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15 MARYLAND AND DELAWARE SECTION

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GENERAL SUMMARY

This August was one of the sunniest. Monthly sunshine was 15% above normal, or nearly 80% of the possible amount. The monthly mean temperature was 0.5° below normal. Monthly rainfall was well above normal in the Allegheny Mountain region and in the Milford district and well below normal elsewhere, except averaged normal in Allegany and Washington Counties; for the section it averaged 70% of normal. The first and third decades were warm; the second decade was cool. Damaging thundergusts occurred on the 19th and 26th and tornadoes on the 15th and 25th. There was no hail.

The dry warm weather of the first decade caused crops to decline from good and excellent to fair and good, except mostly fair from Allegany County eastward to Carroll County, while pastures declined from good to mostly poor. Crops improved to good and pastures to fair and good during the second decade and continued mostly so during the third decade. Cutting oats in the northern counties ended the first decade, except the second decade in the Allegheny Mountain region where harvesting wheat and rye ended the first decade. During the third decade: Late potatoes were maturing in western Maryland; late potato plants were blooming in the central and eastern divisions; corn was maturing in the northern counties and was matured in the central and southern counties. Harvesting tomatoes, sugar corn, early potatoes, tobacco, truck crops, cantaloupes, watermelons, and tree fruits, threshing grains, haying, and plowing were in progress; also digging sweet potatoes in the southern counties. Yields of grains, early potatoes, tomatoes, and sugar corn were mostly fair to good. Peaches were good to excellent and plentiful. — J. B., jr.

TEMPERATURE

The monthly mean for the section, 73.0° is 0.5° below normal. The highest monthly mean was 78.0° at Crisfield; the lowest, 63.9°, at Sines. The highest temperature, 100°, occurred at Dundalk, Ferry Landing, and Keedysville on the 9th; the lowest, 36°, at Oakland on the 14th. The greatest local monthly range was 56° at Frederick and Keedysville; the least, 31°, at Crisfield and Delaware Breakwater. The greatest daily range was 44° at Keedysville on the 9th and at Oakland on the 14th.

PRECIPITATION

The monthly average for the section, 3.14 inches, is 1.40 inches below normal. The greatest monthly amount was 7.06 inches at Milford; the least, 1.53 inches, at Annapolis. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 5.60 inches at Milford on the 19-20th. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more of rainfall, 7, is 3 below normal.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA (WITH DATES)

Thundergusts, strong.—9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 25, 26. *Thunderstorms.*—1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 19, 20, 22 to 27. Thundergust demolished 2 sheds, blew down meat house, damaged home when roof from barn was blown against one side, and moved garage from foundation on one farm and wrecked partially a garage and a barn and leveled much corn on another farm 2 to 3 miles from Easton; n. w., to s. e.; 5 minutes duration; path one-quarter mile wide; 4:20 p. m., 19th. Property loss, \$3,000; crop and fruit loss, \$1,000. Thundergust observed moving west to east from Frederick (2:30 p. m.), by Pilot A. Paul Swanson, who was aloft in a plane, struck the Curtis Wright Airport in extreme northwest Baltimore at 3:30 p. m. on 26th; path one mile wide. A \$40,000 Gruman amphibian airplane was damaged, loss \$2,000. A small wooden shed and a ticket booth were leveled.

A tornado moved from the West Virginia line eastward through Sang Run (3 p. m.) over Negro Mountain and over Meadow Mountain (3:30 p. m.); two funnel shaped clouds with rotary motion side by side; path 500 to 1,000 feet wide and 20 miles long; on the 15th in northern Garrett County. Two houses and 1 barn were destroyed and 1 house and 1 barn were unroofed, loss \$3,000, one calf was killed, and crop loss was \$50; at Sang

Run. A farm house and one barn were demolished, loss \$2,000, and 6 persons were injured, at the foot of the east side of Meadow Mountain 5 miles southeast of Bittering. Several thousand dollars worth of timber was blown down.

A tornado on the 25th, moving east from Kembleville, Pa., passed over the northern portion of Wilmington, Del., at 11:30 a. m., crossed the Delaware River, and passed through Swedesboro, N. J., at 12 noon. The path was 1,000 to 1,500 feet wide and about 30 miles long. Damage at the above places was heavy. In Wilmington thousands of trees were uprooted or lifted and, upon falling, damaged many homes and broke power and telephone wires; a garage was lifted and blown against a home, damaging same; many garages were unroofed; a large lumber yard was wrecked; a 200 year old stone barn at the Friends School was demolished; 11 airplanes were damaged at the DuPont Airport, loss \$15,000, where a wind velocity of 90 to 100 miles was recorded; and 7 persons were injured; the property loss was \$125,000 to \$150,000.

