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15 MARYLAND AND DELAWARE SECTION

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GENERAL SUMMARY

This was the warmest August since 1918. The weather was warm and hot, except for the cool periods of the 1st, 7-11th, 18th, and 27th-31st.

Rainfall was of the thundershower type, and was unevenly distributed through the month and over the section. Monthly amounts were mostly well above normal over the eastern half of the Eastern Shore and the western portion of north-central Maryland, but mostly well below normal over the remainder of the section. Western Maryland and the extreme southern Chesapeake Bay region were areas of least monthly rainfall; Sussex and Wicomico Counties comprised the area of greatest monthly rainfall.

Monthly sunshine was about 5 per cent above normal. Relative humidity averaged slightly below normal.

Growing crops and grasses were fair to good, except corn, cowpeas, and soybeans were good to excellent. Pastures, poor to fair in the first decade, became fair to good during the third decade. Cutting oats in the Allegheny Mountain region was finished during the second decade. Threshing grains was completed; wheat and rye gave fair to good yields and oats gave poor to good yields. Digging early potatoes ended in the southern counties during the first half of the month and in the northern counties during the last week; yields were poor to good. Late potatoes bloomed and were making. Sweet potatoes made and were maturing or matured. Late tomatoes bloomed and fruited. A third cutting of alfalfa was made. During the third decade the early corn crop was maturing; late corn ears were filling out; digging sweet potatoes began in the southern counties; and cutting buckwheat began in Garrett County. Harvesting early tomatoes, early sugar corn, early tree fruits, cantaloupes, watermelons, cutting and housing early tobacco, and haying were in progress.—*J. B., jr.*

TEMPERATURE

The monthly mean for the section, 75.8°, is 2.7° above normal. The highest monthly mean was 80.1° at Solomons; the lowest, 67.7°, at Sines. The highest temperature, 101°, occurred at Keedysville, on the 25th; the lowest, 39°, at Grantsville and Oakland on the 1st. The greatest local monthly range was 56° at Oakland; the least, 32°, at Crisfield. The greatest daily range was 45° at Cumberland on the 2d.

PRECIPITATION

The monthly average for the section, 4.30 inches, is 0.29 inch below normal. The greatest monthly amount was 9.84 inches at Salisbury; the least, 1.44 inches, at Cumberland. The greatest 24-hour amount was 8.90 inches at Salisbury on the 29-30th. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more of precipitation, 10, is normal.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA (WITH DATES)

Hail, heavy.—25th, 5 p. m., from northwest: North-northeast-east portion of Clear Spring, path one mile wide, hailstones as large as one inch in diameter, many windows broken, damage to crops \$5,000; Fairview, three miles northeast of Clear Spring, path three miles wide, hailstones size peas to walnuts, considerable damage to crops.

Lightning.—21st: Damaged home at Mountain Lake Park; destroyed barn and contents near Ellicott City, loss \$2,000; destroyed barn and contents and barracks on Old Annapolis Road, loss \$10,000; 25th: Fired barn near Greensboro, loss \$800; destroyed barn and contents near Centerville; fired two homes at Baltimore; destroyed home at Upper Falls, 28th: Killed cow and destroyed barn and contents near Clear Spring; damaged oil station and high school at Stevensville, loss \$200. 29th: Damaged church and two homes at Baltimore; destroyed barn and contents near Catonsville, loss \$1,800; destroyed barn and contents near Easton and near Oxford; killed very costly bull, two cows, and two calves, and destroyed barn and contents at Sudlersville.

