	0.79	3.11	2.70	2.03	0.88	1.25	0.74	T	0.44	0.24	12.51
1981	0.07	0.03	1.27	0.46	1.57	3.33	3.01	5.73	0.63	0.81	0.45	0.24	17.60
1982	0.04	0.18	0.20	0.37	2.32	2.99	6.67	2.09	2.29	0.43	0.33	0.56	18.47
1983	0.78	0.58	0.72	0.69	3.35	2.12	1.39	0.28	0.36	0.35	0.33	0.45	11.40
1984	0.34	0.19	1.36	0.91	0.75	4.38	2.58	3.95	0.74	4.55	0.12	0.41	20.28
1985	0.43	0.10	1.14	1.89	1.72	0.77	1.40	1.78	2.49	2.85	0.15	0.04	14.76
1986	0.02	0.31	0.11	0.12	3.87	1.97	3.59	5.70	2.85	3.15	1.76	0.16	23.61
1987	0.47	1.61	0.86	0.64	3.73	2.14	0.45	2.64	1.02	T	0.55	0.80	14.91
1988	0.11	0.15	0.56	1.45	3.41	1.38	1.72	1.76	4.29	0.66	0.17	0.07	15.73
1989	0.18	0.30	0.03	0.76	1.49	4.97	5.60	2.42	1.92	0.12	T	0.59	18.38
1990	0.70	1.17	0.41	0.35	1.25	0.47	2.80	3.65	2.70	0.15	1.37	0.24	15.26
1991	0.38	T	1.15	0.04	2.11	2.66	0.89	5.83	3.62	0.42	0.82	0.92	18.84
1992	0.22	0.32	0.75	0.34	1.74	3.38	4.38	3.56	0.64	T	0.46	0.45	16.24
1996						0.40	4.98	4.30	2.30	0.33	0.19	0.03	
1997	0.04	0.22	0.18	2.96	1.17	2.02	2.48	5.24	1.40	1.06	0.45	0.37	17.59
1998	T	0.77	1.51	1.36	0.37	0.44	2.77	3.36	0.65	3.14	0.57	0.10	15.04
1999	0.18	T	0.43	4.33	2.47	0.52	4.59	2.07	2.81	2.37	0.03	0.17	19.97
2000	0.35	0.08	2.67	0.04	0.90	2.19	2.89	1.31	0.01	4.94	0.07	0.01	15.46
2001	1.30	0.32	0.79	0.05	2.98	1.47	1.28	1.66	1.09	T	0.79	0.06	11.79
POR= 54 YRS	0.31	0.34	0.67	1.05	2.34	1.88	2.76	2.65	1.58	1.03	0.40	0.29	15.30

