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Press Release: **2014 WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION**

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Winter Weather Awareness Day for Northeast Kansas will be **Monday December 1, 2014**. The National Weather Service, in conjunction with Kansas Emergency Management, select a day each fall to remind Kansans of the potential hazards associated with winter weather. Many people are often caught unprepared for the onset of snow, ice, and cold weather of winter. Knowledge and preparation are essential to minimizing these hazards.

Additional winter weather preparedness and safety information will be posted to the website for the National Weather Service in Topeka. This website is a comprehensive resource for winter weather information. Please use the information contained here and on the website for newspaper articles, interviews and presentations related to winter weather safety.

The URL address is: www.weather.gov/topeka

...ALL ABOUT SNOW...

This is official data recorded at National Weather Service observing stations in Concordia and Topeka. Information is likely to vary at other unofficial sites around north central and northeast Kansas.

...The Five Snowiest Years...

<u>Concordia</u>		<u>Topeka</u>	
1. 59.1"	1959-60	1. 47.9"	1911-12
2. 54.0"	1943-44	2. 44.4"	1959-60
3. 45.2"	1957-58	3. 43.2"	1992-93
4. 44.0"	1970-71	4. 42.9"	1978-79
5. 43.8"	1911-12	5. 42.5"	1914-15

Average Annual Snowfall:	Concordia 20.2"	Topeka 17.8"
2013-2014 Annual Snowfall:	23.2"	27.4"
Least Annual Snowfall:	2.5" in 1903-04	3.1" in 2011-12
Normal Snowiest Month:	January 5.7"	December 5.2"
Greatest Monthly Amount:	23.6" in Feb 1912	27.1" in Feb. 1900
Most Snowfall in 24 hours:	17.2" Mar 16-17, 1924	18.7" Feb. 27-28, 1900
Earliest Measurable Snowfall:	2.5" Oct. 8, 1992	0.8" Oct. 9, 1970
Latest Measurable Snowfall:	3.7" May 3, 1907	3.2" May 3, 1907
Average Number of days with an inch or more of snow:	7	6
Latest Date of First Measurable Snowfall in the Season:	Feb. 10, 1923	Feb. 10, 1923

Kansas Snowfall Trivia:

Greatest yearly snowfall in Kansas: **103.6 inches** at McDonald, 1984.

Greatest 24 hour snowfall: **30 inches** Pratt, March 28, 2009.

Greatest number of days with snow on the ground: **152** at Hays 1992-93.

...TEMPERATURE DATA...

The Five Coldest Winters (Dec – Feb)

	Concordia	Topeka
1.	19.9°F 1978-79	20.4°F 1978-79
2.	21.5°F 1977-78	22.7°F 1977-78
3.	22.6°F 1904-05	24.3°F 1904-05
4.	23.6°F 1917-18	24.3°F 1935-36
5.	23.6°F 1886-87	24.6°F 1917-18

	Concordia	Topeka
Warmest Winter Season (Avg Temp):	37.9°F (1991-92)	38.5°F (1991-92)
Lowest Temperature Last Winter:	-7°F Feb 6	-8°F Jan 6
Record Lowest Temperature:	-33°F Jan 8, 1886	-26°F Dec 23, 1989
Average Number of Days with low temperatures at or below 32°F :	123	115
Average Number of Days with low temperatures at or below zero °F :	7	5

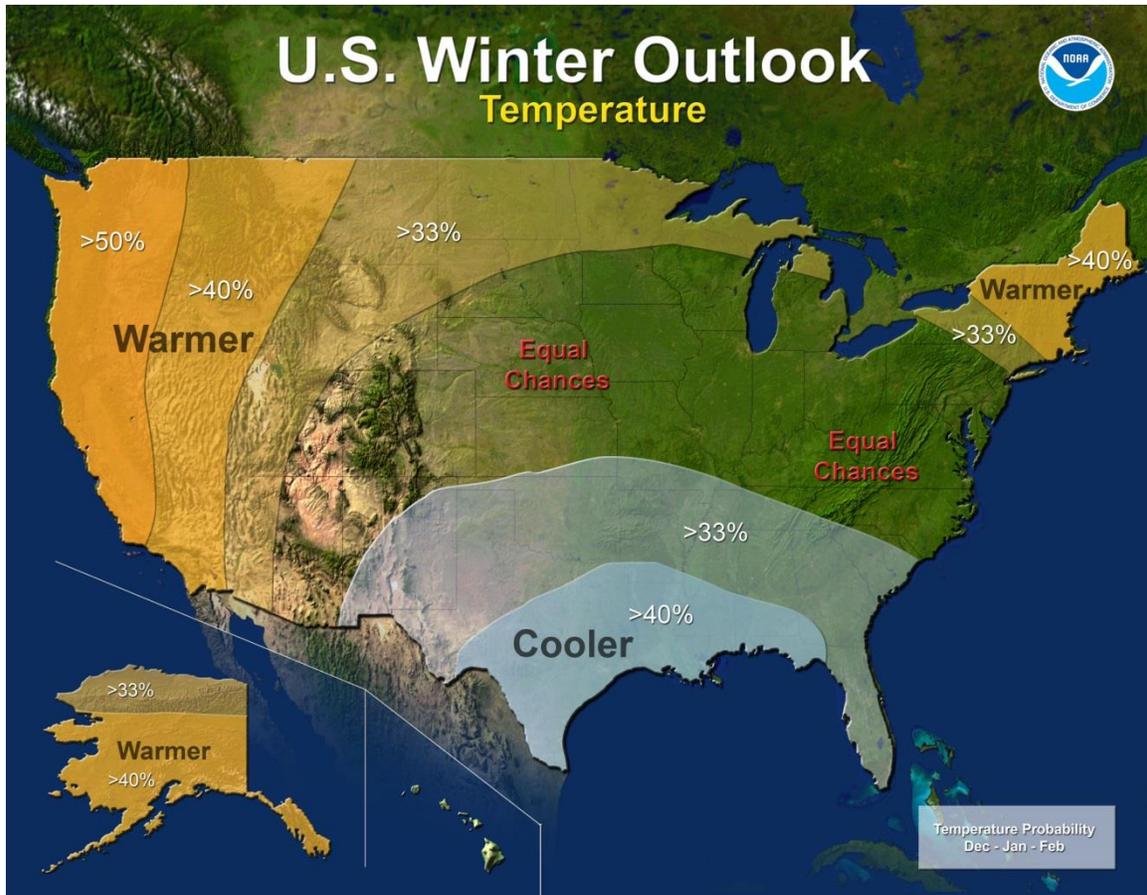
Normal Daily High and Low:

	Concordia			Topeka		
	DEC	JAN	FEB	DEC	JAN	FEB
High:	39.5	38.6	43.3	41.7	39.9	45.0
Low:	20.5	18.7	22.2	22.3	19.6	23.8

Kansas Temperature Trivia:

The coldest temperature ever recorded in Kansas was -40° F at Lebanon on February 13, 1905.

The Climate Prediction Center's temperature outlook shows that there is an equal chance of above, near or below average temperatures for the December-February period.



The Climate Prediction Center's precipitation outlook also shows that there is an equal chance of above, near or below average temperatures for the December-February period.

U.S. Winter Outlook

Precipitation

