

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

15 MARYLAND AND DELAWARE SECTION

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GENERAL SUMMARY

This was a cold, wet, and windy March. Monthly precipitation averaged 1.6 times the normal. The average number of days with precipitation was the greatest of record for March, as in 1904, 1905, and 1938. Monthly snowfall averaged 1.1 times the normal, the least in March since 1940. Monthly sunshine was normal.

Cold periods were 1st-2d, 4-6th, 8-11th, 19th-22d, and 29th-31st; otherwise, mild temperatures prevailed, except the 15-17th was warm. Very cold days were 6th, 9-10th, and 19-20th.

Monthly precipitation was mostly between 5 and 7 inches in the eastern and central divisions and averaged 5.2 inches in western Maryland.

Monthly snowfall ranged from a trace at Crisfield, Snow Hill, and Solomons to 14.2 inches at Oakland. The totals were below normal, except above normal in the northern-border counties from Allegany to Harford and over the northern Eastern Shore.

Light to moderate snow fell over the section on the 4-5th and 19-20th. Light snow fell on the 8th, 9th, and 18th, and snow flurries occurred on the 10th, 30th, and 31st in the Allegheny Mountain region. Snow flurries occurred on the 9th in Frederick County and on the 9th and 31st in the southeastern portion of the Eastern Shore. Light snow fell on the 29th in the western and central divisions.

Grains were nicely green, in good condition, and improved. Grasses were greening nicely during the third decade.

Activities included husking corn, hauling manure, cutting wood, tending livestock, some plowing, and some sowing of clover and spinach. Fields were too wet to work. Tree fruit buds in the eastern and central divisions were swollen during the third decade.

TEMPERATURE

The monthly mean for the section, 40.3°, is 2.3° below normal. The highest monthly mean was 45.1° at Crisfield and Salisbury; the lowest, 29.8°, at Mt. Savage Summit. The highest temperature, 82°, occurred at Ferry Landing on the 16th; the lowest, zero, at Oakland on the 10th. The greatest local monthly range was 73° at Bell and Oakland; the least, 43°, at Crisfield.

PRECIPITATION

The monthly average for the section, 5.74 inches, is 2.07 inches above normal. The greatest monthly amount was 7.57 inches at Snow Hill; the least, 3.44 inches at Annapolis. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 2.15 inches at Dover on the 12-13th. The average monthly snowfall for the section, 5.6 inches, is 0.6 inch above normal. The greatest 24-hour snowfall was 7.0 inches at Mt. Savage Summit on the 19th.

DEATH

Mr. John R. Weeks, Meteorologist of the Weather Bureau, in charge of the Baltimore office and Director of the Climatological Service of Maryland and Delaware since September 25, 1929, died on March 24, 1944, after an illness of six months. He was born on February 3, 1876, at Kalamazoo, Mich. He entered the Weather Bureau service at Vicksburg, Miss., on April 16, 1898. Before coming to Baltimore he was Official in Charge of the Binghamton, N. Y., station from June 2, 1905 to September 24, 1929.

OBSERVER CHANGES

Mr. Howard T. Postles, who assumed temporarily the duties of cooperative observer at Milford on November 19, 1943, when Mr. Charles J. Holzmueller became ill, terminated his cooperation on March 31, 1944. He rendered excellent service.

Mr. Thomas F. Lewis, cooperative observer at Frostburg since July 1, 1927, severed his relations with the Weather Bureau on March 18, 1944, due to circumstances beyond his control. He was born on June 27, 1888, at Frostburg. He is a draftsman and a

mining engineer. During his 16 years and 9 months of cooperation Mr. Lewis rendered faithful service and excellent records. Mr. Lewis was succeeded by Mr. S. Graf Haverstick.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA (WITH DATES)

Auroras.—Chewsville, 19; Clear Spring and Rock Hall, night 26-27. *Fogs, light*.—1, 3 to 9, 12, 13, 16 to 23, 25, 27, 29, 30. *Fogs, dense*.—3 to 7, 12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30. *Frogs first heard*.—College Park, 14. *Halo, lunar*.—4. *Halos, solar*.—6, 12, 22. *Hail, light*.—Baltimore, Crisfield, and Dundalk, 17; Sines, 27. *Glaze, light*.—5, 19-20. *Lightning struck a farmhouse at Charlton, 2 miles from Clear Spring, 16. Thunderstorms*.—16, 17, 27. *Wild geese*.—Clear Spring, 22, 25. *Winds, high*.—1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17 to 20, 23, 25 to 27, 29 to 31.

