

GENERAL
2000 State Weather Summary

TEMPERATURES

Record high temperatures occurred during the beginning of **January** and below zero temperatures occurred for the first time in over a year during the last week. The monthly state average temperature was 28 degrees compared to 36 degrees in 1999. Seven stations(Sutton Lake, Hamlin, Logan, Madison, Spencer, Tornado, and Martinsburg) reached 81 degrees on **February 27th**. Some record high temperatures were broken or tied during the last week of February. The monthly average temperature was 37 degrees compared to 35 degrees in 1999. During **March**, the highest temperature was 88 degrees on the 9th at Romney. Record high temperatures were reached on March 7th and 8th in Elkins, Bluefield and Beckley. The monthly average temperature was 44 degrees. The highest temperature for the month of **April** was 87 degrees on April 17 at Creston. The lowest temperature was 13 degrees at Snowshoe on April 11. Summer like temperatures occurred during **May** with the highest temperature of 97 degrees recorded at Romney on May 10th. The monthly average temperature for May was 52 degrees. Above normal temperatures continued into **June** with the highest recorded temperature of 100 degrees recorded at Romney on June 11. The monthly average temperature was 67 degrees. The month of **July** saw near or below normal temperatures. The highest recorded temperature was 95 degrees on July 28th at Winfield Locks and Romney stations. The monthly average temperature was 68 degrees. During **August**, the highest temperature occurred on August 10th when 95 degrees was recorded at the Wayne station. Severe thunderstorms and tornados the second week of August caused damage in some western counties. The monthly average temperature was 68 degrees. The highest temperature for **September** occurred on the 3rd with 94 degrees recorded at Winfield Locks. Some record low temperatures were set during the month. The lowest temperature was 29 degrees on September 23rd at Sandyville. The monthly average temperature was 62 degrees. The highest temperature for the month of **October** was 88 degrees on the 5th at Stonewall Jackson Dam and Romney stations. Record lows occurred on the 8th at Beckley and Huntington. The monthly average temperature was 56 degrees. Temperatures for the month of **November** averaged 39 degrees with near normal temperatures during the first half of the month. The latter part of the month brought colder than normal temperatures with average temperatures as much as 15 degrees below normal. The lowest temperature of 2 degrees occurred at Romney the week ending November 27th. Colder than normal temperatures occurred during the month of **December** with near record low temperatures in some locations. Overnight lows for the last week of December fell below zero at several locations. December for Charleston was the third coldest on record. The average temperature for the month was 24 degrees.

PRECIPITATION

During **January**, the state average precipitation was 0.47 inches compared with 1.17 inches in 1999. **February** average precipitation was 0.95 inches compared to 0.96 inches the previous year. An emergency declaration was declared in 21 counties from flooding that occurred on February 18th. Average precipitation for **March** was 0.64 inches compared with 0.54 inches in 1999. Precipitation during **April** averaged 0.95 inches. The greatest monthly total rainfall of 7.62 inches was recorded at Hacker Valley. During **May** the greatest total precipitation of 7.69 inches occurred at McRoss. The monthly average precipitation was 0.38 inches. For **June**, the greatest total precipitation was 9.65 inches at Rock Cave. The monthly average precipitation for June was 1.06 inches. For **July**, the greatest total precipitation was 10.13 inches at Man. The monthly average precipitation was 1.52 inches. During **August**, the greatest reported precipitation was 8.99 inches at Hacker Valley. The monthly average precipitation was 1.00 inches. The greatest total precipitation for the month of **September** was 8.88 inches at Elkins. The monthly average precipitation was 0.81 inches. The greatest total precipitation for **October** occurred at Lake Lynn with 2.73 inches. The monthly average was 0.19 inches during October. Precipitation during **November** was below normal except for the second week. Precipitation for the month averaged 0.36 inches. Precipitation averaged 0.58 inches during **December**. Below normal precipitation occurred most of the month with the exception of the 16th when a cold front produced 2 to 3 times above normal precipitation.

**FREEZE DATES: Last Freeze Temperature In Spring and First in Fall,
By State Divisions, 1998-2000**

Division & Station	1998		1999		2000	
	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall
NORTH CENTRAL & NORTHWESTERN						
Weston	Apr 14	Oct 23	Apr 30	Oct 25	Apr 28	Oct 8
Fairmont	Apr 13	Oct 23	Apr 15	Oct 25	Apr 28	Oct 8
Middlebourne	Apr 29	Oct 21	Apr 27	Oct 15	Apr 28	Oct 8
Parkersburg	Apr 12	Oct 23	Apr 13	Oct 25	Apr 14	Oct 29
Creston	Apr 29	Oct 23	May 3	Oct 22	Apr 28	Oct 8
SOUTHWESTERN & SOUTHERN						
Huntington-AP	Apr 11	Oct 23	Apr 13	Oct 24	Apr 23	Oct 8
Charleston-AP	Apr 12	Oct 23	Apr 25	Oct 25	Apr 27	Oct 8
Logan	Mar 23	Nov 5	Mar 28	Nov 4	Mar 31	Oct 30
Union	Apr 29	Oct 2	May 4	Sept 23	May 16	Sept 17
Beckley-AP	Apr 28	Oct 15	Apr 25	Oct 21	Apr 27	Oct 8
EAST CENTRAL & NORTHEASTERN						
Elkins-AP	Apr 29	Oct 2	May 3	Sept 22	Apr 30	Oct 8
Bayard	Apr 30	Oct 2	May 4	Sept 22	May 17	Oct 8
Wardensville	Apr 29	Oct 2	May 3	Oct 15	Apr 15	Oct 8
Martinsburg-AP	Apr 13	Nov 4	Mar 31	Oct 28	May 13	NA

AP-Airport NA-Not Available Source: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.