

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE MONTH:

AUGUST IS, ON AVERAGE, THE SECOND WETTEST MONTH OF THE YEAR BEHIND DECEMBER, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO THE PREPONDERANCE OF HEAVY SHOWERS. SOME AUGUSTS HAVE BEEN BOTH DRY AND HOT, NOTABLY 1984 WHEN THERE WERE 20 DRY DAYS AND 7 DAYS WITH AIR MAXIMUMS ABOVE 25 C (77F). AUGUST 1976 HAD THE LONGEST SPELL OF HOT WEATHER WITH 13 DAYS ABOVE 25C (6 CONSECUTIVE), WITH 9 IN 1983 AND 7 IN 1984. THIS YEAR SAW 3 HOT DAYS THOUGH IN 1976 THERE WERE 13. AUGUST 1976 ALSO SAW THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUNNY DAYS (15), THOUGH 1983 HAD THE MOST VERY SUNNY DAYS (>12 HRS) AT 7. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR HAS SEEN 12 SUNNY DAYS.

NORMALLY, 2 THUNDERSTORMS OCCUR IN AUGUST, THOUGH IN 1958 THERE WERE 5. 1990 WAS THE LAST TIME WITH NO AUGUST THUNDER REPORTED AS IS THIS YEAR. THERE HAVE BEEN 8 GROUND FROSTS IN AUGUST SINCE 1956, THE LAST BEING ON AUGUST 28TH 1974.

THE LAST AUGUST GALE WAS IN 1979.

THIS AUGUST IS THE 2ND DRIEST ON RECORD AND THE DRIEST IN 36 YEARS.