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November Headline:
2007 will probably be the fourth warmest year of the past 29 .

## Global Temperature Report: November 2007

 Global Lower Troposphere

Fig. 1: Global variation from seasonal norms, in Celsius; Trend since Nov. 16, 1978: +0.14 C per decade
Global composite temp.: +0.21 C (about $0.38^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit) above 20-year average for November.
Northern Hemisphere: +0.13 C (about $0.23^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit) above 20-year average for November.
Southern Hemisphere: +0.29 C (about $0.52^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit) above 20-year average for November.
October temperatures (revised): Global Composite: +0.23 C above 20-year average
Northern Hemisphere: +0.18 C above 20-year average
Southern Hemisphere: +0.28 C above 20-year average (All temperature variations are based on a 20-year average (1979-1998) for the month reported.)

Notes on data released Dec. 20, 2007:

With an annual global average temperature that was slightly less than $0.3 \mathrm{C}\left(0.54^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ warmer than seasonal norms, 2007 will likely go into the books as the fourth warmest year among the past 39 , accord-
ing to Dr. John Christy, a professor of atmospheric science and director of the Earth System Science Center (ESSC) at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH).

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Twelve-month Running Mean Temperatures

| Year | Mth | Global | NH | SH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1998 | 12 | 0.512 | 0.617 | 0.408 |
| 2005 | 12 | 0.328 | 0.434 | 0.222 |
| 2002 | 12 | 0.314 | 0.329 | 0.299 |
| 2007 | 11 | 0.294 | 0.390 | 0.198 |
| 2006 | 12 | 0.276 | 0.402 | 0.150 |
| 2003 | 12 | 0.272 | 0.388 | 0.157 |
| 2001 | 12 | 0.200 | 0.281 | 0.120 |
| 2004 | 12 | 0.193 | 0.284 | 0.101 |
| 1991 | 12 | 0.117 | 0.178 | 0.057 |
| 1995 | 12 | 0.110 | 0.208 | 0.013 |
| 1987 | 12 | 0.110 | 0.124 | 0.095 |
| 1988 | 12 | 0.110 | 0.138 | 0.081 |
| 1980 | 12 | 0.089 | -0.002 | 0.180 |
| 1990 | 12 | 0.075 | 0.128 | 0.023 |
| 1981 | 12 | 0.053 | 0.051 | 0.054 |
| 1997 | 12 | 0.048 | 0.085 | 0.011 |
| 1999 | 12 | 0.040 | 0.199 | -0.119 |
| 1983 | 12 | 0.036 | -0.025 | 0.098 |
| 2000 | 12 | 0.035 | 0.117 | -0.047 |
| 1996 | 12 | 0.021 | 0.008 | 0.033 |
| 1994 | 12 | -0.011 | 0.092 | -0.115 |
| 1979 | 12 | -0.073 | -0.088 | -0.057 |
| 1989 | 12 | -0.110 | -0.084 | -0.135 |
| 1986 | 12 | -0.147 | -0.201 | -0.092 |
| 1993 | 12 | -0.148 | -0.155 | -0.141 |
| 1982 | 12 | -0.153 | -0.255 | -0.052 |
| 1992 | 12 | -0.192 | -0.235 | -0.148 |
| 1985 | 12 | -0.212 | -0.276 | -0.148 |
| 1984 | 12 | -0.256 | -0.343 | -0.169 |

Color maps of local temperature anomalies may soon be available on-line at:
http://climate.uah.edu/
The processed temperature data is available online at:
vortex.nsstc.uah.edu/data/msu/t2lt/tltglhmam_5.2
As part of an ongoing joint project between UAH and NOAA, Christy and Dr. Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist in the ESSC, use data gathered by microwave sounding units on NOAA satellites to get accurate temperature readings for almost all regions of the Earth.

This includes remote desert, ocean and rain forest areas for which reliable climate data are not otherwise available. The satellite-based instruments measure the temperature of the atmosphere from the surface up to an altitude of about eight kilometers above sea level.

Once the monthly temperature data is collected and processed, it is placed in a "public" computer file for immediate access by atmospheric scientists in the U.S. and abroad.

Neither Spencer nor Christyreceives any research supportor funding from oil, coal or industrial companies or organizations, or from any private or special interest groups. All of their climate research funding comes from state and federal grants or contracts.

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Broken lines outline areas cooler than seasonal norms; solid lines outline areas warmer than seasonal norms. Each contour represents one degree Celsius, starting at -0.5 and +0.5 degrees $C$.