Thunderquits, severe.—At Baltimore, 21st: Unroofed 14 homes in northwest section; unroofed two homes, wrecked rear porches of four homes, and damaged front wall of a home, in southwest section; tore large tent from poles and caused minor damage to (Continued on page 30)

PRESSURE, HUMIDITY, SUNSHINE AND WIND

Stations	Atmospheric pressure reduced to sea level				Wind				Mean relative humidity			Percentage of sunshine	
	Average	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Average hourly velocity	Maximum velocity	Direction	Date	8 a. m.	Local min		8 p. m.
Aberdeen, Md.	30.02	30.36	1	29.74	25	8.7	35	n.	25	84	..	72	..
Annapolis, Md.	30.01	30.35	1	29.77	25	7.4	25	77	61	76	..
Baltimore, Md.	30.01	30.35	1	29.75	29	9.7	32	w.	29	72	53	64	67
Elkins, W. Va.	30.05	30.40	1	29.83	10	4.4	25	n.w.	25	90	57	75	63
Harrisburg, Pa.	30.00	30.37	1	29.72	29	6.2	24	n.e.	10	79	55	63	50
Norfolk, Va.	30.04	30.32	1	29.82	29	8.6	31	w.	16	82	57	75	74
Philadelphia, Pa.	30.03	30.35	1	29.72	29	10.9	32	sw.	16	77	55	63	64
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.00	30.36	1	29.76	10	9.0	43	n.w.	19	81	53	63	64
Washington, D. C.	30.01	30.35	1	29.75	29	5.7	30	n.w.	22	77	56	66	63

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR AUGUST

Year	FOR MARYLAND						FOR DELAWARE					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Temperature			Precipitation		
	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days with .01 in. or more	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days with .01 in. or more
1895.....	75.2	102	81	1.90	0.0	6	77.1	100	49	2.73	0.0	7
1896.....	74.2	100	84	1.77	0.0	7	75.8	103	50	1.57	0.0	7
1897.....	71.6	95	39	3.53	0.0	8	73.5	93	54	3.33	0.0	7
1898.....	75.3	98	46	6.42	0.0	9	76.7	95	53	5.07	0.0	7
1899.....	74.1	102	41	4.09	0.0	9	74.4	96	52	4.91	0.0	8
1900.....	78.8	103	41	3.04	0.0	9	76.7	104	52	2.79	0.0	9
1901.....	74.9	98	42	5.72	0.0	10	76.7	95	57	7.13	0.0	9
1902.....	71.6	100	33	2.11	0.0	7	73.1	96	48	1.62	0.0	7
1903.....	71.0	100	37	5.25	0.0	13	72.4	99	49	4.58	0.0	9
1904.....	71.8	97	31	2.95	0.0	8	72.8	94	48	2.42	0.0	6
1905.....	72.9	104	38	5.19	0.0	9	73.3	93	51	6.49	0.0	10
1906.....	75.6	96	47	8.32	0.0	16	76.9	97	59	9.25	0.0	14
1907.....	71.3	95	39	4.40	0.0	11	72.8	95	51	3.29	0.0	9
1908.....	71.7	101	34	4.98	0.0	9	72.1	97	48	5.05	0.0	11
1909.....	71.7	99	33	3.11	0.0	7	72.3	95	48	2.97	0.0	4
1910.....	72.3	95	34	2.79	0.0	9	72.9	92	51	3.32	0.0	11
1911.....	74.7	104	37	9.95	0.0	15	75.4	99	51	9.87	0.0	13
1912.....	71.5	99	36	2.92	0.0	9	73.8	97	49	1.87	0.0	7
1913.....	73.0	101	38	3.30	0.0	9	74.0	99	52	3.60	0.0	7
1914.....	74.4	102	38	4.84	0.0	9	76.5	100	55	3.94	0.0	8
1915.....	72.4	102	38	8.22	0.0	15	74.5	101	49	8.05	0.0	12
1916.....	74.1	101	38	2.42	0.0	7	74.9	99	49	1.14	0.0	5
1917.....	73.3	100	40	3.15	0.0	8	75.0	98	51	3.54	0.0	9
1918.....	76.0	109	40	3.19	0.0	9	76.7	107	48	1.55	0.0	5
1919.....	71.9	96	37	5.37	0.0	11	72.5	94	51	9.54	0.0	11
1920.....	73.4	95	42	6.86	0.0	16	74.5	91	52	8.13	0.0	13
1921.....	71.2	97	37	3.70	0.0	8	72.3	98	49	3.82	0.0	9
1922.....	71.6	98	31	3.19	0.0	10	72.9	91	51	4.79	0.0	11
1923.....	72.7	98	34	3.12	0.0	11	73.0	96	45	2.78	0.0	10
1924.....	73.3	103	35	4.60	0.0	8	74.2	100	49	4.57	0.0	7
1925.....	71.6	88	35	2.38	0.0	8	72.4	95	45	3.39	0.0	7
1926.....	74.8	104	42	6.54	0.0	14	76.1	101	55	5.06	0.0	11
1927.....	68.4	92	36	3.97	0.0	13	69.6	91	47	4.96	0.0	13
1928.....	75.5	99	41	9.09	0.0	12	77.0	100	55	10.00	0.0	12
1929.....	71.3	99	35	2.69	0.0	7	72.7	97	45	2.84	0.0	8
1930.....	73.7	108	30	1.05	0.0	5	74.4	102	46	1.53	0.0	4
1931.....	73.6	101	40	7.44	0.0	15	75.8	101	56	9.83	0.0	13
1932.....	74.6	104	38	2.55	0.0	7	75.7	100	50	2.12	0.0	6
1933.....	73.8	100	40	10.00	0.0	12	75.6	98	56	12.73	0.0	13
1934.....	72.0	97	32	4.94	0.0	10	72.9	94	44	5.40	0.0	10
1935.....	74.1	100	36	3.22	0.0	9	74.6	99	49	3.66	0.0	10
1936.....	75.8	101	39	4.11	0.0	10	76.4	100	50	6.03	0.0	8
Period.....	75.0	109	30	4.53	0.0	10	74.3	107	44	4.78	0.0	9

