

Local Climatological Data  
Champaign-Urbana, IL - 118740

Illinois State Water Survey  
Water Survey Research Center

March 2008

DATE	TEMPERATURE			PRECIP (in)	SNOW (in)		WEATHER TYPES	WIND				DEGREE DAYS	
	Max	Min	Mean		Amnt	Depth		Dir	Speed (mph)	Peak Gust	Gust Dir	Heat	Cool
1	44	29	37	0.00	0.0	1		M	M		28	0	
2	67	33	50	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		15	0	
3	55	27	41	0.24	0.0	0	RW, RW-	M	M		24	0	
4	29	26	28	0.08		T	IP,RW,ZR,SW-	M	M		37	0	
5	37	17	27	0.31	2.0	2	SW-	M	M		38	0	
6	33	25	29	0.00	0.0	T		M	M		36	0	
7	31	18	25	0.00	0.0	T		M	M		40	0	
8	26	13	20	0.00	0.0	T		M	M		45	0	
9	46	23	35		T	T	S-	M	M		30	0	
10	36	27	32	0.01		T	SW-,IP,ZR-	M	M		33	0	
11	47	22	35	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		30	0	
12	57	30	44	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		21	0	
13	59	36	48	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		17	0	
14	58	37	48	0.07	0.0	0	RW-, F(AM)	M	M		17	0	
15	44	33	39	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		26	0	
16	46	28	37	0.01		T	RW-, SW-	M	M		28	0	
17	40	33	37	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		28	0	
18	56	40	48	0.71		T	TRW, IP, SW-	M	M		17	0	
19	45	34	40	0.64	0.0	0	RW, L	M	M		25	0	
20	55	29	42	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		23	0	
21	63	37	50	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		15	0	
22	38	29	34		T	0	RW-	M	M		31	0	
23	39	27	33		T	0	SW-	M	M		32	0	
24	44	26	35		T	0	SW-	M	M		30	0	
25	58	33	46		T	0	SW-	M	M		19	0	
26	58	33	46		T	0.0	R-	M	M		19	0	
27	44	34	39	0.15	0.0	0	RW-	M	M		26	0	
28	45	29	37	0.55	0.0	0		M	M		28	0	
29	51	26	39	0.00	0.0	0		M	M		26	0	
30	55	40	48		T	0.0	0	M	M		17	0	
31	61	55	58	0.07	0.0	0	RW-	M	M		7	0	
<b>AVG/TOT</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>2.0</b>						<b>808</b>	<b>0</b>	
DEP.	-2.3	-1.2	-1.7	-0.37	-1.3			S			+43	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	3	18	0	18	11	6	3	0	1				
DEP	0	0	0	0	0	-1	+1	-1		0				

	WEATHER TYPES										SEASONAL DEGREE DAYS		PRECIPITATION	
	R	L	S	Z	IP	A	T	F	D	H	BS	HEATING	COOLING	JAN-March
TOTAL	10	1	9	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	5143	0	11.11
DEP	0	-3	+3	+1		-1	-2	-3				-108	0	+4.00

Averages based on 1971-2000 data. Temp midnight-midnight, Precip and Snow at 8 am LST M = Missing

WEATHER TYPES:

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

PRECIP INTENSITY

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

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.

## Champaign-Urbana Weather Highlights – March 2008

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**Temperatures** ranged from a high of 67°F on March 2 to a low of 13°F on March 8. While the monthly maximum, minimum, and mean monthly temperatures were all below normal, they were not remarkably cold.

**Precipitation** for March was 2.84 inches, 0.37 inches below normal.

**Snowfall** for March snowfall was 2.0 inches, 1.3 inches below normal. The seasonal snowfall total was 26.3 inches, 0.1 inches above the 1971-2000 normal of 26.2 inches.

### Additional Information

Additional information for March can be found at the Illinois Climate Network site that is collocated with our cooperative weather observer site. This automated station collects temperature, wind, soil temperature, evaporation, humidity, and solar radiation data. Usually, these data are posted several days after the end of the month at: <http://www.sws.uiuc.edu/warm/data/2008/March/Champaign.txt>

For detailed rainfall reports, check out the new volunteer raingage network in Illinois called the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) at <http://www.cocorahs.com/>.

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The daily climate statistics are available by touch-tone phone. Call 333-8890 and select menu option 1. The recording is updated daily Monday through Friday by 8:30 a.m. For this and other climate data, visit the State Climatologist web site at <http://www.sws.uiuc.edu/atmos/statecli/>