

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE MONTH:

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SEPTEMBER SEES THE ONSET OF AUTUMN AS THE DAYS SHORTEN AND TEMPERATURES FALL. AN AVERAGE SEPTEMBER WOULD SEE 63.4MM RAIN. IN 1976 WE HAD 204.9MM (8.07INS) FOLLOWING THE RECORD DRY SUMMER. RAINFALL AVERAGED 0.67 INS PER DAY FROM SEPT 21 TO SEPT 30, WITH TWO DAILY FALLS OF OVER AN INCH. OTHER WET SEPTEMBERS HAVE BEEN 1965 (5.69INS), 1981 (5.26 INS), 1960 ((5.03 INS) AND 1958 (5.02 INS)

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

THE WARMEST SPELL IN SEPTEMBER WAS IN 1959 WITH 5 DAYS OVER 77F (25C). TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN 24 OCCASIONS WITH TEMPERATURES OVER 77F (25C) IN SEPTEMBER, THE LAST ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1991.

ONLY TWO OCCASIONS OF SEPTEMBER AIR FROST IN 33 YEARS HAVE OCCURRED, ON SEPT 30 1969 AND 16 SEPT 1975. HOWEVER, 64 GROUND FROSTS HAVE OCURRED IN SEPTEMBER OVER THE SAME PERIOD, A RECORD 10 IN 1986.