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### GENERAL SUMMARY

The main characteristics of January, 1930, were abnormally low temperatures, numerous and sudden temperature changes, and heavy snowfall. Severe winter weather prevailed after the 6th.

The mean temperature for the State, 10.5°, was the lowest since 1918, with the exception of 10.2° last January. The maximum temperature for the month at all stations during the mild period, 3d-5th, was followed by severe winter weather. Previous low temperature records were equalled or broken at several stations in the eastern districts and particularly in the lower Des Moines River Valley. The lowest temperature in the State was 37° below zero at Decorah on the 22d, which equals the record established at that station on January 12, 1912, and is the lowest temperature recorded in the State for January since 1912. Cold waves passed over the State on the 7th, 15th and 18th. Unusual radiation cold waves occurred in eastern Iowa on the 10th and 22d. These are given special treatment elsewhere in this issue.

Precipitation averaged 25% above normal. The extreme southwest stations had the greatest excess, while some stations in the northern districts were below normal. There was no well defined precipitation period but most of the snow fell between the 10th and 20th. The snow did not drift to any great extent due to light winds during the snowstorms. With the exception of last year the snowfall this month was the greatest of record for January.

From the mild period until cold weather set in, winter wheat and grasses remained bare, but after that they were well protected by the heavy snows. Corn shelling and marketing was active during the mild period, but practically ceased during the cold, snowy weather, when farm work was limited to the care of livestock, which consumed much feed. Very little sickness existed among farm animals.

Ice harvest was in full swing during the last half of the month.

Aviation was not inconvenienced greatly by the heavy snows and cold weather. Landing fields were heavily covered with snow during the last half of the month, but were kept open to aviation by disking and rolling the runways. Air mail was carried successfully in spite of the abnormal weather conditions.

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### TEMPERATURE

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### COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—JANUARY

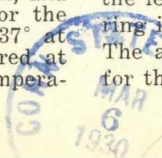
YEAR	Temperature				Total	Precipitation				Number of Days			
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1875	4.9	-13.6	48	-30	0.82	-0.25	1.61	0.38					
1876	23.5	+5.0	62	-16	1.49	+0.42	3.96	0.00					
1877	13.7	+4.8	58	-31	1.09	+0.02	3.01	0.37					
1878	25.4	+6.9	55	-13	0.48	+0.59	5.00	0.00					
1879	16.1	+2.4	54	-30	0.48	+0.59	1.48	0.00					
1880	32.0	+13.5	68	-6	1.36	+0.29	4.52	0.20					
1881	9.6	-8.9	48	-40	0.94	+0.13	3.10	0.04					
1882	23.4	+4.9	60	-17	0.65	+0.42	1.80	0.09					
1883	8.0	-10.5	46	-38	1.31	+0.24	2.85	0.35					
1884	13.3	-5.2	52	-38	0.52	+0.55	1.50	0.02					
1885	9.4	-9.1	51	-42	1.28	+0.21	3.72	0.18					
1886	8.1	-10.4	52	-33	2.59	+1.52	4.85	0.68					
1887	8.8	-9.7	55	-31	1.13	+0.06	2.92	0.04					
1888	5.4	-13.1	58	-43	1.30	+0.23	4.00	0.40					
1889	21.6	+3.1	62	-25	1.22	+0.15	2.30	0.50					
1890	18.0	-0.5	64	-27	1.79	+0.72	3.46	0.35					
1891	26.0	+7.5	58	-4	1.75	+0.68	3.99	0.61					
1892	15.3	-3.2	76	-38	1.09	+0.02	3.13	0.10	6.9	4	13	7	11
1893	9.3	-9.2	54	-34	0.74	+0.33	3.20	0.13	6.9	6	11	9	11
1894	19.3	+0.8	69	-37	1.09	+0.02	2.24	0.31	6.0	5	14	9	8
1895	13.6	-4.9	68	-31	0.85	+0.22	2.65	0.09	8.7	4	15	7	9
1896	23.4	+4.9	68	-20	0.48	+0.59	2.10	T.	2.8	3	10	10	11
1897	17.2	-1.3	66	-30	2.01	+0.94	6.16	0.15	8.2	7	12	7	12
1898	23.4	+4.9	52	-11	1.60	+0.53	5.32	T.	12.6	5	15	6	10
1899	19.8	+1.3	68	-34	0.28	+0.79	1.15	T.	1.5	3	15	10	6
1900	25.6	+7.1	66	-20	0.53	+0.51	2.47	T.	2.3	3	16	7	8
1901	23.7	+5.2	60	-21	0.74	+0.33	2.34	0.04	6.2	4	14	9	8
1902	22.4	+3.9	63	-31	0.88	+0.19	2.83	0.19	9.4	4	17	8	6
1903	23.0	+4.5	60	-12	0.28	+0.79	1.46	T.	2.0	4	13	7	11
1904	14.0	-4.5	57	-32	1.18	+0.11	3.68	0.02	6.1	6	12	8	11
1905	11.2	-7.3	56	-30	0.91	+0.16	1.82	0.12	11.1	7	14	7	10
1906	24.6	+6.1	69	-19	1.52	+0.45	4.71	0.28	11.3	5	14	6	11
1907	18.8	+0.3	68	-22	1.52	+0.45	5.30	0.10	6.0	7	8	7	16
1908	24.9	+6.4	60	-18	0.44	+0.63	1.50	0.06	4.8	2	17	8	6
1909	21.2	+2.7	72	-25	1.66	+0.59	3.74	0.41	7.8	6	9	6	16
1910	18.1	-0.4	56	-35	1.57	+0.50	3.15	0.55	12.6	6	13	7	11
1911	20.2	+1.7	66	-35	0.97	+0.10	3.73	0.11	7.3	5	9	8	11
1912	4.2	-14.3	49	-47	0.53	+0.54	1.90	T.	5.5	5	14	7	10
1913	20.9	+2.4	62	-25	0.77	+0.30	2.05	0.04	7.2	5	14	9	8
1914	27.8	+9.3	64	-10	0.88	+0.19	2.34	0.27	5.1	5	11	8	12
1915	17.5	-1.0	59	-32	1.63	+0.56	3.15	0.10	7.3	8	13	8	10
1916	17.8	-0.7	63	-34	2.62	+1.55	6.07	0.85	7.2	10	12	6	13
1917	17.0	-1.5	60	-28	0.83	+0.24	2.07	0.17	7.2	4	17	8	6
1918	8.6	-9.9	53	-35	1.02	+0.05	2.79	0.26	11.2	7	13	8	10
1919	26.8	+8.3	61	-32	0.24	+0.83	0.86	T.	2.8	2	20	5	6
1920	16.7	-1.8	58	-26	0.42	+0.65	1.05	T.	4.6	4	12	8	11
1921	28.4	+9.9	67	-9	0.51	+0.56	1.92	0.10	4.1	4	11	7	13
1922	19.8	+1.3	57	-29	0.89	+0.18	2.30	0.32	5.3	4	17	6	8
1923	26.7	+8.2	58	-10	0.85	+0.22	2.34	T.	6.5	6	10	7	14
1924	13.9	-4.6	59	-36	0.89	+0.18	2.47	0.06	5.5	5	17	7	7
1925	19.4	+0.9	55	-24	0.40	+0.67	1.23	0.05	4.2	3	17	7	7
1926	22.7	+4.2	58	-22	1.09	+0.02	2.68	0.31	5.0	7	11	8	12
1927	21.7	+3.2	59	-27	0.29	+0.78	1.10	T.	3.0	4	14	8	9
1928	25.2	+6.7	70	-20	0.17	+0.90	1.04	T.	0.9	3	15	8	8
1929	10.2	-8.3	47	-29	2.06	+0.99	4.10	0.40	17.5	9	11	6	14
1930	10.5	-8.0	58	-37	1.33	+0.26	2.51	0.41	14.7	8	14	8	9

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

tures 32° or lower was 25, ranging from 26 days in the northwest, north-central and central districts, to 23 days in the southeast district. The average number of days with the minimum temperatures 32° or below, was 31. The average number of days with the minimum temperatures zero or below, was 16, ranging from 23 days at 8 stations in the northwest and north-central districts, to 7 days at Keokuk. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 50° recorded at Washta on the 29th.

### PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 108 stations, was 1.33 inches, or 0.26 inch above normal. The greatest district excess was in the southwest district, 0.58 inch, while the east-central district was exactly normal. The greatest precipitation deficiency, 0.54 inch, at any one station, was at West Bend. The greatest excess in the State was 1.09 inches at Thurman. Practically all of the precipitation was in the form of snow. The greatest amount at a single station was 2.51 inches at Keokuk, and the least was 0.41 inch at West Bend. The greatest amount occurring in 24 consecutive hours was 1.00 inch at Stockport on the 9th. The average number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more for the State was 7.



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Climatological Data for January, 1930—Continued

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Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

RIVERS

Moderately low stages prevailed on all the interior streams, with little fluctuation in their stages. The interior streams were frozen over the entire month.

On the Missouri River a peculiar situation existed in the river stages. At Sioux City the extreme stages were 5.0 feet and 6.8 feet, and the average stage was 5.6 feet or 0.4 foot below normal. At Omaha the extreme stages were 5.7 feet and 7.6 feet, and the average stage was 6.6 feet, or 1.1 feet above normal.

gradual rise in the stages occurred throughout the month, resulting in the crest stages on the last day of the month.

The Mississippi River stages remained low throughout the month. At Dubuque the stages varied only 0.5 foot, the highest stage being 4.0 feet and the lowest 3.5 feet, both occurring on several days. The mean stage was 3.7 feet, or 3.7 feet lower than the average for January, 1929.







RADIATION COLD WAVES

Two remarkable cold wave conditions occurred in Iowa on January 10th and 22d, 1930, if a cold wave for Iowa be defined as a fall in temperature in 24 hours, maximum to maximum, minimum to minimum, or between hours of similar names, such as 7 a. m. to 7 a. m., or 7 p. m. to 7 p. m., amounting to 20° or more, and reaching approximately zero or lower.

In most cold waves there is a large fall in temperature in the rear or western side of an area of low barometer, in which masses of cold air rush down from northern latitudes or slide down barometric surfaces from higher elevations in a blustery and boisterous manner, which gave rise to the mythical Boreas of the ancients. Then a high barometer area follows with a clear still night, and the fall in temperature is augmented by loss of heat from the surface of the earth by radiation into higher levels. This radiation is accentuated if a fresh, loose, dry, feathery snow insulates the earth and prevents the replenishment of the heat of the lower air from the surface of the comparatively warm soil.

Following an undrifted snow of several inches on preceding days, the sky cleared and the wind became light during the night of January 9th-10th. The usual first phase, consisting of a blustery movement of masses of cold air from north to south, was practically absent unless the preceding cold wave on the 6th could be said to fulfill those conditions, which it might, for there had been no noticeable recovery from that cold wave.

On the accompanying map (fig. 1) the top figures entered near each station show the fall in temperature, minimum to minimum, in the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m., January 10th, and the lower figures show the lowest temperature reached about 8 a. m., January 10th. Note the areas of falls of 20° or more centered at Ottumwa and

Olin. Radiation falls of 30° are exceptional. In contrast, slight rises occurred from Des Moines northward over Story and Boone counties, though the rest of the State had falls.

Record breaking intense cold occurred as a result of radiation on the night of January 21st-22d, as shown on the map (fig. 2). The 24-hour falls in temperature were not so great, yet sufficient to be called "cold wave." Minimum temperatures of -36 at Ottumwa and Keosauqua, -35 at Stockport and Olin, and -33 at Waterloo, break long records for lowest temperature ever observed at these stations, while -37 at Decorah, the coldest in the State in January, 1930, just equals the low record for that station for 37 years. At Waverly, temperatures of -34 and Tipton, -30, established new station records.

In this case also, Boreal characteristics were not marked, the ground was covered with 10 to 15 inches of porous snow that had accumulated in several storms during the preceding 16 or 17 days, and the wind died down to almost absolute calm during the night.

Inspection of the Daily Weather Map shows that Decorah was probably the coldest place in North America, south of the Arctic Circle on that day. In fact, Tanana, in the interior of Alaska, near the Arctic Circle, reported only -22°

From other such occurrences at Ottumwa, it is believed that such radiation cold waves are more frequent there than most anywhere else in the State. The report of the Chief Signal Officer of the U. S. Army shows that on the morning of January 5, 1884, the temperature at Ottumwa was -3.5°, but it was -30 at Des Moines, -29 at Oskaloosa, -34 at Fort Madison, -24 at Keokuk, and -31.5 at Conception, Missouri. It is believed that the decimal point crept in by mistake and that the real temperature at Ottumwa was -35°.—(C.D.R.)

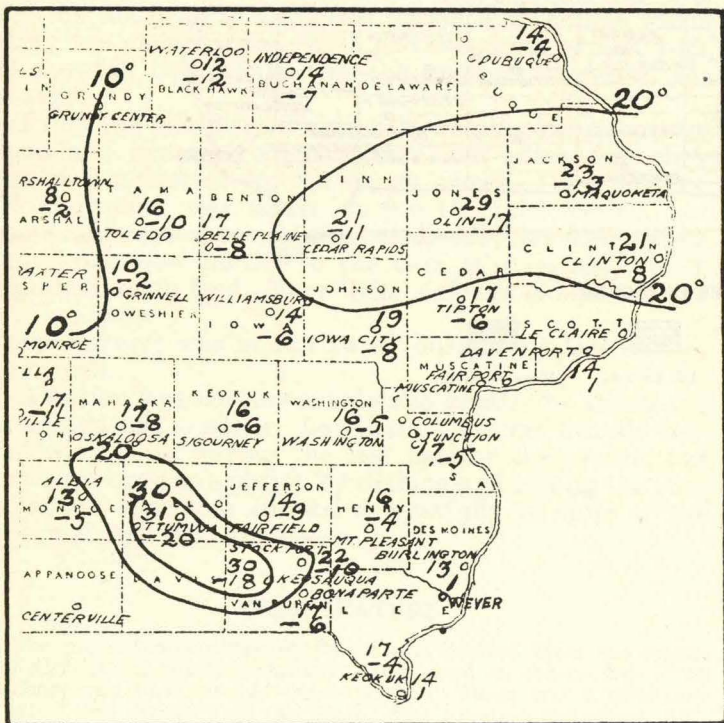


Fig. 1. Radiation cold wave night of January 9th-10th, 1930. Top figures near each station show number of degrees temperature fell in 24 hours; lower figures the minimum temperature reached.

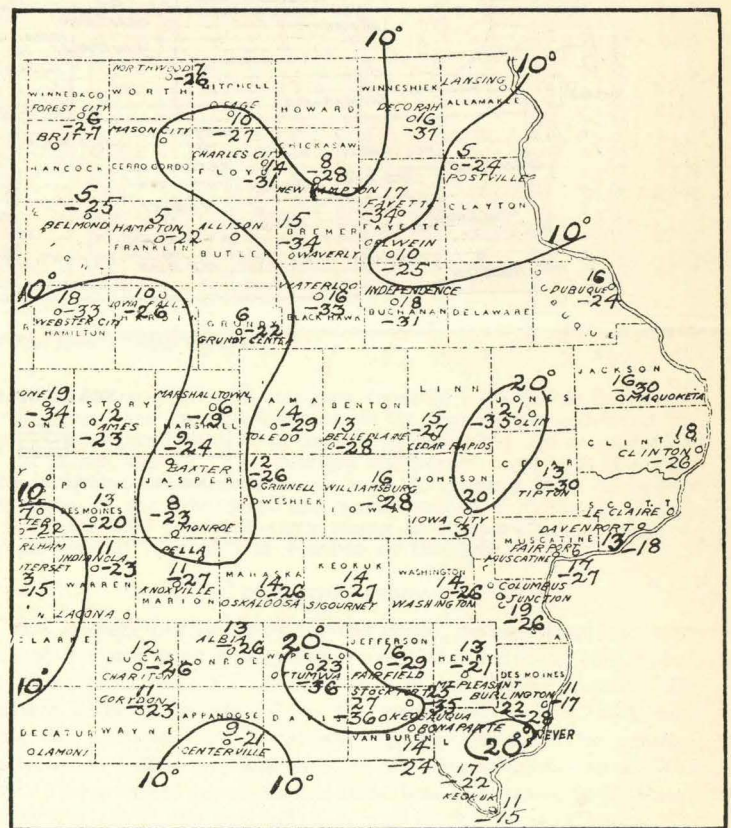
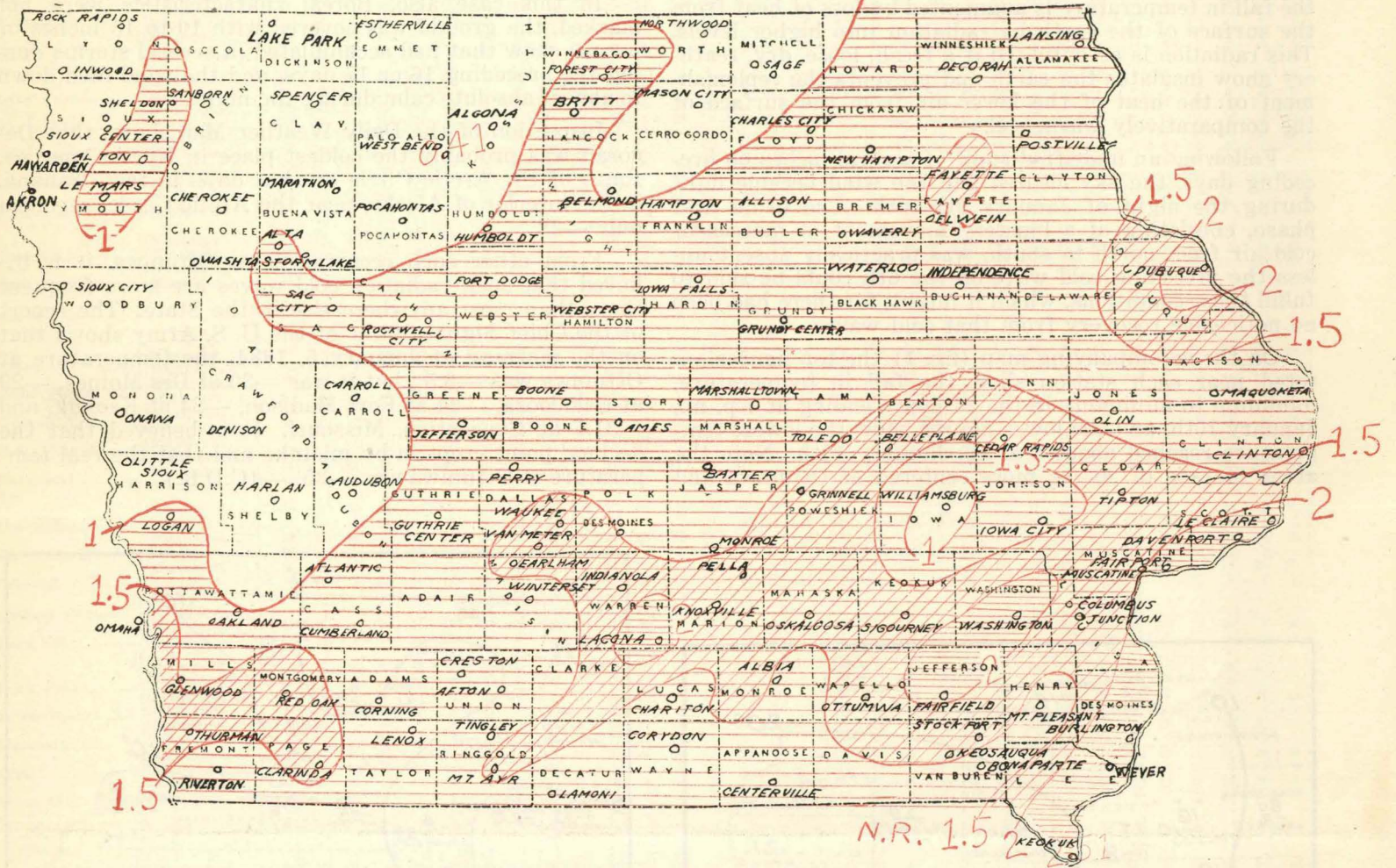
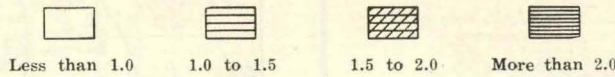


Fig. 2. Radiation cold wave night of January 21st-22d, 1930. Top figures show number of degrees temperature fell in 24 hours; lower figures the minimum temperatures reached, breaking all records at some stations.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, JANUARY, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES





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### GENERAL SUMMARY

Violent temperature fluctuations broke more records during the month of February, 1930, than ever before in the history of the State. This was in striking contrast with the winter weather of last month. February averaged 25.0° warmer than January, and 0.9° warmer than a normal March. Heretofore the greatest change from January to February was in 1877, 20.3° warmer. Cold Januaries are generally followed by cold Februaries.

The mean temperature for the State, 35.5°, was 12.9° above the normal, and 1.1° higher than the previous record, 34.4°, in 1878. A cold wave passed over the State on the 14th and 15th, and a minimum temperature of -34° was recorded at Webster City. Following the cold wave the temperature rose rapidly until the maximum was reached at most stations on the 24th. During the exceedingly mild period, 19th to 24th, all previous maximum temperature records were broken. The highest temperature was 80° at Mt. Ayr and Clarinda on the 24th, surpassing the previous record for the state, which was 78° at Glenwood on February 26, 1896. Previous maximum temperature records were equalled or broken in the central and most of the southern districts, and particularly in the central and south-central districts. The extreme range of 114° occurred in 9 days, 15th to 24th, and is the greatest State range of record for February in such a short time. Other temperature features are treated elsewhere in this issue.

Precipitation was below normal in most of the State except slight excesses in the lower Iowa and Cedar valleys, and east to the Mississippi River. Rain fell at an excessive rate in the vicinity of Davenport on the 24th. Some stations in the west and southwest portion of the State were one inch or more deficient in precipitation.

The snow cover was light and below normal. The snow which fell on the 14th over the central and southern portions of the State and the lower Des Moines River Valley, had an exceptionally wide ratio between snow depth and water content; in some localities the ratio was 41 to 1.

The ice harvest which was in full swing during the last half of January was completed by the end of the first week in February. In most cases ice houses were filled to full capacity.

From the agricultural standpoint the month was favorable. There was considerable marketing of grain and the moving of renters active. In the southern two-thirds of the State there was quite a little plowing. Winter wheat, grasses and clover greened a month early, with very little winter killing. Chick hatcheries were busy most of the month. In several localities bees were flying about the hives. Stock wintered well and did not use as much feed as during January. Very little sickness existed among farm animals and poultry. During the last ten days pussy willows, maple and elm trees were in bloom, lilac buds were well swollen, as were the buds of a few fruits. Tulips, irises and some other hardy perennials were two or three inches above ground by the end of the month.

Ice in the rivers moved unusually early throughout the State, with no serious damage by ice gorges and back water. The crest stages on all streams and rivers was during the mild period, 19th to 25th, due to melting snow and moving ice. The ice jammed in the upper Iowa River in the northeast part of the State, causing damage by inundation of farm land. February river conditions will be more fully treated in the March issue.

Building construction got an early start.

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1905.....	12.8	-9.8	69	-41	1.57	+0.36	2.97	0.44	15.5	7	14	6	8
1906.....	23.6	+1.0	66	-32	1.29	+0.08	2.91	0.20	6.1	5	14	7	7
1907.....	25.0	+2.4	65	-31	0.71	+0.50	1.95	0.06	4.6	4	14	6	8
1908.....	24.3	+1.7	59	-16	1.69	+0.48	3.95	0.23	8.9	6	12	6	11
1909.....	26.2	+3.6	62	-26	1.54	+0.33	4.72	0.30	7.7	5	11	6	11
1910.....	17.8	-4.8	58	-21	0.46	+0.75	2.09	T.	4.0	3	14	8	6
1911.....	27.3	+4.7	71	-13	2.76	+1.55	5.46	0.50	7.0	6	12	6	10
1912.....	18.1	-4.5	57	-30	1.21	+0.00	3.25	0.04	11.2	5	10	9	10
1913.....	20.2	-2.4	70	-24	0.82	+0.39	2.39	0.07	7.3	4	14	7	7
1914.....	16.8	-5.8	59	-29	0.87	+0.34	1.99	0.32	9.2	6	10	9	9
1915.....	29.1	+6.5	62	-8	2.93	+1.72	5.39	0.43	9.4	9	9	5	14
1916.....	19.0	-3.6	62	-32	0.55	+0.66	1.38	0.05	6.0	4	14	8	7
1917.....	15.2	-7.4	68	-37	0.36	+0.85	1.19	T.	3.5	3	14	8	6
1918.....	23.0	+0.4	70	-36	0.95	+0.26	2.10	0.09	6.0	5	14	7	7
1919.....	24.9	+2.3	65	-16	2.42	+1.26	4.12	1.32	9.9	8	11	5	12
1920.....	24.0	+1.4	59	-22	0.56	+0.65	1.75	0.04	4.1	5	9	6	14
1921.....	31.0	+8.4	76	-5	0.77	+0.14	2.00	T.	6.5	5	13	7	8
1922.....	23.7	+1.1	70	-20	1.59	+0.38	4.56	0.40	1.3	4	14	7	7
1923.....	20.1	-2.5	61	-23	0.40	+0.81	1.70	0.00	3.2	3	13	8	7
1924.....	25.8	+3.2	70	-15	1.27	+0.06	4.00	0.30	11.2	7	15	5	9
1925.....	28.4	+5.8	66	-16	0.82	+0.39	3.69	T.	2.6	4	11	7	10
1926.....	31.2	+8.6	67	-2	0.76	+0.45	2.13	0.04	3.3	4	10	7	11
1927.....	30.6	+8.0	65	-17	1.15	+0.06	3.60	0.13	4.4	5	13	6	9
1928.....	28.6	+6.0	65	-14	1.95	+0.74	3.97	0.62	4.4	7	15	5	9
1929.....	14.0	-8.6	52	-35	1.31	+0.10	3.03	0.34	12.5	8	10	7	11
1930.....	35.5	+12.9	80	-34	0.67	+0.54	2.45	0.06	2.8	5	11	10	7

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was 114°, from 80° at Mt. Ayr and Clarinda on the 24th, to -34° at Webster City on the 15th. Temperatures of zero or lower occurred at all stations. The average number of days with maximum temperature 32° or below was 4, ranging from 7 days in the north-central district, to 2 days in the west-central, southwest, south-central and southeast districts. The average number of days with the minimum temperature 32° or below, was 21. The average number of days with the minimum temperature zero or below, was 1, ranging from 3 days at Northwood and Decorah, to 1 day at 77 stations. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 50°, at Spencer, on the 17th.

### PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 112 stations, was 0.67 inch, or 0.54 inch below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the west-central district, 0.83 inch, while the east-central district was exactly normal. The greatest precipitation deficiency, 1.13 inches, at any one station, was at Iowa Falls. The greatest excess in the State was 1.01 inch at Williamsburg. The greatest amount at a single station was 2.45 inches at Fairport, and the least was 0.06 inch at Red Oak. The greatest amount occurring in 24 consecutive hours was 2.03 inches at Davenport on the 24th and 25th. The average number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more for the State was 5.

Climatological Data for February, 1930

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, Total snowfall), Number of Days (Precipitation, Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, OBSERVERS.

Climatological Data for February, 1930—Continued

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Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

SNOWFALL

The average snowfall for the State was 2.8 inches, or 4.2 inches below normal. The greatest total snowfall for the month at any one station was 7.0 inches at Albia, and the least, 0.3 inch at Lamoni. The greatest snowfall in 24 hours was 6.0 inches at Albia, on the 14th.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

Aurora: 23d.

Birds (Migration of): Belmond, robins on 23d; Boone, bluebirds on 19th, robins on 20th, blackbirds on 25th, gulls along the river on 28th; Corydon, wild geese on 20th, robins on 22d; Earlham, wild

ducks on 18th, bluebirds on 21st, robins on 22d; Oskaloosa, robins on 23d, meadowlarks on 23d; Stockport, robins on 18th, bluebirds on 19th, meadowlarks on 22d, blackbirds on 23d.

Cold Waves: 14th-15th.

Corona, lunar: 6th.

Fogs: 1st, 2d, 3d, 17th, 18th, 24th.

Frogs Croak: Corydon on 23d; Oskaloosa on 23d.

Gales: 9th, 11th, 13th, 26th, 28th.

Glaze: 17th.

Hail, light: 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th.

Halos, lunar: 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 20th.

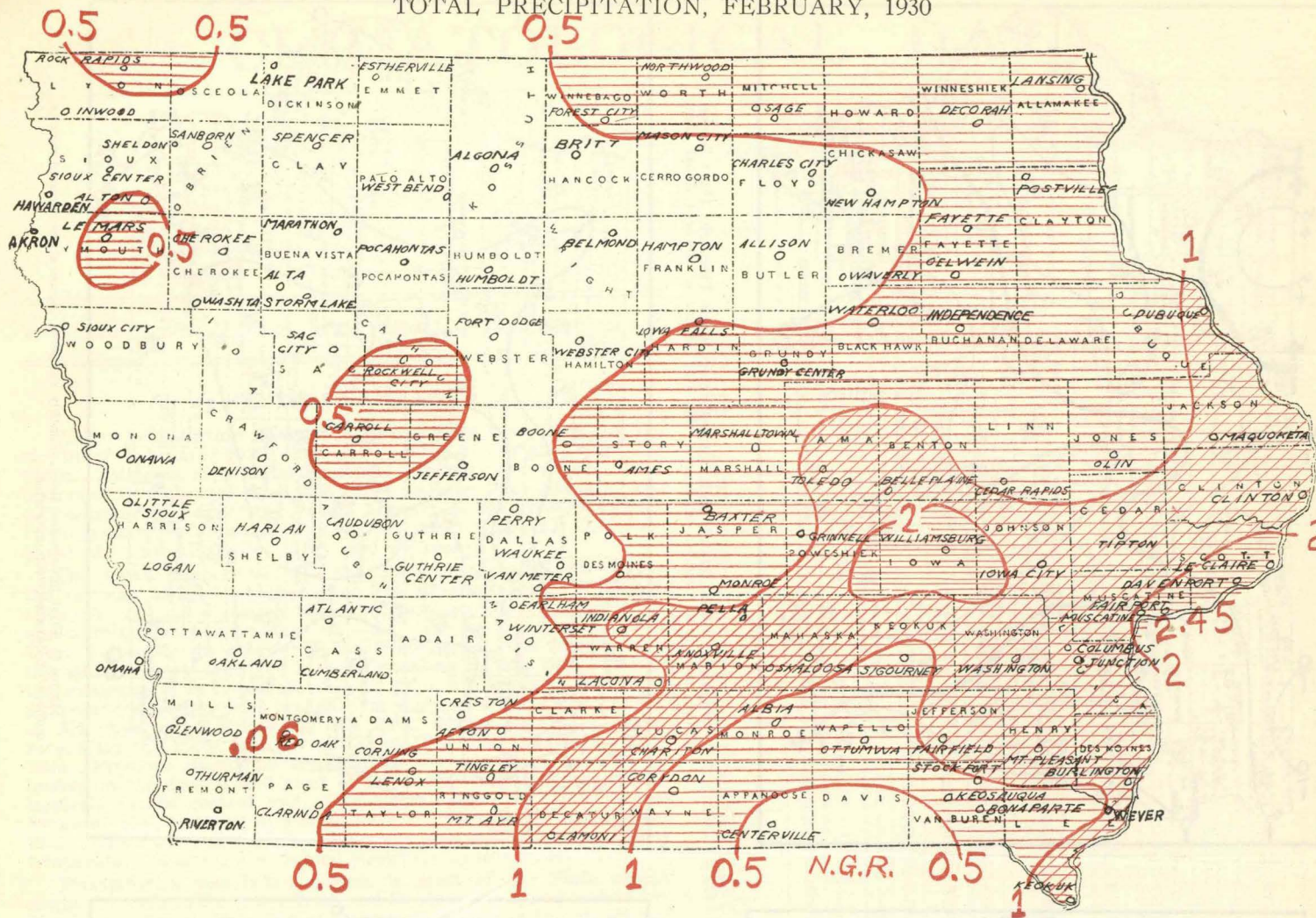




Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of February, 1930

Table with columns for Stations, days 1-31, and Mean. Rows are categorized by Northern, Central, and Southern Divisions, listing various Iowa cities and their daily temperature ranges.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, FEBRUARY, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES



average, a prediction that February will be colder than the average would be verified 86% of the time. These averages differ slightly from the adopted normals.

