

Snow

Observations of snow are taken as part of collecting routine weather observations at Death Valley. The total amount of snow that has fallen is reported once a day at the time of observation by the observer on duty. This observation time is the same as when temperature, liquid precipitation and evaporation readings are taken. Therefore the snow amounts listed for each day represent the observation day ending at the time the observation was taken.

Daily Snow Amounts

The following are all* the instances of snow at Death Valley and the observation date that snow was reported.

0.5 inch – January 29, 1922
Trace – January 9, 1949
Trace – January 11, 1949
Trace – January 22, 1962
Trace – January 4, 1974
Trace – January 5, 1974

*A trace of snow on January 2, 1949 is counted as snow in the official records but is listed as hail on the observation form.

Greatest Seasonal Totals

0.5 inch – 1921-1922
Trace – 1948-1949
Trace – 1961-1962
Trace – 1973-1974