

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE MONTH:

SEPTEMBER SEES THE ONSET OF AUTUMN AS DAYS SHORTEN AND TEMPERATURES FALL. AN AVERAGE SEPTEMBER WOULD SEE 78.4 MM (3.09IN) RAIN. IN 1976 WE HAD 204.9MM (8.07IN) FOLLOWING THE RECORD DRY SUMMER. RAINFALL AVERAGED 0.67 IN PER DAY FROM SEPT 21 TO SEPT 30 WITH TWO DAILY FALLS OF OVER AN INCH. OTHER WET SEPTEMBERS HAVE BEEN 1955 (5.69IN), 1981 (5.26IN), 1960 (5.03IN), AND 1978 WITH 5.02IN.

DRY SEPTEMBERS WERE 1959 (0.17IN), 1986 (0.45IN), 1964 (0.46IN), 1977 (0.62IN) AND 1985 (0.85IN).

THE WARMEST SPELL IN SEPTEMBER WAS IN 1959 WITH 5 DAYS OVER 77F (25C). THIS YEAR HAS SEEN 1 DAY OVER 77F. TO DATE THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN 16 OCCASIONS WITH TEMPERATURES OVER 77F (25C) IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO AIR FROSTS IN THE LAST 33 YEARS ON 30 SEPT 1969 AND 16 SEPT 1975. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN 64 GROUND FROSTS IN THE MONTH OVER THE SAME PERIOD, WITH A RECORD 10 OCCURRING IN 1986.