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GENERAL SUMMARY.

Seasonable weather prevailed along the coast of California during August, but abnormally cool weather was experienced in the interior valleys. Little or no precipitation occurred except in the extreme southeastern portion where local storms were accompanied by heavy showers. In the Imperial Valley the rain was sufficiently heavy between the 21st and 23rd to cause local floods. A violent thunderstorm at Needles on the 28th was accompanied by destructive winds which unroofed houses and uprooted trees. While abundant sunshine was received in the interior valleys, fog and low clouds were of frequent occurrence along the coast. Because of diminished visibility caused by a dense fog, the Steamer Alaska ran ashore on Blunt's Reef on the 6th, resulting in the loss of 44 lives and the destruction of the ship. Thunderstorms were of frequent occurrence in the mountains, and many forest fires were started by lightning. Ample water was available for irrigation and for hydroelectric power.

Agriculturally, the weather during August was satisfactory. Conditions were favorable for threshing. Deciduous fruits made good progress toward maturity, and much fruit was harvested. The sun-curing of fruit proceeded without interruption, as weather conditions were generally good. The absence of severe heat caused truck crops to thrive. Beans and sugar beets growing along the coast were benefited by the high relative humidity attending the fog and low clouds. While the heat of the interior valleys was not as great as that of past years, midday temperatures were sufficiently high to promote the growth of corn, rice and grapes. The harvesting of rice began at the close of the month, about two weeks earlier than usual. Citrus orchards everywhere maintained an excellent condition, with better prospects than those of last year. The condition of grazing stock continued excellent, and ample feed was found on the mountain ranges. It was good harvest weather, and the crops gathered during the month were satisfactory, both in quality and in quantity. Generally favorable weather has attended the progress of the agricultural year now drawing to a close, and it is believed that the total yield of crops will come up to early expectations. A.H.P.

PRESSURE.

The mean sea-level pressure, determined from the records of 11 regular Weather Bureau stations, was 29.95 inches. The highest was 30.18 inches at Eureka on the 12th; the lowest was 29.76 inches at Independence on the 1st, and at Fresno on the 6th; the range for the State was 0.42 inch.

TEMPERATURE.

The monthly mean temperature for the State, as shown by the records of 96 stations, was 71.4°, which is 1.4° below normal. The highest monthly mean was 95.5°, at Greenland Ranch; and the lowest was 53.7°, at Point Reyes. The highest temperature, 118°, occurred at Greenland Ranch on the 4th, 5th and 11th; and the lowest, 20°, occurred at Portola on the 23d. The range for the State was 98°.

PRECIPITATION.

The average precipitation for the State, as shown by the records of 246 stations, was 0.10 inch, or 0.02 inch above the normal. The greatest monthly amount was 3.79 inches, at Campo. No rain fell at 182 stations.

The greatest amount in 24 hours was 2.10 inches at Needles on the 21st.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY, SUNSHINE AND CLOUDINESS.

Stations.	Relative humidity Per cent.			Sunshine.	
	5 a. m.	5 p. m.	Mean.	Actual No. of hours	Per cent of possible.
Eureka.....	93	82	88	200	47
Fresno.....	50	14	32	378	99
Independence.....	42	19	30	361	86
Los Angeles.....	87	61	74	336	81
Mount Tamalpais.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red Bluff.....	54	19	38	406	96
Sacramento.....	77	35	56	419	99
San Diego.....	89	77	83	291	70
San Francisco.....	92	76	84	276	66
San Jose.....	.....	52	.....	354	84
San Luis Obispo.....	90	64	77	324	78

WIND MOVEMENT.—(Miles.)

Stations.	Total mov. for month.	Ave. hr. velocity.	Maximum velocity.	Direction.	Date	Prev. dir.
Eureka.....	3,934	5.3	24	n.	24	nw.
Fresno.....	6,149	8.3	22	nw.	16	nw.
Independence.....	4,401	5.9	22	s.	27	s.
Los Angeles.....	3,566	4.8	15	sw.	1	sw.
Mount Tamalpais.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Reyes.....	16,038	21.6	48	nw.	14	nw.
Red Bluff.....	3,015	4.1	17	se.	16	se.
Sacramento.....	6,116	8.2	21	s.	8	s.
San Diego.....	4,492	6.0	18	nw.	2	w.
San Francisco.....	7,337	9.9	36	w.	20	sw.
San Jose.....	4,217	5.7	20	nw.	15	nw.
San Luis Obispo.....	2,478	3.3	15	nw.	12	nw.