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.			7:30 p. m.
Aberdeen, Md.	30.64	22	29.44	17	10.6	14.6	79	64	66	817
Annapolis, Md.	30.70	22	29.52	17	11.0	33	n.w.	13	70	55	61	60	740
Baltimore, Md.	30.54	22	29.47	4	7.8	29	se.	6	87	61	69	43	826
Elkins, W. Va.	30.68	22	29.51	17	9.0	35	n.w.	28	75	57	64	54	866
Harrisburg, Pa.	30.62	22	29.59	17	11.6	29	n.w.	1	81	63	72	59	582
Norfolk, Va.	30.68	22	29.49	17	11.5	30	n.w.	13	74	52	66	45	778
Philadelphia, Pa.	30.54	22	29.61	20	12.0	35	se.	29	79	60	63	42	833
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.61	22	29.48	17	8.5	29	n.w.	17	71	51	56	56	688
Washington, D. C.	30.61	22	29.48	17	8.5	29	n.w.	17	71	51	56	56	688

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR MARCH

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	39.8	74	-7	2.94	3.5	9	40.9	69	19	3.61	1.2	9
1896	36.4	72	-13	4.28	14.6	9	38.2	74	12	4.74	3.8	10
1897	44.4	82	12	2.93	0.7	10	44.5	80	20	2.72	T	8
1898	47.5	84	7	3.80	3.0	11	48.2	78	22	2.67	1.0	9
1899	40.9	77	1	4.79	3.7	11	42.0	72	20	5.32	3.4	11
1900	37.3	74	-8	3.23	13.2	9	38.4	69	6	3.72	6.0	10
1901	42.6	81	-9	3.50	1.9	9	42.7	74	8	3.60	0.6	7
1902	44.7	80	3	3.92	10.5	10	46.2	75	16	3.74	3.5	10
1903	49.2	85	15	5.12	0.2	10	49.9	79	23	6.10	0.0	9
1904	41.2	87	5	2.99	2.0	10	41.2	74	17	3.42	1.4	10
1905	45.4	88	-15	3.16	2.2	10	44.4	83	11	3.12	0.6	11
1906	36.7	68	-8	4.83	11.3	13	38.5	63	14	6.11	4.3	13
1907	46.1	83	2	3.30	6.5	9	46.1	88	16	2.99	4.8	9
1908	45.7	85	11	3.16	0.6	10	47.6	83	22	1.74	0.8	9
1909	40.2	80	9	3.69	7.6	11	41.3	75	17	3.82	2.5	10
1910	49.0	89	14	1.11	2.1	6	49.3	86	22	2.58	3.0	5
1911	39.8	77	-5	2.56	9.3	12	40.6	74	6	3.10	7.0	10
1912	39.5	78	-7	6.69	7.7	13	41.1	72	16	7.16	7.9	12
1913	47.2	83	-6	4.56	0.7	10	49.1	80	13	3.86	T	10
1914	37.8	80	-14	2.40	15.4	10	38.6	65	4	3.02	18.5	10
1915	36.6	64	-3	1.14	4.4	5	38.8	72	19	1.26	1.7	3
1916	35.9	78	-3	3.88	4.5	10	35.9	69	8	3.51	5.8	10
1917	41.1	82	-5	5.34	10.2	13	41.7	76	17	6.26	0.9	13
1918	45.6	84	8	3.61	0.1	9	44.8	80	17	3.48	T	9
1919	45.8	76	14	3.87	0.6	10	46.4	78	24	4.63	0.1	9
1920	43.2	85	-1	3.00	2.7	9	43.6	75	11	3.86	1.7	10
1921	53.6	91	14	2.38	T	11	54.6	88	23	2.51	0.5	11
1922	44.2	80	11	4.70	2.2	13	45.0	76	19	4.48	0.2	12
1923	43.3	82	-6	4.23	5.8	11	44.0	80	13	5.60	4.5	12
1924	40.7	77	-11	4.98	12.2	10	41.7	76	22	5.34	1.7	10
1925	44.8	82	-3	2.25	0.4	9	46.6	79	9	2.28	T	8
1926	38.0	80	-8	2.21	2.1	10	39.3	80	10	2.30	0.5	9
1927	45.4	84	10	1.72	0.1	9	45.6	82	18	1.92	T	10
1928	41.7	83	7	2.97	7.0	10	42.2	82	14	2.81	0.6	11
1929	48.0	86	4	3.14	1.3	10	49.7	81	11	3.39	T	11
1930	42.2	77	4	2.16	1.6	7	43.7	76	18	2.00	T	7
1931	39.1	65	14	4.28	7.4	13	40.6	64	25	5.24	7.4	12
1932	38.2	75	-4	5.70	5.7	10	40.1	70	12	6.46	1.8	10
1933	40.1	79	0	4.40	3.2	13	41.8	80	16	3.15	1.2	13
1934	38.7	78	-10	4.35	11.7	14	40.1	75	6	5.26	13.4	14
1935	47.6	86	10	2.99	1.8	14	47.9	77	19	3.25	0.4	13
1936	47.0	89	15	5.87	3.0	12	48.9	76	20	5.60	T	12
1937	39.4	74	1	1.96	9.7	8	39.8	69	15	2.56	3.5	9
1938	46.9	85	6	2.74	3.8	14	46.9	82	8	2.60	3.2	13
1939	43.9	90	-5	3.74	0.8	11	44.4	84	17	5.10	1.3	14
1940	38.1	75	1	3.84	2.3	10	38.6	71	14	4.64	1.2	12
1941	36.7	70	-8	2.25	12.7	8	37.3	63	13	2.36	8.4	8
1942	44.7	79	5	5.99	15.4	12	45.0	75	24	6.13	3.1	12
1943	42.6	84	-6	3.56	8.1	12	44.0	83	4	3.81	6.3	12
1944	40.2	82	0	5.69	5.5	14	41.1	78	13	6.16	6.1	15
1945
Period	42.5	93	-15	3.64	5.3	10	43.4	88	4	3.90	2.9	10