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2001 CLAYTON, NM (CAO)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	38.9	37.1	33.3	53.2	61.2	65.6	75.8	73.9	65.9	47.7	42.5	36.1	52.6
1970	32.3	39.5	36.5	48.6	62.0	68.3	74.1	73.4	63.0	48.5	42.6	37.8	52.2
1971	34.2	34.5	42.6	50.1	58.4	71.5	71.7	69.3	61.6	53.5	43.1	34.8	52.1
1972	34.4	39.9	48.4	55.4	59.9	70.1	70.6	69.8	64.1	53.1	34.0	31.9	52.6
1973	31.6	36.1	41.0	44.4	57.4	68.7	72.8	73.5	62.5	56.4	46.0	34.9	52.1
1974	31.7	38.0	47.7	52.3	65.5	70.6	74.5	68.6	59.7	55.8	42.1	32.1	53.2
1975	32.9	33.9	40.8	48.8	58.7	68.6	71.6	73.2	62.2	56.1	40.9	38.7	52.2
1976	34.5	42.8	41.6	53.4	57.6	69.3	72.7	72.4	64.8	48.8	38.4	36.2	52.7
1977	30.0	39.9	42.4	52.9	62.3	72.8	75.7	72.9	68.5	56.3	43.5	38.8	54.7
1978	27.7	30.2	44.6	54.3	58.3	69.4	76.8	71.6	65.8	55.6	42.2	29.4	52.2
1979	23.3	36.0	43.5	50.9	56.9	67.5	73.9	70.2	66.4	56.5	37.5	37.8	51.7
1980	33.1	37.6	40.7	48.6	57.1	72.8	78.8	74.1	66.4	54.3	42.4	42.8	54.1
1981	38.3	39.2	43.9	57.7	59.8	73.1	75.0	70.4	65.7	54.1	47.3	37.2	55.1
1982	34.9	33.7	43.3	50.5	59.3	66.1	72.8	72.9	66.0	53.3	40.8	33.6	52.3
1983	35.4	36.4	42.1	45.7	55.8	65.8	75.3	76.5	68.4	56.2	43.6	23.7	52.1
1984	30.9	37.6	40.2	47.7	61.8	70.1	73.9	72.3	62.7	49.3	43.2	37.2	52.2
1985	29.5	34.1	43.6	54.9	62.3	70.2	75.2	73.1	62.1	53.4	40.2	32.6	52.6
1986	41.5	38.6	49.6	54.5	60.2	69.3	74.4	71.6	63.9	52.9	40.8	34.9	54.4
1987	34.2	37.6	41.3	51.8	60.9	69.4	73.8	70.9	65.3	55.6	42.7	32.8	53.0
1988	29.6	37.0	41.4	51.4	59.6	71.1	73.3	73.4	63.7	56.4	44.5	35.5	53.1
1989	37.3	29.9	49.0	55.3	63.3	65.3	72.1	71.7	63.1	56.1	45.4	30.0	53.2
1990	35.6	35.2	43.1	52.1	58.7	75.7	72.3	71.2	67.6	54.8	46.1	29.4	53.5
1991	31.5	42.9	43.8	52.4	63.1	70.8	72.8	71.4	62.8	54.4	37.7	36.2	53.3
1992	36.6	41.4	45.7	56.7	59.9	66.4	72.3	69.9	66.4	57.0	37.1	31.8	53.4
1996						72.1	73.5	70.2	62.0	53.3	43.1	35.9	
1997	32.4	34.5	46.9	44.8	59.7	68.8	74.8	72.5	67.5	54.4	39.6	31.9	52.3
1998	38.1	37.5	40.3	48.8	65.0	71.3	76.8	72.1	71.2	54.9	46.5	34.9	54.8
1999	38.0	43.4	43.6	49.9	58.9	69.2	72.7	73.9	63.7	54.7	50.3	37.3	54.6
2000	37.6	44.3	44.4	54.1	65.8	70.0	75.8	77.2	69.8	54.8	36.6	32.9	55.3
2001	30.7	36.3	41.9	56.1	60.5	70.9	79.0	74.1	67.2	56.4	46.8	36.9	54.7
POR= 54 YRS	33.6	36.8	42.1	51.5	60.3	69.6	72.7	72.4	65.1	54.9	42.3	35.0	53.0

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2001 CLAYTON, NM (CAO)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1970-71	6	0	151	506	667	835	950	849	690	439	215	0	5308
1971-72	25	8	180	351	649	930	946	719	511	293	171	0	4783
1972-73	25	14	91	376	921	1018	1025	805	735	612	250	24	5896
1973-74	4	0	119	263	561	928	1025	749	528	377	70	31	4655
1974-75	2	11	180	285	680	1010	987	861	742	479	199	42	5478
1975-76	0	0	158	270	718	811	938	637	716	341	228	13	4830
1976-77	0	2	80	497	790	884	1079	696	693	355	94	0	5170
1977-78	0	3	17	268	637	806	1148	968	627	314	236	36	5060
1978-79	0	8	68	291	678	1100	1286	806	660	416	252	62	5627
1979-80	0	7	69	275	818	836	981	791	750	486	245	16	5274
1980-81	0	0	64	333	675	682	821	716	646	228	170	10	4345
1981-82	0	6	50	332	525	856	924	873	663	434	179	52	4894
1982-83	4	0	60	354	718	966	910	795	703	571	287	66	5434
1983-84	0	0	63	271	636	1276	1050	786	764	512	143	9	5510
1984-85	0	1	150	481	650	858	1092	858	655	296	126	26	5193
1985-86	0	4	183	355	739	995	720	731	470	315	161	12	4685
1986-87	0	3	79	369	718	926	948	762	728	391	130	16	5070
1987-88	2	27	41	295	661	992	1090	802	723	402	185	8	5228
1988-89	0	10	93	268	609	908	850	979	496	316	129	75	4733
1989-90	1	0	126	290	581	1076	903	828	673	385	221	2	5086
1990-91	10	8	40	309	558	1095	1033	613	649	371	112	3	4801
1991-92	5	2	104	344	811	886	873	676	593	252	177	41	4764
1992-93	1	11	48	252	832	1020							
1995-96												2	
1996-97	10	1	131	365	652	893	1004	850	553	597	169	20	5245
1997-98	2	5	60	342	755	1020	828	766	756	480	79	33	5126
1998-99	0	0	8	312	551	928	827	596	656	444	206	25	4553
1999-00	12	0	116	316	434	851	843	593	631	324	103	16	4239
2000-01	0	0	65	335	845	986	1057	799	706	264	166	11	5234
2001-	0	0	45	269	538	866							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2001 CLAYTON, NM (CAO)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	0	0	33	96	344	282	61	4	0	0	820
1970	0	0	0	0	36	162	297	270	95	3	0	0	863
1971	0	0	4	0	17	200	239	149	82	0	0	0	691
1972	0	0	0	13	19	160	208	169	71	15	0	0	655
1973	0	0	0	0	21	143	254	273	51	5	0	0	747
1974	0	0	0	4	92	205	303	130	31	3	0	0	768
1975	0	0	0	0	10	156	210	260	82	1	0	0	719
1976	0	0	0	0	7	152	244	240	81	3	0	0	727
1977	0	0	0	0	16	241	342	256	130	3	0	0	988
1978	0	0	0	0	34	177	372	221	100	6	0	0	910
1979	0	0	0	1	6	145	283	173	117	17	0	0	742
1980	0	0	0	0	8	257	433	290	113	7	2	0	1110
1981	0	0	0	18	17	258	318	180	77	1	0	0	869
1982	0	0	0	4	8	90	255	251	97	0	0	0	705
1983	0	0	0	0	9	98	325	363	172	6	0	0	973
1984	0	0	0	0	50	170	282	233	88	2	0	0	825
1985	0	0	0	1	49	188	321	263	100	0	0	0	922
1986	0	0	2	6	19	147	298	212	53	0	0	0	737
1987	0	0	0	2	9	156	281	218	54	8	0	0	728
1988	0	0	0	0	22	198	263	278	61	6	0	0	828
1989	0	0	6	32	82	93	229	217	77	19	0	0	755
1990	0	0	0	1	32	326	247	207	126	0	0	0	939
1991	0	0	0	0	60	182	252	208	44	25	0	0	771
1992	0	0	0	12	23	90	234	170	93	13	0	0	635
1996						223	282	168	46	11	0	0	
1997	0	0	0	0	13	140	313	244	142	21	0	0	873
1998	0	0	0	3	87	229	371	227	203	6	0	0	1126
1999	0	0	0	0	24	156	259	283	83	5	0	0	810
2000	0	0	0	4	134	173	340	382	215	29	0	0	1277
2001	0	0	0	7	31	196	438	290	119	8	0	0	1089

