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Departure of the Mean Temperature from the Normal, October, 1915.



Shaded portions show excess (+).
 Unshaded portions show deficiency (-).
 Lines show amount of excess or deficiency.

Statute Miles
 0 100 200 300 400
 Kilometers
 0 200 400 600

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GENERAL SUMMARY.

There was but one period of wet weather, viz., that of the 22nd-23rd, to interrupt what would otherwise have been a month of practically unbroken drought. Very light showers, to be sure, fell at widely separated places in some of the northern counties on the 13th and 14th, but these dates could not by any means be described as embracing a rainy period in any important agricultural area. Even the precipitation of the 22nd and 23rd covered only the elevated regions in the northern portion of the State, leaving all but the northern end of the Sacramento Valley and the east foot-hill region untouched. The coast range from Mendocino north, however, was thoroughly drenched, and there were districts in the Siskiyou and from Butte County to Placer in the Sierra that were well watered. At no point did the monthly rainfall equal the normal, and the deficiency for the State as a whole was very marked.

Temperatures generally averaged above normal. This was particularly true of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, where normal values were exceeded on nearly every day in the month except during the cool spell of the 5th, 6th and 7th. Grape harvesting and raisin drying continued without hindrance from adverse weather conditions.

Along the southern California coast, especially in Santa Barbara and San Diego counties, the weather was a trifle cool for October and fog occurred with unusual frequency. The Co-operative Observer at Santa Barbara, Mr. G. W. Russell, commenting on this states that bean threshing was made very difficult, and adds that there were only three days when there was no fog during the 24 hours, and that precipitation from fog on several occasions measured over .02 inch.

PRESSURE.

The monthly mean atmospheric pressure for the State, reduced to sea-level, was 30.01 inches.

The highest was 30.36 inches at Eureka on the 24th.

The lowest was 29.68 inches at Independence on the 10th.

The range for the State was 0.68 inch.

TEMPERATURE.

The monthly mean temperature for the State was 62.3 degrees, which is 1.2 degrees above the normal.

The highest monthly mean was 79.6 degrees at Mammoth Tank and the lowest was 43.0 degrees at Fordyce Dam.

The highest temperature, 105 degrees, occurred at Riverside on the 28th, and the lowest was 8 degrees at Macdoel on the 25th.

The range for the State was 97 degrees.

PRECIPITATION.

The average precipitation for the State was 0.14 inch or 1.31 inches below the normal.

The greatest monthly amount was 2.42 inches at Branscomb while none occurred at 185 stations.

The greatest amount in 24 hours was 2.00 inches at Branscomb on the 23rd.

No snow fell at any station from which reports were received.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

Thunderstorms.--None.

Earthquakes.—Livermore, Oakland, Petaluma, San Francisco, 1; Alturas, Camptonville, Chester, Chico, Cisco, Colgate, Colusa, De Sabla, Donner, Fort Bidwell, Gold Run, Lathrop, Lindsay, McCloud, Magalia, Nevada City, Oroville, Priest Valley, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Stockton, Tallac, 2; Mount Tamalpais, Oakland, Peachland, Petaluma, San Francisco, Santa Clara, 7; Petaluma, 8; Converse Nursery, Holcomb, Redlands, 9; Oakland, 21; Holcomb, 22, 23.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.—(Per Cent.)

Stations.	5 A. M.	5 P. M.	Mean.
Eureka.....	92	82	87
Fresno.....	64	23	44
Los Angeles.....	80	64	72
Mount Tamalpais.....	42	38	40
Red Bluff.....	51	22	36
Sacramento.....	70	26	48
San Diego.....	89	80	84
San Francisco.....	88	67	78
San Jose.....	91	52	72
San Luis Obispo.....	90	59	74

SUNSHINE AND CLOUDINESS.

Stations.	Actual Hours of Sunshine.	Percent of the Possible.
Eureka.....	146	42
Fresno.....	343	98
Los Angeles.....	296	84
Mount Tamalpais.....	326	94
Red Bluff.....	319	92
Sacramento.....	315	91
San Diego.....	278	79
San Francisco.....	269	77
San Jose.....	298	86
San Luis Obispo.....	261	75

WIND MOVEMENT.—(Miles.)

Stations.	Total Movement for Mo.	Avt. Hr. Vel.	Max. Vel.	Dir.	Date.
Eureka.....	3788	5.1	36	n	3
Fresno.....	4102	5.5	22	nw	2
Independence.....	28	se	22
Los Angeles.....	3298	4.4	15	s	11
Mount Tamalpais.....	12018	16.2	60	n	1
Point Reyes.....	13824	18.6	60	nw	10
Red Bluff.....	3881	5.2	31	nw	3
Sacramento.....	4803	6.5	27	nw	2
San Diego.....	4144	5.6	23	nw	30
San Francisco.....	5682	7.6	33	sw	17
San Jose.....	2315	3.1	18	s	23
San Luis Obispo.....	2402	3.2	24	ne	24

The prevailing direction of the wind for the State was west.

Climatological Data for October, 1915.—Continued.

Table with columns: Stations, Counties, Elevation, Length of record, Temperature (Mean, Departure from normal, Highest, Date, Lowest, Date, Greatest daily range), Precipitation (Total, Departure from normal, Greatest in 24 hours, Snowfall), Number of days (Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, Observers.

Climatological Data for October, 1915.—Continued.

Main climatological data table for October 1915, listing stations, counties, elevations, temperatures, precipitation, and observers.

The departures from the normal temperature and precipitation are computed only for such stations as have ten or more years of record, but all complete reports are used in determining section or division means.

** Temperature extremes are from observed readings of the dry bulb; means are computed from observed readings.

† Also on other dates.

T. Precipitation is less than 0.01 inch rain or melted snow.

a, b, c, etc., indicate respectively, 1, 2, 3, etc., days missing from the record.

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR OCTOBER.

(MEAN MONTHLY TEMPERATURE FOR THE STATE.)

Table showing comparative mean monthly temperature for the state from 1897 to 1906.

(AVERAGE PRECIPITATION FOR THE STATE.)

Table showing comparative average precipitation for the state from 1897 to 1906.

DELAYED REPORTS.

Table of delayed reports for October 1915, listing stations, months, temperatures, and total precipitation.

ERRATA. MAY, 1915.

Storey, page 60, lowest temperature 26, should be 36.

AUGUST, 1915.

Denair, page 94, monthly mean temperature 75.6, should be 75.1.
Indio, page 94, total precipitation 0.00, should be 0.35; number of rainy days 0, should be 1; page 98, amount on 26th should be 0.35.
Portola, page 95, monthly mean temperature 71.8, should be 61.8
Rio Vista, page 99, total precipitation blank, should be 0.00.
Rohnerville, page 95, lowest temperature 49, should be 45 on the 6th.
Westley, page 99, total precipitation blank, should be 0.00.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Durham, page 108 under "Delayed Reports," monthly mean temperature 80.2, should be 77.6.
Greenland Ranch, page 108 under "Delayed Reports," monthly mean temperature 103.8, should be 106.6.
Independence, page 106, monthly mean temperature 66.1, should be 66.2; page 112, mean maximum 81.5, should be 81.8.

Daily Temperature for October, 1915.

Table with columns for Stations, 1-31, and Mean. Rows list various California locations such as Alturas, Bakersfield, Barstow, etc., with their respective daily temperature ranges and monthly averages.

Total Precipitation, Inches, October, 1915.





The influence of the diversified topography of California upon its precipitation is shown by the lines of equal rainfall in inches, on the accompanying relief map.