

SPRING OF 1995 IN CONTEXT.

THIS WAS ANOTHER UNUSUAL SEASON. IN TERMS OF OVERALL VARIABILITY IT WAS THE SIXTEENTH MOST OPEN SPRING IN THE PAST 40 YEARS, ALL OF THE PREVIOUS 1990'S BEING BETTER PLACED.

WITH A MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 13.6C/56.5F IT WAS THE SIXTH WARMEST SINCE 1956, WITH 1990 (15.4C/59.7F) AND 1992 (14.5C/58.1F) BEING IN FIRST AND SECOND POSITIONS. THE COLDEST SPRING WAS IN 1962 WITH A MEAN MAXIMUM OF 10.4C/50.7F.

SUNSHINE TOTTALLING 572.5 HOURS MADE THIS SPRING THE SECOND SUNNIEST IN 40 YEARS, JUST 21.5 HOURS BEHIND THE RECORD YEAR OF 1990. THE SUNNIEST DAY WITH 13.9 HOURS WAS MAY 13TH. IN ALL ONLY 6 DAYS FROM THE 92 POSSIBLE SPRING DAYS WERE TOTALLY WITHOUT SUN.

THIS YEAR ASLO PRODUCED A DRY SPRING WITH A TOTAL OF 105.9MM/4.17INS OF RAIN, ONLY 6 YEARS IN THE LAST 40 BEING DRIER, THE BEST IN 1992 WITH ONLY 61.3MM/2.41 INS. THE WETTEST SPRING WAS IN 1979 WITH A TOTAL OF 310.4MM/12.22INS.

ON THE DOWN SIDE, 1995 SAW MORE SNOW AND SLEET THAN MOST SPRINGS, WITH AN INCIDENCE OF 13 DAYS, PUTTING IT IN FIFTH EQUAL WORST POSITION WITH 1964. THERE WERE 23 DAYS OF SNOW OR SLEET IN 1975, AND THE SPRINGS OF 1957 AND 1961 SAW NO SNOW OR SLEET AT ALL.

IN TERMS OF AIR FROST THE SPRING OF 1995 DID NOT COME OUT TOO WELL EITHER, WITH 17 RECORDED, THE SAME AS IN 1970, 1969 AND 1984, BUT WELL BELOW THE RECORD 30 SEEN IN THE SPRING OF 1962.

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