

MONTHLY CLIMATE SUMMARY - MARCH 2000											
NIU WEATHER SERVICE DE KALB, IL											
	MAXIMUM	1896-1995	MINIMUM	1896-1995	DAILY	1896-1995			PRECIP	SNOW	SNOW
DATE	(F)	AVG (F)	(F)	AVG (F)	AVG (F)	AVG (F)	HDD	CDD	(INCHES)	(INCHES)	COVER
											(INCHES)
1	*65*	40	38	23	51.5	31.5	13.5	0	0.02	0	0
2	48	40	28	23	38	31.5	27	0	0	0	0
3	42	41	24	24	33	32.5	32	0	0	0	0
4	47	41	24	24	35.5	32.5	29.5	0	0	0	0
5	62	41	31	24	46.5	32.5	18.5	0	0	0	0
6	*69*	41	38	24	53.5	32.5	11.5	0	0	0	0
7	*70*	42	38	24	54	33	11	0	0	0	0
8	*77*	42	47	24	62	33	3	0	0	0	0
9	*73*	43	42	25	57.5	34	7.5	0	0.08	0	0
10	44	44	25	26	34.5	35	30.5	0	T	0	0
11	34	44	25	27	29.5	35.5	35.5	0	0	0	0
12	39	45	20	27	29.5	36	35.5	0	0	0	0
13	49	45	23	27	36	36	29	0	T	T	0
14	44	45	29	27	36.5	36	28.5	0	0.01	T	0
15	57	45	33	27	45	36	20	0	T	0	0
16	63	46	27	27	45	36.5	20	0	0.02	0	0
17	40	46	22	28	31	37	17	0	0	0	0
18	38	47	23	28	30.5	37.5	34.5	0	T	T	0
19	41	47	25	29	33	38	32	0	0.10	T	T
20	42	48	33	29	37.5	38.5	27.5	0	0.37	T	0
21	57	48	42	28	49.5	38	15.5	0	0.02	0	0
22	51	48	44	28	47.5	38	17.5	0	0	0	0
23	54	49	42	29	48	39	17	0	T	0	0
24	64	49	45	29	54.5	39	10.5	0	0	0	0
25	67	50	44	30	55.5	40	9.5	0	0.12	0	0
26	59	50	32	32	45.5	41	19.5	0	0	0	0
27	68	51	33	33	50.5	42	14.5	0	0.09	0	0
28	55	52	30	33	42.5	42.5	22.5	0	0.08	0	0
29	43	52	27	33	35	42.5	30	0	T	T	0
30	53	52	29	33	41	42.5	24	0	0	0	0
31	59	52	31	32	45	42	20	0	0	0	0
<b>SUMMARY</b>											
<b>TEMP</b>			<b>PRECIPITATION</b>			<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>			<b>DEGREE DAYS</b>		
AVG HI:		54.0	MONTH:		0.91"	PRECIP		4.50"	COOLING:		0
AVG LO:		32.1	SNOW:		Trace	AVG:		5.07"	1/00-NOW:		0
MONTH			MONTH			SEASON			HEATING:		
AVG(F):		43.1	AVG:		2.43"	TOTAL			7/99-NOW:		664
1896-1995			SNOWFALL			SNOW:			34.0"		
AVG(F):		36.6	AVG:		4.7"	AVG:		33.1"			
<p>There are several things to mention this month, with the two main topics being the warmth and lack of precipitation. March 2000 precipitation ended up tied as the 9th driest since 1896. Interestingly, the total of 0.91" tied last year's March precipitation total. Temperature-wise, the month saw <i>five new record highs</i>, including four <i>consecutive</i> days of record warmth. As a result, the month ended up 6.5 degrees F above the average, which tied as the 6th warmest March since 1896. No measurable snow fell during the month other than the trace amounts that we received. DeKalb has now been above average temperature-wise since November 1999, with average to below average precipitation in the same time frame. We can only hope that "April showers will bring May flowers" and end our current drought conditions. (Note: ** denotes record)</p>											
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