However, February, 1930, was remarkably abnormal in that the preceding January, colder by 7.5° than the 58-year average, was followed by the warmest February in a century, 13.5° warmer than the 58-year average. The rule has been broken only once before, in 1918, when a cold January was followed by a February only 1.0° above the average.

Warm Januaries are not followed by warm Februaries so consistently, the frequency being only 11 out of 17 cases, or 65%.  
C. D. R.

VIOLENT TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS

February, 1930, was the warmest in a century in most of Iowa, excepting only some stations along the Mississippi River. At a good many stations in central and southwest Iowa previous high records were exceeded by 5 or more degrees. While no single station has a record of 100 years, there has not been a time in 110 years when there were not two or more temperature records in every month which can be compared with other records in the vicinity. The months of February in 1825, 1834 and 1851, were notably warm.

Heretofore, in most of the State, the warmest Februaries were in 1926 or 1921, but along the Mississippi, 1882 was and is still the warmest, while along the Missouri River, 1877 was the warmest till this year. The map (fig. 1) shows near each station the mean temperature of 1930 and the second figures show how much this is above the previous high record, except a few stations in eastern Iowa, where a minus sign before the figures shows how much lower the mean was than the previous high record. Also, in southern and central Iowa, in about half the area of the State, records were broken for highest temperature ever observed in February. In

figure 2 the highest temperature of the month is shown near each station and below it the number of degrees this was higher or lower than the previous absolute maximum. The heavy lines mark the areas where records were broken. Minus signs show where the temperature was below the record. Heretofore, in the western third of the State, most of the stations had their highest temperature of record on February 26, 1896, if their records extended back that far, while in the eastern two-thirds the warmest day whatever the length of record, was February 15, 1921.

In the midst of the mildness a sharp cold wave swept south-eastward across the State on the 14th-15th. Figure 3 shows near each station the fall in temperature in 24 hours, minimum to minimum, and the second figure shows the lowest temperature reached on the morning of the 15th throughout the State. At Webster City the cold wave was most severe, with a fall of 40° to a minimum of -34°, and in many counties from Cherokee and Clay southeast to Van Buren, the temperature fell 30° or more to far below zero.

This was followed by a rapid change to the record breaking high temperatures in half of the State on the afternoon of the 24th. Where the cold wave and the record warm area overlapped in Hamilton, Boone and portions of adjacent counties, there was a change to warmer, amounting to more than 100° in 9 days, and about 8 hours, the greatest being 106° at Webster City, 105° at Perry, and 102° at Boone. Figure 4 shows near each station the monthly range in temperature for February, 1930, and the number of days between the lowest and highest temperatures. In the extreme west and extreme east the range was only about 70° but it occurred in 3 or 4 days. The extreme range for the State, from -34° at Webster City on the 15th, to 80° at Clarinda and Mt. Ayer, on the 24th, amounted to 114°. Only in February, 1899, has this record for monthly range in temperature been exceeded in any month, and then only by one degree, in a period two days longer.

C. D. R.

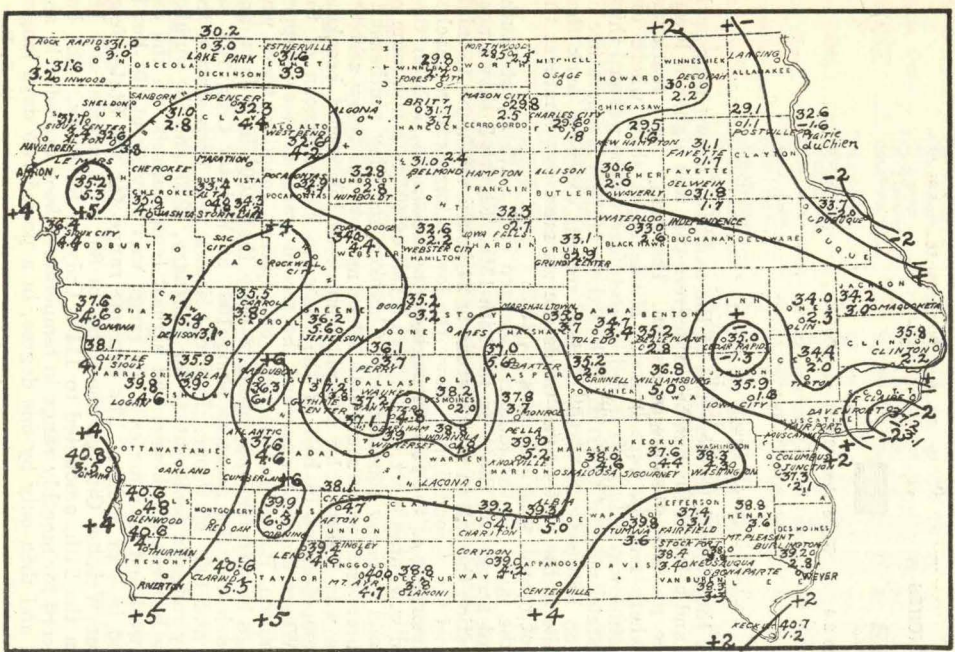


Figure 1. First figures show mean monthly temperature February, 1930; second figures and lines show excess over all previous high records; minus signs show lower than previous high record.

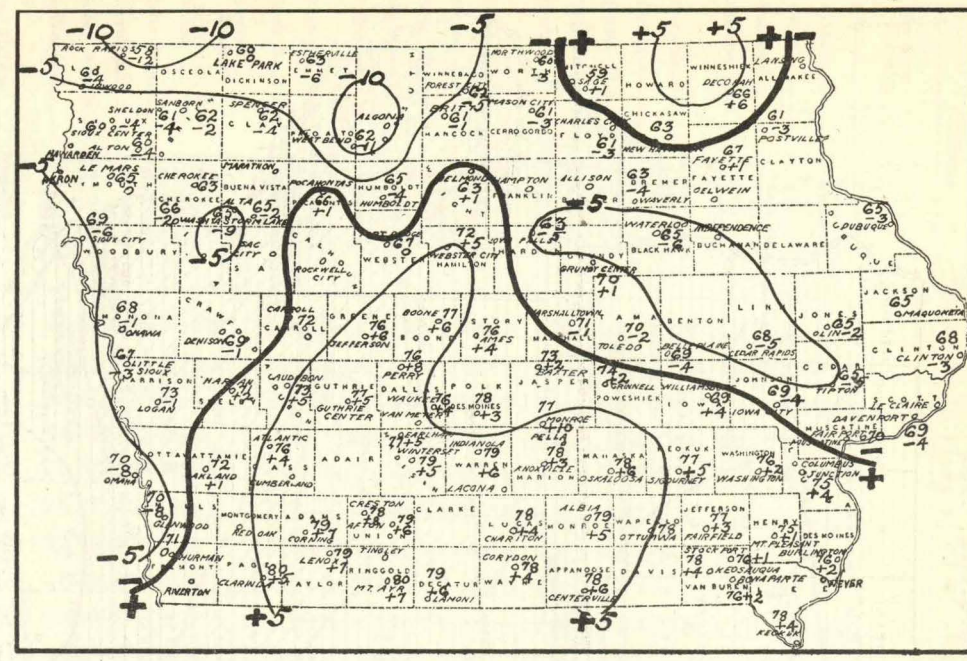


Figure 2. First figures show highest temperature February, 1930; second figures and lines, number of degrees this was higher or lower (minus) than previous high record.

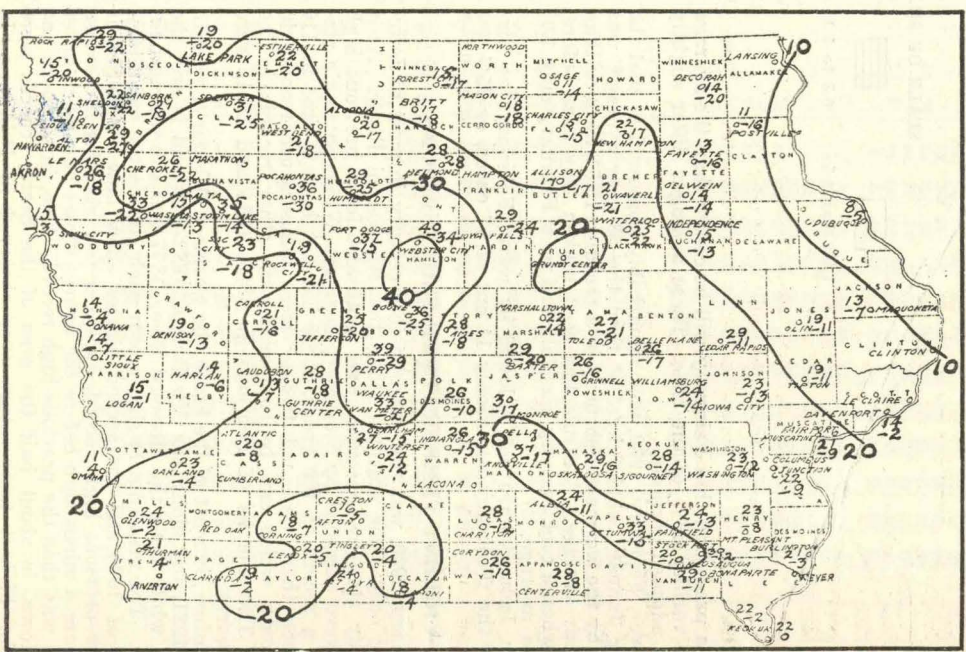


Figure 3. Cold wave February 14th-15th; first figures and lines, fall in temperature in 24 hours; second figures, minimum reached.

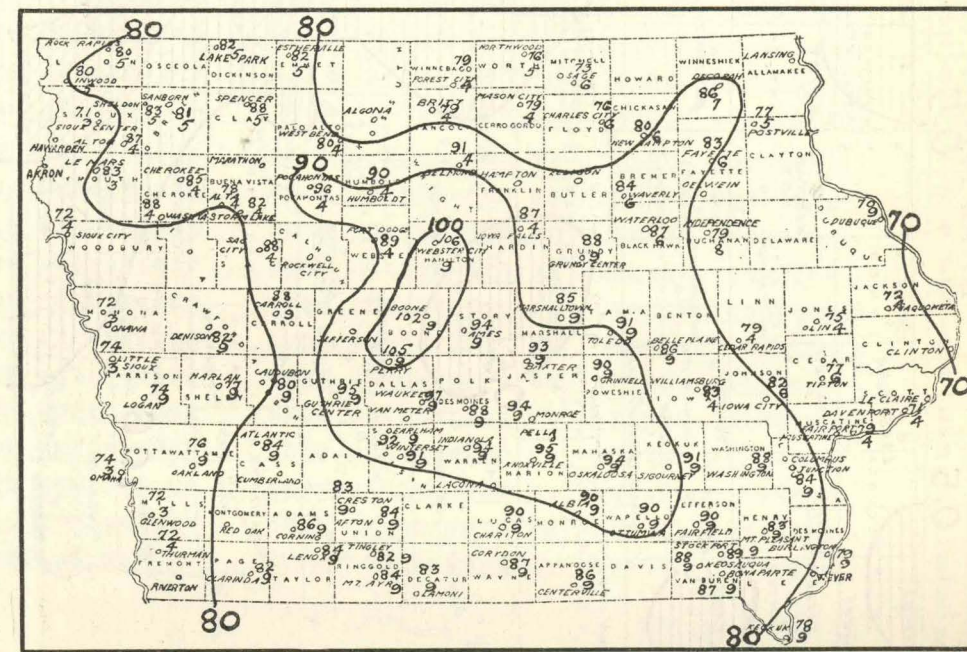


Figure 4. First figures and lines, monthly range of temperature; second figures, number of days between extremes.



# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA.

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### GENERAL SUMMARY

The main characteristics of March, 1930, were the high wind movement and a large deficiency in precipitation.

The mean temperature for the State, 37.3°, was 2.7° above the normal, and only 1.8° higher than that of last month. At several stations in the south and west portions February averaged warmer than March. The maximum temperature occurred at all stations about the middle of the month, the highest reported being 80° at Little Sioux and Onawa. The only zero weather occurred during a cold wave that passed over the western and northern portions of the State attending a high pressure area that moved down the Missouri Valley on the 1st and 2d.

Precipitation was below normal at all stations except Algona, Carroll and Mt. Ayr. Most of the stations except in the southwest portion of the State were one inch or more deficient in rainfall. Comparing the March mean precipitation with that of previous records, it is interesting to note that only six times since 1873 has the total mean precipitation been less than it was this month. Also, only seven times previous since 1873 for March, has the greatest total precipitation at any one station been less than was recorded this month.

The snow cover was light and below normal. The heaviest snowfall in the State occurred in Monroe, Appanoose, Mahaska and Black Hawk counties, on the 24th and 25th.

The favorable weather permitted much outdoor work. Plowing was possible early in the month over nearly all portions of the State, and much seeding of oats and other small grains was done, and started very early. Grasses stood the winter well, as did fruits. There apparently was little or no winter killing aside from a negligible amount to clover. Soil was in excellent condition for working, but its moisture content was considerably lower than usual. Farm work averaged about two or three weeks ahead of normal by the end of the month, but many farmers had neglected to start field work. At the close of the month wheat and pastures were green and in good condition. About 95% of the sod ground had been plowed. Stalk fields were clear and ready for the plow. There has been considerable baling of corn stalks in northwest Iowa, to be shipped to the Maizewood Factory at Dubuque. Very little sickness existed among the farm animals and poultry. The weather was favorable for the raising of chicks, although the chick hatcheries were not run to full capacity. Some potatoes were planted and truck gardening was active. Many of the early flowers were in bloom by the end of the month.

For the most part, March was very pleasant. About the usual number of storms passed near and over the State. A heavy local hailstorm occurred at Harlan on the 16th. Many stones as large as hens' eggs were reported. The only damage of any consequence consisted mainly of broken glass in greenhouses. A tornado occurred in Webster County on the 16th between 7:00 and 8:00 p. m., crossing most of Dayton and Lost Grove townships and causing about \$3,600 damage to buildings.

The unusually dry weather during February and

### COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—MARCH

YEAR	Temperature				Precipitation					Number of Days			
	Mean	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Total	Departure	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With pre. .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
1873.....	34.0	- 0.6	72	-18	1.42	- 0.35	3.70	0.33					
1874.....	31.7	- 2.9	68	- 4	1.43	- 0.34	2.80	0.17					
1875.....	26.9	- 7.7	80	-10	1.62	- 0.15	3.80	0.45					
1876.....	27.2	- 7.4	75	- 6	3.24	+ 1.47	5.78	1.16					
1877.....	27.3	- 7.3	72	-14	2.28	+ 0.51	6.54	0.20					
1878.....	45.6	+11.0	80	-20	3.36	+ 1.59	6.70	0.35					
1879.....	37.2	+ 2.6	80	- 3	1.18	- 0.59	4.50	0.20					
1880.....	33.6	+ 1.0	80	-21	1.26	- 0.51	3.90	0.15					
1881.....	27.1	- 7.5	56	0	1.91	+ 0.14	1.50	0.75					
1882.....	36.3	+ 1.7	78	4	1.82	+ 0.05	4.52	0.50					
1883.....	30.6	- 4.0	72	-13	0.55	- 1.22	1.40	0.09					
1884.....	32.0	- 2.6	72	-16	2.57	+ 0.80	5.90	0.70					
1885.....	31.3	- 3.3	65	-16	0.24	- 1.53	1.25	0.00					
1886.....	30.6	- 4.0	74	- 9	1.72	- 0.05	4.47	0.40					
1887.....	33.5	- 1.1	76	- 8	0.93	- 0.84	3.50	0.09					
1888.....	26.4	- 8.2	78	-12	3.04	+ 1.27	6.20	0.29					
1889.....	39.7	+ 5.1	80	8	0.47	- 1.30	2.40	0.00					
1890.....	28.1	- 6.5	75	-24	1.49	- 0.28	3.67	0.32					
1891.....	26.8	- 7.8	66	-19	2.60	+ 0.83	4.58	1.33		10	6	8	17
1892.....	31.9	- 2.7	84	- 6	2.22	+ 0.45	4.58	0.57	3.9	6	11	8	12
1893.....	31.8	- 2.8	84	- 8	2.14	+ 0.37	4.40	0.64	4.0	8	9	11	11
1894.....	41.0	+ 5.4	84	- 5	2.03	+ 0.26	4.52	0.26	2.7	6	13	10	8
1895.....	34.4	- 0.2	94	-11	0.83	+ 0.06	2.60	0.22	2.9	4	16	8	7
1896.....	30.9	- 3.7	81	-12	1.10	- 0.67	3.99	0.16	5.4	5	12	9	10
1897.....	32.0	- 2.6	72	-22	2.39	+ 0.62	6.16	0.29	5.5	8	9	8	14
1898.....	37.5	+ 2.9	72	- 2	1.94	+ 0.17	6.21	0.33	3.7	6	12	9	10
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1900.....	30.7	- 3.9	81	-13	2.06	+ 0.29	5.15	0.45	6.6	5	12	9	10
1901.....	31.2	- 0.4	76	- 8	2.64	+ 0.87	5.25	0.70	12.6	7	10	8	13
1902.....	39.1	+ 4.5	79	-12	1.45	- 0.32	4.33	0.13	1.3	7	9	11	11
1903.....	38.8	+ 4.2	82	6	1.38	- 0.39	3.90	0.15	3.9	7	11	7	13
1904.....	34.8	- 0.2	78	3	2.18	+ 0.41	4.57	0.50	4.4	7	8	8	15
1905.....	41.5	+ 6.9	84	1	2.04	+ 0.27	3.70	0.89	4.1	7	8	8	15
1906.....	27.1	- 7.5	65	-14	2.34	+ 0.57	4.55	0.58	8.9	10	8	7	16
1907.....	40.6	+ 6.0	92	- 7	1.35	- 0.42	5.05	0.23	4.1	6	14	7	10
1908.....	37.9	+ 3.3	85	- 8	1.58	- 0.19	3.74	0.45	1.1	6	13	7	11
1909.....	32.5	- 2.1	71	-15	1.53	- 0.24	5.00	0.28	9.8	6	12	10	9
1910.....	48.9	+14.3	92	-10	0.17	- 1.60	1.37	0.00	T.	1	23	6	2
1911.....	39.4	+ 4.8	83	2	0.93	- 0.84	4.84	T.	1.9	5	16	9	6
1912.....	24.9	- 9.7	70	-19	2.01	+ 0.24	5.25	0.60	19.1	7	15	6	10
1913.....	31.9	- 2.7	78	-23	2.48	+ 0.71	5.88	0.74	5.3	9	11	10	10
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1921.....	42.8	+ 8.2	86	4	1.57	- 0.20	6.62	0.17	0.2	7	14	8	9
1922.....	38.3	+ 3.7	74	- 5	1.97	+ 0.20	3.73	0.76	3.4	7	12	6	13
1923.....	29.4	- 5.2	78	-22	2.87	+ 1.10	5.08	0.71	18.5	7	13	9	9
1924.....	31.9	- 2.7	72	- 3	2.65	+ 0.88	4.76	1.26	10.5	8	8	8	15
1925.....	40.1	+ 5.5	82	- 6	0.93	- 0.84	2.34	0.10	2.9	4	17	9	5
1926.....	32.1	- 2.5	78	- 4	1.06	- 0.71	2.62	0.20	8.1	6	12	9	10
1927.....	39.6	+ 5.0	75	0	1.92	+ 0.15	3.64	0.62	2.9	9	11	7	13
1928.....	38.9	+ 4.3	88	1	1.44	- 0.33	2.75	0.36	3.0	5	15	8	8
1929.....	39.1	+ 4.5	83	- 5	1.44	- 0.33	4.92	0.30	3.5	5	12	8	11
1930.....	37.3	+ 2.7	80	- 4	0.89	- 0.88	2.42	0.04	1.3	5	14	8	9

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March, and the exceedingly dry atmospheric conditions, resulted in an unusually large number of fires. Many cities in the State reported record number of fires in their localities. Roads were generally good the entire month, and in many places very dusty. Building construction was well under way and progressed rapidly with very little interference.

A meteor of more than ordinary brilliancy was observed in the northeast, from Mt. Pleasant, about 9:15 p. m. on the 23d.

The wind movement for March was unusually large. At Des Moines the total movement, 9,073 miles, was the greatest for any month, with the exception of April, 1892, when the total movement was 9,612 miles. The 4-cup anemometer was in use at that time, while the record of the current month was with a 3-cup instrument. Part of the increased velocity is due to the change in location and exposure of the anemometer. At most of the other first order Weather Bureau stations, the wind movement did not closely approach the record. The exceedingly high velocity was mentioned by cooperative observers over the State on an unusually large number of days. N. G. R.

Climatological Data for March, 1930

STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit						Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days			Prevailing direction of wind	OBSERVERS		
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear			Partly cloudy	Cloudy
<i>Northwest District</i>																				
Akron	Plymouth	1,153	4	34.4	+ 1.4	75	16	0	2	41	0.07	- 1.19	0.06	1.0	2	19	6	6	n.w.	Orlan C. Moore
Alta	Buena Vista	1,513	39	34.4	+ 1.4	75	16	0	2	41	0.18	- 1.37	0.07	0.5	6	17	10	4	n.	D. E. Hadden
Alton	Sioux	1,305	25	34.9	+ 2.9	72	16	0	2	40	0.16	- 0.94	0.16	2.0	1	12	13	6	n.w.	W. S. Slagle
Cherokee	Cherokee	1,196	10	35.6	+ 3.7	76	16	1	2	40	0.30	- 0.98	0.30	T.	1	15	14	2	n.w.	J. E. Wirth
Estherville	Emmet	1,298	35	33.6	+ 2.0	75	16	0	2	41	0.48	- 0.79	0.23	2.7	7	14	14	3	n.w.	A. O. Peterson
<i>Hawarden</i>																				
Hawarden	Sioux	1,181	4	33.9	+ 1.2	73	15	- 1	2	41	0.08	- 1.20	0.06	0.5	2	16	7	8	n.w.	Earl V. Slife
Inwood (near)	Lyon	1,474	26	33.9	+ 1.2	73	15	- 1	2	41	0.04	- 1.16	0.04	0.5	1	16	11	4	n.w.	A. C. Hanson
Lake Park (near)	Dickinson	1,489	17	33.2	+ 1.8	73	16	- 2	2	39	0.19	- 1.10	0.17	0.2	2	11	6	14	n.w.	P. M. Lawrence
Le Mars	Plymouth	1,224	34	36.2	+ 2.9	74	15†	1	2	44	0.20	- 1.05	0.10	2.0	3	24	3	4	s.	Henry Newell
Marathon	Buena Vista	1,390	4	36.2	+ 2.9	74	15†	1	2	44	0.36	- 1.05	0.10	2.0	3	24	3	4	s.	E. G. Smith
<i>Pocahontas</i>																				
Pocahontas	Pocahontas	1,248	26	35.1	+ 2.8	75	16	2	2	44	0.99	- 0.38	0.45	1.2	8	15	11	5	n.w.	F. E. Hronek
Rock Rapids	Lyon	1,319	31	34.2	+ 2.7	72	15	- 2	2	41	0.06	- 1.26	0.03	0.8	2	24	3	4	n.	Nellie F. Medberry
Sanborn	O'Brien	1,553	16	33.6	+ 2.0	73	16	- 4	2	41	0.39	- 1.01	0.35	0.4	3	12	11	8	n.w.	J. W. Dow
Sheldon	O'Brien	1,418	19	34.6	+ 3.0	72	15†	0	2	41	0.16	- 1.14	0.09	1.4	5	13	14	4	n.w.	Ross E. Forward
Sioux Center	Sioux	1,461	31	35.0	+ 3.5	73	15	- 1	2	42	0.20	- 1.06	0.10	2.0	3	16	4	11	n.w.	F. C. Aue
<i>Spencer</i>																				
Spencer	Clay	1,319	16	35.2	+ 2.8	76	16	- 1	2	39	0.29	- 1.03	0.07	2.6	8	14	12	5	n.w.	E. W. Little
Storm Lake	Buena Vista	1,442	41	34.6	+ 2.0	71	16	1	2	40	0.59	- 0.71	0.32	T.	3	13	13	5	n.w.	Russel M. Edwards
Washta	Cherokee	1,157	32	37.4	+ 4.1	78	16	2	2	47	0.10	- 0.91	0.05	T.	2	23	4	4	n.	H. L. Felter
West Bend	Palo Alto	1,197	37	35.0	+ 3.0	75	16	1	2	40	0.72	- 0.84	0.43	1.3	4	13	16	2	n.w.	Jos. Dorweiler
<b>Means and extremes</b>				34.8	+ 2.6	78	16	- 4	2	47	0.29	- 1.01	0.45	1.0	4	16	10	5	n.w.	
<i>North Central District</i>																				
Algona	Kossuth	1,224	57								1.60	+ 0.18	0.74	1.0	5	21	2	8	n.w.	W. E. Laird
Allison	Butler	1,060	16																n.w.	W. P. Miller
Belmond	Wright	1,181	20	35.0	+ 3.7	76	16	3	2	43	0.91	- 0.42	0.50	0.3	4	6	7	18	n.w.	H. F. Luick
Britt	Hancock	1,236	43	35.8	+ 4.3	74	16	2	2	42	0.54	- 0.71	0.54	T.	1	17	7	7	n.w.	E. P. Healy
Charles City	Floyd	1,015	39	33.8	+ 3.1	74	16	3	2	34	0.90	- 0.87	0.46	T.	7	15	10	6	n.w.	U. S. Weather Bureau
<i>Forest City</i>																				
Forest City	Winnebago	1,226	36	34.6	+ 2.8	76	16	- 1	2	41	1.03	- 0.40	0.50	1.5	5	13	7	11	n.w.	Dr. M. B. Neil
Hampton	Franklin	1,142	5	34.8		70	16	2	2	41	0.97	- 0.78	0.44	2.9	5	21	1	9	n.	Howard J. Haydon
Humboldt	Humboldt	1,095	42	35.9	+ 2.7	72	16	4	2	45	0.46	- 0.98	0.22	T.	4	13	12	6	n.w.	H. C. Snitkey
Mason City	Cerro Gordo	1,148	33	34.0	+ 3.1	73	16	1	2	37	0.80	- 0.57	0.38	1.1	6	9	18	4	n.w.	American Beet Sugar Co.
Northwood	Worth	1,222	34								1.45	- 0.40	0.50	5.0	6				n.w.	Charles Dwelle
Osage	Mitchell	1,163	36	33.8	+ 3.9	69	16	1	2	35	0.98	- 0.61	0.38	1.0	5	13	11	7	n.w.	Dr. C. E. Juhl
<b>Means and extremes</b>				34.7	+ 3.5	76	16	- 1	2	45	0.96	- 0.57	0.74	1.3	5	14	8	9	n.w.	
<i>Northeast District</i>																				
Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	875	37	33.3	+ 2.0	78	16	- 2	2	39	0.86	- 0.68	0.45	2.0	4	18	10	3	n.w.	E. J. Cable
Decorah	Winneschiek	872	37	33.3	+ 2.0	78	16	- 2	2	39	0.92	- 0.88	0.36	2.0	4	13	10	8	n.w.	M. D. Whitney
Dubuque	Dubuque	700	57	35.6	+ 1.6	74	16	6	2	35	1.23	- 0.80	0.63	5.4	8	13	9	9	n.w.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fayette	Fayette	1,003	42	35.1	+ 3.8	77	16	2	2	39	0.99	- 1.15	0.76	0.6	4	17	10	4	n.w.	R. Z. Latimer
Independence	Buchanan	956	66	36.4	+ 2.3	75	16	3	2	40	1.06	- 0.63	0.48	3.0	5	17	9	5	n.w.	Dr. Geo. Boody
Lansing	Allamakee	632	23								0.80	- 1.24	0.30	1.6	6				n.w.	Mrs. Mary Spinner
<i>New Hampton</i>																				
New Hampton	Chickasaw	1,169	33	35.2	+ 3.9	76	16	1	2	41	0.86	- 1.06	0.62	0.3	5	12	10	9	n.w.	D. W. Dawson
Oelwein	Fayette	1,036	7	35.6	+ 2.6	75	16	3	2	36	1.09	- 0.73	0.80	1.0	3	18	7	6	n.w.	John T. Ridler
Postville (near)	Clayton	1,192	31	33.9	+ 3.3	74	16	0	2	32	0.81	- 1.11	0.42	1.5	5	13	16	2	n.w.	F. L. Williams
Waterloo	Black Hawk	854	47	36.8	+ 2.4	77	16	4	2	43	1.09	- 0.58	0.65	5.6	5	22	6	3	se.	R. B. Slippy
Waverly	Bremer	936	34	35.2	+ 2.3	77	16	3	2	39	0.48	- 1.30	0.45	1.7	2	23	5	3	n.w.	D. H. Murphy
<b>Means and extremes</b>				35.2	+ 2.7	78	16	- 2	2	43	0.92	- 0.96	0.80	3.0	5	15	10	6	n.w.	
<i>West Central District</i>																				
Audubon (near)	Audubon	1,297	35	37.6	+ 3.8	77	16	3	2	44	0.77	- 0.68	0.45	2.0	4	18	10	3	n.w.	George Kibby
Carroll	Carroll	1,265	40	36.6	+ 0.6	76	16	2	2	45	2.20	+ 0.51	0.89	1.0	5	22	5	4	n.w.	Mrs. Jos. J. Wolfe
Denison	Crawford	1,171	36	37.6	+ 2.6	76	16	3	2	45	0.64	- 0.89	0.28	1.0	4	15	11	5	ne.	V. L. Byers
Guthrie Center	Guthrie	987	35	38.2	+ 3.0	79	16	5	2	50	1.10	- 0.40	1.00	0	2	6	22	3	n.w.	Floyd H. Bainter
Harlan	Shelby	1,192	31	37.3	+ 2.0	78	16	4	2	50	0.66	- 0.67	0.38	0.8	4	13	10	8	n.w.	Walter Bell
<i>Jefferson</i>																				
Jefferson	Greene	1,052	31	37.5	+ 1.7	78	16	5	2	48	1.05	- 0.41	0.85	1.0	2	14	9	8	n.w.	W. I. Lyon
Little Sioux	Harrison	1,040	25	38.8	+ 2.7	80	16	5	2	48	0.90	- 0.42	0.29	2.0	5	9	18	4	n.w.	H. W. Kerr
Logan	Harrison	1,120	63								0.20	- 1.46	0.14	1.0	3	10	19	2	ne.	Amy Ann Stern
Onawa	Monona	1,051	29	39.4	+ 4.1	80	16	3	2	50	0.47	- 1.15	0.22	4.0	3	15	5	11	n.w.	Mrs. H. E. Colby
Rockwell City	Calhoun	1,232	34	35.9	+ 2.1	78	16	2	2	50	1.45	- 0.16	0.90	2.0	4	21	3	7	n.w.	A. W. McIsaac
<i>Sac City</i>																				
Sac City	Sac	1,209	54	36.5	+ 3.4	76	16	3	2	47	1.08	- 0.35	0.30	3.5	6	13	11	7	n.w.	F. P. Kessler
Sioux City	Woodbury	1,135	41	36.2	+ 3.5	74	16	3	2	40	0.12	- 1.03	0.06	0.5	4	10	10	11	n.w.	U. S. Weather Bureau
<b>Means and extremes</b>				37.4	+ 2.5	80	16	2	2	50	0.89	- 0.59	1.00	1.6	4	14	11	6	n.w.	
<i>Central District</i>																				
Ames	Story	926	53	38.7	+ 3.7	78	16	6	2	45	1.00	- 0.42	0.70	2.0	3	21	2	8	n.w.	Iowa State College
Baxter	Jasper	998	30								1.38	- 0.46	0.70		3	18	6	7	n.w.	F. A. Kanne
Boone (near)	Boone	894	25	37.4	+ 1.4	78	16	6	2	52	1.17	- 0.27	0.81	1.5	3	14	6	11	n.w.	C. F. Henning
Des Moines	Polk	861	52	38.1	+ 2.2	77	16	7	2	43	1.12	- 0.66	0.87	0.7	4	12	10	9	n.w.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fort Dodge	Webster	1,114	30	36.3	+ 2.0	77	16	3	2	45	0.88	- 0.72	0.25	5.0	6	15	8	8	n.w.	Mrs. Emma Sampson
<i>Grinnell</i>																				
Grinnell	Poweshiek	1,031	36	37.3	+ 2.0	75	16	6	2	48	0.48	- 1.35	0.20	2.0	4	21	7	3	n.w.	R. E. Bates
Grundy Center	Grundy																			

