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WEATHER SUMMARY

Rainfall amounts which were below those required for the best development of agricultural crops, and mean temperatures generally slightly below normal were the prime features of August's weather in Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. Cloudiness was slightly more than usual, a condition which resulted in sunshine being slightly deficient. The number of days with thunderstorms was slightly lower than normal in most areas. Winds from the south to southwest blew more than those from other directions and the average speed of the wind was near normal.

Most of the month's rainfall came during the latter half of the month. Some significant showers were reported from Garrett County on the 1st, and from some eastern stations on the 2nd and 3rd as a cold front moved eastward from the interior of the country. Most of the heavy showers came the 19th-22nd and the 29th-31st. The showers of the 22nd were largely restricted to southern Maryland as a rainy belt moved up from the south, but failed to spread over the rest of the two-state area. The showers near the end of the month were associated with a cold front drifting down from the north.

The monthly precipitation totals showed a rather wide variation in some regions. For example, the monthly total was greatest, 8.31 inches, at Riverdale in Prince Georges County, and least, 0.76 inches, at Great Falls, about twenty miles distant in Montgomery County. The excessive rainfall at Riverdale was due largely to a 24-hour amount of 5.65 inches, measured on the 20th. This was the heaviest 24-hour rain in the two-state area during the month. Another example of the variability of the monthly precipitation is indicated by the following stations which are in a line, and within forty miles of each other: Riverdale, 8.31 inches, and 4.04 inches above the College Park normal; Cheltenham, 1.23 inches, 3.70 inches below normal; and Charlotte Hall, 6.97 inches, 3.21 inches above normal. St. Mary's County and the District of Columbia had the heaviest rainfall and some amounts were over two inches in excess of normal. Other above normal amounts fell in portions of Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties. Rainfall was deficient by two inches or more in Delaware except northern New Castle County, and areas adjoining thereto, and in portions of Kent, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Montgomery and Garrett Counties.

On the evening of the 11th a small tornado was reported from the eastern portion of Kent County, Maryland. Considerable local property damage resulted from this storm, but there was no loss of life.

Although mean temperatures averaged below normal, areas in which departures were more than two degrees below normal were confined to a belt running from Rock Hall and Annapolis south and southeast to Pocomoke City. Temperatures averaged above normal by less than one degree at scattered stations in central and western Maryland.

There were no unusual warm or cool periods during the month. In Baltimore, the number of days on which temperatures reached 90° was normal. In most cases, the warmest day was the first when mercury levels generally were from 90° to 95° except in the mid and upper 80's in the immediate vicinity of the larger water areas and in Garrett County. Other dates of the month's warmest temperatures at some stations were the 9th, 17th, and 29-30th. The coolest weather came on the 13-14th, as a rule, when most readings were in the upper forties and lower fifties, but were down in the lower forties and upper thirties in western Maryland and remaining up in the higher fifties in the immediate vicinity of the larger water areas. Other cool periods were near the 4th, 7-8th and 21-22nd.

The efficient maturing of crops depended largely on whether the area received sufficient rainfall. Most of the truck producing Delmar Peninsula suffered from the deficiency of rainfall. In that area, pastures dried up and, due to ideal weather conditions for the spread of plant diseases, the harvest of tomatoes, cantaloupes and watermelons rapidly grew to a close by the end of the month. The harvest of early fruits was completed during the month, but some late fruits were needing additional moisture for proper sizing. Fall plowing became general as farmers profited by ample rainfall in some areas to start preparation of seed beds for fall planting. At the month's end, good progress had been made towards the harvest of the early tobacco crop and weather conditions were providing improved prospects for the late crop.---H.L.A.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In addition to the climatological data from some 6,000 Weather Bureau and cooperative weather stations, this bulletin series contains records from Hydroclimatic Network Stations which were formerly reproduced in the Hydrologic Bulletin Series. The Hydroclimatic Network is a nationwide net of rain gages--mostly of the recording type which produce continuous records of precipitation. It was established in 1939 at the request of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, to supplement existing precipitation stations in order to provide records of rainfall intensity which were essential to the planning of flood control and related works by the Corps of Engineers. This Network, now numbering about 2,000 recording, and 1,000 non-recording rain gages, has been maintained by the Weather Bureau through working funds transferred annually to the Weather Bureau by the Corps of Engineers. These transfers averaged about \$250,000 per year between 1940 and 1944, and nearly \$375,000 since that date. For the years 1940-42, the Department of Agriculture transferred about \$100,000 per year to provide data required in its work, and since 1947 the Bureau of Reclamation has transferred about \$25,000 per year to meet the increasing needs of their program in the Western States.

