

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

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MARYLAND AND DELAWARE SECTION

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GENERAL SUMMARY

The first three weeks of October averaged near normal with alternate brief periods of cool and warm weather. Temperatures from the 23d to the end of the month were unseasonably high with the last three days averaging 20 degrees above normal. The temperature for the month averaged 3.1 degrees above normal for Maryland, 2.1 degrees above normal for Delaware, and 3.0 degrees above normal for the section. Highest temperatures of the month were reported on the 6th with most stations reporting temperatures in the middle-eighties to ninety on that date. Temperatures in the middle-eighties were general again on the 31st. The lowest temperatures of the month were generally reported on the 14th and 15th, with the lowest, 24 degrees, reported from Oakland, Maryland, in Garrett County on the 14th. Several additional stations reported below-freezing temperatures on the same date. Heavy frosts were reported in western Maryland, and light frost in central and northeastern counties of Maryland and northern Delaware during the period from the 13th to the 15th.

While precipitation for the section as a whole was only 0.31 inch less than normal, deficiencies on the Eastern Shore and in Delaware averaged more than 1 inch. The average precipitation for Delaware was 2.10 inches and for Maryland, 2.85 inches. In Maryland the amounts varied from 1.67 inches in Annapolis to 4.43 inches at Tonoloway in Allegany County. In Delaware the amounts varied from 1.83 inches at Dover to 3.04 inches at Millsboro. In general, amounts over western and southern counties in Maryland were approximately 3 inches or more. Practically all the rainfall occurred in three periods, 9-13th, 18th-21st, and 26-29th.

The first eight days of the month were mostly sunny and dry, and were favorable for harvesting of crops, fruits, and for outdoor activities. By the end of the month, cutting, shocking and husking of both the early and late corn crops was completed or well under way. The crops were good to excellent. Winter grains, clovers and grasses were in excellent condition. The weather favored the development and maturing of late potatoes and digging of the crop was in progress. The crop was generally good. Southern counties in Maryland and Delaware were still reporting fair yields of some truck and garden crops at the close of the month. The tomato harvest for markets was over and in many eastern and central counties, loss due to blight was reported as high as 50 percent. The apple crop was generally good to excellent. Pears varied from scarce and poor in some localities to good in others, and grapes were good with the harvest generally over.

At Grantsville, Maryland, in Garrett County, Mr. J. B. Miller reported: "Winter grains, clovers, and grasses are excellent; pastures are improved; and buckwheat, supposedly damaged by frost the week ending October 15th, yielded 30 to 40 bushels per acre. Garrett County still remains the land of the delectable, table combination—buckwheat cakes and maple syrup, supplemented by fresh smoked sausages. The glories of the woodland are departing rapidly."

TEMPERATURE

The monthly mean for the section, 59.3°, was 3.0° above normal. The highest monthly mean was 64.9° at Crisfield, Maryland; the lowest, 51.0°, at Sines, Maryland. The highest temperature, 90°, occurred at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on the 6th; the lowest, 24°, at Oakland, Maryland, on the 14th. The greatest local monthly range was 59° at Western Port, Maryland; the least, 36°, at Solomons, Maryland.

PRECIPITATION

The monthly average for the section, 2.75 inches, was 0.31 inch below normal. The greatest monthly amount was 4.43 inches at Tonoloway,

Maryland; the least, 1.60 inches, at Bridgeville, Delaware. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 1.88 inches at Cumberland, Maryland, on the 25th. The average monthly snowfall for the section, trace, was 0.2 inch below normal. The greatest monthly snowfall was 0.1 inch at Oakland, Maryland; the least, a trace at Sines and Western Port, both in Maryland. The greatest 24-hour snowfall was 0.1 inch at Oakland, Maryland on the 1st.

EVAPORATION STATION: Beltsville, Md. (Elevation, 120 feet)
U. S. Bureau Dairying Industry, Joseph B. Shepherd, in charge
(Evaporation Tank: 10 inches deep, 48 inches in diameter)

Precipitation, 2.86; evaporation, 3.260; average daily wind movement, 58.3.

PRESSURE, HUMIDITY, SUNSHINE, WIND, DEGREE DAYS

Stations	Atmospheric pressure reduced to sea level			Wind				Mean relative humidity			Percentage of sunshine	Heating degree days (base 65°)
	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Average hourly velocity	Maximum velocity	Direction	Date	7:30 a. m.	1:30 p. m.		
Aberdeen, Md.	30.49	28	29.57	18	8.4	33	s.	12	82	60	84	209
Annapolis, Md.	30.49	28	29.59	18	8.4	33	s.	12	82	68	79	186
Baltimore, Md.	30.48	28	29.59	18	8.8	33	s.	12	82	57	73	134
Elkins, W. Va.	30.51	28	29.63	18	5.1	26	se.	12	77	63	80	61
Harrisburg, Pa.	30.50	28	29.52	18	6.6	31	nw.	12	85	56	74	222
Norfolk, Va.	30.47	28	29.63	9	9.6	26	n.	12	85	61	78	66
Philadelphia, Pa.	30.51	28	29.56	18	7.5	21	s.	12	88	55	76	125
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.45	28	29.47	18	8.4	34	w.	18	84	51	59	193
Washington, D. C.	30.49	28	29.59	18	6.1	34	nw.	12	87	56	75	138

