

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC  
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...UNUSUALLY COLD NOVEMBER ACROSS SOUTHERN SOUTH CAROLINA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA...

IF YOU THOUGHT THAT THE WARM SEASON CAME TO AN ABRUPT END ACROSS THE LOW COUNTRY OF SOUTHERN SOUTH CAROLINA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA...YOU WEREN/T ALONE. THE AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURE IN NOVEMBER AT THE CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WAS 65.3 DEGREES...4.3 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL...AND THE AVERAGE LOW TEMPERATURE WAS 43.6 DEGREES...2.8 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL. AT THE SAVANNAH-HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONDITIONS WERE MUCH THE SAME IN NOVEMBER...WITH AN AVERAGE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES OF 66.2 DEGREES...4.3 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL...AND AN AVERAGE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 46.9 DEGREES...2.4 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL.

WHAT MADE THIS MONTH PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL WAS THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH MINIMUM TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW 32 DEGREES. THE CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOTTOMED OUT AT 32 DEGREES OR LESS 7 TIMES...THE FIRST TIME THAT/S BEEN DONE IN THE PAST 41 YEARS. THE LAST TIME 7 OR MORE DAYS WITH TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW FREEZING WAS OBSERVED DATES BACK TO 1967.

THE SAVANNAH-HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON THE OTHER HAND MANAGED TO FALL TO 32 DEGREES OR LESS ONLY 4 TIMES. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS HAPPENED OCCASIONALLY OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS...THE LAST TIME FREEZING TEMPERATURES OR BELOW WERE OBSERVED MORE THAN 4 TIMES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER DATES BACK TO 1976...32 YEARS AGO.

HERE/S A LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF DAYS OBSERVED WITH TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW 32 DEGREES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AT BOTH THE CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH HILTON-HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS...

YEAR	CHS	SAV	YEAR	CHS	SAV
2008	7	4	1973	2	2
2007	1	1	1972	3	1
2006	0	0	1971	2	2
2005	0	0	1970	5	5
2004	2	0	1969	3	4
2003	1	2	1968	6	8
2002	2	4	1967	9	5
2001	0	0	1966	7	7
2000	2	3	1965	2	2
1999	0	2	1964	1	1
1998	0	0	1963	4	4
1997	3	2	1962	4	2
1996	4	4	1961	5	2
1995	1	0	1960	3	0
1994	0	0	1959	3	3
1993	0	1	1958	1	1
1992	0	0	1957	0	0
1991	1	2	1956	7	4
1990	0	0	1955	4	3
1989	0	1	1954	7	7

1988	0	0	1953	5	3
1987	3	3	1952	1	1
1986	1	0	1951	8	7
1985	0	0	1950	6	6
1984	2	1	1949	5	N/A
1983	0	1	1948	0	N/A
1982	0	1	1947	0	N/A
1981	4	3	1946	0	N/A
1980	5	1	1945	1	N/A
1979	2	1	1944	0	N/A
1978	0	0	1943	0	N/A
1977	5	4	1942	N/A	N/A
1976	5	5	1941	N/A	N/A
1975	3	3	1940	1	N/A
1974	4	2	1939	0	N/A

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