PRESSURE, HUMIDITY, SUNSHINE, WIND, DEGREE DAYS

Stations	Atmospheric pressure reduced to sea level				Wind				Mean relative humidity			Percentage of sunshine	Cooling degree days (base 75°)
	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Average hourly velocity	Maximum velocity	Direction	Date	7:30 a. m.	1:30 p. m.	7:30 p. m.		
Aberdeen, Md.	30.36	29	29.62	12	8.0	24	n.w.	12	77	68	68	54	68
Annapolis, Md.	30.35	29	29.62	12	8.7	32	n.w.	12	70	70	70	58	64
Baltimore, Md.	30.36	29	29.64	12	9.1	32	n.w.	16	71	63	63	80	109
Elkins, W. Va.	30.32	29	29.73	12	4.5	29	n.w.	9	96	54	76	63	2
Harrisburg, Pa.	30.35	29	29.67	12	7.0	25	n.	11	74	44	56	83	36
Norfolk, Va.	30.35	29	29.64	12	8.8	26	n.e.	12	82	56	76	79	123
Philadelphia, Pa.	30.37	29	29.62	12	11.5	33	n.	12	77	46	64	72	67
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.32	28	29.71	11	8.4	36	n.	11	82	48	58	64	14
Washington, D. C.	30.36	29	29.66	12	5.5	18	sw.	12	75	47	60	74	81

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR AUGUST

Year	FOR MARYLAND						FOR DELAWARE					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Temperature			Precipitation		
	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days with 0.1 in. or more	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall	No. of days with 0.1 in. or more
1895	75.2	102	31	1.90	0.0	7	77.1	100	49	2.73	0.0	7
1896	74.2	100	34	1.77	0.0	6	75.8	103	50	1.57	0.0	7
1897	71.6	95	39	3.53	0.0	8	73.5	93	54	3.35	0.0	7
1898	75.3	98	46	6.42	0.0	9	76.7	95	58	5.07	0.0	7
1899	74.1	102	41	4.06	0.0	9	74.4	96	52	4.21	0.0	8
1900	78.8	103	41	3.04	0.0	9	78.7	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	2.96	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	5.06	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	2.98	0.0	9	73.8	97	49	1.87	0.0	7
1913	73.0	101	38	3.90	0.0	9	74.0	99	52	3.60	0.0	8
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	18
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	4.00	0.0	8	74.3	100	49	4.57	0.0	7
1925	71.6	98	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	5.96	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	1.06	0.0	5	74.4	102	46	1.59	0.0	4
1931	73.6	101	40	7.44	0.0	15	75.8	101	56	9.88	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	6.08	0.0	8
1937	75.5	100	44	6.87	0.0	13	76.1	95	55	8.29	0.0	15
1938	76.2	100	38	2.61	0.0	6	76.8	98	49	3.40	0.0	7
1939	76.1	99	44	4.20	0.0	8	76.8	97	54	9.50	0.0	11
1940	71.3	97	38	5.29	0.0	13	72.3	95	48	5.69	0.0	12
1941	72.9	100	36	3.14	0.0	7	73.6	97	44	3.14	0.0	7
Period	73.4	109	30	4.48	0.0	10	74.5	107	44	4.94	0.0	9

Climatological Data for August 1941.

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, 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.

†Post addresses of these stations are as follows: Of Bell, Glendale; of Blackwater, Cambridge; of Coleman, Worton; of Fallston, Bagley; of Ferry Landing, Owings; of Great Falls, Bethesda; of Mt. Savage Summit, Frostburg; of Odessa, Middletown; of Pearsdy, Paw Paw, Va.; of Pleasant Hill, Owings Mills; of Prettyboy Dam, Parkton; of Sines, Oakland; of Tomoloway, Hancock. *Custom House, Gay and Water Sts. **Weather Bureau Building, 24th and M Sts. †Also on other dates. ‡2 miles north-west of Frostburg. §§Municipal Building. ¶¶Porter Reservoir. |||Water Pumping Station. |||University Farm.

§§Thermometers are read in morning; maximum temperature then read is charged to preceding day, on which it almost always occurs. Temperatures at Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, Cheltenham, Conowingo Dam, Sines, and Washington are from midnight to midnight; at Dundalk, Mt. Savage Summit, Ocean City, and Delaware Breakwater the thermometers are read at 1:30 a. m., the extremes are charged to the preceding day; other stations, except Blackwater, Cheltenham, Cumberland, and Pocomoke City, are for 24-hour period ending late in afternoon, near sunset, except 9:30 p.m. at Princess Anne.

Daily Precipitation for August 1941

Table with columns for Stations (Maryland), Drainage basin, Day of month (1-31), and Total. Rows list various stations like Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, etc., with their respective precipitation amounts for each day.

Except as otherwise indicated, observations are generally made late in afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for the 24 hours ending at time of observation.
* First-order Weather Bureau station; precipitation is for the 24-hour period, midnight to midnight.
† Precipitation is measured at 1:30 a.m.; amount then recorded is entered on preceding day.
‡ Precipitation is measured with recording gage.
§ Two miles northwest of Frostburg.

Daily Temperatures for August 1941

Table with columns for Stations (Delaware), Day of month (1-31), and Mean. Rows list stations like Bridgeville, Delaware Breakwater, Delaware City, etc., with their maximum and minimum temperatures for each day.

Daily Temperatures for August 1941-Continued

Table with columns for Stations (Maryland) and days 1-31, plus a Mean column. Rows list various stations like Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, etc., with their daily maximum and minimum temperatures.

See page 30 for explanation of reference marks.

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