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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, Total snowfall), Number of days (Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, OBSERVERS. Includes data for Maryland and Delaware stations.

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. 2. Rain. Data interpolated. Elevations are of ground above mean sea level. 3. Post addresses of these stations are as follows: of Bell, Glenndale; of Blackwater, Cambridge; of Coleman, Worton; of Edgemont, Smithsburg; of Fallston, Bagley; of Ferry Landing, Owings; of Great Falls, Bethesda; of Mt. Savage Summit, Frostburg; of Picardy, Faw Paw, W. Va.; of Prettyboy Dam, Parkton; of Sines, Oakland; of Tonoloway, Hancock. *Custom House, Gay and Water Sts. **Weather Bureau Building, 24th and M Sts. †Also on other dates. ‡On mountain top, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Frostburg. §Municipal Building. ¶Porter Reservoir. ††Weather Bureau Station. ‡‡University Farm. §§1 mile west. Figures and letters following station indicate distance and direction of the observation point from the City Postoffice. /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, Sines, and Washington are from midnight to midnight; at Dundalk, Mt. Savage Summit, 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 9 p. m. at Chestertown. 6. Data interpolated.

Daily Precipitation for March 1944

Stations	Drainage basin	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		
<i>Maryland</i>																																		
Aberdeen ¹	Atlantic				.28	.15	.51	.12					.75	.79			T.	.30	.25	.44	.05			1.01				.05		.95	.04	.01		
Annapolis ¹	do				.10	.17	.33	.44					.49	.39				.94	.18	.06	.18				.34				.04		.70	.03	.01	
Baltimore ^{1†}	do				.53	.13	.84	.16					.94	.70			T.	.11	.18	.60	.28				.86				T.	.63	.08	T.		
Bell	do	T.			.09	.29		1.00					.03	1.52				.24	.03	.34	.58	.13			.70	.02			.01		.41	.41	.07	
Bethesda	do				.15	.16		.85	T.				.24	.95			.01		.10	.06	.11	.39	.04		.82				T.	.60	.04	.19		
Blackwater ²	do	.42			.34			1.20	.24	.04			.14	.47										.16	.31				.36	.05	.81	.16		
Charlotte Hall	do				.50			1.20	.04				.12	1.18				*	*	*	*	1.17		.51				.12	*	1.12				
Cheitenham ²	do	.10			.38			1.06	.05				.12	.24					.27	.24	.45	T.		.30	.33			T.	.27	.56	T.			
Chestertown	do				.48	T.		1.13					*	1.64					.11	.25	.74	.10		.58				.13		T.	.73			
Chewsville	do				.32	.10		T.	.56	T.				.60	.47			T.	.41	.10	.29	.33	T.		1.07			.04		.55	.01	T.		
Clear Spring	do				1.12	.44	.06	.55	T.				.68	.32				10	.25	.35	.41	.11	T.		.68			.28		.16	.32	T.		
