

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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This was the hottest August on record (mean daily temperature 19.2C/66.6F), 3.6C above normal, as well as being the hottest of any month on file. In all 17 days were hot(max above 25C/77F), 8 of these consecutive. From the 15th to the 22nd incl., the max temperature was above 25C and on the night of 31Jul/1 Aug the air fell no lower than 18C/64F. Additionally, 7 days had air maximums above 30C/86F.

A drought existed, no rain at all falling until the 22nd, the final total being only 11% of normal. Rain fell on 5 days giving the driest August ever.

Sunshine was well up, the 287.5 hours making it the sunniest August on file, and the 2nd. sunniest month ever. Only one day was sunless, with 20 days above 9 hours each, and 11 above 12 hours each, both new records.

This helped make the Summer of 1995 a record one, exceeding that of 1976 in several areas of temperature, sunshine and drought.

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