

## NWS Paducah forecast area sees record warmth January 2006

- Based on preliminary figures, January of 2006 tied January of 1950 as the **warmest January on record** at Paducah. It should be noted that records at Paducah only go back to 1949. The preliminary average monthly temperature for January at Paducah was **44.0 degrees**.
- At Evansville, preliminary figures indicate January of 2006 was the **third warmest on record** and the **warmest January since 1933**. The warmest January on record at Evansville was in 1933, when the average temperature was 43.8. The second warmest was in 1932, when the average temperature was 43.3. Preliminary data for 2006 indicate the average monthly temperature was 42.7. Records at Evansville extend back to 1897.
- Preliminary, unofficial rankings for Carbondale, Poplar Bluff, and Cape Girardeau are very similar. At Carbondale, only the Januarys of 1932 and 1933 were warmer than January of 2006. At Poplar Bluff, this was the second warmest January. Only January of 1950 was warmer. At Cape Girardeau, the Januarys of 1950 and 1990 were about tied with 2006.
- January was also a wet month. The total monthly precipitation at Paducah was 6.28 inches, which is 2.93 inches above normal. This places January of 2006 as the eighth wettest on record. Total precipitation at Evansville was 4.09 inches, which is not one of the ten wettest months.
- January 31st marked the **40th consecutive day** of above normal average temperatures at Evansville, Cape Girardeau, and Poplar Bluff. At Paducah, daily temperatures averaged above normal on 40 of 41 days.