Previous to the introduction of this bulletin series, data from Hydroclimatic Network stations were presented in bulletins (Hydrologic Bulletins) which were issued monthly for each of 8 drainage areas embracing the entire United States, but since the Network was established to meet the internal requirements of the Federal agencies referred to above, no provision was made for public dissemination of the data, distribution being limited to cooperating agencies and to certain public repositories. A list of locations where reference copies of the Hydrologic Bulletin Series are available for inspection may be obtained upon application to Chief, U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington 25, D.C.

Many other records published in this bulletin have been made available through the cooperation of various public offices, private agencies, and individuals as listed in the Station Index.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

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Station	Wind direction		Wind speed m. p. h.				Relative humidity averages - percent				Number of days with precipitation								Percent of possible sunshine	Average sky cover sunrise to sunset	Degree days 65° base
	Precipitating	Percent of time from prevailing	Average	Fastest mile	Date of fastest mile	Direction of fastest mile	Average	Fastest mile	Date of fastest mile	Trace	.01-.09	.10-.49	.50-.99	.100-.199	.200 and over	Total					
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FIELD	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	86	61	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	See Table 2	
ANNAPOLIS USN ACADEMY	S	14	8.1	-	-	-	79	80	65	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	
BALTIMORE WB CITY	S†	15†	8.6†	29	N	11	84†	83†	53†	69†	7	3	3	0	0	1	14	55	5.9	"	
FREDERICK WB CITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	3	1	2	0	15	-	-	"	
WASHINGTON WB CITY	S†	14†	8.9†	24	NW	29	81†	81†	52†	68†	6	2	5	1	1	1	16	67	6.2†	"	
DELAWARE WILMINGTON WB AP	S	11	6.0	-	-	-	91	85	55	75	4	4	3	1	0	0	13	-	6.0	"	
† AIRPORT DATA																					