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STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit						Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days				Prevailing direction of wind	OBSERVERS	
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy			Cloudy
<i>East Central District</i>																				
Belle Plaine	Benton	866	40	37.8	+ 2.9	79	16	6	2	50	1.10	- 1.18	0.61	3.3	7	16	10	5	nw.	O. C. Burrows
Cedar Rapids	Linn	737	48	37.8	+ 3.1	78	16	5	2	44	0.81	- 1.46	0.16	3.0	1	16	1	14	nw.	J. T. Wurster
Clinton	Clinton	595	57	37.8	+ 2.0	76	16	9	2	40	0.98	- 1.84	0.54	2.6	7	15	3	13	n.	Dr. A. P. Bryant
Davenport	Scott	580	59	38.4	+ 2.3	72	16	8	2	34	1.02	- 1.29	0.72	0.5	4	12	10	9	nw.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fairport	Muscatine	567	9	39.4	+ 2.4	70	16	9	2	37	1.35	- 1.11	0.90	1.3	4	14	6	11	nw.	Bureau of Fisheries
Iowa City	Johnson	733	70	38.4	+ 2.8	76	16	7	2	42	0.90	- 1.50	0.79	T.	4	15	11	5	nw.	Prof. J. F. Reilly
Le Claire	Scott	576	30							1.01	- 1.35	0.67	0.6	4					nw.	Margaret T. Disney
Maquoketa (near)	Jackson	692	25	35.9	+ 2.4	75	16	9	2	40	0.71	- 1.61	0.26	1.4	6	17	7	7	nw.	John Strodthoff
Muscatine	Muscatine	546	69							1.31	- 1.29	0.90	0.5	4					nw.	William Molis
Olin	Jones	760	31	36.5	+ 2.0	77	16	7	2	47	0.56	- 1.70		0	2	22	3	6	nw.	Mrs. L. Stingley
Tipton (near)	Cedar	806	31	38.0	+ 2.5	76	16	7	2	40	0.30	- 2.29	0.30	0	2	3	18	10	nw.	John Kroepfen
Williamsburg	Iowa	770	14	38.5	+ 4.1	79	16	6	2	45	0.73	- 1.38	0.46	1.3	4	22	6	3	nw.	Dr. F. C. Schadt
Means and extremes				37.8	+ 2.6	79	16	5	2	50	0.90	- 1.50	0.90	1.2	4	15	8	8	nw.	
<i>Southwest District</i>																				
<i>Atlantic</i>																				
Bedford	Cass	1,110	39	38.2	+ 2.2	78	16	5	2	49	0.90	- 0.69	0.83	0.8	3	18	9	4	nw.	Roy L. Fancolly
Clarinda	Taylor	1,200	2							0.97	- 0.85	0.85	0	3	18	3	10	nw.	Arthur L. Bishop	
Corning	Page	1,009	40	40.0	+ 1.9	78	16	6	2	52	0.87	- 0.85	0.78	T.	2	21	7	3	nw.	Dr. H. C. Hawley
Cumberland (near)	Adams	1,150	38	39.2	+ 2.7	78	15	6	2	53	0.30	- 1.60	0.20	0.2	2	20	8	3	nw.	C. A. Smith
	Cass	1,225	31							0.89	- 0.65	0.87	T.	2	21	7	3	nw.	Carl E. Pollock	
Glenwood	Mills	1,100	32	40.7	+ 2.8	78	16	6	2	44	0.94	- 0.40	0.68	T.	3	17	10	4	nw.	George Mogridge
Lenox	Taylor	1,250	35	39.5	+ 2.9	78	16	5	2	50	0.84	- 0.70	0.53	0.4	3	18	9	4	nw.	J. L. Hurley
Oakland	Pottawattamie	1,139	11	39.6	+ 3.4	79	16	6	2	48	0.66	- 0.81	0.66	0	1	20	3	8	nw.	W. S. Matthews
Red Oak (near)	Montgomery	1,030	5							0.70	- 0.90	0.70	0	1	20	8	3	nw.	B. R. Bridge	
Riverton (near)	Fremont	920	4							0.88	- 0.72	0.81	0.5	3	17	4	10	nw.	Geo. C. Rader	
Thurman	Fremont	960	33	40.8	+ 2.8	79	16	7	2	47	0.42	- 1.06	0.42	T.	1	13	14	4	nw.	H. H. Askew
Omaha, Neb.		1,105	59	39.4	+ 2.4	79	16	6	2	41	0.65	- 0.72	0.60	0.7	4	17	9	5	nw.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Means and extremes				39.7	+ 2.7	79	16	5	2	53	0.75	- 0.83	0.87	0.2	2	18	8	5	nw.	
<i>South Central District</i>																				
Afton	Union	1,212	36	39.9	+ 3.4	79	16	6	2	39	1.16	- 0.73	0.81	1.5	4	19	8	4	nw.	S. R. Brown
Albia	Monroe	949	32	39.8	+ 3.6	76	16	7	2	44	1.55	- 0.41	0.77	8.1	4	17	5	9	nw.	O. E. McBride
Centerville	Appanoose	1,013	25	39.0	+ 1.1	73	16	8	2	44	1.79	- 0.14	0.53	9.4	5	18	10	3	nw.	Thomas Wood
Chariton (near)	Lucas	1,042	35	39.2	+ 3.2	75	16	7	2	39	1.24	- 0.50	0.60	2.0	3	16	12	3	sw.	C. C. Burr
Corydon (near)	Wayne	1,050	37	38.6	+ 2.0	75	16	6	2	43	1.89	- 0.12	0.83	4.5	3	17	7	7	nw.	J. C. Davis
Creston	Union	1,291	25	38.0	+ 2.4	78	16	4	2	49	1.16	- 0.30	0.94	0.8	5	13	12	6	n.	Mrs. N. Spangler
Earlham (near)	Madison	1,126	28	38.2	+ 3.2	78	16	5	2	44	0.78	- 0.93	0.50	0.5	4	20	6	5	nw.	George Phillips
Indianola	Warren	972	39	39.1	+ 2.8	79	16	6	2	50	1.13	- 0.50	0.64	T.	2	13	13	5	nw.	Seth F. Shenton
Knoxville	Marion	920	35	39.6	+ 3.0	77	16	8	2	47	1.14	- 0.66	0.66	2.0	3	15	8	8	nw.	W. J. Casey
Lacona	Warren	824	31							1.11	- 0.89	0.80	1.0	5	14	14	3		nw.	J. B. Alter
Lamoni	Decatur	1,123	23	38.7	+ 1.8	75	16	6	2	38	1.49	- 0.38	1.03	1.2	4	18	6	7	nw.	F. S. Parks
Melrose	Monroe	871	1							1.20		0.50	8.0	5	9	14	8		nw.	J. M. Carr
Mount Ayr	Ringgold	1,220	37	39.8	+ 2.8	75	16	7	2	49	2.42	+ 0.52	1.10	0	5	25	4	2	nw.	E. O. Gleason
Tingley	Ringgold	1,275	5	39.0	+ 2.7	74	12†	6	2	47	0.97	- 0.83	0.64	1.0	5	22	6	3	nw.	James A. Verploegh
Winterset	Madison	1,118	39	39.6	+ 3.4	77	16	5	2	38	1.09	- 0.66	0.70	0.5	3	21	4	6	nw.	H. S. Ely
Means and extremes				39.1	+ 2.7	79	16	4	2	50	1.36	- 0.46	1.10	2.7	4	17	9	5	nw.	
<i>Southeast District</i>																				
Bonaparte (near)	Van Buren	563	39	38.8	+ 1.4	74	16	8	2	43	1.17	- 1.08	0.70	0.4	4	18	5	8	nw.	B. R. Vale
Burlington	Des Moines	544	34	40.2	+ 1.3	72	16	9	2	37	0.77	- 1.74	0.41	T.	5	17	7	7	sw.	John W. Donnelly
Columbus Junction	Louisa	595	29	38.8	+ 1.8	76	16	7	2	41	1.20	- 0.81	1.00	0.4	6	16	11	4	nw.	Miss Musa Todd
Fairfield	Jefferson	780	46	38.4	+ 1.7	77	16	8	2	44	1.22	- 2.11	0.68	1.7	5	15	8	8	n.	R. M. McKenzie
Keokuk	Lee	614	59	40.0	+ 1.1	73	16	11	2	37	0.67	- 1.71	0.59	0.2	4	13	6	12	w.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Keokuk No. 2	Lee	651	1	40.8		74	16	10	2	40	0.97		0.67	0.2	4				nw.	J. N. D. Dickinson
Keosauqua	Van Buren	639	38	38.9	+ 1.0	76	16	9	2	41	1.29	- 0.98	0.75	1.4	4	14	10	7	sw.	Dr. J. W. Rinabarger
Mt. Pleasant	Henry	730	49	39.2	+ 1.6	75	16	9	2	40	1.00	- 1.20	0.47	T.	5	11	14	6	nw.	J. H. Jericho
Oskaloosa	Mahaska	835	54	38.6	+ 2.8	77	16	6	2	44	1.33	- 0.58	0.53	7.3	5	14	10	7	nw.	Roy R. Robinson
Ottumwa	Wapello	649	35	40.4	+ 1.6	76	16	10	2	46	0.80	- 1.17	0.30	3.0	4	14	11	6	nw.	C. L. Mikesh
Sigourney (near)	Keokuk	790	31	39.0	+ 2.9	76	16	8	2	44	0.78	- 1.23	0.66	1.4	3	17	6	8	nw.	W. E. Utterback
Stockport (near)	Van Buren	747	28	39.0	+ 2.6	75	16	9	2	44	1.05	- 1.12	0.62	0.5	4	18	9	4	nw.	C. L. Beswick
Washington	Washington	757	48	39.6	+ 3.1	78	16	7	2	44	0.84	- 1.35	0.60	2.0	4	11	14	6	nw.	D. D. Sherman
Wever	Lee	552	2	40.2		74	16	12	2	40	0.26		0.16	T.	2	17	6	8	w.	H. G. Liddle
Means and extremes				39.4	+ 2.1	78	16	6	2	46	0.95	- 1.24	1.00	1.3	4	15	9	7	nw.	
State means and extremes				37.3	+ 2.7	80	16	-4	2	53	0.89	- 0.88	1.10	1.6	4	16	9	6	nw.	

Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the State, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 101 stations, was 37.3°, or 2.7° above normal. There was an excess in all of the divisions of the State. The greatest excess, 3.5°, was in the north-central district, and the least, 2.1°, in the southeast district. The highest monthly mean was 40.8° at Thurman and Keokuk No. 2, and the lowest was 33.2° at Lake Park. The absolute range for the State was 84°, from 80° at Little Sioux and Onawa on the 16th, to -4° at Sanborn on the 2d. Temperatures of zero or lower

occurred at 12 stations. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 32° or below was 2, ranging from 3 days in the northwest and west-central districts, to 1 day in central, east-central, southwest, south-central and southeast districts. The average number of days with the minimum temperature 32° or below, was 27, ranging from 29 days in the north-central district, to 24 days in the southeast district. There was only 1 day with minimum temperature of zero or below being recorded at 13 stations. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 53°, at Corning, on the 11th.

Daily Precipitation for March, 1930

Stations	Drainage Basin	Day of Month																															Totals		
		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			
<i>Northwest District</i>																																			
Akron	Big Sioux	T.	T.															T.		.01	T.				T.							.06	0.07		
Alta	Raccoon															.05	.07	T.	.01	T.				T.	T.	.01	.02				.02	0.18			
Alton	Floyd	T.														T.		T.	T.	T.	T.								T.			.16	0.16		
Cherokee	Little Sioux	T.					.30			T.	T.					T.	T.	T.	T.	T.				T.	T.	T.						T.	0.30		
Estherville	Des Moines	.02														.23	.03								.02	.05						.10	0.48		
Hawarden	Big Sioux	T.				T.													.02					T.			T.					.06	0.08		
Inwood (near)	Big Sioux	T.	T.																		.01				T.	T.	T.					T.	0.04		
Lake Park (near)	Little Sioux	T.									T.					.17					.02				T.	T.	T.					T.	0.19		
Le Mars	Floyd	T.									T.	T.								.05				T.	T.	T.		T.				.05	0.20		
Marathon	Raccoon														.11	.18						T.			.03	T.	T.	.04					0.36		
Pocahontas	Des Moines	T.									T.	T.				.35	.45	.05							.01	.06	T.	.02				.01	0.99		
Rock Rapids	Big Sioux															.03								.04	T.	T.	T.					0.06			
Sanborn	Floyd															.35			T.					.02								0.39			
Sheldon	Floyd	T.					T.				T.	T.				.01	.02							T.	T.	T.	.01					.02	0.16		
Sioux Center	Floyd															.05								.05								.10	0.20		
Spencer	Little Sioux	T.					.02									.05	T.	.03							.02		.02	.05				.07	0.29		
Storm Lake	Raccoon	T.					T.				T.	T.				.32	.26	T.	.01	T.	T.			T.	T.	T.	T.					T.	0.59		
Washta	Little Sioux						.05									.05	T.		T.						T.	T.	T.						.10	0.10	
West Bend	Des Moines															.43		.18						T.		.08						.03	0.72		
<i>North Central District</i>																																			
Algona	Des Moines															.49	.74	.34							.02							.01	1.60		
Allison	Cedar																																		
Belmond	Iowa	T.									T.	T.				.35		.50	.03		T.				.03		T.					T.	0.91		
Britt	Iowa	T.									T.					.54		T.	T.	T.	T.				T.	T.							T.	0.54	
Charles City***	Cedar	T.						T.								.35	.39	.07	T.					.01	.02	T.		T.				.05	0.90		
Forest City	Cedar	T.									T.	.05				.38		.50						.02	T.	T.						.08	1.03		
Hampton	Cedar	T.									T.	.22				.22	.40	.04						T.		.09						T.	0.97		
Humboldt	Des Moines	T.														.22		.15	.06							.03	T.	T.					0.46		
Mason City	Cedar	T.									T.	.01				.38		.34	T.						.01	T.	T.					.02	0.80		
Northwood	Cedar	T.														.40		.50							.10	.10						.30	1.45		
Osage	Cedar	.04									T.	T.				.26		.38					.25		T.							.05	0.98		
<i>Northeast District</i>																																			
Cedar Falls	Cedar										.01	.02						T.	.60	.21				.02		T.							0.86		
Decorah	Mississippi	T.				T.										.01		.30							.25	T.	T.					T.	0.92		
Dubuque***	Mississippi	.02		T.							.16	T.				.16		.43	.02						.03	T.							T.	1.23	
Fayette	Mississippi	T.									.08	T.				.06		.76							.06	T.		T.		.03			.32	0.96	
Independence	Wapsipinicon	.07									.03	T.						.44	.48						.07	T.	T.					T.	1.09		
Lansing	Mississippi	.12									.01	.02						.30															0.80		
New Hampton	Wapsipinicon	.01									.01					.21	.14	.62						.01	.21								0.86		
Oelwein	Wapsipinicon															.08		.80							.20		.09						1.09		
Postville (near)	Mississippi										.16					.08		.42							.10	.05							0.81		
Waterloo	Cedar	T.									.03	.06					.65	.30							.05		T.						1.09		
Waverly	Cedar	T.									.01	.02				T.	.45																0.48		
<i>West Central District</i>																																			
Audubon (near)	Nishnabotna															.05		.45	.25							.02								0.77	
Carroll	Raccoon															.37	.62	.89	.25							.07	T.	T.	T.	T.				2.20	
Denison	Missouri	T.														.07	.22	.28	.07							T.	T.	T.						0.64	
Guthrie Center	Raccoon																	1.00								.10								1.10	
Harlan	Nishnabotna	T.	T.													.05	.15	.38	.08							T.	T.	T.	T.	T.				0.66	
Jefferson	Raccoon	T.																.85	.20															1.05	
Little Sioux	Little Sioux	T.														.12	.24	.21	.29								T.	T.	T.	T.	T.			0.90	
Logan	Missouri	T.																.14	T.															0.20	
Onawa	Missouri															.05	T.	.20	.22								.02							0.47	
Rockwell City	Raccoon															.35	.10	.90									.10							1.45	
Sac City	Raccoon															.25	.28	.15	.30															1.08	
Sioux City***	Missouri	T.														T.	.06	.01	.03							.05	T.	T.	T.				.02	0.12	
<i>Central District</i>																																			
Ames	Skunk																	.70	.20								.10							1.00	
Baxter	Skunk																	.70	.50								.18							1.38	
Boone (near)	Des Moines	T.																.81	.14															1.17	
Des Moines***	Des Moines	T.																.36	.52								.22	T.	T.	T.				1.12	
Fort Dodge	Des Moines	.02														.25	.19	.21	.18															.02	0.88
Grinnell	Iowa	T.																.12	.20															0.48	
Grundy Center	Cedar	T.																.58	.20															T.	1.00
Iowa Falls	Iowa																	.05	.05	.35	.35						.25							1.05	
Marshalltown	Iowa	T.																.69	.13															0.87	
Monroe	Des Moines	T.																.54	.27								.07	T.	T.				.04	1.19	
Perry	Raccoon	T.																																	0.81
Toledo	Iowa	T.	T.									.03	.06					.58	.20								.03	T.	T.	T.	T.				1.46
Van Meter	Raccoon																	.30	.10									.16						0.56	
Waukeo	Raccoon	T.																.94	.29								.17	T.	T.					1.31	
Webster City	Des Moines	T.																.46	.21															0.85	
<i>East Central District</i>																																			
Belle Plaine	Iowa	T.	.01									.03	.01					.61	.23																

Daily Precipitation for March, 1930—Continued

Table with columns: Stations, Drainage Basin, Day of Month (1-31), Totals. Rows include Southwest District (Atlantic, Bedford, etc.), South Central District (Afton, Albia, etc.), Southeast District (Bonaparte, Burlington, etc.), and Means and extremes normals and records.

Except as otherwise indicated, observations are generally made late in the afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for 24 hours ending at the time of observation.
|||Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours.
\*\*\*Regular Weather Bureau Station; precipitation is for 24-hour period midnight to midnight.
\*\*Incomplete.
\*Precipitation included in the next following measurement.
§Interpolated.
T. Precipitation is less than .01 inch rain or melted snow.

PRESSURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND SUNSHINE

Table with columns: Stations, Barometric Pressure (Mean, Highest, Date, Lowest), Relative Humidity (Mean, 7 A.M., 12 Noon, 7 P.M., Lowest, Date), Wind (Total movement, Average hourly velocity, Miles, From, Date), Sunshine (% possible, Departure from normal).

The greatest amount at a single station was 2.42 inches at Mt. Ayr, and the least was 0.04 inch at Inwood. The greatest amount occurring in 24 consecutive hours was 1.10 inches at Mt. Ayr, on February 28 and March 1. The average number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more for the State was 4.

SNOWFALL

The average snowfall for the State was 1.6 inches, or 3.6 inches below normal. The greatest total snowfall for the month at any one station was 9.4 inches at Centerville, and 8 stations received none. The greatest snowfall in 24 hours was 5.2 inches at Centerville on the 25th.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

- Aurora: 3d, 23d.
Birds (Migration of): Boone, bluebirds on 24th, fox sparrows on 17th, phoebes on 16th, robins on 24th, song sparrows on 12th; Earlham, blackbirds on 4th, turtle doves on 28th; Independence, blackbirds on 7th, robins on 9th.
Cold Waves: 1st, 2d.
Dust storm: 2d, 25th.
Gales: 1st, 2d, 10th, 11th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 26th.
Hail, light: 13th, 15th, 16th, 23d.
Hail, moderate: 15th, 17th.
Hail, heavy: 16th.
Halos, lunar: 6th, 9th, 12th.
Halos, solar: 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 21st, 23d, 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st.
Haze, dense: 6th, 21st.
Meteor: 23d.
Parhelia: 2d, 7th, 13th, 21st.
Rainbows: 17th, 23d.
Sleet: 11th, 17th, 18th, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st.
Thunderstorms: 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 23d.
Tornado: 16th.

PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 119 stations, was 0.89 inch, or 0.88 below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the east-central district, 1.50 inches, while the least deficiency was in the south-central district, 0.46 inch. The greatest precipitation deficiency, 2.29, at any one station, was at Tipton. The greatest excess in the State was 0.52 inch at Mt. Ayr.

§ Sioux City \* Davenport † Local mean time ‡ And other dates.
||January 1, 1928, 3-cup anemometers replaced 4-cup instruments. See Climatological Data, January, 1928, page 7.

Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of March, 1930

Table with columns for Stations, days 1-31, and Mean. Rows are grouped by division: Northern Division (Albion to Omaha, Neb.), Central Division (Ames to Sioux City), and Southern Division (Albia to Omaha, Neb.). Each station entry includes Maximum and Minimum temperature values.

### RIVER CONDITIONS FOR MARCH, 1930

Extremely low stages prevailed on all interior streams, with little fluctuation in their stages. The interior streams were free from ice over the entire month, except at Charles City the ice left the Cedar River above the dam on the 10th, with no rise in the river stage.

The Missouri River stages averaged nearly normal, with considerable fluctuation in the stages throughout the month. At Sioux City the extreme stages were 4.0 feet and 8.9 feet, and the average stage was 7.1 feet, or 0.9 foot below normal. At Omaha the extreme stages were 5.5 feet and 11.9 feet, and the average stage was 9.9 feet, or 1.5 feet above normal.

The Mississippi River stage fluctuation was not as great as that on the Missouri River. At Dubuque the crest stages, 8.2 feet, recorded on the first two days of the month, after which the river fell rather steadily to the lowest reading, 6.0 feet on the 20th, and remained practically stationary until the end of the month. The mean stage was 6.8 feet, or 1.2 feet above normal. At Davenport the extreme stages were 5.1 feet and 7.8 feet, and the average stage was 6.0 feet, or 0.5 foot above normal. At Keokuk the stages, contrary to the usual course of action for the month of March, were on a downward trend. Beginning with the crest stage, 8.6 feet, on the 1st, the river fell steadily to a little above 3 feet on the 31st. Navigation on the Mississippi River officially opened at Dubuque on the 15th and at Davenport on the 11th.

### RIVER CONDITIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1930

Moderate stages prevailed on all the interior streams, with moderate fluctuation in the stages, from the 20th to the end of the month, due to melting snow and ice in the drainage basins. The ice moved out on most of the interior streams during the mild period (19th to 25th). At Des Moines the extreme stages were 0.9 foot and 4.9 feet, and the average stage was 2.4 feet, or 0.6 foot below normal.

The Missouri River stages remained close to normal, with slight fluctuation. At Sioux City the extreme stages were 6.0 feet and 7.6 feet, and the average stage was 6.7 feet, or 0.1 foot below normal. The ice started to move out on the afternoon of the 21st,

which is unusually early, but it has broken up as early or earlier on three other occasions, viz., on February 17, 1907, February 21, 1916, and February 5, 1928, all of which were preceded by higher temperatures in January than prevailed during the present year. At Omaha the extreme stages were 7.3 feet and 9.8 feet, and the average stage was 8.0 feet.

On the Mississippi River the ice began moving on the 20th, and a general break up occurred on the 21st, 22d and 23d, causing considerable fluctuations in stages. At La Crosse, Wisconsin, the ice moved out on the 23d, the earliest date in the history of that station. At Dubuque the stages varied 4.4 feet, the crest stage being 8.0 feet on the 28th, and the lowest 3.6 feet on the 1st and 2d. Ice moved out on the 21st and caused some damage to bathing beach equipment.

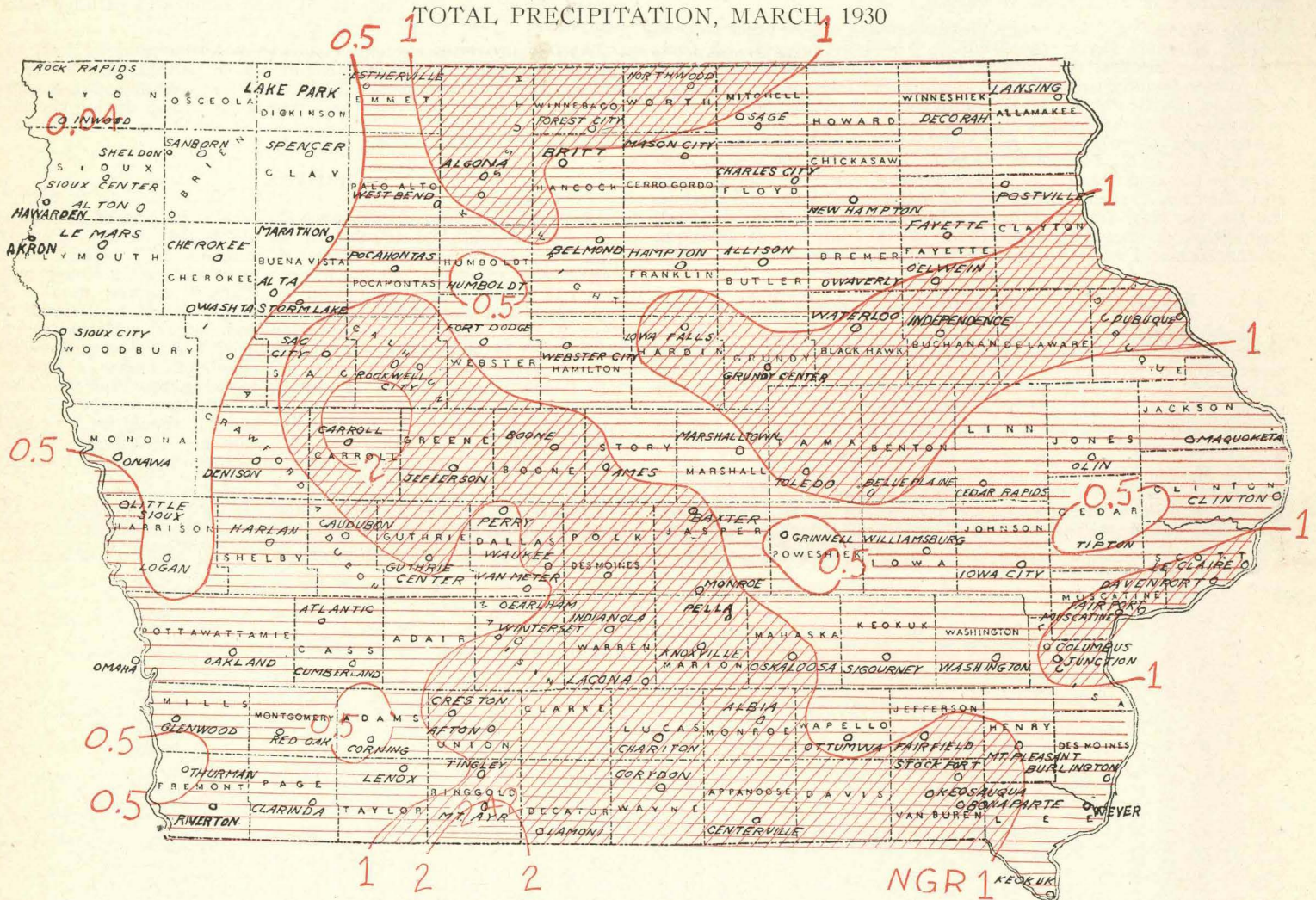
At Davenport the extreme stages were 4.0 feet and 7.4 feet, and the average was 5.1 feet, or 0.1 foot above normal. Ice broke up on the 20th at Davenport. At Keokuk the extreme stages were zero and 8.7 feet. The river was almost continuous during the last half of the month.

### ERRATA

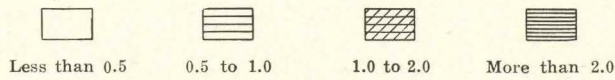
Report for January, 1930, page 2, Le Mars; date of maximum temperature published 45° on 4th, should be 46° on 1st. Page 2, Cherokee; prevailing wind direction published NW, should be N. Page 2, Sioux Center; number of days clear and partly cloudy published 13 and 11, should be 12 and 12. Page 2, Algona; number of days clear and cloudy published 17 and 11, should be 18 and 10. Page 2, Britt; monthly precipitation and departure from normal published 1.14 inches and +0.46, should be 1.18 inches and +0.50. Page 4, Britt; total precipitation published 1.14 inches, should be 1.18 inches. Page 2, New Hampton; monthly snowfall published 13.2 inches, should be 13.3 inches. Page 2, Baxter; number of days partly cloudy and cloudy published 1 and 11, should be 2 and 10. Page 3, Knoxville; monthly snowfall published 17.0 inches, should be 17.2 inches. Page 3, Lamoni; monthly snowfall published 11.3 inches, should be 11.5 inches.

Report for February, 1930. Page 11, Davenport; greatest 24-hour precipitation published 2.03 inches, should be 2.04 inches.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, MARCH, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES





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### GENERAL SUMMARY

The main characteristics of April, 1930, were the record breaking temperature, a severe dust storm, and unusually dry weather during the first ten days of the month.

The mean temperature for the State, 52.1°, was 3.2° above normal. The chief feature relative to temperature conditions was the abnormally warm period, 3d-13th. The peak of maximum temperature records was reached on the 9th, 10th and 11th. It was during this period that July weather prevailed over almost the entire State, and 46 stations in the southern half and the extreme eastern portions reported the highest temperature ever experienced for the month of April.

Precipitation averaged below normal. With only a few exceptions, the entire south half and the extreme north-western portions of the State were deficient in precipitation, the remaining portions being in excess of the normal. During the first ten days of the month there was no rain of any consequence.

The first half of the month was very favorable for outdoor work and much was done. The soil was in excellent condition to work, and preparations for corn planting made unusual progress, with few weather handicaps to add to the expense. Some corn planting was done before the 15th in a few scattered localities in southern Iowa and extending as far north as Hamilton and Marshall counties. The cool and rainy weather during the third week of the month retarded germination and much of it had to be replanted. Oats that were sown early in the month came up to a good stand but made slow progress, due to the frequent heavy frosts and freezes which followed the mild period. The color of the oats was generally rather pale. Spring wheat and barley were doing fairly well by the end of the month, and winter wheat looked good generally. Pastures, meadows, alfalfa and sweet clover were benefited by the rains and doing well. Livestock was on pasture in much of the State somewhat earlier than usual, but the pastures were not yet able to entirely sustain livestock. The dry, sunny and mostly warm weather during the first half of the month was generally favorable for young pigs, lambs and chicks, but the young animals did not thrive so well during the last two weeks. Plums, apples and currants were in full bloom in the south half of the State, and in some localities they were a little past the blooming stage. Some of the early fruits and strawberry buds were damaged by the freeze on the morning of the 19th. Gardening was much farther advanced than usual. Rhubarb was very plentiful. In many favored localities where cloudy weather prevailed during the nights of frost and freezing temperatures, the fruits were protected enough so there may be a large quantity of the early crops. Potato planting was finished and truck gardening was in full swing. The early flowers were in full bloom most of the month.

