Champaign-Urbana Weather Highlights – January 2008

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Local Climatological Data

Champaign-Urbana, IL - 118740

Illinois State Water Survey Water Survey Research Center

S = Snow

A = Hail

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	TEM	IPERA	TURE	PRECIP (in)	SNC	W (in)	WEATHER	WIN		DEG	GREE DAYS	
ATE	Max	Min	Mean		Amnt	Depth	TYPES	Dir Speed P (mph) C	eak Gust Gust Dir	Heat	Cool	
1	24	5	15	0.05	т	т	RW-,SW-,BS	М	М	50	0	
2	14	1	8	т	0.3	Т	SW-	Μ	М	57	0	
3	26	1	14	Т	Т	т	SW-	М	М	51	0	
4	40	22	31	0.00	0.0	Т		Μ	М	34	0	
5	45	35	40	0.12	0.0	0	RW-	Μ	М	25	0	
6	61	43	52	Т	0.0	0	RW-	Μ	Μ	13	0	
7	67	56	62	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	Μ	3	0	
8	58	36	47	1.40	0.0	0	TRW+	Μ	Μ	18	0	
9	42	29	36	0.06	0.0	0	RW-	Μ	Μ	29	0	
0	44	30	37	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	М	28	0	
1	36	26	31	0.27	0.0	0	RW	Μ	Μ	34	0	
2	46	26	36	Т	Т	0	SW-	Μ	Μ	29	0	
3	33	25	29	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	М	36	0	
4	25	14	20	т	Т	0	SW-	Μ	М	45	0	
5	27	11	19	Т	Т	0	SW-	Μ	М	46	0	
6	38	18	28	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	М	37	0	
7	33	17	25	0.01	0.2	Т	SW-	Μ	М	40	0	
8	34	11	23	0.02	Т	0	SW-, IP-	Μ	М	42	0	
9	12	1	7	Т	Т	Т	SW-	Μ	М	58	0	
0	17	-2	8	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	М	57	0	
1	34	8	21	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	М	44	0	
2	33	10	22	0.03	0.5	Т	SW-	Μ	М	43	0	
3	31	7	19	Т	Т	Т	SW-	Μ	М	46	0	
4	11	-3	4	0.01	0.2	Т	SW-	Μ	М	61	0	
5	24	-4	10	0.00	0.0	Т		Μ	М	55	0	
6	40	21	31	Т	Т	Т	SW-	Μ	М	34	0	
7	50	14	32	0.00	0.0	Т		Μ	Μ	33	0	
8	44	27	36	0.00	0.0	0		Μ	Μ	29	0	
9	53	6	30	Т	0.0	0	RW-, F(AM)	Μ	М	35	0	
0	20	4	12	0.34	0.1	Т	TRW,IP,ZR,L,SW-	Μ	М	53	0	
1	24	17	21	0.00	0.0	Т		Μ	Μ	44	0	
/G/TOT	35.0	16.5		2.31	1.3					1209	0	
EP.	+3.0	-0.2	+1.4	+0.42	-7.3			W		-50	0	
					NU	MBER	OF DAYS and DE	EPARTURE				
						PRECIPITATION SNOW						
2	>=90 <	=32	<=32 <	:=0	>T >=.0	1 >=.10	>=.50 >=1.00	>=1.0				
OTAL	0	12	27	3	20 10	4	1 1	0				
EP	0	-4	-2	-1	0	-1	0 +1	-3				
Γ		V	/EATHE	ER TYPES			SEASONAL	L DEGREE DAYS		PRECIPITATION		
F	R L	S Z	IP /	A T F D	H BS	5	HEATING C	COOLING		JAN-January		
TOTAL	81	14 <i>´</i>	12	0 2 1 0	0 1		3198	0		2.31		
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verages b	ased o	n 197 [.]	1-2000	data. Ten	np midni	ght-midr	night, Precip and Sno	ow at 8 am LST	M = Mi	issing		
VEATHER	TYPES	S:					PRI	ECIP INTENSITY	- Light	Precip amount	"T" =Trace	
R = Rain									Modera			
= Drizzle			lets (slee						+ Heavy			

 T = Thunder
 F = Fog
 RW = Rainshower
 SW = Snowshower

 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.

BS = Blowing snow

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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