COMPARATIVE DATA

Table 1

Year	Temperature			Precipitation			Year	Temperature			Precipitation			Year	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days .01 or more		Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days .01 or more		Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days .01 or more
MARYLAND																				
1895	75.2	102	31	1.90	0.0	7	1934	72.0	97	32	4.94	0.0	10	1914	76.5	100	55	3.94	0.0	8
1896	74.2	100	34	1.77	0.0	6	1935	74.1	100	36	3.22	0.0	9	1915	74.5	101	49	8.05	0.0	12
1897	71.6	95	39	3.53	0.0	8	1936	75.8	101	39	4.11	0.0	10	1916	74.9	99	49	1.14	0.0	5
1898	75.3	98	46	6.42	0.0	9	1937	75.5	100	44	6.87	0.0	13	1917	75.0	98	51	3.54	0.0	9
1899	74.1	102	41	4.09	0.0	9	1938	76.2	100	38	2.61	0.0	6	1918	76.7	107	48	1.55	0.0	5
1900	78.8	103	41	3.04	0.0	9	1939	76.1	99	44	4.20	0.0	8	1919	72.5	94	51	9.54	0.0	11
1901	74.9	98	42	5.72	0.0	10	1940	71.3	97	38	5.29	0.0	13	1920	74.5	91	52	8.13	0.0	18
1902	71.6	100	33	2.11	0.0	7	1941	72.9	100	36	3.14	0.0	7	1921	72.3	98	49	3.82	0.0	9
1903	71.0	100	37	5.25	0.0	13	1942	72.6	97	35	7.30	0.0	13	1922	72.9	91	51	4.79	0.0	11
1904	71.8	97	31	2.96	0.0	8	1943	75.5	102	38	1.42	0.0	6	1923	73.0	96	45	2.78	0.0	10
1905	72.9	104	38	5.19	0.0	9	1944	74.2	102	34	3.46	0.0	7	1924	74.2	100	49	4.57	0.0	7
1906	75.6	96	47	8.32	0.0	16	1945	72.5	99	34	3.73	0.0	9	1925	72.4	95	45	3.39	0.0	7
1907	71.3	95	39	4.40	0.0	11	1946	70.1	95	34	4.61	0.0	10	1926	76.1	101	55	5.66	0.0	11
1908	71.7	101	34	4.98	0.0	9	1947	76.4	99	47	3.30	0.0	8	1927	69.6	91	47	4.96	0.0	13
1909	71.7	99	33	3.11	0.0	7	1948	73.5	107	44	6.62	0.0	10	1928	77.0	100	55	10.00	0.0	12
1910	72.3	95	34	2.79	0.0	9	1949	74.8	102	40	4.32	0.0	10	1929	72.7	97	45	2.84	0.0	8
1911	74.7	104	37	9.95	0.0	15	1950	72.7	97	36	3.46	T	7	1930	74.4	102	46	1.59	0.0	4
1912	71.5	99	36	2.93	0.0	9	Period	73.4			4.44	T		1931	75.8	101	56	9.88	0.0	13
1913	73.0	101	38	3.90	0.0	9								1932	75.7	100	50	2.12	0.0	6
1914	74.4	102	38	4.84	0.0	9								1933	75.6	98	56	12.73	0.0	13
1915	72.4	103	38	8.22	0.0	15	1895	77.1	100	49	2.73	0.0	7	1934	72.9	94	44	5.40	0.0	10
1916	74.1	101	38	2.42	0.0	7	1896	75.8	103	50	1.57	0.0	7	1935	74.6	99	49	3.66	0.0	10
1917	73.3	100	40	3.15	0.0	8	1897	73.5	93	54	3.33	0.0	7	1936	76.4	100	50	6.08	0.0	8
1918	76.0	109	40	3.19	0.0	9	1898	76.7	95	53	5.07	0.0	7	1937	76.1	95	55	8.29	0.0	15
1919	71.9	95	37	5.37	0.0	11	1899	74.4	96	52	4.91	0.0	8	1938	76.8	98	49	3.40	0.0	7
1920	73.4	95	42	6.86	0.0	16	1900	78.7	104	52	2.79	0.0	9	1939	76.8	97	54	9.50	0.0	11
1921	71.2	97	37	3.70	0.0	8	1901	76.7	95	57	7.13	0.0	9	1940	72.3	95	48	5.69	0.0	12
1922	71.6	98	31	3.19	0.0	10	1902	73.1	96	48	1.62	0.0	7	1941	73.6	97	44	3.14	0.0	7
1923	72.7	98	34	3.12	0.0	11	1903	72.4	99	49	4.58	0.0	9	1942	73.4	96	45	7.63	0.0	12
1924	73.3	103	35	4.00	0.0	8	1904	72.8	94	48	2.42	0.0	6	1943	75.8	100	47	1.30	0.0	6
1925	71.6	98	35	2.38	0.0	8	1905	73.3	93	51	6.49	0.0	10	1944	75.0	98	43	3.50	0.0	6
1926	74.8	104	42	6.54	0.0	14	1906	76.9	97	59	9.25	0.0	14	1945	72.6	95	47	5.06	0.0	10
1927	68.4	92	36	3.97	0.0	13	1907	72.8	95	51	3.29	0.0	9	1946	70.8	92	46	4.19	0.0	10
1928	75.5	89	41	9.09	0.0	12	1908	72.1	97	48	5.06	0.0	11	1947	75.9	99	51	2.97	0.0	8
1929	71.3	99	35	2.69	0.0	7	1909	72.3	95	48	2.97	0.0	4	1948	73.9	101	52	6.08	0.0	10
1930	73.7	108	30	1.06	0.0	5	1910	72.9	92	51	3.32	0.0	11	1949	75.5	101	47	4.31	0.0	10
1931	73.6	101	40	7.44	0.0	15	1911	75.4	99	51	9.87	0.0	13	1950	72.8	95	46	2.36	0.0	9
1932	74.6	104	38	2.55	0.0	7	1912	72.8	97	49	1.87	0.0	7	Period	74.4			4.81	0.0	
1933	73.8	100	40	10.00	0.0	12	1913	74.0	98	52	3.60	0.0	8							

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Table 2-Continued

Station	Temperature										Precipitation									
	Average	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Degree days	No. of days		Total	Departure from normal	Greatest day	Date	Snow, Sleet, Hail		No. of days				
								Max. 90° or above	Min. 32° or below					Total	Max. depth on ground at obsn.	Date	.01 or more	.25 or more	1.00 or more	
WOODSTOCK COLLEGE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	71.7	- 1.1	93	2	45	13	2	6	0	4.22	.08	4.01	20	.0	0		7	1	1	
BRIGHTWOOD DC DALECARLIA RESERVOIR DC NATIONAL ARBORETUM DC U S SOLDIERS HOME D C WASHINGTON WB CITY DC	74.7M 73.6 74.7 74.0 76.0		94 92 93 92 91	1 29 1 1+ 1+	56 52 50 55 56	13 14 13+ 13 14	0 0 0 0 0	7 10 5 5 8	0 0 0 0 0	4.50 7.17 6.26 5.30	1.29	2.01 4.23 2.00 2.35	20 20 20 19	.0 .0 .0 .0		9 8 8 8 10	5 6 5 6 6	2 2 2 2 2		
MARYLAND AND D.C. DELAWARE	72.7	- .8								3.58	-.86			T						
BRIDGEVILLE DELAWARE CITY REEDY PT DOVER GEORGETOWN LEWES	72.5 72.7 73.1M 73.4 71.9	- 1.7 - 2.1 - 1.6	92 90 92 95 92	1 1+ 14 29+ 1+	48 53 54 47 49	14 14 14 14 14	0 0 0 0 1	3 2 0 6 3	0 0 0 0 0	2.07 2.85 - 1.58	- 2.61 .70 - 1.58		2	.0 .0 .0 .0 .0		9 9 8 7 8	4 4 3 3 3	0 0 0 0 1		
MILFORD MILLSBORO NEWARK COLLEGE FARM SMYRNA WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE	74.3 72.9 72.3 73.1 72.5	- .8 - 1.8 - .4 92 93	94 94 94 29 29	1+ 29+ 29 29 29	50 47 46 53 54	14 14 22 14 13+	0 0 7 2 2	9 8 5 5 3	0 0 0 0 0	1.24 .78 3.39 1.24 3.05	- 3.80 - 4.54 - .96 1.65 2.94	.33 3 18 53 1.23	3 31 18 18 3	.0 .0 .0 .0 .0		7 5 8 5 9	1 0 2 3 4	0 0 2 0 1		
WILMINGTON PORTER RES DELAWARE SECTION	72.1 72.8 72.7	- 1.9 - 1.6 - .8	90	28	53	22	3	1	0	4.54	-.56	2.40	3	.0	0		7	4	2	
										2.36	- 2.45									
										3.46	- 1.03									