A severe dust storm, which occurred on the 5th and 6th, was also a notable feature. The dust and red sand came from the northwest, covered the entire State, and filled the air to an unusual height. The strong winds also

### COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—APRIL

YEAR	Temperature				Precipitation					Number of Days			
	Mean	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Total	Departure	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With pre. .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
1973.....	43.2	- 5.7	83	24	3.13	+ 0.17	5.65	1.24					
1874.....	41.9	- 7.0	76	16	1.90	- 1.06	3.15	0.65					
1875.....	43.0	- 5.9	77	10	2.20	- 0.76	1.00	0.89					
1876.....	48.1	- 0.7	78	24	3.06	+ 0.10	6.80	0.85					
1877.....	47.5	+ 1.4	91	14	3.33	+ 0.37	8.61	1.10					
1878.....	52.4	+ 3.5	82	26	3.14	+ 0.18	5.87	1.32					
1879.....	50.3	+ 1.4	88	12	1.13	- 1.83	3.70	0.00					
1880.....	47.9	- 1.0	92	15	2.08	- 0.88	5.65	0.35					
1881.....	42.5	- 6.4	84	10	2.26	- 0.70	5.40	0.45					
1882.....	48.8	0 1	91	20	3.73	+ 0.77	8.08	1.60					
1883.....	49.9	+ 1.0	90	24	2.25	- 0.71	5.00	0.58					
1884.....	46.8	- 2.1	86	18	2.54	- 0.42	5.40	0.83					
1885.....	47.5	+ 1.4	80	16	2.94	- 0.02	7.82	0.73					
1886.....	50.3	+ 1.4	88	4	2.70	- 0.26	6.90	0.70					
1887.....	51.1	+ 2.2	94	9	1.38	- 1.58	2.65	0.10					
1888.....	48.8	- 0.1	90	20	2.65	- 0.31	7.80	0.40					
1889.....	50.3	+ 1.4	86	10	2.35	- 0.61	6.03	0.25					
1890.....	51.2	+ 2.3	88	2	1.73	- 0.23	5.15	0.25					
1891.....	50.6	+ 1.7	93	13	2.15	- 0.81	5.06	0.59		8	14	7	9
1892.....	45.4	- 3.5	88	14	4.75	+ 1.79	8.38	2.43	5.7	9	8	9	13
1893.....	45.5	- 3.4	96	15	4.21	+ 1.25	8.51	1.24	6.0	10	8	9	13
1894.....	51.7	+ 2.8	93	12	3.07	+ 0.11	6.91	0.55	0.2	9	11	11	8
1895.....	54.2	+ 5.3	98	8	2.62	- 0.34	5.88	0.28	2.1	5	14	8	8
1896.....	54.5	+ 5.6	94	10	5.02	+ 2.06	9.67	2.22	4.5	11	11	10	9
1897.....	47.9	- 1.0	89	19	5.35	+ 2.39	9.86	2.22	T.	11	9	9	12
1898.....	48.1	- 0.8	91	14	2.56	- 0.40	4.82	0.27	T.	8	13	9	8
1899.....	48.9	0 0	89	1	2.40	- 0.56	5.76	0.56	2.0	7	12	11	7
1900.....	52.2	+ 3.3	89	19	2.67	- 0.29	6.62	0.43	0.9	6	12	9	9
1901.....	49.9	+ 1.0	92	15	1.79	- 1.17	3.47	0.66	2.0	5	14	8	8
1902.....	48.2	- 0.7	96	9	1.71	- 1.25	4.15	0.40	T.	5	14	11	5
1903.....	49.8	+ 0.9	86	17	2.98	+ 0.02	6.00	0.74	0.8	9	11	9	10
1904.....	44.1	- 4.8	86	13	3.63	+ 0.67	8.97	1.52	1.4	7	15	6	9
1905.....	47.5	- 1.4	90	10	3.03	+ 0.07	5.49	0.63	1.2	8	12	8	10
1906.....	52.5	+ 3.6	94	22	2.42	- 0.54	5.55	0.53	0.6	8	14	9	7
1907.....	41.5	- 7.4	80	10	1.32	- 1.64	3.22	0.24	2.7	6	12	8	10
1908.....	50.5	+ 1.6	91	8	2.24	- 0.72	4.59	0.67	0.3	8	14	8	8
1909.....	43.8	- 5.1	86	14	4.58	+ 1.62	9.43	0.82	3.1	12	9	9	12
1910.....	52.5	+ 3.6	99	15	1.48	- 1.48	4.86	- 0.10	3.0	7	14	7	9
1911.....	46.7	- 2.2	86	3	3.09	+ 0.13	6.04	1.33	3.6	9	11	8	11
1912.....	49.9	+ 1.0	84	20	2.66	- 0.30	5.66	0.78	1.1	8	13	8	9
1913.....	50.2	+ 1.3	88	16	3.28	+ 0.32	7.43	1.12	2.7	9	15	5	10
1914.....	48.6	- 0.3	88	11	2.52	- 0.44	5.03	0.37	0.3	8	10	8	12
1915.....	57.2	+ 8.3	95	18	1.41	- 1.55	4.02	0.05	T.	7	15	10	5
1916.....	47.1	- 1.8	90	11	2.62	- 0.34	5.92	1.13	1.1	10	10	9	11
1917.....	45.5	- 3.4	88	17	4.55	+ 1.59	7.84	2.05	3.8	11	9	7	14
1918.....	44.8	- 4 1	79	12	2.32	- 0.64	4.20	1.01	3.5	9	12	8	10
1919.....	48.4	- 0.5	81	20	4.78	+ 1.82	9.00	1.94	0.7	14	8	8	14
1920.....	42.4	- 6.5	78	22	4.59	+ 1.63	7.13	1.93	2.0	12	8	9	13
1921.....	52.4	+ 3.5	88	14	3.34	+ 0.38	6.69	0.99	3.6	10	13	7	10
1922.....	49.9	+ 1.0	87	21	3.06	+ 0.10	6.70	1.04	1.0	9	11	9	10
1923.....	48.4	- 0.5	85	11	2.09	- 0.87	4.26	0.47	0.8	8	15	7	8
1924.....	50.5	+ 1.6	90	- 8	1.38	- 1.58	4.53	0.38	1.4	7	16	8	6
1925.....	56.5	+ 7.6	95	21	2.20	- 0.76	5.31	0.71	T.	8	14	9	7
1926.....	46.1	- 2.8	95	9	0.91	- 2.05	2.29	0.06	1.5	4	16	7	7
1927.....	49.2	+ 0.3	91	15	4.84	+ 1.88	9.06	2.09	2.6	14	9	7	14
1928.....	44.3	- 4.6	88	6	2.24	- 0.72	4.37	0.22	4.9	8	12	9	9
1929.....	51.2	+ 2.3	93	9	4.62	+ 1.66	7.97	1.81	1.1	11	12	8	10
1930.....	52.1	+ 3.2	96	5	2.67	- 0.29	4.59	1.05	0.3	9	14	7	9

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

picked up considerable local dirt from roads and plowed fields. At the Des Moines Airport a visibility of one-half mile and a ceiling of 300 feet were reported. Commercial aviation was suspended during the storm. In places the dust was drifted along the road similar to snow. No severe damage occurred other than discomfort to persons working in the open, and dust blowing into dwellings and buildings.

A light local hailstorm occurred in Oto Township, Woodbury County, on the 30th. Many stones as large as walnuts were reported. The only damage of any consequence consisted of a few broken glass in greenhouses and hot beds in the vicinity of Danbury.

General outdoor activities were about normal. Dirt roads were in good condition most of the month. Building was not handicapped by weather conditions.

A partial eclipse of the sun occurred on the 28th. In some localities the eclipse was visible for short intervals through rifts in the clouds. In most of the State the clouds completely obscured the sun's disk.

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STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit					Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days				OBSERVERS					
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear		Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Prevailing direction of wind		
<i>Northwest District</i>																						
Akron	Plymouth	1,153	4										1.28	-1.35	0.32	0	8	13	9	8	se.	Orlan C. Moore D. E. Hadden W. S. Slagle J. E. Wirth A. O. Peterson
Alta	Buena Vista	1,513	39	51.3	+4.2	89	10	17	1	40	3.44	+0.35	1.15	0	9	15	4	11	4	13	se.	
Alton	Sioux	1,305	25	50.4	+3.4	83	9	5	1	45	1.70	-0.79	0.52	0	8	9	8	13	3	13	ne.	
Cherokee	Cherokee	1,196	10	51.2	+4.8	86	10	14	1	43	2.98	-0.01	0.70	T.	10	16	6	8	8	8	n.	
Estherville	Emmet	1,298	35	49.6	+4.7	83	9	18	1	49	2.53	-0.10	0.80	1.0	11	18	7	5	7	5	s.	
<i>Hawarden</i>																						
Inwood (near)	Lyon	1,474	26	49.0	+2.3	86	9	15	1	49	1.54	-0.99	0.39	0	9	17	2	11	11	11	nw.	Earl V. Slife A. C. Hanson P. M. Lawrence Henry Newell E. G. Smith
Lake Park (near)	Dickinson	1,489	17	48.1	+2.5	84	9	16	1	45	1.91	-0.47	0.44	0	9	16	3	11	3	11	se.	
Le Mars	Plymouth	1,224	34	51.4	+3.6	81	9	10	1	48	2.25	-0.57	0.45	0	12	16	3	11	3	11	se.	
Marathon	Buena Vista	1,390	4								2.40			1.19	0	10	13	6	11	11	ne.	
Pocahontas	Pocahontas	1,248	26	50.6	+3.5	90	10	16	1	48	2.56	-0.16	1.24	0.5	10	14	8	8	8	8	se.	
<i>Pocahontas</i>																						
Rock Rapids	Lyon	1,349	31	49.4	+3.1	85	9	15	1	47	1.80	-1.09	0.63	T.	9	18	4	8	4	8	ne.	F. E. Hronek Nellie F. Medberry J. W. Dow Ross E. Forward F. C. Aue
Sanborn	O'Brien	1,553	16	49.2	+2.7	83	9	14	1	46	3.23	+0.23	0.80	0.5	11	10	7	13	13	13	ne.	
Sheldon	O'Brien	1,418	19	50.4	+3.4	85	9	10	1	45	2.27	-0.68	0.75	0.2	11	11	8	11	11	11	se.	
Sioux Center	Sioux	1,461	31	50.2	+3.7	84	10	12	1	44	2.33	-0.49	0.69	0	9	11	9	10	10	10	ne.	
Spencer	Clay	1,319	16	51.0	+4.0	87	10	10	1	45	2.91	+0.01	0.78	T.	11	15	4	11	11	11	se.	
<i>Storm Lake</i>																						
Washita	Buena Vista	1,442	41	50.2	+2.8	88	10	16	1	43	3.07	+0.14	1.17	0	10	9	13	8	13	8	se.	Russell M. Edwards H. L. Felter Jos. Dorweiler
West Bend	Cherokee	1,157	32	51.6	+4.1	89	10	15	1	50	2.87	+0.25	0.98	0	10	16	3	11	11	11	n.	
Means and extremes				50.3	+3.5	90	10	5	1	50	2.42	-0.35	1.24	0.1	10	14	6	10	10	10	10	se.
<i>North Central District</i>																						
<i>Algona</i>																						
Allison	Kossuth	1,224	57	49.7	+2.1	90	10	17	1	36	4.03	+1.41	0.95	0	9	17	0	13	13	13	ne.	W. E. Laird George H. Bell H. F. Luick E. P. Healy U. S. Weather Bureau
Belmond	Butler	1,060	16	50.2	+2.9	90	10	25	22†	39	3.49	+0.91	1.12	1.5	9	17	3	10	10	10	se.	
Britt	Wright	1,181	20	49.6	+2.9	90	10	14	1	45	3.13	-0.13	0.90	0	11	9	5	16	16	16	nw.	
Charles City	Hancock	1,236	43	50.2	+4.0	89	10	15	1	41	3.35	+0.78	0.71	T.	10	19	2	9	9	9	ne.	
	Floyd	1,015	39	49.1	+3.0	90	10	17	1	40	3.47	+0.95	1.50	0.5	10	15	7	8	8	8	se.	
<i>Forest City</i>																						
Hampton	Winnebago	1,226	36	49.6	+3.3	89	10	12	1	43	2.91	+0.43	0.84	1.6	10	11	5	14	14	14	se.	Dr. M. F. Neil Howard J. Haydon H. C. Snitkey American Beet Sugar Co. Charles Dwelle
Humboldt	Franklin	1,142	5	49.7		90	10	16	1	42	3.03	-0.16		0.2	10	19	0	11	11	11	nw.	
Mason City	Humboldt	1,095	42	51.8	+3.7	92	10	17	1	45	2.97	+0.29	0.98	T.	7	13	8	9	9	9	s.	
Northwood	Cerro Gordo	1,148	33	48.2	+1.7	90	10	14	1	45	2.90	+0.35	0.91	0	9	15	8	7	7	7	ne.	
	Worth	1,222	34	48.9	+3.8	89	10	16	1	40	3.45	+0.71	0.90	1.0	11	13	7	10	10	10	ne.	
<i>Osage</i>																						
	Mitchell	1,163	36	48.8	+2.9	89	10	17	1	38	2.79	+0.33	1.08	0	8	10	10	10	10	10	nw.	Dr. C. E. Juhl
Means and extremes				49.6	+3.0	92	10	12	1	45	3.23	+0.53	1.50	0.4	9	14	5	11	11	11	11	ne.
<i>Northeast District</i>																						
<i>Cedar Falls</i>																						
Decorah	Black Hawk	875											3.93		1.60	3.1	8	13	11	6	nw.	E. J. Cable M. D. Whitney U. S. Weather Bureau R. Z. Latimer Dr. Geo. Boody Mrs. Mary Spinner
Dubuque	Winneshiek	872	37	48.0	+0.7	90	10	18	1	51	2.76	+0.21	0.96	0.5	10	14	7	9	9	9	se.	
Fayette	Dubuque	700	57	50.6	+2.0	92	10	26	1	36	4.34	+1.49	2.08	2.0	11	14	7	9	9	9	nw.	
Independence	Fayette	1,003	42	50.3	+1.6	89	10	20	1	39	4.02	+1.51	1.61	2.0	10	16	7	7	7	7	nw.	
Lansing	Buchanan	956	66								2.04	-0.52	0.90	1.9	10							
	Allamakee	632	23																			
New Hampton	Chickasaw	1,169	33	49.6	+2.6	91	10	15	1	43	3.07	+0.47	1.33	0.8	7	15	6	9	9	9	se.	
Oelwein	Fayette	1,036	7	50.2	+2.6	90	10	21	1	41	4.10	+1.32	1.55	0	5	17	4	9	9	9	s.	
Postville (near)	Clayton	1,192	31	47.0	+0.7	88	10	15	1	39	4.13	+1.12	2.24	2.5	8	13	13	4	13	13	nw.	
Waterloo	Black Hawk	854	47	51.0	+2.2	92	10	16	1	45	4.04	+1.51	1.60	2.0	9	20	3	7	7	7	se.	
Waverly	Bremer	936	34	50.0	+2.4	91	10	16	1	44	3.91	+0.91	1.49	3.0	8	20	5	5	5	5	n.	
Means and extremes				49.6	+2.0	92	10	15	1	51	3.63	+0.88	2.24	1.8	9	16	7	7	7	7	nw.	
<i>West Central District</i>																						
<i>Audubon (near)</i>																						
Audubon	Audubon	1,297	35	52.7	+5.1	92	10	23	1	39	1.55	-1.57	0.48	0	8	13	8	9	9	9	nw.	George Kibby Mrs. Jos. J. Wolfe V. L. Byers Floyd H. Bainter Walter Bell
Carroll	Carroll	1,265	40	52.0	+3.5	89	10	18	1	41	2.63	-0.32	1.08	T.	8	14	6	10	10	10	se.	
Denison	Carroll	1,171	36	52.5	+3.3	88	10	20	1	42	2.55	-0.28	0.96	0	8	12	5	13	13	13	se.	
Guthrie Center	Guthrie	987	35	53.1	+3.7	92	10	22	1	48	1.36	-1.77	0.51	0	4	7	16	7	7	7	w.	
Harlan	Shelby	1,192	31	52.4	+3.4	91	10	22	1	44	1.20	-1.68	0.25	0	8	12	5	13	13	13	se.	
<i>Jefferson</i>																						
Little Sioux	Greene	1,052	31	52.1	+3.6	89	10	20	1	42	2.48	-0.37	1.05	0	7	9	8	13	13	13	sw.	
Logan	Harrison	1,040	25	54.0	+3.5	91	10	21	1	45	1.67	-1.00	0.42	0	9	10	10	10	10	10	nw.	
Onawa	Harrison	1,120	63	53.8	+3.0	93	10	25	1	41	1.69	-1.10	0.51	0	10	11	10	9	9	9	ne.	
Rockwell City	Monona	1,051	29	53.1	+3.0	88	10	19	1	46	3.00	+0.33	1.13	0	8	11	5	14	14	14	se.	
	Calhoun	1,232	34	51.0	+2.8	89	10	16	1	50	3.30	+0.25	0.76	T.	7	17	4	9	9	9	nw.	
<i>Sac City</i>																						
	Sac	1,209	54	51.8	+4.0	90	10	20	1	50	2.81	-0.13	1.00	0	8	10	8	12	12	12	se.	
Sioux City	Woodbury	1,135	41	52.8	+5.0	84	10	23	1	37	2.00	-0.70	0.74	0.1	12	9	5	16	16	16	se.	
Means and extremes				52.6	+3.6	93	10	16	1	50	2.19	-0.69	1.13	T.	8	11	8	11	11	11	se.	
<i>Central District</i>																						
<i>Ames</i>																						
Baxter	Story	926	53	52.6	+3.8	90	10	22	1	41	3.05	+0.07	1.10	0.5	7	17	3	10	10	10	s.	Iowa State College F. A. Kanne C. F. Henning U. S. Weather Bureau Mrs. Emma Sampson
Boone (near)	Jasper	998	30	52.7	+3.7	91	11	20	1	41	3.07	+0.01	0.98	0.4	10	16	4	10	10	10	nw.	
Des Moines	Boone	894	25	51.6	+2.6	92	10	21	1†	50	2.69	-0.19	1.07	T.	9	13	9	8	8	8	ne.	
Fort Dodge	Polk	861	52	53.6	+3.5	92	10	28	1	38	2.35	-0.56	1.04	0.2	10	8	9	13	13	13	e.	
	Webster	1,114	30	51.3	+3.7	90	10	17	1	41	3.12	+0.38	1.52	0	10	14	4	12	12	12	ne.	

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				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy		
<i>East Central District</i>																				
Belle Plaine.....	Benton .....	866	40	52.2	+ 2.8	93	10	22	1	45	2.75	- 0.66	1.44	0.5	10	17	6	7	nw.	O. C. Burrows
Cedar Rapids.....	Linn .....	737	48	52.2	+ 3.0	93	10	21	2	48	3.09	- 0.16	1.12	0	11	14	2	14	nw.	J. T. Wurster
Clinton.....	Clinton .....	595	57	52.2	+ 2.4	94	10	22	2	41	4.11	+ 1.07	1.15	T.	10	18	3	9	ne.	Dr. A. P. Bryant
Davenport.....	Scott .....	580	59	53.3	+ 3.4	91	11	31	1	35	2.96	+ 0.27	0.87	T.	10	13	8	9	nw.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fairport.....	Muscatine .....	567	9	54.0	+ 3.3	90	10	26	2	38	2.80	- 0.18	0.76	0	11	13	6	11	s.	Bureau of Fisheries
Iowa City.....	Johnson .....	733	70	52.4	+ 2.5	93	10	27	2	42	3.11	- 0.07	0.73	T.	11	15	6	9	nw.	Prof. J. F. Reilly
La Claire.....	Scott .....	576	30	52.4	+ 2.5	93	10	18	2	44	3.80	+ 0.92	0.76	T.	11	11	3	8	nw.	Margaret T. Disney
Maquoketa (near).....	Jackson .....	692	25	49.8	+ 2.5	93	10	18	2	44	4.20	+ 1.38	1.25	0.3	12	19	3	8	nw.	John Strodthoff
Muscatine.....	Muscatine .....	546	69	52.4	+ 2.5	93	10	18	2	44	2.47	- 0.81	0.42	0	10	13	3	8	nw.	William Molis
Olin.....	Jones .....	760	31	50.8	+ 1.6	93	10	20	2	46	2.94	+ 0.13	1.21	0	8	16	5	9	nw.	Mrs. L. Stingley
Tipton (near).....	Cedar .....	806	31	52.0	+ 2.0	94	10	21	2	40	4.45	+ 1.21	1.05	0	7	8	13	9	nw.	John Kroepfen
Williamsburg.....	Iowa .....	770	14	52.6	+ 3.6	93	10	25	1†	42	1.90	- 1.45	0.46	0	8	19	5	6	nw.	Dr. F. C. Schadt
Means and extremes.....				52.2	+ 2.8	94	10	18	2	48	3.22	+ 0.14	1.44	0.1	10	15	6	9	nw.	
<i>Southwest District</i>																				
Atlantic.....	Cass .....	1,110	39	53.4	+ 3.6	94	10	23	1†	50	1.84	- 1.30	0.56	0	9	12	7	11	s.	Roy L. Fancolly
Bedford.....	Taylor .....	1,200	2	53.4	+ 3.6	94	10	23	1†	50	2.58	- 0.28	0.98	0	10	13	6	11	sw.	Author L. Bishop
Clarinda.....	Page .....	1,009	40	55.2	+ 4.1	96	10	22	1	45	2.69	- 0.22	0.71	0	11	11	17	2	e.	Dr. H. C. Hawley
Corning.....	Adams .....	1,150	38	54.6	+ 5.3	92	11	22	1	58	1.18	- 1.95	0.50	0	5	12	14	4	se.	C. A. Smith
Cumberland (near).....	Cass .....	1,225	31	54.6	+ 5.3	92	11	22	1	58	2.02	- 0.72	0.56	0	9	14	5	11	se.	Carl E. Pollock
Glenwood.....	Mills .....	1,100	32	55.7	+ 4.4	94	10	26	1	44	2.16	- 0.73	0.56	0	11	13	5	12	se.	George Mogrige
Lenox.....	Taylor .....	1,250	35	54.6	+ 4.4	94	10	22	1	45	1.90	- 1.34	1.09	0	11	11	10	9	se.	J. L. Hurley
Oakland.....	Pottawattamie .....	1,139	11	53.8	+ 3.7	93	10	26	8	46	1.70	- 1.16	0.44	0	9	13	4	13	sw.	W. S. Mathews
Red Oak (near).....	Montgomery .....	1,030	5	53.8	+ 3.7	93	10	26	8	46	4.21	+ 1.15	1.00	0	13	12	10	8	nw.	B. R. Bridge
Riverton (near).....	Fremont .....	920	4	53.8	+ 3.7	93	10	26	8	46	2.64	- 0.34	0.99	0	11	15	3	12	ne.	Geo. C. Rader
Thurman.....	Fremont .....	960	33	56.2	+ 4.2	95	10	25	1	45	2.15	- 1.00	0.74	0	8	12	7	11	n.	H. H. Askew
Omaha, Neb.....	Fremont .....	1,105	59	55.9	+ 4.7	93	10	28	1	34	2.37	- 0.14	0.66	0	9	12	5	13	e.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Means and extremes.....				54.9	+ 4.3	96	10	22	1	58	2.29	- 0.67	1.09	0	10	12	8	10	se.	
<i>South Central District</i>																				
Afton.....	Union .....	1,212	36	54.2	+ 4.0	94	10	24	1†	41	2.38	- 1.12	1.28	0	9	15	5	10	sw.	S. R. Brown
Albia.....	Monroe .....	949	32	53.6	+ 2.9	91	10	26	1	38	1.63	- 1.45	0.72	0	9	16	3	11	nw.	O. E. McBride
Centerville.....	Appanoose .....	1,013	25	53.2	+ 1.2	90	10	27	1	34	1.45	- 2.05	0.48	0	11	12	9	9	nw.	Thomas Wood
Chariton (near).....	Lucas .....	1,042	35	53.4	+ 3.9	91	10	24	1	37	1.05	- 2.25	0.44	0	4	12	11	7	nw.	C. O. Burr
Corydon (near).....	Wayne .....	1,050	37	53.8	+ 3.3	90	10	26	1	39	1.43	- 1.98	0.91	0	6	13	2	15	ne.	J. C. Davis
Creston.....	Union .....	1,291	25	52.8	+ 3.3	91	10	24	1	39	2.60	- 0.83	1.06	0	9	9	10	11	sw.	Mrs. N. Spangler
Earlham (near).....	Madison .....	1,126	28	52.5	+ 3.8	92	10	25	1	47	2.20	- 1.15	1.15	0	5	16	2	12	s.	George Phillips
Indianola.....	Warren .....	972	39	54.0	+ 3.5	92	10	26	1	39	2.88	- 0.28	1.50	0	7	13	10	7	se.	Seth F. Shenton
Knoxville.....	Marion .....	920	35	53.4	+ 2.8	92	10	26	24	38	1.64	- 1.76	0.58	0	5	12	10	8	nw.	W. J. Casey
Lacona.....	Warren .....	824	31	53.4	+ 2.8	92	10	26	24	38	1.82	- 1.25	0.60	0	8	11	13	6	nw.	J. B. Alter
Lamoni.....	Decatur .....	1,123	23	53.9	+ 3.4	91	10	22	1	37	1.94	- 1.48	0.71	0	11	14	6	10	se.	F. S. Parks
Melrose.....	Monroe .....	871	1	53.9	+ 3.4	91	10	22	1	37	1.00	- 1.48	0.71	0	4	13	6	11	sw.	J. M. Carr
Mount Ayr.....	Ringgold .....	1,220	37	54.0	+ 3.8	91	10	25	1	42	2.70	- 0.66	1.14	0	8	16	6	8	s.	E. O. Gleason
Tingley.....	Ringgold .....	1,275	5	54.3	+ 4.6	92	10	24	1	38	2.45	- 0.93	1.31	0	8	14	6	10	ne.	James A. Verploegh
Winterset.....	Madison .....	1,118	39	53.4	+ 3.1	90	10	24	1	40	2.72	- 0.86	1.32	0	9	16	4	10	nw.	H. S. Ely
Means and extremes.....				53.5	+ 3.3	94	10	22	1	47	2.06	- 1.28	1.50	0	8	13	7	10	nw.	
<i>Southeast District</i>																				
Bonaparte (near).....	Van Buren .....	563	39	54.0	+ 3.2	91	10	26	2	40	1.62	- 1.58	0.54	0	6	16	6	8	nw.	B. R. Vale
Burlington.....	Des Moines .....	544	34	55.7	+ 3.6	93	10	30	2	40	2.43	- 0.67	1.27	0	9	14	9	7	sw.	John W. Donnelly
Columbus Junction.....	Louisa .....	595	29	53.2	+ 2.0	93	10	24	2	40	2.48	- 0.50	0.76	0	9	17	9	4	nw.	Miss Musa Todd
Fairfield.....	Jefferson .....	780	46	53.0	+ 2.9	92	10	26	2†	43	1.61	- 2.02	0.48	0	8	14	5	11	n.	R. M. McKenzie
Keokuk.....	Lee .....	614	59	56.8	+ 4.5	92	10	31	2	33	1.97	- 1.02	1.13	0	6	11	9	10	n.	U. S. Weather Bureau
Keokuk No. 2.....	Lee .....	651	1	57.0	+ 4.5	93	10	29	2	37	2.06	- 1.58	0.82	0	7	11	9	10	n.	J. N. D. Dickinson
Keosauqua.....	Van Buren .....	639	38	54.0	+ 2.9	92	11	22	2	42	1.71	- 1.68	1.00	0	6	12	11	7	nw.	Dr. J. W. Rinabarger
Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry .....	730	49	54.5	+ 3.0	92	10	27	2	39	2.33	- 0.64	0.63	0	9	12	11	7	nw.	J. H. Jericho
Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska .....	835	54	53.2	+ 3.1	92	10	27	1†	38	4.59	+ 1.74	1.54	T.	9	10	11	9	se.	Roy R. Robinson
Ottumwa.....	Wapello .....	649	35	54.4	+ 2.2	92	10	26	2	44	1.85	- 1.06	0.58	0	8	13	8	9	nw.	C. L. Mikes
Sigourney (near).....	Keokuk .....	790	34	53.0	+ 3.0	92	10	27	2	39	3.59	+ 0.31	1.18	0	8	14	5	11	ne.	W. E. Utterback
Stockport (near).....	Van Buren .....	747	28	52.5	+ 2.7	91	10†	24	2	42	2.20	- 0.92	0.54	0	9	17	5	8	nw.	C. L. Beswick
Washington.....	Washington .....	757	48	54.4	+ 3.7	94	10	27	2	40	1.63	- 0.78	0.78	0	5	13	7	10	e.	D. D. Sherman
Wever.....	Lee .....	552	2	56.4	+ 5.0	93	10	28	8	38	2.48	- 0.86	1.32	0	8	13	8	9	w.	H. G. Liddle
Means and extremes.....				54.4	+ 3.4	94	10	22	2	44	2.33	- 0.77	1.54	T.	8	14	8	8	nw.	
State means and extremes.....				52.1	+ 3.2	96	10	5	1	58	2.67	- 0.29	2.24	0.3	9	14	7	9	nw.	

Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the State, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 106 stations, was 52.1° or 3.2° above normal. There was an excess in all of the divisions of the State. The greatest excess, 4.3°, was in the north-central district, and the least, 2.0°, in the northeast district. The highest monthly mean was 57.0° at Keokuk No. 2, and the lowest was 48.0° at Decorah. The absolute range for the State

was 91°, from 5° at Afton on the 1st, to 96° at Clarinda on the 10th. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 90° or above, was 1, ranging from no days at 26 stations to 3 days at Wever. Maximum temperature of 32° or higher occurred at all stations. The average number of days with the minimum temperature 32° or below, was 8, ranging from 2 days at 6 stations to 12 days at 5 stations. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 58° at Corning, on the 8th.