Climatological Data for August 1936

Table with columns: STATIONS, COUNTIES, Elevation, Length of record, Temperature (Mean, Departure from normal, Highest, Date, Lowest, Date, Greatest daily range), Precipitation (Total, Departure from normal, Greatest in 24 hours, Total snowfall, With precip. 0.01 in. or more), Number of days (Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, OBSERVERS.

The departures from normal temperatures are computed from the averages of the entire period for stations having 10 or more years of record. Departures of precipitation with 15 years or more of record are computed from a normal or "standard mean", adjusted to a uniform 35-year period; for stations of 10 to 14 years the means for the period of record are used. Data in italics determined from surrounding stations. T. Precipitation is less than 0.01 inch rain or melted snow.
††Post addresses of these stations are as follows: Of Bell, Glenndale; of Coleman, Worton; of Kallston, Bagley; of Fallston, Bagley; of Great Falls, Bethesda; of Mt. Savage Summit, Frostburg; of Picardy, Paw Paw, W. Va.; of Pleasant Hill, Owings Mills; of Sines, Oakland. *Custom House, Gay and Water Sts. **Weather Bureau Building, 24th and M Sts. †Also on other dates. ††Northwest of Frostburg. †††Prettyboy Dam. ††††Municipal Building. †††††Porter Reservoir.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

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homes in other sections; loss \$20,000. 29th: Unroofed home in Brooklyn; wrecked cruiser launch on shore and swamped 10 sailboats off Chestertown; damaged two cottages and outhouses at Rocky Beach Farm, one mile north of Gibson Island; capsized

two sailboats on Magothy River; endangered many lives on the Bay and its tributaries. Thunderquits, high—Northwest, 4, 16, 21, 23, 29. Thunderstorms.—4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19 to 26, 29. Winds, high.—Northeast, night 10-11; northwest, 30, 31.

Daily Temperatures for August 1936

Table with columns for Stations, 1-31, and Mean. Rows list various stations in Maryland and Delaware, including Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, etc., with corresponding temperature data for each day of the month.

Instruments are read in morning; maximum temperature then read is charged to preceding day, on which it almost always occurs. Temperatures at Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, Dundalk, Sines, and Washington are from midnight to midnight; other stations, except Cumberland and Cheltenham, are for 24-hour period ending late in afternoon, near sunset. (W. B. O., Richmond, Va., -11-4-36-1,000)