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR OCTOBER

Year	FOR MARYLAND						FOR DELAWARE					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Temperature			Precipitation		
	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall with 0.1 in. or more	No. of days with 0.1 in. or more	Mean	Highest	Lowest	Average	Average snowfall with 0.1 in. or more	No. of days with 0.1 in. or more
1895	50.7	82	4	1.93	T.	4	51.9	80	27	2.85	T.	4
1896	52.4	85	16	1.44	T.	5	54.0	84	28	3.16	0.0	0
1897	56.6	91	20	2.94	0.0	8	57.8	90	30	5.90	0.0	10
1898	56.8	89	17	4.87	T.	10	58.8	88	31	4.18	0.0	0
1899	57.1	88	15	2.60	0.0	5	58.3	88	29	3.61	0.0	5
1900	60.6	91	21	2.03	0.0	6	60.8	88	31	3.09	0.0	0
1901	54.8	92	16	1.14	T.	4	58.5	82	30	1.59	0.0	3
1902	57.2	89	17	5.72	T.	7	57.8	84	27	4.89	T.	1
1903	56.5	89	20	4.06	T.	7	57.6	86	31	6.23	T.	3
1904	53.6	91	14	2.60	T.	3	57.8	89	26	2.75	0.0	0
1905	56.5	93	20	2.80	T.	3	57.8	89	31	2.05	0.0	0
1906	55.3	82	12	5.17	0.1	14	57.3	81	28	4.47	0.0	15
1907	51.1	83	15	2.34	T.	6	52.1	82	27	2.92	0.0	0
1908	57.3	90	15	2.34	0.0	6	59.2	88	33	1.81	0.0	5
1909	51.5	86	19	1.79	T.	6	58.2	82	25	1.22	0.0	0
1910	58.8	92	15	3.21	0.1	7	59.8	88	27	5.39	0.0	6
1911	56.2	85	23	3.47	T.	10	57.3	88	33	2.83	0.0	0
1912	57.9	93	18	1.54	T.	4	60.0	96	33	2.02	0.0	3
1913	57.9	92	13	4.55	0.1	11	59.5	80	30	4.67	0.0	10
1914	59.1	93	19	1.73	T.	6	60.6	87	26	1.77	0.0	4
1915	57.7	88	19	3.85	T.	9	59.4	87	30	4.08	0.0	3
1916	55.4	91	19	1.95	T.	5	57.0	89	29	1.53	0.0	4
1917	50.7	87	18	5.66	1.1	10	52.4	83	21	6.89	0.0	10
1918	59.6	89	21	1.43	0.0	6	59.4	88	29	0.89	0.0	4
1919	62.3	96	27	3.31	0.0	11	63.3	93	35	2.72	0.0	8
1920	60.2	91	25	0.84	0.1	3	61.0	86	34	1.07	0.0	3
1921	55.7	85	20	1.09	T.	5	56.8	82	31	1.00	0.0	4
1922	58.3	94	15	1.93	0.0	6	59.3	89	28	1.41	0.0	7
1923	54.8	90	18	2.39	T.	6	56.0	82	30	3.58	0.0	5
1924	55.9	88	15	0.40	0.0	2	56.8	84	30	0.89	0.0	2
1925	50.9	85	16	5.49	3.4	15	53.0	87	20	4.56	1.7	14
1926	55.8	94	21	3.40	0.1	10	56.8	91	26	2.46	0.0	9
1927	58.6	98	24	6.00	0.6	9	59.3	94	36	4.85	0.0	9
1928	57.7	90	13	1.02	T.	5	58.6	88	28	1.13	0.0	5
1929	53.4	85	23	5.58	0.1	9	55.0	80	28	4.39	0.0	5
1930	53.9	89	7	0.74	0.1	5	54.9	86	23	1.45	0.0	0
1931	59.1	91	22	1.69	T.	6	60.8	90	33	2.61	0.0	5
1932	56.5	88	22	6.35	0.1	9	58.6	85	30	6.70	0.0	8
1933	54.7	91	16	2.03	T.	6	56.8	85	26	1.27	0.0	6
1934	54.6	85	15	1.25	0.1	4	55.2	79	28	2.08	T.	5
1935	56.0	88	17	2.75	0.1	8	57.2	84	30	2.92	0.0	8
1936	57.6	85	16	3.24	T.	8	58.3	83	23	3.27	0.0	7
1937	58.4	87	14	7.29	0.1	13	55.5	82	26	5.47	T.	11
1938	56.5	92	19	1.75	0.0	7	58.1	86	33	2.33	0.0	7
1939	56.8	94	15	4.83	T.	9	58.7	92	27	4.63	0.0	9
1940	53.1	86	20	2.35	2.2	7	58.6	83	28	2.25	1.6	8
1941	61.8	99	20	1.63	0.0	7	63.0	97	24	1.48	0.0	6
1942	57.8	87	14	6.77	T.	11	58.6	82	24	4.06	0.0	11
1943	54.2	86	19	5.08	T.	9	55.1	82	30	6.21	0.0	10
1944	54.8	89	17	3.52	T.	9	55.6	87	25	2.62	0.0	8
1945	55.4	85	23	1.43	T.	7	56.0	84	28	2.64	0.0	9
1946	59.3	90	24	2.85	T.	10	59.5	86	33	2.10	0.0	9
Period	56.2	99	4	3.04	0.2	7	57.4	97	21	3.13	0.1	7