Daily Precipitation for April, 1930

Stations	Drainage Basin	Day of Month																														Totals		
		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	
<i>Northwest District</i>																																		
Akron.....	Bix Sioux.....											T.				.13		.32	.10		.29	.01						.10	.25	.08		1.28		
Alta     .....	Raccoon.....											.05	.50	.24		.75	.12	T.	1.15									.05	.36	.22		3.44		
Alton.....	Floyd.....										T.	.11	.11	T.	.42	T.	.32	.20									.02	.03	.40	.20		1.70		
Cherokee.....	Little Sioux.....	T.									T.	.11	.17	.07	.69	.12	.70	.49									T.	.07	.26	.30		2.98		
Estherville     .....	Des Moines.....	.10									.10	.05	T.	.65	.03	.20	.25	.80										.05	.25	.05		2.53		
Hawarden.....	Big Sioux.....										T.			T.	.09	.51	.11	.46	.29									.12	.10	T.	.31	.10	2.09	
Inwood (near)     .....	Big Sioux.....										.03	T.			.01	.39	.34	.01	.36									.13	.18	.09		1.54		
Lake Park (near).....	Little Sioux.....										.19				.30	.15	.44	.15											.22	.09	.07		1.91	
Le Mars.....	Floyd.....	.04									.06	T.	.03	.23	T.	.34	.07	.39	.36								.04	.08	T.	.45	.16		2.25	
Marathon.....	Raccoon.....										.07	.03		.15	T.	.36	.07		1.19								.09	T.	.16	.17	.11		2.40	
Pocahontas.....	Des Moines.....	.05									.05	.02		.45	.06	.35		.66	.58											.16	.18		2.56	
Rock Rapids.....	Big Sioux.....	.08									.08	.02		.63	.18	.20	.33										.03			.18	.15		1.80	
Sanborn.....	Floyd.....	.50									.15	.10		.06	.47	.16	.80	.35											.06	.19	.39		3.23	
Sheldon.....	Floyd.....										.01	.34		.11	T.	.48	.05	.49	.26									T.	.06	.19	.27		2.27	
Sioux Center.....	Floyd.....												.40		.40	.12	.35	.34									.05	.07	.25	.35		2.33		
Spencer.....	Little Sioux.....	.04									.10	.02		.11	T.	.35	.17	.78	.70									.10	.45	.09		2.91		
Storm Lake.....	Raccoon.....										.03	.44		.25	.16	.41	.03	.73	.44								T.	T.	.39	.19		3.07		
Washa.....	Little Sioux.....	T.									.09	.25		.29	.02	.68		.45	.53								T.	.12	.25	.16		2.87		
West Bend.....	Des Moines.....	.02									.10			.20	.68		.68	.55										.01	.26	.28		2.78		
<i>North Central District</i>																																		
Algona.....	Des Moines.....														.83	.21	.95	.15	.90	.12								.02	.45	.40		4.03		
Allison.....	Cedar.....	.14												.61	.83	.04	.10	.03	.36	.12								T.		.26		3.49		
Belmond.....	Iowa.....										.05			.90	.13	.10	.05	.13	.70	.62									.03	.70		3.13		
Britt.....	Iowa.....	T.									.37			.71	.05	.48	.12	.46	.49	.03									.10	.54		3.35		
Charles City***.....	Cedar.....										.02			1.50	.10	.13	.08	.57	.13									T.	.15	.22		3.47		
Forest City     .....	Cedar.....	.16										.26		.76	.04	.31	.16		.84									.02	.01	.35		2.91		
Hampton.....	Cedar.....	.02										.23		.74	.18	.19	.02	*	1.32								.03	.03	.30		3.03			
Humboldt.....	Des Moines.....	T.									T.	T.	T.	.83	.04	.98		.45	.13										.46	.08		2.97		
Mason City.....	Cedar.....	.13									.02	T.		.91	.26	.26	.08	.46	.33									T.	.45		2.90			
Northwood.....	Cedar.....	.10									.12	.03		.10	.70	.90		.40	.18								.10	.02	.80		3.45			
Osage.....	Cedar.....	.20										.06		1.08		.55	.07	.25	.33											.25		2.79		
<i>Northeast District</i>																																		
Cedar Falls.....	Cedar.....	.26											.34		.80	.24		T.	.20	1.60								.03		.46		3.93		
Decorah     .....	Mississippi.....	.06									.10		.02	.58	.96	.41	.36	.02	.23									.02	.11	.04		2.76		
Dubuque***.....	Mississippi.....	.16									.11			2.08	.38	.21	T.	.24	.90									.07		.11	.04	4.34		
Fayette.....	Mississippi.....												.30		1.61	.17	.02	.01	.11	1.40								.08		.10		4.02		
Independence.....	Wapsipicon.....	.22																	.11	.40										.10				
Lansing     .....	Mississippi.....	.19										.11		.22	.90	.19	.11	.08	.18	.02	T.								.01		2.04			
New Hampton.....	Wapsipicon.....	.15									T.			1.33	.26	T.	.05	.11	.85									T.	T.	.32		3.07		
Oelwein.....	Wapsipicon.....												.80		1.10	.25			1.55										.40		4.10			
Postville (near).....	Mississippi.....	.25									T.		.10		2.24	.24			1.04	1.04							T.	.02	.12		4.13			
Waterloo     .....	Cedar.....	.20											.44		.60	.96	.16		1.60	.01								T.	.02	.05		4.04		
Waverly.....	Cedar.....	.18											.80		.90	.14	.03		.30	1.19								T.		.37		3.91		
<i>West Central District</i>																																		
Audubon (near).....	Nishnabotna.....												.10		.48	.11	.11		.15	.25								T.	T.	.20	.15	1.55		
Carroll     .....	Raccoon.....	.02										T.	T.	.56	.02	.54			1.08									.06	T.	.10	.25	2.63		
Denison.....	Missouri.....										T.	T.	.10		.44	.30		.40	.46									.10	.27	.48		2.55		
Guthrie Center.....	Raccoon.....												.30						.43											.51	.12	1.36		
Harlan.....	Nishnabotna.....										T.	.12		.21	.05	.08		.19	.13						T.		T.	T.	.17	.25		1.20		
Jefferson.....	Raccoon.....												.20		.55	.06		.24	.81											.45	.17	2.48		
Little Sioux.....	Little Sioux.....										T.	.02		.14		.41		.29	.13									.08	.13	.30	.17	1.67		
Logan.....	Missouri.....										.04		.41		.06	.11	T.	.16	.09								.05	.06	.51	.20	1.69			
Onawa.....	Missouri.....										T.	T.	T.	.57	T.	1.13		.25	.38									.10	.10	.23	.21	3.00		
Rockwell City.....	Raccoon.....	T.											.76		.10	.65		.65	.33										.30	.51		3.30		
Sac City.....	Raccoon.....										T.	.10		.35	.22	.40		.40	.60										.09	.65		2.81		
Sioux City***.....	Missouri.....										.04		T.	.15	T.	.11	.34	.02	.38	.20							T.	.10	.05	.12	.27	.02	2.00	
<i>Central District</i>																																		
Ames.....	Skunk.....	.05													.90	.40	.30		.10	1.10										.20		3.05		
Baxter.....	Skunk.....	.04											.50		.98	.28	.01		.10	.73									.09	.18	.20		3.07	
Boone (near)     .....	Des Moines.....	.02											.07	.19	.61	.44	.15	T.	1.07										.02	.12		2.69		
Des Moines***.....	Des Moines.....	T.									.07	.11	T.	1.04	.24	.04	T.	.05	.57								T.	.03	T.	.15	.05	2.35		
Fort Dodge     .....	Des Moines.....	.03											.04		.86	.02	.34	.02	1.52									.01	.03	.25		3.12		
Grinnell.....	Iowa.....										T.		.32	.02	.85	.58			.02	1.45								.04	.01	.13		3.42		
Grundy Center.....	Cedar.....	.20									T.	.25		.80	.30			.50	1.05									.03	.04	.50		3.63		
Iowa Falls     .....	Iowa.....	.25									T.	.34		.34	.42	.35	.05		2.00									.04	.09		3.88			
Marshalltown     .....	Iowa.....	.08									T.	.02	.12	.32	.50	.24	T.		.98	.02								T.	.03	.09		2.40		
Monroe.....	Des Moines.....										T.	.77		.64	.23	T.			T.	1.13								T.	.05	.11	.06		2.99	
Perry.....	Raccoon.....										T.	.04		.93	T.	.03		.03	.46										.10	.23	.14		1.86	
Toledo.....	Iowa.....	.15									T.	.20	T.	.80	.13	.02		.10	1.52									T.	T.	.25		3.27		
Van Meter     .....	Raccoon.....											.18		.60	.37	.10			.															

Daily Precipitation for April, 1930—Continued

Table with columns for Stations, Drainage Basin, and Day of Month (1-31). Rows list various stations like Southwest District, South Central District, and Southeast District.

Except as otherwise indicated, observations are generally made late in the afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for 24 hours ending at the time of observation.
Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for preceding 24 hours, except amount measured on April 1, is for preceding 12 hours.

PRESSURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND SUNSHINE

Table with columns for Stations, Barometric Pressure (Mean, Highest, Date, Lowest), Relative Humidity (Mean, 7 A. M., 12 Noon, 7 P. M., Lowest), Wind (Total movement, Average hourly velocity, Maximum, Miles, From, Date), and Sunshine (% possible, Departure from normal).

§Dubuque \*Davenport †Sioux City ‡Local mean time †And other dates.
January 1, 1928, 3-cup anemometers replaced 4-cup instruments. See Climatological Data, January, 1928, page 7.

PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 119 stations, was 2.67 inches, or 0.29 inch below normal.

one station, was at Chariton. The greatest excess in the State was 1.74 inches at Oskaloosa. The greatest amount at a single station was 4.59 inches at Oskaloosa, and the least was 1.05 inches at Chariton.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

- Aurora: 7th.
Birds (Migration of): Webster City, martins on 4th; Earlham, mocking birds on 26th; Riverton, wrens on 28th.
Coronas, Lunar: 10th, 13th.
Dust Storm: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th.
Eclipse of Sun, partial: 28th.
Fog: 3d, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 28th, 29th.
Frost, light: 3d, 7th, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th.
Frost, heavy: 2d, 3d, 19th, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th.
Frost, killing: 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 19th, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th.
Gales: 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th.
Hail, light: 12th.
Hail, moderate: 17th, 18th, 30th.
Halos, lunar: 9th, 11th, 12th.
Halos, solar: 4th, 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 22d, 25th, 26th, 29th.
Rainbows: 4th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th, 25th, 26th, 29th.
Haze: 12th.
Sleet: 1st, 19th.
Thunderstorms: 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 29th, 30th.

Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of April, 1930

Table with columns for Stations, days 1-31, and Mean. Rows include Northern Division (Algona, Alta, Alton, Belmont, Charles City, Decorah, Dubuque, Forest City, Independence, Inwood, Lake Park, Mason City, New Hampton, Northwood, Pocahontas, Postville, Rock Rapids) and Central Division (Ames, Belle Plaine, Carroll, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Ft. Dodge, Grinnell, Guthrie Center, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Little Sioux, Marshalltown, Olin, Sioux City) and Southern Division (Albia, Atlantic, Burlington, Columbus Jct., Corning, Corydon, Creston, Fairfield, Keokuk, Knoxville, Lamoni, Sigourney, Thurman, Winterset, Omaha, Neb.).

**WIND VELOCITY CONVERSION TABLE**

In Miles Per Hour

To convert 4-cup anemometer records into 3-cup anemometer equivalents.

4-cup record	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	3-cup equivalents									
0.....			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.....	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17
20.....	18	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25
30.....	26	26	27	28	29	30	30	31	32	33
40.....	33	34	35	36	36	37	38	39	40	40
50.....	41	42	43	44	44	45	46	47	47	48
60.....	49	50	51	51	52	53	54	54	55	56
70.....	57	57	58	59	60	60	61	62	63	64
80.....	64	65	66	67	67	68	69	70	71	71
90.....	72	73	74	74	75	76	77	78	78	79

(Combination of Tables 1 and 2, published in Climatological Data, January 1, 1928, page 7.)

**SNOWFALL**

The average snowfall for the State was 0.3 inch, or 1.6 inches below normal. The greatest total snowfall for the month at any one station was 3.1 inches at Cedar Falls. There were 15 stations that received only a trace of snow for the month, and 76 stations received none. The greatest snowfall in 24 hours was 3.1 inches at Cedar Falls on the 1st.

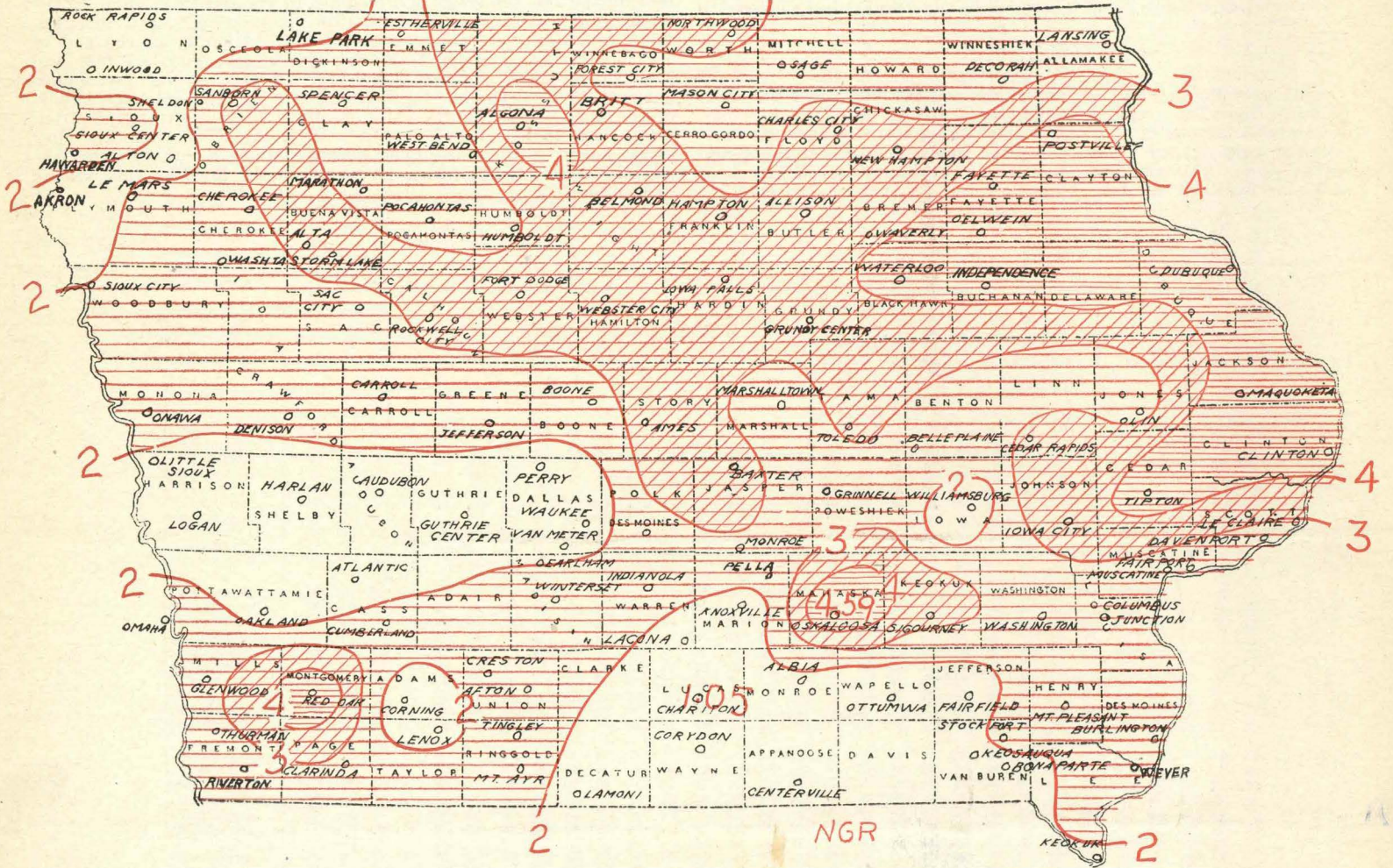
**RIVERS**

Moderately low stages prevailed on all the interior streams, with little fluctuation. At Des Moines the extreme stages were 1.7 feet and 3.4 feet, and the average stage was 2.2 feet, or 2.4 feet below normal.

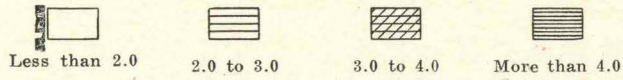
The Missouri River stages averaged nearly normal. At Sioux City the extreme stages were 6.3 feet and 9.6 feet, and the average stage was 7.2 feet, or 1.7 feet below normal. At Omaha the extreme stages were 9.1 feet and 12.1 feet, and the average stage was 9.8 feet, or 1.4 feet above normal.

On the Mississippi River stages were exceptionally low. At Dubuque the average stage was 5.1 feet, or considerably lower than the average for March, and nearly four feet lower than the past average for April. Starting at the maximum for the month, or 6.1 feet on the 1st, the stage fell steadily to the lowest reading of the month, 4.4 feet on the 14th and 15th. It then rose until the 21st, after which date it remained practically stationary to the end of the month. At Davenport the extreme stages were 3.7 feet and 5.5 feet, and the average stage was 4.6 feet, or 3.2 feet below normal. At Keokuk the stages fell rather steadily until the middle of the month when heavy rains occurred in the drainage district. There was then a rising tendency until the 27th, when the flow again began to decrease. The average stage for the month was slightly over 3 feet, which is exceptionally low for this season of the year.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION APRIL, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES





331.5  
m

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# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA.

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### GENERAL SUMMARY

The chief characteristics of May, 1930, were the unusually late frosts and the record number of tornadoes.

Temperatures averaged nearly normal, which rarely occurs. The minimum temperatures at all stations occurred after the 17th. The maximum temperatures also occurred mostly toward the close of the month. Stations in the lower Des Moines and Iowa River valleys recorded the highest monthly mean temperatures.

Precipitation averaged below normal. With only a few exceptions, the entire State was below normal, except the extreme northwestern portion, the eastern half of the southwest district, and the upper Cedar River Valley. There were no well defined precipitation periods during the month, but the heaviest daily falls occurred during the period, 6th to 12th.

May was not entirely favorable for agriculture. Heavy, general rains in the week ending the 12 h delayed corn planting and the cool, cloudy week that followed caused slow germination and growth and lengthened the exposure to attacks of grubs, wire-worms, cutworms, squirrels, mice, rotting, etc., which necessitated much re-planting. However, the warm dry April preceding had advanced the preparation of an excellent seed bed ahead of the normal, and planting went forward rapidly whenever there were a few favorable hours. On the 15th, 57 per cent of the planting had been done, or 6 per cent more than the normal, and on June 1, 97 per cent, or 3 per cent above normal. Reckoned in days, planting was two days earlier than usual on the 15th, and three days earlier on June 1.

In southern Iowa considerable corn had been cultivated twice and in some localities the third plowing had been started. Winter wheat was heading in the southern counties, shooting in the central counties, and looked well generally. Oats were beginning to head in sections as far north as Marshall County, and mostly doing well but needed rain. Hay crops were in serious need of rain by the end of the month. Alfalfa had made good growth and cutting was started in many localities. Strawberries and gardens were in good condition considering they had withstood the cool weather and being frequently nipped by frost. Young animals and chicks did not do so good during the first half of the month, but greatly improved during the last half. Some serious but scattered outbreaks of hog cholera existed and steps to immunize pigs by vaccination had been taken.

Frosts were frequent during the last half of May. The last killing frost of the season occurred on the 17th and

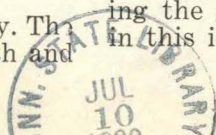
YEAR	Temperature				Precipitation				Number of Days				
	Mean	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Total	Departure	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With pre. .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
1873.....	56.5	- 3.6	86	38	5.99	+ 1.41	9.10	3.42					
1874.....	64.1	+ 4.0	94	41	1.88	- 2.70	4.49	0.50					
1875.....	60.5	+ 0.4	91	26	2.94	- 1.64	6.70	1.63					
1876.....	61.1	+ 1.0	90	32	2.84	- 1.74	7.38	1.09					
1877.....	60.3	+ 0.2	92	29	4.30	- 0.28	11.00	1.60					
1878.....	55.7	+ 4.4	88	32	5.01	+ 0.43	11.95	2.14					
1879.....	62.9	+ 2.8	93	26	4.38	- 0.20	8.70	1.40					
1880.....	66.3	+ 6.2	96	37	4.06	- 0.52	8.45	1.47					
1881.....	66.7	+ 6.6	95	35	3.73	- 0.85	9.30	0.40					
1882.....	54.3	- 5.8	83	24	5.42	+ 0.84	12.55	1.50					
1883.....	51.6	- 5.5	90	31	6.25	+ 1.67	11.68	1.30					
1884.....	59.6	- 0.5	88	33	3.15	- 1.43	6.36	1.00					
1885.....	57.4	- 2.7	86	27	3.44	- 1.14	9.33	1.05					
1886.....	62.5	+ 2.4	96	30	3.38	- 1.20	7.63	1.30					
1887.....	64.6	+ 4.5	96	34	1.55	- 3.03	5.84	0					
1888.....	53.8	- 6.3	88	22	6.58	+ 2.00	10.85	2.00					
1889.....	59.2	- 0.9	92	22	4.06	- 0.52	8.54	1.40					
1890.....	56.5	- 3.6	96	26	3.64	- 0.94	6.44	1.60					
1891.....	58.3	- 1.8	94	21	3.18	- 1.40	7.10	1.46					
1892.....	51.0	- 6.1	88	29	8.77	+ 4.19	12.64	4.87	T.	16	5	9	17
1893.....	56.6	- 3.5	96	26	3.45	- 1.13	5.82	1.63		0	9	13	9
1894.....	61.1	+ 1.0	96	22	1.87	- 2.71	4.77	0.33		0	6	17	10
1895.....	61.7	+ 1.6	104	24	3.19	- 1.39	5.79	0.84		0	9	11	12
1896.....	65.5	+ 5.4	100	34	6.69	+ 2.11	11.79	3.40		0	12	11	12
1897.....	58.5	- 1.6	96	20	1.92	- 2.66	3.59	0.21		0	5	16	10
1898.....	59.6	- 0.5	92	26	4.67	+ 0.09	7.82	2.22		0	12	9	10
1899.....	60.2	+ 0.1	90	27	6.23	+ 1.65	11.47	3.09		0	13	9	12
1900.....	63.2	+ 3.1	98	22	3.31	- 1.27	6.98	0.96		0	8	14	10
1901.....	60.7	+ 0.6	95	28	2.35	- 2.23	4.57	0.72		0	7	16	9
1902.....	63.8	+ 3.7	97	25	5.39	+ 0.81	18.04	0.87		0	13	10	12
1903.....	61.6	+ 1.5	91	24	8.55	+ 3.97	15.45	2.88		0	16	9	12
1904.....	59.6	- 0.5	93	27	3.78	- 0.80	8.15	1.50		0	8	13	10
1905.....	58.3	- 1.8	88	28	5.95	+ 1.37	10.83	2.57		0	14	12	11
1906.....	60.8	+ 0.7	95	24	3.54	- 1.04	10.72	0.89		0	11	13	10
1907.....	53.5	- 6.6	96	14	3.48	- 1.10	7.68	0.71	1.0	0	10	11	10
1908.....	59.4	- 0.7	93	13	8.34	+ 3.76	14.33	1.33		0	15	9	11
1909.....	57.9	- 2.2	97	18	4.34	- 0.24	7.85	1.86	0.1	9	12	12	7
1910.....	55.4	- 4.7	89	18	3.41	- 1.17	6.91	1.29	T.	10	15	7	9
1911.....	64.9	+ 4.8	98	23	3.76	- 0.82	8.73	0.42	0.7	9	16	9	6
1912.....	62.7	+ 2.6	97	29	3.33	- 1.25	6.41	0.72		0	10	14	11
1913.....	59.4	- 0.7	102	30	6.24	+ 1.66	10.25	3.14		0	13	11	8
1914.....	62.2	+ 2.1	98	25	3.31	- 1.27	6.90	0.30	T.	10	14	11	6
1915.....	56.1	- 4.0	99	25	7.34	+ 2.76	13.21	3.82	T.	14	9	9	13
1916.....	59.9	- 0.2	94	27	4.93	+ 0.35	10.44	2.14	T.	12	13	10	8
1917.....	55.1	- 5.0	95	18	3.87	- 0.71	7.33	1.69	0.6	10	15	8	8
1918.....	64.9	+ 4.8	98	25	6.87	+ 2.29	11.98	2.72	T.	13	13	11	7
1919.....	58.2	- 1.9	93	30	3.11	- 1.47	7.14	0.73		0	9	13	11
1920.....	59.4	- 0.7	89	29	3.26	- 1.32	5.73	0.62		0	8	11	9
1921.....	63.3	+ 3.2	99	25	4.23	- 0.35	9.41	1.32		0	10	14	10
1922.....	63.4	+ 3.3	91	34	3.53	- 1.05	8.36	0.47		0	12	13	10
1923.....	59.6	- 0.5	90	20	2.84	- 1.74	6.55	1.07	T.	10	14	10	7
1924.....	54.1	- 6.0	94	26	1.71	- 2.87	3.28	0.78	0.1	9	13	9	9
1925.....	57.8	- 2.3	102	20	1.16	- 3.42	2.62	0.30	T.	6	19	8	4
1926.....	64.5	+ 4.4	97	25	2.76	- 1.82	6.83	0.52		0	9	15	11
1927.....	58.4	- 1.7	91	30	4.69	+ 0.11	9.07	0.86	T.	11	10	10	11
1928.....	62.6	+ 2.5	93	26	2.47	- 2.11	6.19	0.61		0	8	17	8
1929.....	57.7	- 2.4	91	24	2.47	- 2.11	5.79	0.82	T.	8	11	12	8
1930.....	60.2	+ 0.1	91	26	3.72	- 0.86	7.20	1.61	T.	11	14	7	10

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

18th at nearly all the stations. Heavy frost occurred on the 17th, 24th and 30th, and light frosts were frequent even to the end of the month. While the frosts occurred unusually late, they were not unprecedented.

For the most part, May was a very stormy month. An unusual large number of severe storms occurred and several were very destructive. During May there were 19 tornadoes, having a total path of 120 miles. This is the greatest number of tornadoes recorded in any month since careful records have been compiled. The tornadoes causing the greatest damage are treated in detail elsewhere in this issue.

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Climatological Data for May, 1930—Continued

STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit							Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days			Prevailing direction of wind	OBSERVERS	
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy			Cloudy
<i>East Central District</i>																				
Bella Plaine	Benton	866	40	60.8	+ 0.4	88	21	32	17	38	5.32	+ 0.51	1.85	0	14	12	10	9	sw.	O. C. Burrows J. T. Wurster Dr. A. P. Bryant U. S. Weather Bureau Bureau of Fisheries
Cedar Rapids	Linn	737	48	61.2	+ 0.5	90	21	32	17	40	5.28	+ 0.58	3.10	0	13	12	0	19	sw.	
Clinton	Clinton	595	57	62.4	+ 1.3	88	21	35	17	37	2.25	- 2.35	1.06	0	13	12	9	10	s.	
Davenport	Scott	580	59	62.8	+ 1.5	88	21	39	18	33	2.13	- 1.81	0.83	0	9	9	13	9	sw.	
Fairport	Muscatine	567	9	62.8	+ 0.9	87	21†	37	17	36	2.47	- 1.71	0.70	0	13	12	11	8	s.	
Iowa City	Johnson	733	70	61.8	+ 1.5	87	9†	35	17	35	3.09	- 1.44	1.10	0	13	10	13	8	se.	
Le Claire	Scott	576	30								2.42	- 1.99	1.09	0	11				sw.	Prof. J. F. Reilly Margaret T. Disney John Strodthoff William Molis Mrs. L. Stingley
Maquoketa (near)	Jackson	692	25	59.8	+ 0.8	86	21	30	17	40	3.57	- 0.93	1.58	0	11	15	3	13	sw.	
Muscatine	Muscatine	546	69								1.82	- 2.60	0.55	0	11				sw.	
Olh	Jones	760	31	60.1	- 0.2	86	21	32	17	38	3.85	- 0.84	0.80	0	8	15	7	9	sw.	
Tipton (near)	Cedar	806	31	62.0	+ 1.2	90	21	32	24	38	2.76	- 2.13	0.78	0	8	8	15	8	s.	John Kroepfen Dr. F. C. Schadt
Williamsburg	Iowa	770	14	61.9	+ 2.1	88	21	33	30	38	3.67	- 0.93	1.78	0	10	17	7	7	se.	
Means and extremes				61.6	+ 1.0	90	21	30	17	40	3.22	- 1.30	3.10	0	11	12	9	10	sw.	
<i>Southwest District</i>																				
Atlantic	Cass	1,110	39	59.6	- 1.1	89	27	33	24†	44	3.26	- 0.97	1.50	0	11	12	9	10	sw.	Roy L. Fancolly Athur L. Bishop Dr. H. C. Hawley C. A. Smith Carl E. Pollock
Bedford	Taylor	1,200	2								4.66	+ 0.07	1.30	0	12	16	3	12	nw.	
Clarinda	Page	1,009	40	61.5	- 1.4	90	27	36	30	43	4.92	- 0.03	2.01	0	13	18	10	3	w.	
Corning	Adams	1,150	38	60.4	- 0.1	90	26	35	29†	46	7.20	+ 2.16	3.66	0	8	13	13	5	sw.	
Cumberland (near)	Cass	1,225	31								3.26	- 0.92	0.88	0	11	15	3	13	sw.	
Glenwood	Mills	1,100	32	61.3	0.0	88	21	38	17†	38	3.60	- 1.01	1.64	0	11	16	5	10	se.	
Lenox	Taylor	1,250	35	61.8	- 0.1	91	27	37	17†	39	5.06	+ 0.38	1.32	0	11	17	4	10	s.	George Mogridge J. L. Hurlley W. S. Mathews B. R. Bridge Geo. C. Rader
Oakland	Pottawattamie	1,139	11	61.6	+ 0.4	87	21	36	30	37	2.25	- 2.06	0.92	0	7	17	0	14	sw.	
Red Oak (near)	Montgomery	1,030	5								3.03	- 1.72	0.66	0	9	15	7	9	s.	
Riverton (near)	Fremont	920	4								4.16	- 0.64	1.46	0	10	11	8	12	s.	
Thurman	Fremont	960	33	61.8	- 0.9	88	21	38	30	38	3.24	- 1.71	0.77	0	7	16	2	13	s.	H. H. Askew U. S. Weather Bureau
Omaha, Neb.		1,105	59	61.6	- 0.8	89	21	38	18	36	2.74	- 1.03	0.88	0	10	14	7	10	s.	
Means and extremes				61.2	- 0.5	91	27	33	24†	46	3.95	- 0.62	3.66	0	10	15	6	10	s.	
<i>South Central District</i>																				
Afton	Union	1,212	36	61.2	- 0.2	87	27	38	17†	37	4.80	+ 0.03	1.28	0	12	14	7	10	sw.	S. R. Brown O. E. McBride Thomas Wood C. C. Burr J. C. Davis
Albia	Monroe	949	32	61.7	+ 0.4	87	27	38	17†	33	3.85	- 1.14	1.22	0	10	13	9	9	nw.	
Centerville	Appanoose	1,013	25	61.2	- 0.2	83	27†	38	18	33	3.20	- 1.39	1.07	0	12	14	6	11	sw.	
Chariton (near)	Lucas	1,042	35	61.2	+ 1.1	86	27	37	18†	37	3.19	- 1.33	0.99	0	7	12	13	6	sw.	
Corydon (near)	Wayne	1,050	37	60.8	- 0.5	84	9†	38	18	33	4.03	- 0.64	1.67	T.	10	14	6	11	sw.	
Creston	Union	1,291	25	59.9	- 0.8	88	27	37	17†	35	3.92	- 0.62	1.24	0	13	10	10	11	s.	
Earlham (near)	Madison	1,126	28	60.4	+ 0.2	85	21†	35	24†	39	3.27	- 1.17	1.13	0	9	16	4	11	sw.	Mrs. N. Spangler George Phillips Seth F. Shenton W. J. Casey J. B. Alter
Indianola	Warren	972	39	62.0	+ 0.5	88	27	38	17†	36	3.32	- 1.13	0.76	0	9	15	5	11	s.	
Knoxville	Marion	920	35	61.6	+ 0.1	87	21†	38	17	33	3.46	- 0.79	0.97	0	10	13	12	6	se.	
Lacona	Warren	824	31								3.30	- 1.53	1.32	0	12	14	11	6		
Lamoni	Decatur	1,123	23	60.4	- 0.8	86	27	36	18	36	3.66	- 1.29	1.22	0	11	16	6	9	se.	
Melrose	Monroe	871	1								4.92	- 1.10	1.10	0	10	10	4	17	sw.	
Mount Ayr	Ringgold	1,220	37	60.2	- 1.1	86	27	37	17†	36	4.21	- 1.26	0.98	0	9	18	6	7	s.	F. S. Parks J. M. Carr E. O. Gleason James A. Verploegh H. S. Ely
Tingley	Ringgold	1,275	5	60.9	+ 0.5	86	27	37	18	37	5.27	+ 0.30	1.95	0	10	16	5	10	se.	
Winterset	Madison	1,118	39	61.2	- 0.4	88	27	36	30	37	4.25	- 0.27	1.65	0	11	18	4	9	sw.	
Means and extremes				61.0	- 0.1	88	27	35	24†	39	3.91	- 0.78	1.95	T.	10	14	7	10	sw.	
<i>Southeast District</i>																				
Bonaparte (near)	Van Buren	563	39	62.4	+ 1.1	87	27	37	18†	34	2.62	- 2.01	0.76	0	9	18	2	11	sw.	B. R. Vale John W. Donnelly Miss Musa Todd R. M. McKenzie U. S. Weather Bureau
Burlington	Des Moines	544	34	64.6	+ 1.7	90	9†	38	18	34	2.39	- 2.14	0.90	0	11	18	5	8	sw.	
Columbus Junction	Louisa	595	29	61.6	- 0.6	86	21†	37	17†	35	1.61	- 2.70	0.52	0	10	15	13	3	se.	
Fairfield	Jefferson	780	46	61.6	+ 0.5	87	9†	36	30	39	2.73	- 2.71	0.68	0	12	12	7	12	sw.	
Keokuk	Lee	614	59	63.8	0.0	89	21	38	17	30	2.18	- 1.75	0.51	0	13	15	7	9	s.	
Keokuk No. 2	Lee	651	1	64.8		90	21	39	18	34	2.98		0.55	0	12				sw.	
Keosauqua	Van Buren	639	38	62.2	+ 0.9	87	27	35	19	37	3.22	- 1.66	1.10	0	8	13	12	6	se.	J. N. D. Dickinson Dr. J. W. Rinabarger J. H. Jericho Roy R. Robinson C. L. Mikesch
Mt. Pleasant	Henry	730	49	63.3	+ 0.8	89	21	38	18†	33	1.65	- 2.97	0.67	0	7	15	10	6	sw.	
Oskaloosa	Mahaska	835	54	61.3	+ 0.1	88	27	36	17	34	4.08	- 0.17	1.54	T.	14	13	9	9	se.	
Ottumwa	Wapello	649	35	63.4	+ 0.4	89	27	39	18	36	3.13	- 1.52	0.99	0	10	16	4	11	sw.	
Sigourney (near)	Keokuk	790	31	61.6	+ 0.8	87	27	37	17	33	4.30	+ 0.03	1.56	0	10	14	7	10	sw.	W. E. Utterback C. D. Beswick D. L. Sherman H. G. Liddle
Stockport (near)	Van Buren	747	28	62.4	+ 1.9	87	26†	37	18†	39	2.90	- 1.76	0.66	0	11	16	9	6	s.	
Washington	Washington	757	48	63.2	+ 1.7	88	27	37	17	41	2.45	- 1.71	0.80	0	7	13	9	9	nw.	
Wever	Lee	552	2	64.0		90	21	39	18†	33	2.78		0.80	0	9	13	8	10	s.	
Means and extremes				62.9	+ 1.1	90	9†	35	19	41	2.79	- 1.74	1.56	T.	10	15	8	8	sw.	
State means and extremes				60.2	+ 0.1	91	27	26	17	48	3.72	- 0.86	3.66	T.	11	14	7	10	sw.	

Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the State, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 105 stations, was 60.2° or 0.1° above normal. The greatest excess, 1.1°, was in the southeast district, and the greatest deficiency, 0.5°, in the southwest district. The highest monthly mean was 64.8° at Keokuk No. 2, and the lowest 56.6° at Sanborn. The absolute range for the State was 65°, from 26° at Sanborn on the 17th, to

91° at Denison and Lenox on the 27th. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 90° or above, was zero, ranging from no days at 95 stations to 2 days at Burlington. At no station was there a daily maximum temperature lower than 32°. The average number of days with the minimum temperature 32° or below, was zero, ranging from 3 days at Estherville, to no days at 60 stations. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 48° at Washta on the 24th.

Daily Precipitation for May, 1930

Stations	Drainage Basin	Day of Month																															Totals	
		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		
<i>Northwest District</i>																																		
Akron	Big Sioux	.12				.28	2.10		1.85	1.09	.22	.02							.17	.02												.12		5.99
Alta	Raccoon	.05	.30		.13	.05	.54		.20	.72	1.00	.32	.31		T.					.07				.04						.03			3.76	
Alton	Floyd	.05				1.08	1.62		.68	.61	.16	.03	.01						.08			.01									.02		4.35	
Cherokee	Little Sioux	.80		.02		.12	.77	T.	1.61	.53	.90	.03	.01	T.	T.			T.	.10	.01		T.	.05							.01		4.96		
Estherville	Des Moines	.06	.65		.03	.02	.30	.45	.10	.27	1.05	.43	.32							.20													3.88	
Hawarden	Big Sioux	.03			.03	.34	2.00		1.48	1.57	.50	.10							T.	.08	.01												6.14	
Inwood (near)	Big Sioux	.11				.01	1.22		.28	1.11	.96	.19	.01	T.					T.	.08													4.51	
Lake Park (near)	Little Sioux	.14				.50	1.20		.72	1.40	.50	.07								.12													4.65	
Le Mars	Floyd	.32			.01	1.43	2.41		.95	.52	.18	.04							T.	.09	.04									.06			6.05	
Marathon	Raccoon	.24		.05		.53	.26		.37	2.24	1.21	.12	.02	T.	T.				T.	.06	.03	.10											5.23	
Pocahontas	Des Moines	.12				.20	1.01		.97	.90	.08								.12				.03								T.		3.43	
Rock Rapids	Big Sioux					.15	2.18		2.22	.80	.35	.08							.05														5.83	
Sanborn	Floyd	.10			.02	.47	1.96		.86	.47	.68	.07	.03						.12				.04										4.82	
Sheldon	Floyd	.19				.45	2.86		.87	.67	.09	.02		.01					T.	.11													5.27	
Sioux Center	Floyd	.18				.35	2.50		1.40	.60	.20								T.	.11													5.23	
Spencer	Little Sioux	.20	.35		.03	.35	.50	.01	.38	1.60	.78	.05		T.					.02			.02	.62										4.31	
Storm Lake	Raccoon	.29			.09	.34	.53	T.	.66	1.65	.27	T.	T.						.04												T.		3.87	
Washita	Little Sioux	.05	.02			.15	.98		1.40	.38		T.							.09				.06								.05		3.18	
West Bend	Des Moines	.14	.02			.08	.36		.52	.62	.06								.10				.05										1.95	
<i>North Central District</i>																																		
Algona	Des Moines	1.10				.10	.72		.17		.20								.02		.10												**	
Cedar	Des Moines	.12	.11		.42	.51	.55		.15	.34	.48								.02				.50		.02				.01				3.35	
Allison	Iowa	.12		.08		.22	.85		.75	.72									.12				.07		.05	.75							3.73	
Belmond	Iowa	.04	.49		.14	.17	1.02		.06	1.04	.04								.05				.99		.03								4.07	
Britt	Iowa	.04	.49		.14	.17	1.02		.06	1.04	.04								.05				.99		.03								4.07	
Charles City***	Cedar	.57		.38		1.85	.22		.29	T.	1.54	.01	T.	.02					.01				.03	.53				.18	T.			5.63		
Forest City	Cedar	.43	.28		T.	.07	.61	.38	.27	.15	.73		T.	.03	T.				.02	.06		.10		.90								4.03		
Hampton	Cedar	.35		.05		.75	.25		.10	.37	.13	T.	T.	.06					.10				.65				.04						2.85	
Humboldt	Des Moines	.05				.18	.36	T.	1.24	.90	.04	T.	T.	T.					.04				.66										3.47	
Mason City	Cedar	.13		.09	T.	.21	.67		.10	.37	.31	.03	T.	.10	T.				.04				.38							T.			2.49	
Northwood	Cedar	.40		.20	.08	.10	.55		.60	.53		.02	T.	.03					.10				.55										3.16	
Osage	Cedar	.13		.53		.45	.55		.09	.05	1.16	.03		.03					.06				.03	.63									3.74	
<i>Northeast District</i>																																		
Cedar Falls	Cedar	.13	.05		.03	2.05	.35		.09	.10	1.61		.06	.04					.34	.02			.60	.29									5.76	
Decorah	Mississippi	.15	.27		.09	1.71	.13		.05	.67	.32	T.	T.	T.					.07				.53						.10				4.09	
Dubuque**	Mississippi	1.14		.01		.71	.10	.02		.70	.08	.32	T.	T.					.09				1.68		.07				.02				4.33	
Fayette	Mississippi	.03	.05		.04	.66	.40		.15	.26	.37								.27			.08	.25	.52									3.08	
Independence	Wapsipicon	.16		.06		.60	.20		.79	.08	.25				.03	.04			.36	.01			.03	.81									3.42	
Lansing	Mississippi	.15	.46		.22	.96	.21		.32		.13	.12	.05	.05					.01			T.	1.20						.06				3.94	
New Hampton	Wapsipicon	.65	.24		.08	1.30	.40		.67	.25	.43		T.	T.	.05				T.				.07	.30				.10					4.54	
Oelwein	Wapsipicon	.45		.20	.45	.20	.70	.55	.20	.20	.35	.20	.35						.20				.55	.20	.65								4.90	
Postville (near)	Mississippi	.06		.06		.60	.48		.12	.44	.26								T.				.85										3.34	
Waterloo	Cedar	.74	.05		.62	1.08	.15	.02	.11		T.	.05		.11					.20	.05			.42										4.55	
Waverly	Cedar	.06	.08		.02	1.40	.58		.32	.02	1.54		.02	.02	.11				.22		.08	.02	.27	.28									5.04	
<i>West Central District</i>																																		
Audubon (near)	Nishnabotna					.60	.41		.35	.77	.23	.07							.02	.16	.02		.20				T.		.04				2.87	
Carroll	Raccoon	.18				T.	.82	.07	.66	.97	.52	.15							.04				.09							.02	.09			3.61
Denison	Missouri			.02		.49	.23		.23	1.12	.11								.02	.01			.04	.09										2.43
Guthrie Center	Raccoon					.42	.86		.56	.98									.23				.38											3.43
Harlan	Nishnabotna			T.		.91	.39	T.	.47	1.36	.13	T.	T.						.06	.04			.17						.09				3.62	
Jefferson	Raccoon					.45	.68		.40	1.79	.02								T.	.04	T.		.31								T.			3.69
Little Sioux	Little Sioux	.08				.86	.54		.37	1.45	.13		.01						.07	.03			.06							.17				3.77
Logan	Missouri	.01	.06		.02	1.02	T.		.70	.32	.11								.03	.05	T.		.09								.11			2.55
Onawa	Missouri	.10	.05		.05	.50	.90	T.	.40	.80	T.								T.	T.			T.	.40										3.20
Rockwell City	Raccoon	.10				.20	.77		1.20	1.50	.10	T.							T.				.24								T.			4.11
Sac City	Raccoon	.08				.22	.35		.80	1.92	.13	T.							.03				T.									.07		3.60
Sioux City***	Missouri	.15			T.	.66	1.61	.13	1.18	.85	.39	T.	T.						T.	.03	T.	T.	T.	T.							.22		5.88	
<i>Central District</i>																																		
Ames	Skunk	.20		.40		.50	1.60		.40										.10				.30											3.60
Baxter	Skunk	.16	.03		.14	1.72	.30		.45										.33				.50							.05				4.18
Boone (near)	Des Moines	.14	.03		.08	.06	.83	.42	.05	.50		.04							.02				.01											2.72
Des Moines**	Des Moines	.16		.28	T.	1.15	.07		T.	.56	T.			T.	T.				.38	T.	.01		.69											3.36
Fort Dodge	Des Moines	.60	.04		.04	.01	.65	.94	.59	.45	.45	.07							.04															4.20
Grinnell	Iowa	.10		.50		.74	.18	.07	.42	.12									.03	.54			.24								.03			3.82
Grundy Center	Cedar			.70	T.	1.75	.40		.46	.48			.10	.04					.05	.22	T.		.20											4.60
Iowa Falls	Iowa	.3																																

Daily Precipitation for May, 1930—Continued

Stations	Drainage Basin	Day of Month																															Totals	
		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		
<i>Southwest District</i>																																		
Atlantic	Nishnabotna	.02			T.		.80	.02	.17	1.00	.50	.31						.13	.10	T.			.17							.04				3.26
Bedford	102	.08			T.	1.30	.86	.03	T.	.38	.11							.59	.49	.02			.67										4.66	
Clarinda	Nodaway	.03	.04		.02	.17	2.01	.20	.08	.25	.05	.04						.01	.72	.04			1.30										4.92	
Corning	Nodaway					2.30	1.36	.05	1.86	.10						1.15		.10			.28												7.20	
Cumberland (near)	Nodaway	T.			T.	.58	.60	.06	.32	.88	.16	.08						.10	.28				.13										3.26	
Glenwood	Missouri				.04	.98	.66	.04	.14	.57	.50							.14	.42				.05										3.60	
Lenox	Missouri	.02			T.	1.03	.74	.05		.85	.18							.30	.55	.02			1.17	.15									5.06	
Oakland	Nishnabotna					.33	.92		.25									.13	.34				.18										2.25	
Red Oak (near)	Nishnabotna	.33				.63	.66		.20	.43								.25	.33				.14										3.03	
Riverton (near)	Nishnabotna	.08			T.	1.46	.90	.01		.28	.34							.55	.45	.01			.08										4.16	
Thurman	Missouri	T.				.62	.75		.20	.43								.37	.77				.10										3.24	
Omaha, Neb.***	Missouri	T.			T.	.65	.12	.03	.33	.67	.38	T.						.22	.11	T.		.13											2.74	
<i>South Central District</i>																																		
Afton	Grand	.04			.11	1.28	.28			.35								.28	.52	.03			1.05	.65									4.80	
Albia	Des Moines	.08	.94		.08	T.	.50	.63		T.	.28					T.		.69	.09			1.22									.03		3.85	
Centerville	Chariton	.30	.15		.06	.43	.12	.07	T.	.32								.02	.65	.01			.15	.92									3.20	
Chariton (near)	Chariton	.24	.75		T.	.83				.28	T.							.10	.47	T.		.50	T.										3.19	
Corydon (near)	Chariton	.39	T.		T.	.76	.03	.01		.52	T.							T.	.61	.03			* 1.67										4.03	
Creston	Missouri	.03	.01		.04	.01	1.16	.36	T.	.05	.28	.02	T.					.58	.06	T.		1.24											3.92	
Earlham (near)	Des Moines	T.	.10		.03	1.13	.69		.53	T.								.03	.50			.17	.09										3.27	
Indianola	Des Moines	.22	.06		.57	.72	.15		.29	T.								.16	.39			.76											3.32	
Knoxville	Des Moines	.05	.23		.15	.54	.05	.25		.35						T.		T.	.47			.97	.40										3.46	
Lacona	Des Moines	.05			.10	.52	.03			.01		.41	.01					.12	.68	.05		.40	.92										3.30	
Lamoni	Grand	.03	.13		.11	.21	T.	1.22	.10	.29	.47							T.	.49	.01		.60											3.66	
Melrose	Des Moines	.96			.20	1.10	.10	.10	.30									.62	.10			.55	.89										4.92	
Mount Ayr	Grand	.10			.80	.09	.18	.98											.94			.67	.35										4.21	
Tingley	Platte	.18			.10	1.15	.04	T.	.86	T.		.02						.33	.64			1.60	.35										5.27	
Winterset	Des Moines	.21	.22		.11	1.05	.85		.68					T.				.10	.33	.02		.33	.35										4.25	
<i>Southeast District</i>																																		
Bonaparte (near)	Des Moines	.57			.11	T.	.19	.06		.16	.35							T.	.76	.04		.38											2.62	
Burlington	Mississippi	.02	.57		T.	.10	.02	.06		.12								T.	.56	.03		.88	.02										2.39	
Columbus Junction	Iowa	.32	.08		.08	.02	T.	.02	.03					T.	T.			T.	.52	.12		.41											1.61	
Fairfield	Skunk	.39	.11		.10	.18	.01	.18	.45									.06	.68	.02		.52												2.73
Keokuk***	Mississippi	.26	.09		.51	T.	.12	.01	.39	T.		.01	T.	T.				.19	.12	.01		.02	.44										2.18	
Keokuk No. 2	Mississippi	.29	.18		.55	.19	.02	.25	.37	T.								.11	.26	.24		.50											2.98	
Keosauqua	Des Moines	.45	.15		.05	.22	.05	.70										1.10				.50											3.22	
Mt. Pleasant	Skunk	.49			.05	T.	.09	.04	.29									T.	.67	.03		.04											1.65	
Oskaloosa	Des Moines	.16	.56		.28	T.	.55	.07	.06	.16	.11			T.	T.			.93	.51	.03		.71	.83										4.08	
Ottumwa	Des Moines	.21	.11		.10	.61	.15		.03	.34								T.	.56			T.	.99										3.13	
Sigourney (near)	Skunk	.39	.49		.08	T.	.44	.05		.74				T.	T.			.01	.54			.25	1.31										4.30	
Stockport (near)	Skunk	.45			.19	.11	.08	.07	.15	.64								T.	.66	.19		.34											2.90	
Washington	Skunk	.80	.03		.06	T.	.45	T.										T.	.45	.32		.32											2.45	
Wever	Mississippi	.35	.07		.15				.29					T.				.80	.54	.03		.53											2.78	

Except as otherwise indicated, observations are generally made late in the afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for 24 hours ending at the time of observation.

|||Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours.

\*\*\*Regular Weather Bureau Station: precipitation is for 24-hour period midnight to midnight.

\*\*Incomplete.

\*Precipitation included in the next following measurement.

T. Precipitation is less than .01 inch rain or melted snow.

PRESSURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND SUNSHINE

Stations	Barometric Pressure, Inches (Sea Level)				Relative Humidity, %				Wind				Sunshine				
	Mean	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Mean		Date	Total movement	Average hourly velocity	Maximum			Date			
						7 A. M.	12 Noon†				7 P. M.	Miles			Front	Departure from normal	
Chas. City	29.95	30.40	24	29.28	7	76	55	60	27	30	5,144	6.9	23	sw.	21	61	-1
Davenport	29.97	30.43	25	29.43	7	76	51	52	25	31	8,509	11.4	40	nw.	1	61	-1
Des Moines	29.94	30.37	24	29.22	7	78	56	56	26	30	7,698	10.3	36	nw.	1	60	-2
Dubuque	29.95	30.45	25	29.39	7	77	56	56	31	30	4,875	6.6	23	s.	7	62	+4
Dubuque	29.98	30.40	25	29.44	7	73	50	54	27	31	6,106	8.2	37	sw.	7	69	+3
Sioux City	29.93	30.36	24	29.28	7	75	55	53	21	23	9,438	12.7	52	s.	6	57	-1
Omaha, Nb	29.93	30.37	24	29.23	7	72	53	52	21	24	5,504	7.4	24	nw.	7	70	+8
Means and extremes	29.95				7	75	54	55				9.1				63	+1
Normals		30.45	25	29.22	7				21	23			52	s.		6	
Records	29.95		4th		11	17	77		59	3d					1st	62	
		*30.58	1910	\$29.02	1875				\$10	1889			\$67	nw.	1894		

\*Dubuque †Omaha ‡Also Sioux City, 9th, 1927 §Sioux City †Local meantime.

††January 1, 1928, 3-cup anemometers replaced 4-cup instruments. See Climatological Data, January, 1928, page 7.

PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 119 stations, was 3.72 inches, or 0.86 inch below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the southeast district, 1.74 inches, and the northwest district had the greatest district excess, 0.22 inch. The greatest precipitation deficiency, 2.97 inches, at any

one station, was at Mt. Pleasant. The greatest excess in the State was 2.28 inches at Rock Rapids. The greatest amount at a single station was 7.20 inches at Corning and the least was 1.61 inches at Mt. Pleasant. The greatest amount in 24 consecutive hours was 3.66 inches at Corning on the 6th and 7th. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more of precipitation for the State was 11, ranging from 9 days in the west-central district to 13 days in the northeast district. For individual stations the range was from 6 days at Sioux Center and Guthrie Center, to 16 days at Waverly.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

- Aurora: 4th, 5th, 29th, 30th, 31st.
- Birds (Migration of): Washita, orioles on 1st, brown thrush on 2d.
- Coronas, Lunar: 3d, 9th.
- Dust Storm: 21st, 23d.
- Fog: 19th, 29th.
- Frost, light: 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.
- Frost, heavy: 17th, 24th, 30th.
- Frost, killing: 17th, 18th.
- Gales: 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 21st, 22d, 27th, 31st.
- Hail, light: 1st, 2d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 17th, 22d, 27th.
- Hail, moderate: 1st, 6th, 9th.
- Hail, heavy: 1st, 9th.
- Halos, lunar: 3d, 9th, 10th.
- Halos, solar: 1st, 8th, 13th, 17th, 26th, 28th.
- Haze: 23d.
- Sleet: 17th.
- Snow: 17th.
- Thunderstorms: 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 26th, 27th.
- Tornadoes: 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th.

Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of May, 1930

Stations	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	Mean		
<i>Northern Division</i>																																		
Algona.....	(Maximum.....																																	
	(Minimum.....																																	
Alta.....	(Maximum.....	80	72	82	80	82	72	60	73	79	75	67	58	48	50	52	46	55	43	59	87	87	72	65	79	79	81	83	66	65	75	79	69.4	
	(Minimum.....	55	45	53	57	56	58	40	38	55	56	53	46	42	42	44	39	31	38	43	46	62	52	43	38	48	54	57	46	44	38	43	47.2	
Alton.....	(Maximum.....	80	76	83	80	82	75	62	67	80	73	68	57	54	52	55	51	50	47	60	85	86	81	67	79	77	81	81	71	65	70	76	70.0	
	(Minimum.....	55	43	55	61	54	53	42	37	53	58	54	46	41	42	45	37	30	39	43	48	63	54	43	34	46	56	59	48	42	33	45	47.1	
Belmond.....	(Maximum.....	78	72	80	76	83	78	66	72	81	79	72	62	54	53	56	53	51	48	58	82	87	78	65	70	78	78	83	67	62	71	75	70.0	
	(Minimum.....	55	46	44	51	60	61	45	41	57	60	57	48	45	45	44	33	29	38	44	43	60	50	45	34	45	51	60	45	37	33	44	46.9	
Charles City.....	(Maximum.....	79	70	79	76	83	82	67	72	80	76	73	61	53	52	58	51	51	47	59	79	87	72	63	66	75	76	76	62	59	70	75	68.8	
	(Minimum.....	58	49	47	57	61	61	45	43	59	65	57	50	48	47	44	36	32	40	45	46	61	49	43	37	48	48	53	44	40	37	43	48.2	
Decorah.....	(Maximum.....	77	73	72	73	84	81	69	75	82	73	77	62	56	53	55	55	55	57	64	79	85	79	64	56	70	71	76	64	60	70	73	69.0	
	(Minimum.....	58	47	39	56	61	59	48	40	55	63	61	48	42	45	45	43	28	39	40	44	60	49	46	32	40	45	47	44	34	33	35	46.0	
Dubuque.....	(Maximum.....	76	71	76	76	83	81	69	83	84	81	80	68	58	56	59	62	52	50	61	73	88	83	64	62	69	71	76	60	62	67	73	70.1	
	(Minimum.....	57	51	48	57	66	57	51	48	63	66	58	52	51	50	49	41	37	38	41	47	63	52	50	42	47	47	49	46	45	41	48	50.5	
Forest City.....	(Maximum.....	80	74	78	75	83	77	65	65	78	78	69	64	56	52	55	50	55	50	56	82	85	78	68	67	77	77	77	68	58	69	77	69.1	
	(Minimum.....	56	44	47	53	55	61	58	37	53	60	56	47	44	42	42	42	37	38	41	42	56	59	43	33	43	48	53	41	38	36	39	46.3	
Independence.....	(Maximum.....	60	49	45	52	61	59	48	40	57	63	61	49	48	47	44	42	34	37	43	44	57	58	46	41	45	45	50	45	43	36	42	48.1	
	(Minimum.....	52	43	52	53	52	54	41	40	49	56	51	45	41	40	43	37	28	40	42	64	64	50	38	33	47	56	57	49	38	32	45	45.6	
Inwood.....	(Maximum.....	82	76	82	83	85	76	61	66	75	68	67	53	54	51	54	50	49	44	62	84	86	77	61	77	80	82	82	68	69	72	77	69.5	
	(Minimum.....	53	43	52	53	52	54	41	40	49	56	51	45	41	40	43	37	28	40	42	64	64	50	38	33	47	56	57	49	38	32	45	45.6	
Lake Park.....	(Maximum.....	81	75	83	81	84	69	64	65	75	68	67	58	51	48	50	49	50	48	53	82	85	76	63	74	78	79	78	62	63	72	78	68.0	
	(Minimum.....	50	45	50	58	51	49	42	40	50	60	57	46	46	43	43	34	28	40	43	46	63	53	44	34	45	52	55	43	40	35	44	46.1	
Mason City.....	(Maximum.....	78	71	78	75	82	80	66	70	79	74	71	60	54	52	55	50	58	50	58	80	86	77	62	66	76	75	78	66	60	74	68.6		
	(Minimum.....	57	46	42	51	61	61	46	41	55	60	55	49	44	46	42	41	28	39	43	43	61	48	44	32	44	48	55	43	35	31	42	46.2	
New Hampton.....	(Maximum.....	78	74	77	75	84	79	68	75	79	78	74	66	57	57	60	55	64	53	64	78	86	78	63	66	73	76	79	68	64	71	72	70.7	
	(Minimum.....	56	47	43	54	60	58	47	40	55	62	60	50	46	46	43	40	29	39	43	42	60	53	45	34	44	45	50	45	37	34	39	46.6	
Northwood.....	(Maximum.....	80	68	79	74	83	78	68	70	80	74	72	59	54	52	55	50	55	48	58	81	84	74	62	66	75	75	78	63	64	71	75	68.5	
	(Minimum.....	56	46	46	54	59	60	50	40	57	61	59	49	46	45	43	40	29	40	44	43	61	47	46	37	45	47	58	44	41	37	41	47.5	
Pocahontas.....	(Maximum.....	81	81	81	81	84	75	62	69	79	73	67	61	55	52	55	52	54	48	56	85	89	80	64	78	79	80	85	70	65	72	78	70.7	
	(Minimum.....	53	45	48	48	49	59	42	37	38	58	56	48	44	43	45	43	31	39	44	43	69	53	46	34	44	53	57	46	40	35	39	46.1	
Postville.....	(Maximum.....	74	70	74	76	81	75	66	74	79	74	75	61	56	52	56	57	51	45	59	74	83	74	60	59	67	64	70	58	58	70	68	66.5	
	(Minimum.....	56	52	42	52	62	60	48	43	59	62	57	49	47	45	44	34	31	35	43	43	61	49	46	35	41	44	50	40	39	36	49	46.9	
Rock Rapids.....	(Maximum.....	83	75	83	81	84	76	65	65	80	70	69	53	54	50	54	54	53	52	61	84	85	79	66	76	79	81	81	72	66	73	78	70.4	
	(Minimum.....	48	45	50	50	53	55	42	41	49	57	53	45	41	41	44	34	28	40	42	48	63	53	38	32	46	55	58	47	38	33	44	45.9	
<i>Central Division</i>																																		
Ames.....	(Maximum.....	80	77	79	79	83	81	65	74	83	77	69	67	66	56	62	56	51	48	60	81	87	80	67	74	77	77	87	82	65	70	76	72.1	
	(Minimum.....	62	50	47	57	68	60	50	45	60	63	60	51	47	46	47	44	34	39	45	42	62	50	48	37	47	52	57	50	40	37	41	49.6	
Belle Plaine.....	(Maximum.....	80	76	80	80	86	81	69	82	85	78	76	71	59	57	64	60	51	49	62	80	88	81	67	72	80	78	87	76	67	74	73.1		
	(Minimum.....	64	50	46	56	55	60	51	41	61	64	59	51	48	47	45	40	32	38	44	42	58	52	47	36	48	48	59	46	38	37	39	48.6	
Carroll.....	(Maximum.....	79	76	79	79	80	76	65	69	77	72	66	63	60	52	57	53	54	46	56	84	87	81	68	76	75	77	85	75	65	70	75	70.2	
	(Minimum.....	61	46	50	58	63	57	45	38	55	57	51	47	44	42	45	42	32	38	43	45	62	50	40	54	54	57	49	43	38	46	48.3		
Cedar Rapids.....	(Maximum.....	80	74	80	78	85	80	69	84	88	79	80	71	65	58	62	62	53	50	62	78	90	85	66	70	78	79	81	73	69	71	77	73.5	
	(Minimum.....	63	52	44	56	64	60	57	44	58	64	61	53	51	48	46	40	32	39	44	42	60	55	48	36	45	45	50	47	40	37	39	49.0	
Davenport.....	(Maximum.....	77	73	80	78	84	83	72	86	86	78	82	75	64	58	63	64	54	50	59	75	88	85	65	67	77	79	85	58	67	68	75	72.7	
	(Minimum.....	60	56	53	57	67	67	56	56	65	67	61	57	50	48	48	45	40	39	44	50	61	60	50	46	51	49	52	46	41	50	52.8		
Des Moines.....	(Maximum.....	78	76	80	80	83	72	67	78	83	78	68	69	58	55	60	58	49	49	57	79	87	74	68	76	77	76	87	82	66	69	74	70.8	
	(Minimum.....	60	53	51	59	66	60	47	47	66	64	57	53	48	46	48	44	38	40	46	46	65	50	43	48	56	61	50	45	41	45	51.4		
Ft. Dodge.....	(Maximum.....	81	74	81	80	83	80	64	70	80	75	75	63	57	57	55	52	52	46	57	83	87	78	73	78	79	84	70	65	70	75	71.1		
	(Minimum.....	59	47	50	57	61	61	45	40	55	58	59	49	45	45	46	41	31	39	44	44	64	50	45	34	47	57	57	46	38	35	42	48.0	
Grinnell.....	(Maximum.....	79	75	79	80	82	79	66	78	83	81	74	70	66	53	61	59	53																

RIVERS

All rivers, both interior and boundary, averaged below normal in stage; and fluctuations were small for the time of year.

SNOWFALL

The only snow reported was a trace, which melted as it fell, at Monroe, Oskaloosa and Corydon, on the 17th. The normal May snowfall for the State is 0.1 inch.

GROUP OF TORNADOES

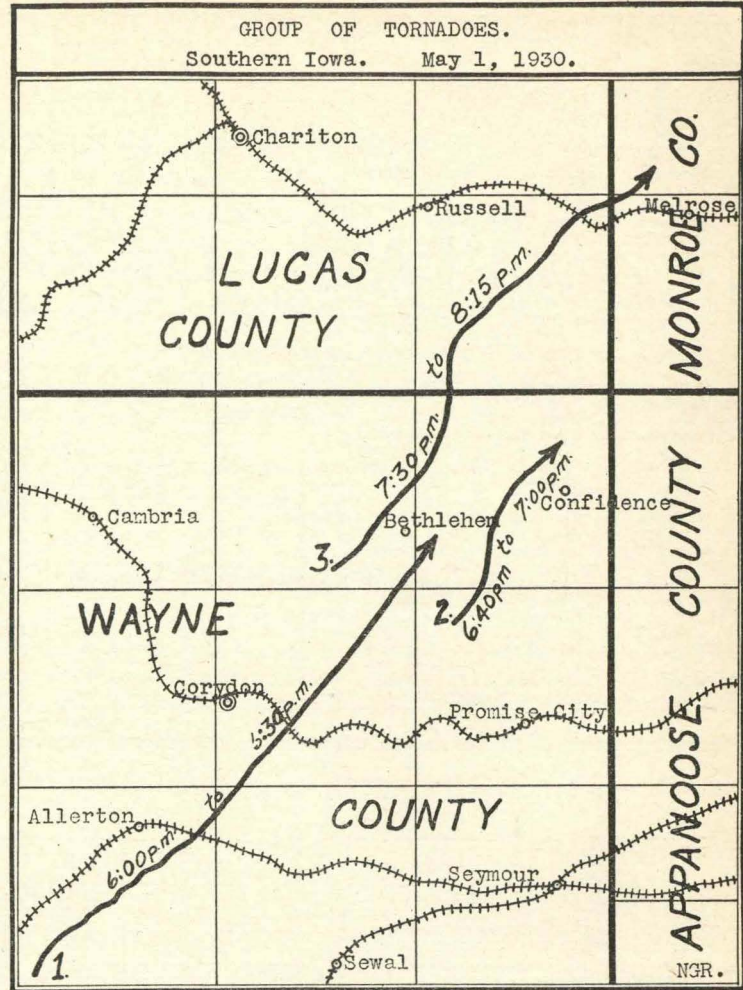
An unusually large number of tornadoes occurred in Iowa on May 1, 1930. Three of these tornadoes had approximately parallel paths from southwest to northeast only about 2 to 4 miles apart, and occurred in succession or relays. They crossed portions of Wayne, Lucas and Monroe counties between 6:00 P. M. and 8:15 P. M.; left destructive paths totaling 37½ miles in length; killed 1 and injured 25 persons; and caused property damage amounting to \$144,200.

