

Champaign-Urbana Weather Highlights – February 2008

ILLINOIS STATE WATER SURVEY

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Local Climatological Data
Champaign-Urbana, IL - 118740

Illinois State Water Survey
Water Survey Research Center

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DATE	TEMPERATURE			PRECIP (in)	SNOW (in)		WEATHER TYPES	WIND				DEGREE DAYS	
	Max	Min	Mean		Amnt	Depth		Dir	Speed (mph)	Peak Gust	Dir	Heat	Cool
1	27	23	25	0.57	6.2	6	SW+		M	M		40	0
2	34	23	29	0.02	0.3	6	SW-, F(PM)		M	M		36	0
3	32	14	23	0.00	0.0	6	F		M	M		42	0
4	55	32	44	0.74	T	4	L,ZR-,IP-,TRW,F		M	M		21	0
5	53	33	43	0.78	0.0	0	TRW, RW-, F		M	M		22	0
6	36	28	32	2.23	0.0	0	TRW+, RW-, F		M	M		33	0
7	30	27	29	0.06	T	T	L, RW-, SW-		M	M		36	0
8	43	30	37	0.01	0.1	T	SW-		M	M		28	0
9	47	22	35	0.06	0.0	0	L, RW-		M	M		30	0
10	22	5	14	0.00	0.0	0			M	M		51	0
11	18	3	11	0.02	0.3	T	SW-		M	M		54	0
12	20	14	17	T	T	T	SW-		M	M		48	0
13	28	9	19	T	T	T	ZL, SW-		M	M		46	0
14	40	18	29	0.00	0.0	T			M	M		36	0
15	35	19	27	0.00	0.0	0			M	M		38	0
16	42	13	28	0.00	0.0	0			M	M		37	0
17	53	32	43	0.78	0.0	0	RW		M	M		22	0
18	33	9	21	0.09	T	T	TRW-, RW+, SW-		M	M		44	0
19	23	7	15	T	T	T	SW-		M	M		50	0
20	22	10	16	0.03	0.8	1	SW-, BS		M	M		49	0
21	21	8	15	0.00	0.0	T			M	M		50	0
22	25	18	22	0.08	1.1	1	SW		M	M		43	0
23	29	7	18	0.21	3.8	5	SW,SW+,F(PM)		M	M		47	0
24	34	7	21	0.00	0.0	3	F(AM)		M	M		44	0
25	34	31	33	0.00	0.0	2			M	M		32	0
26	33	21	27	0.18	0.9	2	RW-,SW-,BS		M	M		38	0
27	25	16	21	0.01	0.4	2	RW-, SW-		M	M		44	0
28	30	10	20	0.00	0.0	2			M	M		45	0
29	41	27	34	0.09	1.3	3	SW-		M	M		31	0
AVG/TOT	33.3	17.8	25.6	5.96	15.2							1137	0
DEP.	-4.3	-3.9	-4.1	+3.95	+9.7			NW				+150	0

NUMBER OF DAYS and DEPARTURE

	MAX TEMP		MIN TEMP		PRECIPITATION					SNOW
	>=90	<=32	<=32	<=0	>T	>=.01	>=.10	>=.50	>=1.00	>=1.0
TOTAL	0	14	28	0	20	17	7	5	1	4
DEP	0	+4	+5	-2	+8	+2	+4	+1		+2

	WEATHER TYPES											SEASONAL DEGREE DAYS		PRECIPITATION
	R	L	S	Z	IP	A	T	F	D	H	BS	HEATING	COOLING	JAN-February
TOTAL	9	3	16	2	1	0	4	7	0	0	2	4335	0	8.27
DEP	+4	0	+7	0	0	0	+3					-151	0	+4.37

Averages based on 1971-2000 data.

Temp midnight-midnight, Precip and Snow at 8 am LST

M = Missing

WEATHER TYPES:

R = Rain
L = Drizzle
S = Snow
T = Thunder
Z = Freezing rain/drizzle
IP = Ice pellets (sleet)
A = Hail
F = Fog
D = Dust
H = Haze
BS = Blowing snow
RW = Rainshower
SW = Snowshower

PRECIP INTENSITY

- Light
Moderate
+ Heavy
Precip amount "T" = Trace

DEGREE DAYS Heat and Cool base 65F. Corn Growing base 50F, ceiling 86F. Heating DD season July-June. Cool and Corn DD season January-December.

WIND: DIR is the 24 hr prevailing direction (greatest number of hours). Speed is the daily average of 24 hourly average wind speeds.

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