Coleman	do	.05			.65			1.07					T.	1.60					.01	.16	.15	.80	.24		.97			.58		.25	.50	T.		
Conowingo Dam ²	do				.08	.22		T.	.90	T.			.22	1.18					.07	.05	.34	.40	.07		.83	.02		.02		.56	.18	T.		
Crisfield	do	T.	.03		.62			1.30					T.	1.55					.12	.08	.12	.07	.07		.34	.05		T.	.20	.25	.09	T.		
Cumberland ²	do				.68			.88	.10				.07	1.03					.03	.03	T.	.65	.65	.09		.48	.10		.03	.11	.31			
Dundalk ³	do				.57	.09	.88	.05					1.19	.25					T.	.08	.15	.67	.28		1.19			T.	.62	.11		.63		
Easton	do				.07	.12	.42	1.30	.09				T.	1.33					.11	T.	.20	1.20	.03		.30	.06		.25		.39	.33	.17		
Edgemont ²	do				.15			.60					T.	1.20					.20	.30	.10	.60	.10		.15	.90		.03	T.	.80		.53		
Elkton	do				.24	.60	.70						T.	1.53					.13	.13	.03	.82	.04		.97	.13		.17		.17	.42	T.		
Emmitsburg	do				.80	.29	.42		T.				*	1.25				T.	.33	.16	.60	.36	T.		*	1.13		.06		*	.93	.22	T.	
Fallston	do				.32	.30	T.	.79					.04	1.50					.17	.16	.21	.60	.03		.90	.05		T.	.25	.18	T.			
Ferry Landing	do				.15	.28		.98	.07					1.52					.11	.03	.40	.33	.04		.43			.09		.74	.22	.01		
Fort George G. Meade	do				.20	.16		1.02	T.				.08	1.57					.16	.14	.25	.63	.01		.80	T.		T.	.56	.10	.16	T.		
Frederick	do	T.			.56	.41	T.	.65	T.	T.			.14	1.15				.02	.36	.15	.81	.34	.05		1.05	.08		.09		.63	.07	.03		
Friendsville	Ohio				.68	.40	*	.90	.20	T.	T.			.70				*	.60	.20	.15	.80	T.		.85	.17		.20		.12	T.			
Frostburg	Atlantic	.05			.48	.15	.35	.78	T.	.07	T.			.35	.45				.12	.01	.25	.40	.20	T.		.70	.07		.16		.57	.07	T.	
Georgetown	do				.65			1.05					T.	1.65						.35	.15	.80	.24		.97			.30		.01	.48	.03		
Germanstown	do				.35	.35		1.05					.22	.90						1.32	.20	.45	.35	T.		.98			T.	.70	.02	.15	T.	
Great Falls ²	do	.10			.22	T.		.62	T.				.22	1.22				*	*	*	*	1.05			.32	.63			*	.63	.22	.50	T.	
Hancock ²	do				.16			.70	T.	.56	T.			1.01					.09	.14		.63	.10		.41	.45			.07	.12	.43		.47	
Huntingtown	do	.03			.08	.27		1.24	.15				.29	.98					.07	.07	.35	.50	.04		.41			.06		.63	.30	.06		
Keedysville	do				.40	.14		.52	T.				.15	.80				T.	.38	.24	.48	.30	T.		1.04			.08		.58	T.	.01	.52	T.
La Plata	do				.30			1.10	.10				*	1.20					.20	.15	*	.70	T.		*	.70			.90	.10		.54		
Laurel	do	T.			.23	.14	T.	.86	T.				.08	1.28					.10	.12	.30	.33	T.		.84	T.		T.	.53	.12	.10	T.		
Luke ²	do	.12			1.21			.80	T.	T.	T.			.08	1.81				T.	T.	.10	.80	T.		.48	T.		T.	T.	.17	.15		.45	
Maryland Line	do				.40	.35		.39					*	1.53					.53	.26	.20	.70	.05		.90			T.	.25	T.	.64	T.		
Millington	do	.01			.10	.64		1.12					T.	1.71					T.	.14	.42	.67	.01		.32	.07		.16		.57	.50	.03		