The accompanying map shows the territory crossed by these tornadoes. Tornado No. 1 originated in Warren Township, Wayne County, northeast of Clio, at 6:00 P. M. and proceeded in a northeasterly direction, crossing Jackson and Corydon townships, and dissipated at 6:30 P. M. about ½ mile southeast of Bethlehem in Wright Township. The destructive path varied from about 25 to 200 feet in width and was about 12½ miles in length. The estimated amount of damage done was \$46,500. No one was killed, but seven persons were injured by flying debris.

About 10 minutes after No. 1 dissipated, tornado No. 2 originated in South Fork Township about 4½ miles to the south of where No. 1 broke up. It moved northeast into Wright Township and continued its destruction for 20 minutes; the path was about 150 feet wide and 7½ miles long. This tornado injured 3 persons and did \$8,000 damage.

Tornado No. 3, which was the most severe of the 3, began at 7:30 P. M. in Union Township, about 3 miles southwest of Bethlehem, and moved in a sinuous but generally northeastward direction. It passed across Union and Wright townships of Wayne County, Washington Township of Lucas County, and dissipated at 8:15 P. M. in Jackson Township, Monroe County. The path was from 50 to 200 feet wide and about 17½ miles long. It caused \$89,700 damage, killed 1, Mrs. Louis Bishop, and injured 15 persons.

N. G. R.



IOWA STORMS, MAY, 1930

Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
1	Wayne	Warren, Corydon, Wright, Jackson	Tornado	6:00 p. m. to 6:30 p. m.	SW to NE	25 to 200 ft.	12½			\$46,500		7
1	Wayne, Lucas, Monroe	Union, Wright, Washington, Jackson	Tornado	7:30 p. m. to 8:15 p. m.	SW to NE	50 to 200 ft.	17½			89,700	1	15
1	Wayne	Wright, South Fork	Tornado	6:40 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.	SW to NE					8,000		3
1	Wayne	Walnut	Hail	7:00 p. m.	SW to NE	150 ft.	7½		Walnuts	200		
1	Monroe	Franklin	Hail and Wind	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts 2¼" diam.	600		
1	Monroe	Bluff Creek	Hail	7:30 p. m.	W to E				Marbles	500		
1	Black Hawk	Orange	Wind	7:00 p. m.	W to E					4,000		
1	Clay	Summit	Hail	8:30 p. m.	W to E				Marbles	150		
1	Clay	Peterson	Tornado	4:45 p. m.	NW to SE					1,150		
1	Clay	Riverton, Sioux, Giletts, Grove	Tornado and Hail	5:30 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.	NW to SE		5					
1	Decatur	Garden Grove	Hail	6:00 p. m.	NW to SE		6½		Marbles	20,000		
1	Decatur	Long Creek	Hail	7:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Hen eggs	5,000		
1	Delaware	Hazel Green	Wind and Hail	8:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts	550		
1	Emmet	Estherville	Wind	6:30 p. m.	W to E					3,035		
1	Fayette	Smithfield	Hail	5:30 p. m.	NW to SE				Walnuts	500		
1	Fayette	Smithfield	Tornado	7:30 p. m.	NW to SE					400		
1	Hancock	Concord, Magor	Wind	7:30 p. m.	NW to SE					5,100		
1	Harrison	St. Johns, Taylor	Tornado and Hail	7:15 p. m.	NW to SE		8½		Marbles	10,000		
1	Jones	Rome	Wind	9:00 p. m.	SW to NE					5,000		
1	Linn	Linn, Marion	Wind and Hail	8:30 p. m.	NW to SE				Marbles	400		
1	Linn	Brown, Putnam, Franklin	Wind and Hail	9:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Marbles	2,500		
1	Mahaska	West Des Moines, Lincoln	Wind and Hail	7:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Marbles	200		
1	Marshall	Liscomb	Wind and Flood	1:00 p. m.	SW to NE					2,500		
1	Mitchell	Liberty	Tornado and Hail	6:00 p. m.	W to E		1		Peas	100		
1	Osceola	Horton	Wind and Hail	4:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts	200		
1	Tama	Lincoln	Wind and Hail	9:00 p. m.	NW to SE				Marbles	100		
1	Woodbury	Liberty	Tornado and Hail	5:00 p. m.	NW to SE	40 rods	20		Hen eggs	10,000		
1	Lee	Jackson	Wind	10:00 a. m.	S to N					1,000		
1	Scott	Davenport	Wind	p. m.						500		
1	Cerro Gordo	Mason	Tornado	8:00 p. m.	SW to NE		1			5,000		
1	Dubuque	Jefferson	Wind	3:30 p. m.	SW to NE					500		
1	Fayette	Union	Tornado	7:30 p. m.	NW to SE		1			1,000		
1	Hamilton	Cass	Tornado	6:30 p. m.	NW to SE		½			800		
1	Jackson	Bellevue	Wind	9:00 p. m.						600		
2	Cherokee	Cherokee	Hail	6:15 p. m.	NW to SE				Marbles	100		
2	Clarke	Knox	Hail	5:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts	100		
2	Floyd	Rockford	Wind	10:00 p. m.	SW to NE					8,500		
5	Woodbury	Woodbury, Concord, Sioux City	Wind and Hail	7:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Hen eggs	6,000		1
5	Cedar	Iowa	Wind and Hail	10:00 a. m.	NW to SE				Peas	100		
5	Clarke	Ward	Tornado and Hail	7:30 p. m.	NW to SE		3		Marbles	3,000		
5	Decatur	Garden Grove	Wind	12:00 noon	NW to SE					2,000		
5	Jones	Ricland	Wind	2:00 p. m.	SW to NE		2			1,000		

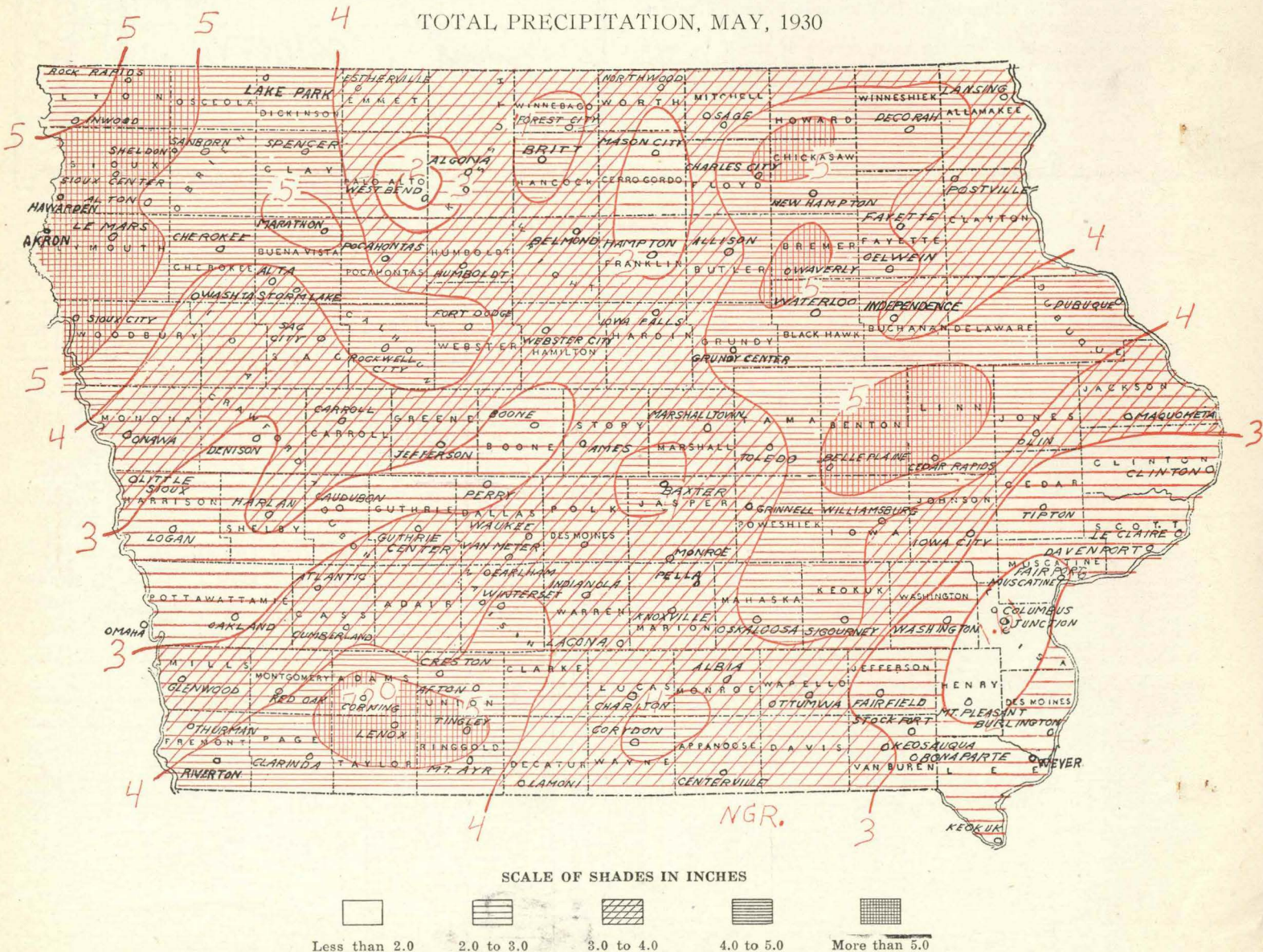
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# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

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Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path Miles	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
5	O'Brien	Lincoln, Franklin, Hartley	Hail	9:15 p. m.	W to E				Hen eggs	500		
5	Taylor	Polk	Wind	7:00 p. m.	W to E					100		
5	Ringgold	Lost Creek, Riley	Wind and Flood	11:00 a. m.	W to E					4,300		
5	Allamakee	Post	Wind	2:00 p. m.	S to N					1,000		
6	Appanoose	Vermillion, Douglas	Wind	12:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Peas	375		
6	Benton	Cedar, Iowa, Kane	Wind and Hail	2:30 p. m.	SW to NE					1,800		
6	Tama	Salt Creek	Wind	2:30 p. m.	W to E					100		
6	Black Hawk	Washington	Wind and Hail	1:00 p. m.	NW to SE				Marbles	100		
6	Bremer	Sumner	Wind and Hail	1:30 p. m.	NW to SE				Walnuts	1,000		
6	Buchanan	Sumner, Liberty	Wind	2:30 p. m.	SW to E							
6	Decatur	Franklin, Center, Decatur	Wind, Hail and Flood	11:00 a. m.	SW to NE				Hazelnuts	15,000		
6	Decatur	Fayette	Tornado and Hail	11:00 a. m.	SW to NE		5			5,000		
6	Fayette	Harlan	Wind	3:00 p. m.	SW to NE					500		
6	Iowa	Troy	Wind and Hail	1:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Peas	350		
6	Johnson	East Lucas, West Lucas Oxford, Washington Sharon, Union, Hardin	Wind and Hail	2:00 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Peas	2,500		
6	Linn	Boulder	Wind	4:00 p. m.	SW to NE					1,000		
6	Linn	Putnam	Wind and Hail	3:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts	65		
6	Mahaska	Garfield, Lincoln, Madison	Tornado	12:25 p. m.	SW to NE		5			4,000		
6	Monroe	Bluff Creek	Wind and Hail	1:00 p. m.	W to E					1,200		
6	Plymouth	Westfield, Portland, America, Preston, Johnson Washington, Grant	Wind and Hail	8:30 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts	1,500		
6	Poweshiek	Jackson, Scott, Bear Creek, Warren	Tornado	2:00 p. m.	S to N		12			75,000		2
6	Ringgold	Riley	Wind	10:00 a. m.	SW to NE					5,000		
6	Tama	York, Clark	Wind	2:00 p. m.	S to N					3,500		
6	Winneshiek	Bloomfield, Springfield	Wind and Hail	3:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Walnuts to tennis balls	23,000		
6	Delaware	Union, South Fork	Wind	2:30 p. m.	SW to NE					4,000		

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Daily Precipitation for May, 1930

Table with columns: Stations, Drainage Basin, Day of Month (1-31), Totals. Rows include districts like Northwest, North Central, Northeast, West Central, and East Central, listing various stations and their monthly precipitation data.



Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of June, 1930

Table with columns for Stations (Northern, Central, Southern Divisions) and days 1-31, plus a Mean column. Rows include cities like Algona, Alta, Alton, Belmont, Charles City, Decorah, Dubuque, Forest City, Independence, Inwood, Lake Park, Mason City, New Hampton, Northwood, Pocahontas, Postville, Rock Rapids, Ames, Belle Plaine, Carroll, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Ft. Dodge, Grinnell, Guthrie Center, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Little Sioux, Marshalltown, Olin, Sioux City, Albia, Atlantic, Burlington, Columbus Jct., Corning, Corydon, Creston, Fairfield, Keokuk, Knoxville, Lamoni, Sigourney, Thurman, Winterset, and Omaha, Neb.

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Table with columns: Date, County, Township, Nature of Storm, Time, Storm Moved From, Width of Path, Length of Path Miles, Area of Sq. Miles, Size of Hailstones Inches, Damage, Persons Killed, Persons Injured. Rows include events in Woodbury, Clinton, Iowa, Lucas, Tama, Clayton, Delaware, Wayne, Buena Vista, Buchanan, Calhoun, Cass, Lyon, Floyd, Sioux, Humboldt, Black Hawk, Guthrie, Plymouth, Woodbury, Wright, Butler, Crawford, Fayette, Black Hawk, Linn, Dubuque, Delaware.

IOWA STORMS, JUNE, 1930

Table with columns: Date, County, Township, Nature of Storm, Time, Storm Moved From, Width of Path, Length of Path Miles, Area of Sq. Miles, Size of Hailstones Inches, Damage, Persons Killed, Persons Injured. Rows include events in Dickinson, O'Brien, Adair, Adams, Boone, Cass, Ida, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Warren, Woodbury, Floyd, Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, Hamilton, Howard, Woodbury, Howard, Pottawattamie, Adair, Buena Vista, Hancock, Kossuth, Cedar, Louisa, Wapello, Muscatine, Johnson, Madison, Warren, Webster, Guthrie, Sac, Webster, Carroll, Crawford, Calhoun, Howard.

IOWA STORMS, JUNE, 1930—Continued

Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
12	Poweshiek.....	Sugar Creek, Union, Washington, Pleasant.....	Wind.....	2:00 a. m.	SW to NE					\$3,000 .....		
12	Woodbury.....	Sioux City.....	Rain and Flood.....	p. m.						\$4,000 .....		
12	Black Hawk.....	Waterloo, East Waterloo.....	Wind.....	p. m.						\$2,500 .....		
12	Worth.....	Grove.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	p. m.						\$300 .....		
12	Worth.....	Grove.....	Rain and Flood.....	a. m.						\$500 .....		
13	Bremer.....	Washington, Jackson.....	Rain and Flood.....							\$10,000 .....		
13	Black Hawk.....	Washington.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	10:00 a. m.	S to N					\$500 .....		
13	Buena Vista.....	Hays.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	8:00 p. m.	NW to SE					\$3,500 .....		
13	Cherokee.....	Diamond.....	Rain and Flood.....	8:00 a. m.	W to E					\$8,000 .....		
13	Clarke.....	Madison, Washington.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	7:00 a. m.	W to E					\$12,000 .....		
13	Calhoun.....	Sherman, Center, Twin Lakes, Butler.....	Rain and Flood.....							{Bridges \$6,000 .....		
13	Clayton.....	Garnaville.....	Rain and Flood.....	4:00 p. m.	SW to NE					{Crops \$10,000 .....		
13	Crawford.....	Soldier, Charter Oak, Morgan.....	Tornado.....	10:05 p. m.	SW to NE		8			\$7,000 .....		
13	Fayette.....	Fairfield, Harlan, Jefferson.....	Rain and Flood.....							\$15,050 .....		
13	Hamilton.....	Williams.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	8:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.						\$5,000 .....	1	
13	Ida.....	Hayes, Garfield.....	Hail and Flood.....	7:40 a. m. to 8:30 a. m.	SW to NE				Hazel nuts	{Hail \$100 .....		
13	Ida.....	Galva, Silver Creek.....	Flood, Wind, Hail.....	6:00 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.	NW to SE				Walnuts	{Hail \$32,000 .....		
13	Ida.....	Maple, Grant.....	Wind, Hail, Flood.....	7:00 a. m.	W to E				Walnuts	{Hail \$1,200 .....		
13	Ida.....	Hayes, Grant.....	Rain, Wind, Hail.....	6:00 p. m.	NW to SE					{Hail \$10,000 .....		
13	Ida.....	Hayes, Grant.....	Rain, Wind, Hail.....	10:00 p. m.	NW to SE				2 1/2	{Wind \$4,500 .....		
13	Kossuth.....	Harrisoon.....	Rain, Hail, Flood.....		W to E					{Hail \$42,000 .....		
13	Keokuk.....	Richland, Clear Creek, Jackson, East Lancaster West Lancaster, Sigourney, Plank, Warren.....	Rain and Flood.....							{Flood \$3,200 .....		
13	Mahaska.....	Monroe.....	Rain and Flood.....		NW to SE					{Flood \$7,000 .....		
13	Muscatine.....	Throughout County.....	Flood.....							{Hail \$1,400 .....		
13	Monona.....	Maple.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	10:00 p. m.	SW to NE					{Flood \$1,000 .....		
13	Monona.....	Cooper, Maple.....	Tornado, Hail and Flood.....	11:00 p. m.	SW to NE		7		Peas	Flood \$45,000 .....		
13	Palo Alto.....	Vernon.....	Wind and Hail.....	7:30 p. m.	SW to NE				1/2 to 1	\$8,000 .....		
13	Pocahontas.....	Lizard.....	Wind, Hail, Flood.....	10:00 a. m.	SW to NE				3/4	{Bridg's&Culv. \$20,000 .....		
13	Sac.....	Wheeler, Levey, Viola.....	Wind, Hail, Flood.....	8:00 p. m.	SW to NE				1/2	{Railroads \$3,000 .....		
13	Sac.....	Eureka.....	Flood.....	Night						{Wind \$10,000 .....		
13	Warren.....	White Breast.....	Flood.....							{Flood \$1,200 .....		
13	Warren.....	Along Flooded Streams.....	Flood.....							{Hail \$19,000 .....		
13	Washington.....	Highland, Jackson, Washington, Oregon, Iowa.....	Flood.....							\$10,000 .....		
13	Winneshiek.....	Jackson.....	Rain and Flood.....	9:00 p. m.	SW to NE					{Flood \$15,000 .....		
13	Webster.....	Deer Creek, Badger, Douglas, Cooper, Elkhorn, Pleasant Valley, Otho.....	Rain and Flood.....	7:00 a. m.						{Bridges \$50,000 .....		
13	Woodbury.....	Grange, West Fork.....	Wind, Rain, Flood.....	6:00 a. m. to 7:00 a. m.	NW to SE					{Roads \$10,000 .....		
13	Woodbury.....	Liston.....	Wind, Hail, Flood.....	7:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m.	NW to SE				3/4	{Railroads \$5,000 .....		
13	Woodbury.....	Oto, Rock, Banner, Floyd, Miller, Grant, Liberty, Concord, Sioux City, Arlington.....	Wind, Hail, Flood.....	6:30 a. m. to 8:00 a. m.	NW to SE				1/2 to 1	\$55,000 .....		
13	Wright.....	Lincoln, Grant, Iowa.....	Tornado.....	11:00 p. m.	SW to NE		14			\$9,000 .....		
13-14	Jefferson.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							\$20,100 .....		1
13-14	Johnson.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Wind \$4,300 .....		
13-14	Marion.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Hail \$46,500 .....		
13-16	Henry.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Flood \$40,000 .....		
13-14	Crawford.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Wind \$15,000 .....		
13-16	Louisa.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Hail \$60,000 .....		
13-14	Wapello.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Flood \$7,000 .....		
13-14	Des Moines.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Wind \$21,000 .....		
13-14	Washington.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....							{Hail \$200,950 .....		
14	Adams.....	Grant.....	Flood.....							{Flood \$220,100 .....		1
14	Black Hawk.....	Washington.....	Wind and Flood.....		W to E					{Roadbed \$10,000 .....		
14	Cedar.....	Center, Fremont, Springdale, Fairfield.....	Flood.....							{Bridges \$12,500 .....		
14	Cedar.....	Red Oak.....	Wind and Flood.....		NW to SE					{Roads \$2,500 .....		
14	Clark.....	Osceola-Doyle.....	Flood.....							{Bridge \$600 .....		
14	Clay.....	Lonetree.....	Flood.....							{Small struct. \$1,000 .....		
14	Clinton.....	Lincoln.....	Flood.....							{Bldgs. \$6,000 .....		
14	Davis.....	Perry.....	Flood.....							{Livestock \$150 .....		
14-16	Des Moines.....	Along flooded streams.....	Flood.....	3:00 p. m. to 12:00 p. m.	NW to SE					{Bridges \$3,750 .....		
14	Des Moines.....	Yellow Springs.....	Wind and Flood.....							{R. R. Fills \$5,000 .....		



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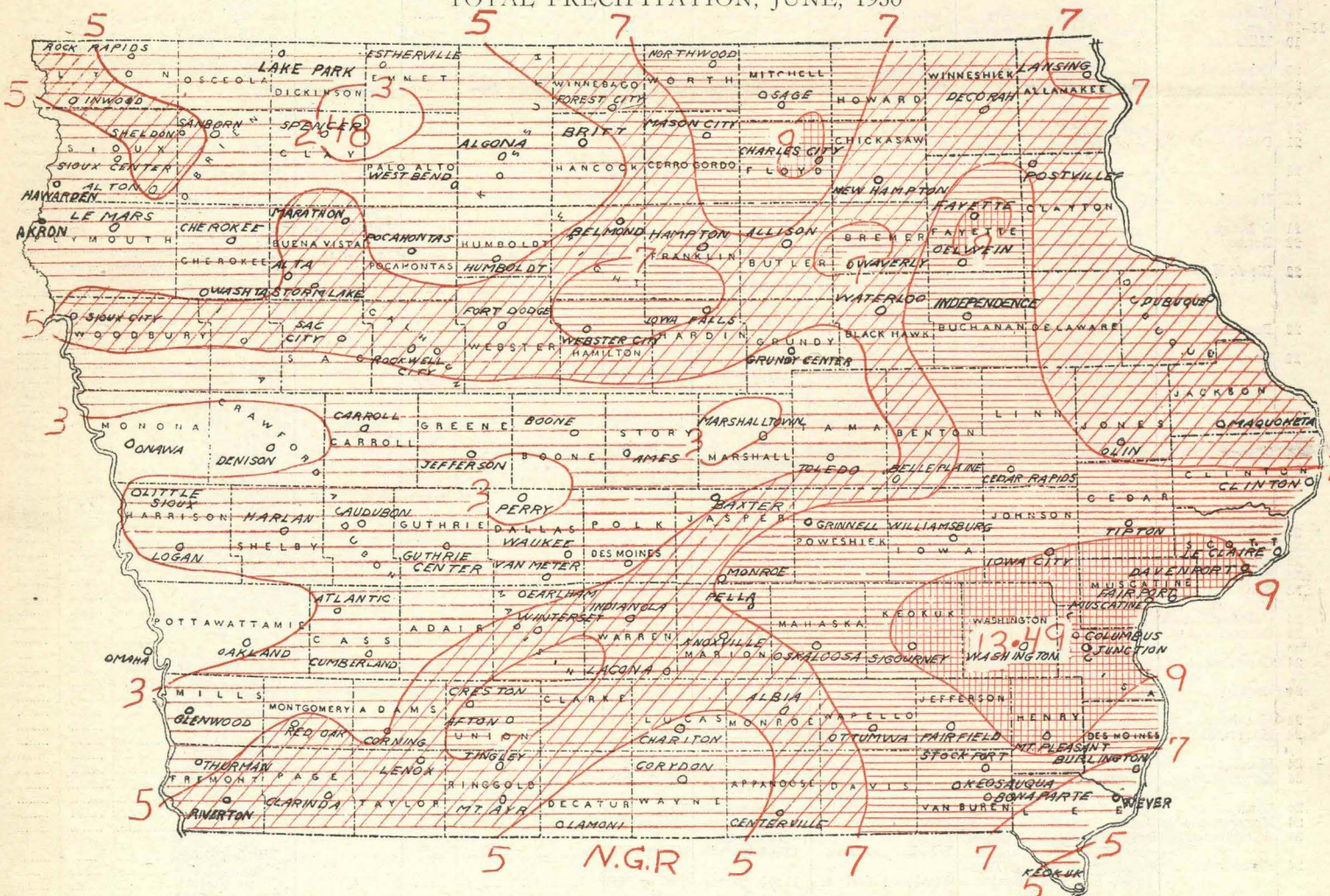
Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
14	Iowa	Pilot, Greene	Wind and Flood		SW to NE					Bldgs. \$1,500 By Flood, Crops \$2,800 Crops and erosion \$100,000 Crops		
14	Iowa	Southern eight townships	Flood, Erosion							By Flood \$5,000 Crops \$5,000 Crops \$5,000 Erosion \$5,000 Property \$1,000 Crops		
14	Jefferson	Penn.	Wind and Flood							By Flood \$2,000 Bridges, \$30,000 and Roads. Farm land erosion con- siderable		
14-16	Jefferson	Liberty	Flood							Crops \$30,000 Crops \$10,000 Crops \$1,000 Livestock \$1,200 Bldgs. \$700 Bldgs. \$400 Crops \$40,000 Livestock \$2,000		
14	Johnson	Hardin, East Lucas, West Lucas	Flood							Crops \$21,200 Crops \$40,000 Livestock \$3,000 Crops \$8,000 Crops \$25,000 Bridges \$2,000 Property \$2,000 Crops \$10,000 Livestock \$2,000 Crops \$12,000		
12-14	Keokuk	Clear Creek Entire county	Wind and Flood Flood, Erosion		SW to NE					Bridges \$1,000 Livestock \$1,200 Bldgs. \$700 Bldgs. \$400 Crops \$40,000 Livestock \$2,000		
14-16	Keokuk	Washington, Liberty, Warren, Fayette	Flood							Crops \$10,000 Crops \$1,000 Livestock \$1,200 Bldgs. \$700 Bldgs. \$400 Crops \$40,000 Livestock \$3,000 Crops \$8,000 Crops \$25,000 Bridges \$2,000 Property \$2,000 Crops \$10,000 Livestock \$2,000 Crops \$12,000		
14	Louisa	Union	Wind and Flood		W to E					Bridges \$1,000 Crops \$30,000 Damage considerable Crops \$60,000 Livestock \$2,000 Crops \$65,000 Bridges \$7,000 Livestock \$2,850 Bldgs. \$1,500 Household damage \$300,000 Crops \$50,000 Crops \$5,000 Crops \$25,000 Bldgs. \$5,000 Property \$3,000 \$5,000 Hail \$2,000 Wind \$500 Crops \$1,000 Hail 4,000 Flood \$2,000 Crops \$30,000 Livestock \$2,500		
14	Madison	Ohio	Wind and Flood		NW to SE					Peas to Hickory nuts Hail \$1,000 Bldgs. \$6,000 Crops \$4,000 Wind \$1,000 Hail \$35,000 Flood \$2,000 Wind \$500 Hail \$500 Erosion \$2,000 Wind \$1,000 Hail \$17,500 Erosion \$2,750 Crops \$3,000 Bldgs. \$500 Slight Slight Very Slight Crops \$5,000 Livestock \$1,000 Property \$1,000 Wind \$100 Erosion \$300 Slight to crops Crops \$1,000 Crops \$3,000 Slight Crops \$7,000 Property \$1,500 Crops \$500 Wind to Bldgs. \$1,000 Hail to crops \$7,500 Crops 1,000 Bldgs. \$500 Bldgs. \$3,000 Crops \$8,000 Crops \$10,000 Bldgs. \$300 Crops slight Crops \$2,500 Crops and Bldgs. slight Bldgs. \$800		
14	Mahaska	Prairie	Wind and Flood	3:45 p. m.	NW to SE					Wind \$50,000 Livestock \$2,850 Bldgs. \$1,500	3	3
14	Mahaska	Along flooded streams	Flood									
14	Marion	Jummit, Swan	Flood									
14	Muscatine	Multon, Wapsinoc, Montpelier, Goshen	Flood									
14	Poweshiek	Jackson	Flood									
14	Union	Along flooded streams	Flood									
14	Story	Washington	Tornado	12:30 a. m.	SW to NE	700'	¾	.5				
14	Scott	Along flooded streams	Flood									
14-16	Van Buren	Van Buren, Harrisburg, Washington	Flood									
14	Wapello	Pleasant, Richland	Flood									
14	Wapello	Entire County	Erosion									
14	Washington	Dutch Creek, Marion	Flood									
14-16	Warren	Squaw, White Oak, Lin- coln, Otter	Flood									
14	Woodbury	Woodbury, Sioux City	Flood									
15-18	Lee	Green Bay, Washington	Flood									
19	Mills	Ingraham	Flood									
20	Crawford	Morgan, Otter Creek	Heavy Hail	8:00 a. m.					Large			
20	Emmet	Denmark	Hail									
20	Ida	Barfield, Grant	Tornado	10:00 p. m.					1			
21	Buchanan	Iazelton	Wind and Hail	1:00 a. m.	NW to SE				½			
21	Des Moines	Lama	Flood									
21	Floyd	Rockford, Charles, Ulster	Wind, Flood, Hail	12:00 p. m.	NW to SE				Hen eggs			
21	Henry	Jenter, Salem	Flood									
21	O'Brien	Dale	Wind and Hail	1:15 a. m.	W to E							
22	Benton	Eden, Canton, Polk, Benton, Bruce, Fremont	Wind, Hail and Erosion	1:00 to 2:00 a. m.	NW to SE				¼ to ½			
22	Black Hawk	Bennington, Lester, Poyner	Wind, Hail, Flood	1:00 a. m.	NE to SW				½			
22	Bremer	Jefferson	Wind, Hail and Erosion	1:00 a. m. and 6:00 a. m.					¼			
22	Buchanan	Jefferson, Byson, Wash- ington, Westbury	Wind, Hail, Flood	1:30 a. m.	NE to SW				½			
22	Cherokee	Liberty	Wind and Hail		SW to NE				¼			
22	Chickasaw	Dayton	Wind	4:00 a. m.	W to E							
22	Delaware	Bremen	Wind and Flood	5:30 a. m.								
22	Dubuque	New Wine	Wind	6:20 a. m.	NW to SE							
22	Howard	Howard, Center, Ver- non Springs	Wind	1:00 a. m.	SW to NE							
22	Johnson	Big Grove	Wind and Erosion	3:00 a. m.	N to S							
22	O'Brien	Dale	Wind, Light Hail	1:30 a. m.	SW to NE				¼			
22	Winneshiek	Jackson	Wind and Erosion	4:00 a. m.	NW to SE							
23	Sioux	Grant	Hail	10:00 p. m.	W to E							
23	Sac	Cook	Wind	11:00 a. m.	NE to SW							
24	Calhoun	Lincoln, Center, Green- field	Hail and Wind	11:30 p. m.								
24	Carroll	Ewoldt	Wind	11:55 p. m.	NW to SE							
24	Cherokee	Marcus, Cherokee	Wind and Hail	9:30 p. m. to 12:00 p. m.	NW to SE				¼			
24	Decatur	Fayette, New Buddah	Hail						½ to 1½			
24	Hamilton	Independence	Wind, Rain, Hail	12:30 p. m.	SW to NE							
24	Harrison	Jefferson	Wind	11:00 p. m.	NW to SE				¾			
24	Ida	Griggs	Wind and Rain	11:30 p. m.								
24	Kossuth	German	Wind	11:30 p. m.	NE to SW							
24	Lyon	Lyon	Wind, Light Hail	9:00 p. m.	NW to SE							
24	Monona	Grant	Wind	11:00 p. m.	N to S				Peas			
24	O'Brien	Baker, Caledonia, Union, Carroll, Dale	Wind	11:00 to 11:00 to								
24	Plymouth	Meadow, America, Port- land, Elgin, Fredonia	Wind and Hail	12:00 p. m.	NW to SE							
24	Sioux	Sherman, Nassua, East Orange, West Branch, Reading, Floyd, Hol- land, Washington, Dun- combe, Logan	Wind and Hail	11:00 p. m.	SW to NE				¼			
				10:00 to 12:00 p. m.	NW to SE				Peas	Wind \$50,000 Bldgs. \$5,000 Crops slight Chickens \$200		