Climatological Data for October 1946

Table with columns: Stations, Counties, Elevation, Length of record, Temperature (Mean, Departure from normal, Highest, Date, Lowest, Date), Precipitation (Total, Departure from normal, Greatest in 24 hours, Date), Number of days (Total snowfall, With precip., Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, Observers.

All departures from normal are computed from the averages of the entire period for stations having 10 or more years of record, except that for First-Order Weather Bureau Stations they are based on adopted normals. The normal may be found by adding the departures when minus (-) or subtracting when plus (+). T. Trace or 0.005 inch or less rain or melted snow. 1 Recording gage. Italics, Data interpolated. Elevations are of ground above mean sea level.

Post addresses of these stations are as follows: Of Bell, Glendale; of Blackwater, Cambridge; of Charlotte Hall, Mechanicsville; of Coleman, Worton; of Edgemont, Smithsburg; of Ferry Landing, Owings; of Great Falls, Bethesda; of Picardy, Paw Paw, W. Va.; of Prettyboy Dam, Parkton; of Sines, Oakland; of Takoma Park No. 2, Silver Spring; of Tonoloway, Hancock; of Trappe, Oxford. *Custom House, Gage and Water Sigs. **Weather Bureau Building, 24th and M Sts. †Also on other dates. ‡Municipal Building. §§§ Porter Reservoir. ¶Water Pumping Station. ||| University Farm. §1 mile west. Figures and letters following station indicate distance and direction of the observation point from the City Post Office. †† 1.5 miles west. ¶¶ Private instruments.

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, Baltimore Airport, Frederick Airport, Sines, Washington, and Wilmington are from midnight to midnight; at Ocean City and Snow Hill the thermometers are read at 1:30 a. m. the extremes are charged to the preceding day; at other stations temperatures are for a 24-hour period ending in late afternoon or near sunset, except 8 p. m. at Chestertown. Italics, Data interpolated.

Daily Precipitation for October 1946

Table with columns for Stations, Drainage basin, Day of month (1-31), and Total. Rows list various Maryland and Delaware locations with their respective precipitation amounts for each day.

Except as otherwise indicated, amounts are for 24-hours ending late in afternoon. 1Midnight to midnight; recording gage. 2Measured in the morning; for the preceding 24-hours. 3Data for 24-hours ending at 1:30 a. m. of following day. T, Trace or 0.005 inch or less. *Included in next measurement. †PALCOS Data interpolated. ‡First-order Weather Bureau station. ‡‡Water Pumping Station. ‡‡‡University Farm. §Municipal Building. §§Porter Reservoir. †Midnight to midnight

Daily Temperatures for October 1946

Table with columns for Stations (Delaware), Day of month (1-31), and Mean. Rows list Delaware locations with their maximum and minimum temperatures for each day.

Daily Temperatures for October 1946-Continued

Table with columns for Stations (Maryland), days 1-31, and Mean. Rows include Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore (U.S.W.B.), Baltimore Airport, Bell, Beltsville, Blackwater, Cambridge, Charlotte Hall, Cheltenham, Chestertown, Chewsville, Coleman, College Park, Conowingo Dam, Crisfield, Cumberland, Easton, Elkton, Emmitsburg, Fallston, Ferry Landing, Fort George G. Meade, Frederick, Frederick Airport, Frostburg, Germantown, Great Falls, Hancock, Huntingtown, Keedysville, La Plata, Millington, Oakland, Oxford, Pically, Prettyboy Dam, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Salisbury, Sines (Deep Creek), Snow Hill, Solomons, State Sanatorium, Takoma Park, No. 1., Takoma Park, No. 2., Tonoloway, Trappe, Unionville, Western Port, Westminster, Woodstock, and Washington, D.C.

See page 38 for explanation of reference marks.

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