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR AUGUST.

Year	Mean temp.	Ave. precip.	Year	Mean temp.	Ave. precip.	Year	Mean temp.	Ave. precip.	Year	Mean temp.	Ave. precip.
1898.....	74.5	0.02	1904.....	73.9	0.17	1910.....	72.5	0.01	1916.....	73.2	0.20
1899.....	70.8	0.11	1905.....	73.4	0.03	1911.....	70.1	0.00	1917.....	72.5	0.04
1900.....	71.0	0.02	1906.....	73.6	0.13	1912.....	70.2	0.06	1918.....	71.4	0.14
1901.....	75.6	0.12	1907.....	71.0	0.11	1913.....	74.8	0.30	1919.....	72.1	0.03
1902.....	71.8	0.06	1908.....	73.3	0.12	1914.....	72.1	0.02	1920.....	73.4	0.25
1903.....	72.6	0.02	1909.....	72.1	0.19	1915.....	74.2	0.06	1921.....	71.4	0.10

Daily evaporation (inches) and wind movement (miles) for August.

Stations.	Data.	Day of Month.																															Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Chula Vista**.....	Evaporation.....	227	245	223	247	234	100	222	255	171	156	223	231	246	207	226	238	246	185	212	209	201	233	217	195	172	211	154	220	222	239	222	6,589
	Wind movement.....	108	119	105	115	113	69	123	146	128	115	126	120	115	89	86	95	111	84	100	86	108	98	92	97	76	84	81	90	96	106	91	3,172
Dodgeand*.....	Evaporation.....	185	244	254	185	289	443	320	174	301	212	276	192	322	218	127	370	164	142	293	386	168	215	648	198	177	202	142	204	214	345	290	7,530
	Wind movement.....	3	23	11	12	3	21	32	22	14	41	8	22	27	17	26	30	37	21	22	21	31	22	12	26	13	19	20	19	5	25	18	617
Oakdale (near)*.....	Evaporation.....	440	430	422	477	556	633	530	465	477	401	506	442	347	459	416	528	514	460	464	461	497	417	518	410	435	423	453	504	486	528	512	14,651
	Wind movement.....	180	180	110	80	100	125	145	60	150	135	165	200	165	155	110	115	120	175	125	105	140	120	130	130	105	115	110	140	150	110	150	4,100
Tahoe**.....	Evaporation.....	240	240	190	210	230	240	260	210	220	200	210	190	190	210	250	250	250	220	240	170	145	175	180	200	155	145	215	220	155	115	120	8,245
	Wind movement.....	28	35	24	40	34	22	51	62	51	25	26	58	30	35	45	87	26	45	31	17	22	9	38	67	58	38	61	49	35	44	72	1,265

* Observations taken at 7 a. m.; ** at 8 a. m. † Included in the next following entry.

Climatological Data for August, 1921.

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, Precipitation 0.1 inch or more, Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, and Observers. The table lists 100+ stations across California with their respective climate data for August 1921.

Daily Temperature for August, 1921.

Table with 32 columns for days (1-31) and a Mean column. Rows list 50 stations including Bakersfield, Calexico, Chico, Escondido, Eureka, Fresno, Independence, Los Angeles, Merced, Oakland, Orland, Oroville, Pasadena, Paso Robles, Point Reyes, Pomona, Porterville, Red Bluff, Redlands, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa, and Stockton. Each station entry includes Maximum and Minimum temperature values.

SUPPLEMENTAL PRECIPITATION TABLE.

Table with 11 columns: Stations, Drainage-basin, Precip. inches, Stations, Drainage-basin, Precip. inches, Stations, Drainage-basin, Precip. inches, Stations, Drainage-basin, Precip. inches. Lists various locations and their precipitation amounts, such as Abbotts, Aguanga, Amago, Angiola, Antelope Valley, Arroyohead Springs, Auberry, Auburn, Avalon, Bagdad, Barrett Dam, Beaumont, Beaumont (near), Bellota, Benson's Ferry, Betteravia, Big Bar, Big Sur, Bishop Creek, Calaveras R. S., Campbell, Campo, Camptonville, Canon Dam, Casada, Cedarville, Centerville Pwr. H., Chester, China Flat, Churn Creek, Clovis, Coalinga, Colgate, Crockett, Cuyamaca, Deer Creek, Del Monte, Denair, De Sable, and Dinuba.

*Data obtained from 3-inch rain gage.