

DECEMBER WAS THE COLDEST DECEMBER ON RECORD AT PADUCAH.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE OF 25.9 DEGREES WAS THE COLDEST ON RECORD. IT BROKE THE OLD RECORD OF 27.1 SET IN 1989.

AT EVANSVILLE...WHERE RECORDS DATE ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1897...THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 23.6 DEGREES WAS THE SECOND COLDEST ON RECORD FOR DECEMBER. THE RECORD COLDEST REMAINS 23.0...SET IN 1989. THE THIRD COLDEST WAS 24.2 DEGREES...SET IN 1963.

DECEMBER WAS ALSO ONE OF THE SNOWIEST ON RECORD. AT PADUCAH... 6.8 INCHES OF SNOWFALL BECAME THE SECOND HIGHEST AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. THE SNOWIEST WAS 7.1 INCHES IN 1984...AND THE THIRD SNOWIEST IS NOW 3.8 INCHES IN 1973. AT EVANSVILLE...11.5 INCHES OF SNOWFALL BECAME THE THIRD HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. THE RECORD SNOWIEST REMAINS 25.1 SET IN 1917. THE SECOND SNOWIEST WAS IN 1916...WHEN 12.9 INCHES FELL. THE FOURTH SNOWIEST IS NOW 11.2 INCHES SET IN 1939.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EVEN THOUGH DECEMBER 1989 SET RECORDS FOR COLD...THE FOLLOWING JANUARY WAS THE WARMEST ON RECORD AT PADUCAH...AND THE FOURTH WARMEST AT EVANSVILLE. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT SOME RELIEF FROM THE COLD WILL OCCUR THIS WEEK. THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY OUTLOOK FROM THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER FOR JANUARY CALLS FOR TEMPERATURES TO AVERAGE NEAR NORMAL. JANUARY NORMAL HIGHS ARE NEAR 40 DEGREES...AND NORMAL LOWS ARE IN THE LOWER 20S. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON LONG RANGE OUTLOOKS FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING...VISIT THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER WEB SITE AT WWW.CPC.NOAA.GOV.

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