SNOWFALL (inches) 2001 CLAYTON, NM (CAO)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	1.8	3.6	T	3.8	11.9	3.2	0.0	0.0	28.2
1970-71	0.0	0.0	T	5.2	1.5	T	2.3	6.3	4.4	0.8	T	0.0	20.5
1971-72	0.0	0.0	1.1	T	0.5	6.6	1.5	0.3	6.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	17.6
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	13.5	1.7	5.7	2.2	14.4	5.6	T	0.0	44.1
1973-74	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.6	8.0	5.8	1.0	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	17.4
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.5	6.5	3.3	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	15.2
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3	1.5	0.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7
1976-77	0.0	0.0	T	T	3.9	0.5	3.8	1.0	0.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	11.8
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	4.7	9.5	1.8	1.0	8.0	0.0	26.5
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	11.0	6.9	0.2	0.6	6.1	1.7	0.0	31.0
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.3	3.8	1.9	1.0	5.6	4.0	0.0	0.0	21.3
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.5	T	0.0	11.5
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	4.0	0.8	5.3	3.0	0.8	T	0.0	13.9
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	8.6	12.0	8.3	9.7	8.2	0.2	0.0	51.2
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	7.6	6.4	3.0	16.0	T	0.0	0.0	34.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	5.0	8.0	1.3	5.0	9.8	0.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.9
1985-86	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	1.3	1.5	0.8	6.6	T	T	0.0	0.0	10.2
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	3.9	10.5	7.5	9.1	5.5	0.0	0.0	42.7
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	11.5	3.3	3.0	10.5	8.5	0.0	0.0	41.2
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.0	1.2	2.9	1.0	0.2	T	0.0	10.6
1989-90	0.0	T	T	T	T	5.2	12.0	15.8	4.0	1.0	6.0	0.0	44.0
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	6.5	3.8	T	10.0	T	0.3	0.0	23.6
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	0.7	T	0.5	T	0.0	T	16.2
1992-93	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0							
1996-97													
1997-98													
1998-99													
1999-00													
2000-01													
2001-													
POR= 48 YRS	0.0	T	0.1	0.7	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.3	4.9	1.9	0.4	T	21.7

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REFERENCE NOTES:

<p>PAGE 1: THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).</p> <p>PAGE 2 AND 3: H/C INDICATES HEATING AND COOLING DEGREE DAYS. RH INDICATES RELATIVE HUMIDITY W/O INDICATES WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS S INDICATES SUNSHINE. PR INDICATES PRESSURE. CLOUDINESS ON PAGE 3 IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT EIGHTHS (OKTAS).</p> <p>GENERAL: T INDICATES TRACE PRECIPITATION, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN THE LOWEST REPORTABLE VALUE. + INDICATES THE VALUE ALSO OCCURS ON EARLIER DATES. BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING OR UNREPORTED DATA. NORMALS ARE 30-YEAR AVERAGES (1961 - 1990). ASOS INDICATES AUTOMATED SURFACE OBSERVING SYSTEM. PM INDICATES THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. POR (PERIOD OF RECORD) BEGINS WITH THE JANUARY DATA MONTH AND IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS USED TO COMPUTE THE MEAN. INDIVIDUAL MONTHS WITHIN THE POR MAY BE MISSING. WHEN THE POR FOR A NORMAL IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS, THE NORMAL IS PROVISIONAL AND IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED. 0.* OR * INDICATES THE VALUE OR MEAN-DAYS-WITH IS BETWEEN 0.00 AND 0.05. CLOUDINESS FOR ASOS STATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE NON-ASOS OBSERVATION TAKEN BY A HUMAN OBSERVER. ASOS STATION CLOUDINESS IS BASED ON TIME-AVERAGED CEILOMETER DATA FOR CLOUDS AT OR BELOW 12,000 FEET AND ON SATELLITE DATA FOR CLOUDS ABOVE 12,000 FEET. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS FOR ASOS STATIONS IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA FOR THE SUNRISE TO SUNSET PERIOD.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTINUED: CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS. WHEN AT LEAST ONE OF THE ELEMENTS (CEILOMETER OR SATELLITE) IS MISSING, THE DAILY CLOUDINESS IS NOT COMPUTED. WIND DIRECTION IS RECORDED IN TENS OF DEGREES (2 DIGITS) CLOCKWISE FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM. "36" INDICATES TRUE NORTH. RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR AVERAGE OF THE SPEED AND DIRECTION. AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS THE SUM OF THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DIVIDED BY 2. SNOWFALL DATA COMPRISE ALL FORMS OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION, INCLUDING HAIL. A HEATING (COOLING) DEGREE DAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE AND 65° F. DRY BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE AMBIENT AIR. DEW POINT IS THE TEMPERATURE TO WHICH THE AIR MUST BE COOLED TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY. WET BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE THE AIR WOULD HAVE IF THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS INCREASED TO 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY.</p> <p>ON JULY 1, 1996, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BEGAN USING THE "METAR" OBSERVATION CODE THAT WAS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE THE CHANGE IN UNITS FROM TENTHS TO EIGHTS (OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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2001  
CLAYTON,  
NEW MEXICO (CAO)

Clayton is located on the high plains of northeastern New Mexico some 90 miles southeast of the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. The climate is semi-arid. Nearly 80 percent of the rainfall occurs from May through October in sudden thunderstorms which form over the mountains northwest of Clayton and drift southeastward. This makes the growing of small grains and the raising of range cattle profitable. Native grasses in the area remain nutritious even in winter.

The climate of Clayton is characteristic of that found in the higher-altitude sections of the continental southwest. Temperatures are mostly moderate. While daytime temperatures in summer are moderately warm, 90 degrees or slightly higher about half the time in July, hot days recording temperatures of 100 degrees or more, only occur about once a year. Minimum temperatures range from the teens in January to the 60s in July. With clear nocturnal skies and an altitude of about 5,000 feet, summer nights in Clayton are usually comfortable for sleeping. While winter minima are generally below freezing, zero temperatures only occur about three times a year.

From June through August nearly all precipitation is from scattered thunderstorms. As late summer and fall give way to winter, showery precipitation becomes less frequent and copious. Occasional winter snows, caused in part by upslope movement of air from the Gulf of Mexico, supply some winter moisture.

Blizzards are rare but high winds and cold temperatures frequent winter storms and can produce blizzard conditions. These storms may often close highways and, unless proper precautions are taken, they may also cause loss of life and livestock.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is October 16 and the average last occurrence in the spring is May 1.

# STATION LOCATION

CLAYTON, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	* TYPE M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS
						GROUND												
						SEA LEVEL	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING BUCKET	RAIN GAUGE	WINDHOLE	8 INCH RAIN GAUGE	HYGROMETER			
*NOTE:																		
<u>AIRPORT</u>																		
Administration Building Municipal Airpark	3/25/44	11/7/49	1.5 mi. E	36°27'	103°09'	4996	28	5	5			3	2			Established as First Order station.		
Administration Building Municipal Airpark	11/7/49	06/01/96	0.7 mi. ESE	36°27'	103°09'	a4669	e30 f33	5 b5	5 d5		f3	4 c4	4 c3	f4	f	a. Established 11/18/49. b. Minor adjustment 12/7/49. c. Moved to a location 55' E of office 6/19/62. d. Minor adjustment 9/5/51. e. Type change 5/22/58. f. AMOS commissioned 450' ESE of Admin. building 10/2/75.		
Municipal Airport	06/01/96	Present	NA	36°27'	103°09'	g4968									S	ASOS Commissioned 06/01/96 g. Ground elevation.		

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