Mt. Savage Summit ²	do				.58	T.	.15		.10	.03	T.		.98					.16	.06	.03	.66	T.		.65			.21		.21	T.	.38	T.		
Oakland	Ohio	.28			.93	.85	.03	.66	.34	T.	T.		.22	.51				.03	.36	.30	.05	.85	.02		1.10			.04		.40	.05	T.		
Ocean City ²	Atlantic				.16	.07	.03	.23	.10				.62	.52					.40	.03	.70	.31			.26			.26		.08	.18	T.		
Oxford	do	T.			.02	.37		1.22	.05				T.	1.14					.07	T.	.25	.62	.01		.30	.04		.25		.17	.22	.11	T.	
Perry Point	do				.35	.30		1.05					T.	1.35					.30	.28	.25	.60	.03		.98	T.		.07		.52	.18	T.		
Pocomoke City ²	do	.38			.40	.30	T.	.66	T.				.20	.90				T.	T.	.15	.01	.40	.45		.70			T.	.40		.40		T.	
Pretzboyan Dam	do				.05	.29		1.12	.22	T.			*	1.40					.32	.16	*	.93			.88			T.	.34		1.00	.70	T.	
Princess Anne	do				.02	.20		1.37	.05	T.			.13	1.51					.45	T.	.03	1.15	T.		.25	.07		.47		.21	.20	.12	T.	
Ridgely	do	T.			.04	.23		1.24					.11	1.27					.11	.04	.31	.33	T.		.31	.04		.19		.31	.22	.21	T.	
Rock Hall	do	T.			.18	.20		1.17					.15	1.34					.06	T.	.08	.86	.04		.55	.04		.05		.35	.45	.10	T.	
Salisbury	do				.19	.32		1.43	T.	.13			T.	1.44					T.	.27	.17	.91	T.		.19	.08		.44		.07	.31	.15	T.	
Silver Spring	do				.19	.13		.91	T.				.30	1.17					.08	.15	.33	.41	T.		.81	T.		T.	.67	.04	.14	T.		
Sines ¹	Ohio	.03			1.02	.34	.76	.06	.13	.06	.02		.74	.04				.24	.43	.16	.69	.18			1.15			.28		.24	T.	.62	T.	
Snow Hill ³	Atlantic				.20	.05	.52	.07	.02				.13	.48					.35	.35	.08	.31	.01		.41			.32		1.22	.10	.22	T.	
Solomons	do	T.			.06	.19	.05	1.28	.04	T.			.17	1.31					.17	.02	.45	.79	.03		.39	.08		.61		.89	.19	.01	T.	
State Sanatorium	do				.30	.60		.55	T.				.22	1.20					.62	*	1.15	T.			1.00			.20	.01	.70	.19	.01	T.	
Takoma	do				.12	.18		.97	T.				.22	1.26					.05	.12	.13	.68			.76	T.		T.	.51	.06	.21	T.		
Tonoloway	do				.57	.25		.55	T.				.64	.40					.19	.05	.38	.80	T.		1.00			.15		.47	T.			
Towson ²	do	.10			.02	.62		.86					.10	1.65					.07	.28	.26	.65	.26		.39	.74		T.	.10	.42	.05	T.		
Unionville	do				.40	.26		.71	T.	T.			.10	1.39					.57	.12	.22	.20	.02		1.08	.05		T.	.62	.03	.02	T.		
Western Port	do				.70	.25	*	.98	T.	T.	T.		.73	.27					.10	.08	.30	T.			.76	.05		.04		.38	.02	T.		
Westminster ²	do				.14			.80					.15	1.20					.35	.34	.33	.70												

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Table with columns for Stations (Maryland) and days 1-31, plus a Mean column. Rows list various Maryland locations such as Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, etc., with their respective temperature data.

See page 10 for explanation of reference marks.