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# Climate Summary: Chaffee County

## Salida and Buena Vista, Colorado

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	
<b><u>Monthly Temperatures</u></b> (degrees F)															
<b>Buena Vista</b>	Average high	41	43	48	56	66	77	82	79	73	63	49	41	60	
	Average low	11	14	20	26	34	42	48	46	38	29	19	12	28	
<b>Salida</b>	Average high	44	46	52	61	70	79	84	81	75	65	52	44	63	
	Average low	13	15	21	28	36	43	48	46	38	28	20	13	29	
<b><u>Average Monthly Precipitation</u></b> (inches)															
<b>Buena Vista</b>		0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.4	10.3	
<b>Salida</b>		0.3	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.4	10.1	
<b><u>Average Monthly Snowfall</u></b> (inches)															
<b>Buena Vista</b>		4.9	5.6	7.4	5.5	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.7	5.2	4.7	39.6	
<b>Salida</b>		4.8	5.8	8.4	6.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	5.5	7.6	5.5	47.6	

## Frost Probability and Growing Season Summary

		<u>Spring Frost Probability</u>			<u>Fall Frost Probability</u>			<u>Length of "Frost Free" Season (days)</u>		
		90%	50%	10%	10%	50%	90%	90%	50%	10%
Buena Vista	<b>32° threshold</b>	May 20	<b>June 2</b>	June 12	Sept 3	<b>Sept 19</b>	Sept 27	90	<b>109</b>	120
	28° threshold	May 2	May 13	May 31	Sept 10	Sept 29	Oct 11	109	132	150
	24° threshold	April 17	April 30	May 13	Sept 21	Oct 9	Oct 24	134	160	177
Salida	<b>32° threshold</b>	May 14	<b>May 29</b>	June 15	Aug 30	<b>Sept 14</b>	Sept 29	87	<b>109</b>	127
	28° threshold	May 1	May 14	May 28	Sept 13	Sept 29	Oct 9	118	134	146
	24° threshold	April 16	May 5	May 21	Sept 25	Oct 8	Oct 20	140	156	176

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