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Quantity	Date	Value
Temperature		
Average		$-23.3^{\circ}\text{C}\ (-9.9^{\circ}\text{F})$
Maximum	$19~\&~20~\mathrm{Dec}$	$-12.9^{\circ}\text{C}\ (8.8^{\circ}\text{F})$
Minimum	1 Dec	$-32.6^{\circ}\text{C}\ (-26.7^{\circ}\text{F})$
Departure from Normal		$+10.7^{\circ}\text{C} \ (+19.3^{\circ}\text{F})$
Atmospheric Pressure		
Average		$689.2\mathrm{mb}$
Highest	20 Dec	$707.3\mathrm{mb}$
Lowest	5 Dec	$679.2\mathrm{mb}$
Physiological Altitude		
Average		$3134\mathrm{m}\left(10,283\mathrm{ft}\right)$
Highest	5 Dec	$3249\mathrm{m}\ (10,658\mathrm{ft})$
Lowest	20 Dec	$2931 \mathrm{m} (9615 \mathrm{ft})$
Visibility		
1 day with 1/4 mile or less		
Wind		
Average Wind Speed		$12.1 \mathrm{mph} (10.5 \mathrm{kts})$
Maximum Gust	6, 11 & 20 Dec	$34\mathrm{mph}\ (30\mathrm{kts})$
Maximum Gust Direction		Grid North
Average Vectored Wind		008° at $8.6\mathrm{kts}$
Prevailing Direction		Grid North 020°

Records:

- 11 Dec: The maximum wind speed of 30 kts/34.5 mph broke the previous record of 29 kts/33.4 mph set in 2015.
- 14 Dec: The maximum wind speed of 23 kts/26.5 mph broke the previous record of 21 kts/24.2 mph set in 2007.
- 19 Dec: The maximum temperature of -12.9 °C/8.8 °F broke the previous record of -19.4 °C/-2.9 °F set in 1984.
- 19 Dec: The average wind speed of 16.8 kts/19.3 mph broke the previous record of 16.5 kts/19.0 mph set in 1976.
- 20 Dec: The maximum temperature of -12.9 °C/8.8 °F broke the previous record of -18.7 °C/-1.7 °F set in 1974.
- 20 Dec: The average wind speed of 16.9 kts/19.5 mph broke the previous record of 15.6 kts/18.0 mph set in 1982.
- 22 Dec: The maximum wind speed of 28 kts/32.2 mph broke the previous record of 26 kts/29.9 mph set in 1961.
- Dec: The monthly average temperature of $-23.3\,^{\circ}\text{C}/-9.9\,^{\circ}\text{F}$ broke the previous warmest average monthly record of $-23.6\,^{\circ}\text{C}/-10.5\,^{\circ}\text{F}$ set in 1974.
- Dec: The +1.425" net change in the snowstake field broke the previous largest net change of +1.103" set in 2013.