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Table 3-Continued

DAILY PRECIPITATION

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Station	Day of month																													Total																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31															
WEST LANNAM HILLS	T	.97	.03		T	T				.29	T	.15								T	5.13	.12	.65	T					T	.95	8.29															
WESTERN PORT	.20		.03			.11				.03	T	.05								.27	.02	.98	.12	.37	T				T	.20	.52	2.21														
WESTMINSTER																																.30	1.68	3.64												
WHALEYSVILLE																																		.02	1.06	1.49										
WHITE HALL	.04		.39		.05		.23	.21																												.03	1.59	5.39								
WILLIAMSPORT	.08		T			.02	T	T	T		T	.64	.33								.05	1.41	.06								T	T	1.13	3.85												
WOODSTOCK COLLEGE																					4.01	T	.14	.01	T					T	.01	.02	4.22													
DELAWARE																																														
BRIDGEVILLE		.70	.35	.31		.11																																						2.07		
DELAWARE CITY REEDY P	.65	*	1.02	.03		T																																						2.85		
DOVER	.12	.02	.79	T		.31	T			.03																																				
GEOGETOWN		.70	.35	.31																																								1.54		
LEWES		1.28																																											.01	2.84
MILFORD		*	.74			.08																																						.04	1.24	
MILLSBORO	.14	.98	.33																																										.78	
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM		1.09				.10																																							1.65	3.39
SHYRNA	.01	T	.28			T																																							1.24	
WILMINGTON WB N CASTL R	.09		1.23			.03																																						.96	.30	3.05
WILMINGTON CITY HALL		.13	2.08			.02																																						1.00	3.96	
WILMINGTON PORTER RES	.07		T	2.40																																									1.02	4.54

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HOURLY PRECIPITATION

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Table 4-Continued

Station	A. M. Hour ending												P. M. Hour ending												Total	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
LUKE NEW GERMANY SALISBURY MUNICIPAL AP 6 SAVAGE RIVER DAM SINES DEEP CREEK UNIONVILLE WASHINGTON DC WB CITY										.03			.01		.01										.01 .05	
MARYLAND BELTSVILLE BELTSVILLE PLT IND STA NO 5 SALISBURY MUNICIPAL AP 6													.01	.07	.01	.04									.03 .01	
MARYLAND GRANTSVILLE SAVAGE RIVER DAM																										.29 .15
MARYLAND SINES DEEP CREEK																										.32
MARYLAND GRANTSVILLE LUKE NEW GERMANY SAVAGE RIVER DAM																										.40 .07 .09 .07
MARYLAND UNIONVILLE																										.06
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FLD BALTIMORE WB AIRPORT 6 BELTSVILLE BELTSVILLE PLT IND STA NO 5 BELTSVILLE SCS R 1 BETHESDA GLEN ECHO LEONARDTOWN LUKE NEW GERMANY SAVAGE RIVER DAM SHARPTOWN SINES DEEP CREEK WASHINGTON DC WB CITY																										.05
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FLD COCKEYSVILLE GRANTSVILLE KEEDYSVILLE LUKE NEW GERMANY SAVAGE RIVER DAM SHARPTOWN SINES DEEP CREEK UNIONVILLE																										.29 .07 .51 .20 .14 .24
DELAWARE WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE 6																										* * * *
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FLD ANNAPOLIS U S N ACADEMY BELTSVILLE SCS R 1 COCKEYSVILLE GRANTSVILLE LUKE SAVAGE RIVER DAM SINES DEEP CREEK WASHINGTON DC WB CITY	.40	.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.55 .03 .39 .02 .01 .02		
DELAWARE WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE 6	*	1.25	*	*	*	*	*	*	.01																	

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