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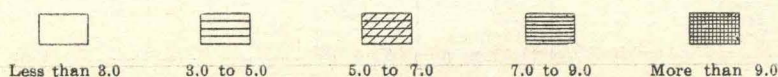
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24	Woodbury	Sioux City	Rain and Wind	10:30 p. m.						Property \$2,500		14
24	Wright	Iowa	Wind and Hail	12:00 p. m.	SW to NE				Peas	Slight		
25	Benton	Canton, Fremont	Wind and Hail	2:00 a. m.	NE to SW				Walnuts	(Bldgs. \$2,000)		
25	Boone	Dodge, Marcy	Wind	1:00 a. m.	SW to NE					(Crops \$400)		
25	Butler	Pittsford, Monroe	Wind, Hail, Rain	1:00 a. m.	SW to NE				1/2	Crops \$7,000		
25	Clayton	Garnavillo	Wind	3:00 a. m.	W to E					Hail \$2,500		
25	Dallas	Grant	Wind	1:10 a. m.	NW to SE					Rain \$1,000		
25	Decatur	Fayette, Burrel, New Buda	Wind and Hail	6:30 to 7:00 a. m.	W to E				Hickory nuts to hen eggs	(Wind, Slight)		
25	Hardin	Grant	Tornado	1:30 p. m.	W to E	20'	6			Crops, Slight		
25	Lyon	Wheeler	Light Hail	8:30 p. m.	W to E				1/2	Crops, Slight		
25	Marshall	Discomb	Wind	1:30 a. m.	SW to NE					(Bldgs. \$250)		
25	O'Brien	Franklin, Floyd	Hail	9:00 p. m.	NW to SE				1/2 to 3/4	Crops \$750		
25	Page	Amity	Wind and Hail	3:00 a. m.	W to E					\$1,000		
25	Polk	Des Moines	Wind	1:30 a. m.	NW to SE					Crops \$800		
25	Poweshiek	Jackson	Rain							Crops \$1,000		
25	Sac	Jackson	Light Hail, Wind	1:00 a. m.	W to E					Crops \$1,000		
25	Sioux	Grant	Light Hail	9:00 p. m.	NW to SE					Crops \$1,000		
26	O'Brien	Franklin	Wind and Hail	9:00 p. m.	NW to SE					Crops \$1,500		
28	Chickasaw	Richland	Wind and Hail		NW to SE					Property \$600		
29	Black Hawk	Mt. Vernon	Wind and Hail	10:00 p. m.	SW to NE					Crops \$500		
29	Black Hawk	Jennington	Hail	10:30 p. m.	N to S				1/4	Crops \$5,000		
29	Black Hawk	Jennington	Wind	5:30 p. m.	NW to SE					(Bldgs. \$2,000)		
29	Bremer	Fremont, Maxfield	Wind and Hail	10:00 to 11:00 p. m.	W to E					Crops \$6,000		
29	Buchanan	Hazelton	Wind, Light Hail	10:30 a. m.	W to E					(Bldgs. \$500)		
29	Fayette	Union	Wind and Rain	5:00 p. m.						Crops \$5,000		
29	Fremont	Benton, Madison, Sidney, Washington	Wind and Hail	8:00 p. m.	NW to SE				1/2 to 1 1/2	Property \$1,000		
29	Grundy	Colfax	Light Hail, Wind		SW to NE				Peas	Crops \$20,000		
29	Hamilton	Rose Grove	Hail	9:00 p. m.	SW to NE				3/4	(Bldgs. \$500)		
29	Howard	Howard Center	Wind	5:00 p. m.	NW to SE					Crops slight		
29	Winneshek	Bluffton, Lincoln	Wind, Light Hail	5:00 p. m.	NW to SE					Crops \$9,000		
30	Black Hawk	Cedar Falls	Wind	5:45 p. m.						Crops \$2,000		
30	Fremont	Riverton	Wind and Hail	8:45 p. m.	NE to SW					Crops \$5,000		
										Property \$1,000		
										Crops \$4,000		

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, JUNE, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES



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# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA.

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## COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—JULY

YEAR	Temperature				Precipitation				Number of Days				
	Mean	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Total	Departure	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With pre. .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
1873.....	74.0	+ 0.3	96	54	2.78	- 1.05	7.73	0.85					
1874.....	77.8	+ 4.1	101	56	3.04	- 0.79	6.15	0.55					
1875.....	72.8	- 0.9	97	56	6.05	+ 2.22	9.70	1.60					
1876.....	71.2	+ 0.5	95	54	6.15	+ 2.32	11.92	1.84					
1877.....	74.0	+ 0.3	97	54	2.35	- 1.48	7.58	0.90					
1878.....	76.5	+ 2.8	104	52	5.13	+ 1.30	13.20	0.90					
1879.....	76.0	+ 2.3	102	55	2.20	- 1.63	8.66	0.00					
1880.....	73.8	+ 0.1	98	48	4.16	+ 0.33	10.40	1.30					
1881.....	75.9	+ 2.2	100	50	5.33	+ 1.50	16.31	0.28					
1882.....	69.1	- 4.6	94	46	3.66	- 0.17	7.30	0.85					
1883.....	72.9	- 0.8	100	46	5.14	+ 1.31	13.99	1.26					
1884.....	71.0	- 2.7	96	50	5.41	+ 1.58	11.51	0.70					
1885.....	74.6	+ 0.9	102	48	4.73	+ 0.90	11.45	0.68					
1886.....	76.2	+ 2.5	104	48	0.50	- 3.33	2.20	0.00					
1887.....	77.0	+ 3.3	105	45	2.85	- 0.98	8.43	0.87					
1888.....	75.9	+ 2.2	103	38	4.31	+ 0.48	8.45	1.17					
1889.....	72.6	- 1.1	102	40	4.00	+ 0.17	8.25	1.15					
1890.....	75.2	+ 1.5	110	45	2.04	- 1.79	6.16	0.06					
1891.....	68.5	- 5.2	99	41	4.22	+ 0.39	8.20	1.67		8	13	13	5
1892.....	73.0	- 0.7	104	38	5.29	+ 1.46	12.86	1.71		9	16	10	5
1893.....	75.0	- 1.3	102	47	3.33	- 0.50	8.84	1.49		7	19	10	2
1894.....	76.4	+ 2.7	109	39	0.63	- 3.20	3.50	T.		3	22	8	1
1895.....	72.1	- 1.6	104	35	3.40	- 0.43	10.10	0.45		7	15	12	4
1896.....	73.6	- 0.1	104	42	6.90	+ 3.07	12.67	1.61		9	14	11	6
1897.....	75.6	+ 1.9	106	42	3.26	- 0.57	7.60	1.01		6	18	10	3
1898.....	73.4	- 0.3	102	42	2.98	- 0.85	12.88	0.55		7	19	9	3
1899.....	73.1	- 0.6	101	38	3.07	- 0.76	8.66	0.42		7	16	10	5
1900.....	73.4	- 0.3	102	37	6.15	+ 2.32	18.45	1.80		9	16	10	5
1901.....	82.4	+ 8.7	113	46	2.34	- 1.49	5.97	0.27		5	21	9	1
1902.....	73.1	- 0.6	99	41	8.67	+ 4.84	13.57	4.82		13	14	10	7
1903.....	72.9	- 0.8	100	40	4.83	+ 1.00	12.72	0.94		9	17	9	5
1904.....	70.6	- 3.1	100	38	4.41	+ 0.58	11.97	1.28		10	16	9	6
1905.....	70.6	- 3.1	102	40	2.91	- 0.92	7.08	0.69		9	14	10	7
1906.....	70.9	- 2.8	102	42	3.94	- 0.79	7.05	0.26		8	18	10	3
1907.....	73.7	- 0.0	102	41	7.27	+ 3.14	13.66	3.97		13	16	11	4
1908.....	73.0	- 0.7	100	42	3.66	- 0.17	9.21	0.70		8	16	10	5
1909.....	72.3	- 1.4	102	46	4.77	+ 0.94	12.20	1.20		10	15	8	8
1910.....	74.5	+ 0.8	108	43	1.86	- 1.97	5.69	0.12		7	19	8	4
1911.....	75.5	+ 1.8	111	38	2.27	- 1.56	6.62	0.68		7	18	10	3
1912.....	74.6	+ 0.9	103	38	3.71	- 0.12	7.56	1.17		10	17	10	4
1913.....	76.1	+ 2.4	108	45	1.82	- 2.01	6.23	T.		5	21	8	2
1914.....	76.6	+ 2.9	109	43	2.27	- 1.56	6.50	0.44		5	20	8	3
1915.....	69.5	- 4.2	92	40	8.32	+ 4.49	15.83	3.68		14	10	12	9
1916.....	79.7	+ 6.0	105	48	1.78	- 2.05	6.87	0.10		5	23	7	1
1917.....	74.3	+ 0.6	106	38	2.27	- 1.56	6.06	0.23		7	21	8	2
1918.....	73.1	- 0.6	105	40	3.17	- 0.66	8.05	0.26		8	19	8	4
1919.....	77.4	+ 3.7	104	41	2.86	- 0.97	7.82	0.39		6	22	8	1
1920.....	72.3	- 1.4	102	45	4.22	+ 0.39	7.49	1.11		9	19	9	3
1921.....	77.9	+ 4.2	104	41	2.53	- 1.30	7.45	0.42		7	19	9	3
1922.....	71.5	- 2.2	98	40	6.31	+ 2.48	11.72	3.13		11	14	12	5
1923.....	76.5	+ 2.8	102	47	1.75	- 2.08	5.54	0.29		5	19	9	3
1924.....	70.2	- 3.5	99	41	3.67	- 0.16	8.90	0.57		9	16	11	4
1925.....	74.1	+ 0.4	105	40	2.66	- 1.17	7.93	0.80		8	19	10	2
1926.....	74.8	+ 1.1	109	38	3.72	- 0.11	9.08	0.82		10	15	10	6
1927.....	72.9	- 0.8	102	45	1.96	- 1.87	4.80	0.09		7	18	10	3
1928.....	73.9	+ 0.2	98	43	4.43	+ 0.60	9.32	0.65		8	18	10	3
1929.....	74.1	+ 0.4	98	43	4.31	+ 0.48	12.30	1.47		9	16	10	5
1930.....	77.9	+ 4.2	112	40	1.49	- 2.34	5.58	T.		4	21	8	2

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

## TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the State, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 104 stations, was 77.9°, or 4.2° above normal. The greatest district excess, 6.1°, was in the west-central district and the least district excess, 2.1°, was in the northeast district. The highest monthly mean was 81.5° at Little Sioux, and the lowest, 71.2° at Postville. The absolute range for the State was 72°, from 112° at Keokuk No. 2 on the 27th, to 40° at Earlham (near), and Decorah, on the 15th. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 100° or above, was 6.3, ranging from 13 days at Glenwood and Chariton, to none at 9 northeast stations. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 90° or above, was 18, ranging from 6 days at Postville, to 24 days at Spencer and Lenox. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 51° at Britt on the 16th.

## GENERAL SUMMARY

The weather during July was noteworthy because of high maximum temperatures and a prolonged dry spell with its effect on vegetation.

The average temperature for the State was more than four degrees above normal, due to three periods of exceedingly high temperatures. Only three times since 1873 has the July mean exceeded that of this month. At Keokuk No. 2 the thermometers registered 112° on the 27th, which came within one degree of equaling the state record for July, which was 113° in 1901 at Sigourney on the 22d. The absolute range in temperature for the State was 72°, which came within one degree of the record, 73°, in 1911. At 14 stations July maximum temperature records were broken on the 27th. While crops suffered untold damage from the heat, it was reliably reported that a 40-acre field of corn on peat land in the vicinity of Sac City was completely killed by frost on the morning of the 15th.

With only two exceptions, this month, with average rainfall of 1.49 inches, was the driest July of record. The driest was 1886, with an average of 0.50, and the next driest, 1894, with 0.63. The number of days with precipitation, 0.01 inch or more, averaged 4; only 1894 with 3, had less, though records of this feature are not available in 1886. Akron, with only a trace, was the driest station. Only in 1886 was this record surpassed, when three stations in Jefferson and Wayne counties had none.

The most severe drouth was in the southern and western portions of the State. Berries were the first affected, and in some localities the crop was reduced as much as 50% to 75%; next the truck crops, and some were utterly ruined and others seriously injured. Later, pastures and corn became involved. Small grains were matured and harvested generally before any great effects were noticeable, except some slight shrinking of many late oats. Corn tassels and occasional top leaves were burned white, and the silk dried up, except in the northeast portion of the State. Second growth hay and pastures rapidly dried up, and over much of the State turned brown. Livestock were put on winter feed in many localities, due to the scarcity of pasturage.

All kinds of building construction advanced above normal this month, except road paving was hampered because the water supply became locally exhausted. In stretches of road construction it had to be piped as far as 7 or 8 miles.

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Climatological Data for July, 1930

STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit							Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days			OBSERVERS
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	
<i>Northwest District</i>																		
Akron	Plymouth	1,513	4															Orlan C. Moore
Alta	Buena Vista	1,513	39	78.4	+ 6.0	107	27	48	14	41	1.21	- 3.04	0.90	0	4	22	9	D. E. Hadden
Alton	Sioux	1,505	25	77.8	+ 4.3	104	27	45	1†	42	0.39	- 3.15	0.33	0	4	19	11	W. S. Slagle
Cherokee	Cherokee	1,196	10	78.0	+ 6.9	104	27	44	14	41	1.12	- 2.70	1.08	0	3	22	9	J. E. Wirth
Estherville	Emmet	1,298	35	78.6	+ 6.7	108	27	45	14	42	0.25	- 3.91	0.25	0	1	28	3	A. O. Peterson
<i>Hawarden</i>																		
Inwood (near)	Sioux	1,181	4								0.12	- 3.51	0.12	0	1	15	10	Earl V. Slife
Lake Park (near)	Lyon	1,474	26	77.8	+ 5.2	110	27	43	14	45	0.18	- 3.19	0.08	0	4	25	6	A. C. Hanson
Le Mars	Dickinson	1,489	17	76.6	+ 4.6	106	27	44	14	41	0.33	- 2.47	0.33	0	1	17	9	P. M. Lawrence
Marathon	Plymouth	1,224	34	78.0	+ 4.7	104	27	44	1†	38	0.36	- 3.72	0.33	0	2	26	5	Henry Newell
	Buena Vista	1,390	4								1.37		1.37	0	1	27	2	E. G. Smith
<i>Pocahontas</i>																		
Rock Rapids	Pocahontas	1,248	26	78.2	+ 5.5	110	27	45	14†	43	0.30	- 3.15	0.15	0	3	24	7	F. E. Hronek
Sanborn	Lyon	1,349	31	76.2	+ 3.6	106	27	44	1†	44	0.80	- 2.57	0.42	0	4	29	2	Nellie F. Medberry
Sheldon	O'Brien	1,553	16	76.6	+ 3.8	105	27	44	14	40	0.77	- 2.73	0.60	0	4	17	10	J. W. Dow
Sioux Center	O'Brien	1,418	19	77.1	+ 4.1	106	27	44	1	42	0.28	- 3.82	0.18	0	3	19	11	Ross E. Forward
	Sioux	1,461	31	77.6	+ 4.6	106	27	47	14	44	0.69	- 3.14	0.45	0	2	22	7	F. C. Aue
<i>Spencer</i>																		
Storm Lake	Clay	1,319	16	79.9	+ 5.6	110	27	43	14	43	0.32	- 3.18	0.19	0	3	21	9	E. W. Little
Washta	Buena Vista	1,442	41	77.7	+ 4.2	104	27	44	14	37	1.22	- 2.85	0.86	0	2	15	16	Russel M. Edwards
West Bend	Cherokee	1,157	32	77.2	+ 4.9	105	27	41	15	49	1.34	- 2.89	1.30	0	2	22	8	H. L. Felzer
	Palo Alto	1,197	27	78.0	+ 4.8	107	27	44	14	42	0.85	- 2.62	0.43	0	4	23	8	Jos. Dorweiler
Means and extremes				77.6	+ 4.9	110	27	41	15	49	0.63	- 3.09	1.37	0	3	22	8	1 s.
<i>North Central District</i>																		
Algona	Kossuth	1,207	57	77.1	+ 4.1	106	27	48	1†	38	0.82	- 2.24	0.31	0	3	18	10	Leon M. Merritt
Allison (near)	Butler	1,000	16	75.8	+ 3.0	99	10	50	1†	37	4.99	+ 1.37	1.85	0	9	23	8	George H. Bell
Belmond	Wright	1,181	20	76.4	+ 2.8	101	10†	46	1	41	3.03	- 0.59	1.51	0	8	20	7	H. F. Luick
Britt	Hancock	1,236	43	76.2	+ 5.0	105	27	47	1†	51	1.34	- 2.64	0.74	0	7	30	1	E. P. Healy
Charles City	Floyd	1,015	30	75.0	+ 2.7	99	10	49	15	37	1.13	- 2.64	0.39	0	7	18	10	U. S. Weather Bureau
<i>Forest City</i>																		
Hampton	Winnebago	1,226	36	74.8	+ 2.6	102	17	45	15	39	2.11	- 1.46	1.52	0	7	21	8	Dr. M. B. Neil
Humboldt	Franklin	1,142	5	75.6		100	10†	45	15	38	5.58	+ 1.93	3.79	0	8	29	0	Howard J. Haydon
Mason City	Humboldt	1,095	42	77.2	+ 3.1	107	27	45	15	41	2.02	- 1.72	1.11	0	3	22	8	H. C. Snitkey
Northwood	Cerro Gordo	1,148	33	73.7	+ 1.3	99	10†	43	15	39	3.20	- 0.32	1.24	0	6	21	9	American Beet Sugar Co.
	Worth	1,222	34	74.6	+ 3.4	100	27	48	15	38	3.83	0.00	1.75	0	4	18	11	Charles Dwell
Osage	Mitchell	1,163	36	74.5	+ 2.6	99	11†	48	1†	40	2.20	- 1.07	0.93	0	5	17	12	Dr. C. E. Juhl
Means and extremes				75.5	+ 3.0	107	27	43	15	51	2.75	- 1.05	1.85	0	6	21	8	2 sw.
<i>Northeast District</i>																		
Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	875									5.32		1.81	0	7	22	8	E. J. Cable
Decorah	Winneshiek	872	37	73.2	+ 1.0	99	20	40	15	42	2.10	- 1.95	0.77	0	7	22	7	M. D. Whitney
Dubuque	Dubuque	700	57	76.0	+ 1.9	99	20	51	15	30	0.94	- 3.00	0.66	0	7	18	4	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fayette	Fayette	1,003	42	74.4	+ 2.5	100	20	46	15	42	3.41	- 0.42	1.42	0	6	24	6	R. Z. Latimer
Independence	Buchanan	956	66	75.0	+ 2.0	99	20	49	15	35	3.21	- 0.93	1.18	0	7	20	9	Dr. Geo. Boody
Lansing	Allamakee	632	23								2.04	- 1.99	0.69	0	7			Mrs. Mary Spinner
<i>New Hampton</i>																		
Oelwein	Chickasaw	1,169	33	73.6	+ 1.4	98	20	44	15	41	1.15	- 2.62	0.38	0	6	16	13	D. W. Dawson
Postville (near)	Fayette	1,036	7	76.0	+ 3.8	103	27	47	15	34	3.50	- 0.42	1.95	0	5	23	6	John T. Ridler
Waterloo	Clayton	1,192	31	71.2	+ 1.2	94	20	45	15	30	2.77	- 1.62	1.05	0	7	24	7	F. L. Williams
Waverly	Black Hawk	854	47	76.4	+ 2.7	104	20	46	15	38	4.46	+ 0.48	1.71	0	5	25	5	R. B. Slippy
	Bremer	936	34															D. H. Murphy
Means and extremes				74.5	+ 2.1	104	20	40	15	42	2.89	- 1.09	1.95	0	6	22	7	2 sw.
<i>West Central District</i>																		
Audubon (near)	Audubon	1,297	35	80.1	+ 7.4	104	18†	49	14	38	0.65	- 3.02	0.58	0	2	23	8	George Kibby
Carroll	Carroll	1,265	40	79.0	+ 5.8	104	26†	48	14	37	1.52	- 2.06	0.91	0	3	30	1	Mrs. Jos. J. Wolfe
Denison	Crawford	1,200	36	80.0	+ 6.6	107	18	44	15	47	2.26	- 1.49	1.88	0	5	15	16	J. McMinnee
Guthrie Center	Guthrie	987	35	80.3	+ 6.7	108	27	44	15	44	1.18	- 3.04	0.88	0	2	22	9	Floyd H. Bainter
Harlan	Shelby	1,192	31	78.4	+ 5.3	103	9†	45	15	46	1.65	- 2.23	1.52	0	2	20	10	Walter Bell
<i>Jefferson</i>																		
Little Sioux	Greene	1,052	31	78.7	+ 5.4	104	27	45	15	39	1.41	- 2.27	1.10	0	2	25	4	W. I. Lyon
Logan	Harrison	1,040	25	81.5	+ 7.1	106	27	48	1	36	2.92	- 1.28	2.69	0	4	21	9	H. W. Kerr
Onawa	Harrison	1,120	63	80.2	+ 6.0	106	18†	48	1†	38	0.74	- 3.67	0.72	0	2	11	20	Amy Ann Stern
Rockwell City	Monona	1,051	29	79.4	+ 5.1	104	17†	50	14	37	0.90	- 3.25	0.55	0	2	21	6	Mrs. H. E. Colby
	Calhoun	1,232	34	78.0	+ 4.9	107	27	46	1†	37	0.51	- 3.28	0.35	0	3	29	2	A. W. McIsaac
<i>Sao City</i>																		
Sioux City	Sac	1,209	54	79.5	+ 6.6	108	27	44	15	45	0.83	- 2.81	0.55	0	3	20	9	F. P. Kessler
	Woodbury	1,135	41	80.5	+ 6.2	104	27	50	1	32	0.72	- 2.82	0.70	0	2	16	9	U. S. Weather Bureau
Means and extremes				79.6	+ 6.1	108	27	44	15	47	1.28	- 2.60	1.88	0	3	21	9	1 sw.
<i>Central District</i>																		
Ames	Story	926	53	79.4	+ 5.4	108	27	45	15	45	0.50	- 3.36	0.40	0	2	23	6	Iowa State College
Baxter	Jasper	998	30															F. A. Kanne
Boone (near)	Boone	894	25	77.2	+ 3.7	108	27	41	15	47	0.96	- 2.76	0.91	0	4	15	16	C. P. Henning
Des Moines	Polk	861	52	80.4	+ 5.0	106	27	50	15	34	0.56	- 2.94	0.33	0	3	14	14	U. S. Weather Bureau
Fort Dodge	Webster	1,114	30	78.1	+ 4.1	107	27	47	15	39	0.64	- 3.27	0.29	0	5	25	5	Mrs. Emma Sampson
<i>Grinnell</i>																		
Grundy Center	Poweshiek	1,031	36	77.6	+ 3.3	105	27	49	15	36	2.26	- 2.11	1.25	0	5	27	4	R. E. Bates
Iowa Falls	Grundy	976	39	77.0	+ 2.9	105	27	47	15	40	1.40	- 2.33	0.60	0	6	26	5	M. G. Heiberger
Marshalltown	Hardin	1,127	37	76.8	+ 4.5	103	27	45	15	41	2.28	- 1.66	0.90	0	7	23	4	C. H. Gilbert
Monroe	Marshall	947	38	79.4	+ 4.1	107	27	48	15	38	1.28	- 2.73	0.65	0	5	20	9	C. C. Pigman
	Jasper	922	18	79.7	+ 4.7	105	27	52	1†	36	0.88	- 2.68	0.63	0	3	27	3	J. A. Dibel
<i>Perry</i>																		
Toledo	Dallas	975	29	79.0	+ 4.8	106	27	46	15	41	1.23	- 2.81	1.16	0	3	18	13	Eugene N. Hastie
Van Meter	Tama	847	36	77.4	+ 3.2	104	27	44	15	38	1.28	- 2.26						

Climatological Data for July, 1930—Continued

STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit						Precipitation, in inches				Number of Days			Prevailing direction of wind	OBSERVERS		
				Mean	Departure from normal	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Greatest daily range	Total	Departure from normal	Greatest in 24 hours	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation, .01 in. or more	Clear			Partly cloudy	Cloudy
<i>East Central District</i>																				
Belle Plaine	Benton	866	40	77.4	+ 3.9	105	27	48	14	42	2.72	- 1.23	1.54	0	5	22	7	2	sw.	O. C. Burrows J. T. Wurster Dr. A. P. Bryant U. S. Weather Bureau Bureau of Fisheries
Cedar Rapids	Linn	737	48	77.8	+ 3.8	104	11†	47	15	42	1.36	- 2.54	1.12	0	5	20	5	6	sw.	
Clinton	Clinton	595	57	76.7	+ 1.9	102	20†	48	15	37	0.68	- 3.21	0.36	0	7	23	3	5	s.	
Davenport	Scott	580	59	78.6	+ 3.3	105	27	56	14	30	1.94	- 1.39	1.15	0	6	15	10	6	sw.	
Fairport	Muscatine	567	9	77.4	+ 2.4	99	25	52	15	31	1.88	- 1.73	0.95	0	6	16	8	7	s.	
Iowa City	Johnson	733	70	77.1	+ 3.3	103	27	49	15	37	1.74	- 2.38	1.23	0	5	18	11	2	sw.	Prof. J. F. Reilly Margaret T. Disney John Strodthoff William Molis Mrs. L. Stingley
La Claire	Scott	576	30								1.13	- 2.40	0.71	0	5				sw.	
Maquoketa (near)	Jackson	692	25	74.4	+ 3.2	101	20†	42	15	44	0.99	- 2.80	0.44	0	8	21	5	5	sw.	
Muscatine	Muscatine	546	69								2.23	- 1.48	1.00	0	6				sw.	
Olin	Jones	760	31	75.3	+ 1.3	104	27	45	15	42	1.12	- 2.73	0.70	0	4	25	2	4	sw.	
Tipton (near)	Cedar	806	31	76.4	+ 1.9	102	27	47	2†	39	1.49	- 2.34	1.01	0	4	11	15	5	w.	John Kroepfen Dr. F. C. Schadt
Williamsburg	Iowa	770	14	78.6		107	27	47	15	42	2.59	- 1.36	1.93	0	5	25	5	1	sw.	
Means and extremes				77.0	+ 3.0	107	27	42	15	44	1.66	- 2.13	1.93	0	6	20	7	4	sw.	
<i>Southwest District</i>																				
Atlantic	Cass	1,110	39	79.5	+ 5.3	105	18†	42	15	46	1.28	- 2.26	1.24	0	5	20	11	0	sw.	Roy L. Fancolly Arthur L. Bishop Dr. H. C. Hawley C. A. Smith Carl E. Pollock
Bedford	Taylor	1,200	2								1.01	- 2.94	0.63	0	3	22	5	4	sw.	
Clarinda	Page	1,009	40	78.4	+ 2.9	107	27	47	15	41	0.93	- 3.40	0.46	0	6	27	4	0	s.	
Corning	Adams	1,150	38	79.6	+ 5.5	105	20†	44	15	42	1.13	- 3.00	0.75	0	2	23	8	0	sw.	
Cumberland (near)	Cass	1,225	31								1.26	- 2.42	0.67	0	4	22	7	2	sw.	
Glenwood	Mills	1,100	32	81.3	+ 6.0	107	18†	48	1	36	1.69	- 1.91	1.07	0	4	24	7	0	se.	George Mogridge J. L. Hurley W. S. Mathews B. R. Bridge Geo. C. Rader
Lenox	Taylor	1,250	35	80.8	+ 5.7	107	27	50	15	39	0.45	- 3.76	0.35	0	2	27	4	0	s.	
Oakland	Pottawattamie	1,139	11	80.0	+ 5.7	106	18	45	15	41	1.64	- 2.20	1.60	0	3	20	8	3	sw.	
Red Oak (near)	Montgomery	1,030	5								1.57	- 2.48	0.78	0	4	19	11	1	s.	
Riverton (near)	Fremont	920	4								0.68	- 3.26	0.38	0	2	23	5	3	s.	
Thurman	Fremont	960	33	79.9	+ 4.3	107	27	49	15	37	0.70	- 3.47	0.55	0	2	24	5	2	s.	H. H. Askew U. S. Weather Bureau
Omaha, Neb.		1,105	59	83.0	+ 6.3	109	27	56	14	31	1.03	- 2.51	0.72	0	7	24	6	1	s.	
Means and extremes				80.3	+ 5.2	109	27	42	15	46	1.11	- 2.81	1.60	0	4	23	7	1	s.	
<i>South Central District</i>																				
Afton	Union	1,212	36	80.4	+ 6.6	106	27	51	14†	41	0.85	- 3.12	0.48	0	2	24	7	0	sw.	S. R. Brown O. E. McBride Thomas Wood C. C. Burr J. C. Davis
Albia	Monroe	949	32	78.7	+ 4.2	110	27	45	15	39	0.82	- 3.32	0.50	0	3	20	2	9	sw.	
Centerville	Appanoose	1,013	25	78.8	+ 3.9	106	27	45	15	36	0.18	- 3.75	0.14	0	4	20	7	4	sw.	
Chariton (near)	Lucas	1,042	35	80.6	+ 7.3	110	27	45	15	42	0.72	- 3.59	0.52	0	2	21	9	1	sw.	
Corydon (near)	Wayne	1,050	37	78.8	+ 4.2	106	27	48	15	35	0.77	- 3.04	0.50	0	4	22	7	2	sw.	
Creston	Union	1,291	25	78.0	+ 6.6	102	18	48	15	35	1.88	- 2.12	0.91	0	6	19	12	0	se.	Mrs. N. Spangler George Phillips Seth P. Shenton W. J. Casey J. B. Alter
Earlham (near)	Madison	1,126	28	78.8	+ 6.0	104	18	40	15	44	1.47	- 2.19	1.23	0	2	26	3	2	sw.	
Indianola	Warren	972	39	80.1	+ 5.3	108	27	46	15	40	1.04	- 2.75	0.57	0	5	23	8	0	sw.	
Knoxville	Marion	920	35																	
Lacona	Warren	824	21								0.71	- 3.07	0.38	0	2	19	10	2		
Lamoni	Decatur	1,123	23	78.5	+ 4.6	107	27	48	15	39	0.47	- 3.47	0.46	0	2	21	9	1	sw.	F. S. Parks J. M. Carr E. O. Gleason James A. Verploegh H. S. Ely
Melrose	Monroe	871	1								0.72		0.40	0	3	24	5	2	sw.	
Mount Ayr	Ringgold	1,220	37	77.9	+ 3.6	104	27	48	15	35	0.73	- 3.69	0.36	0	5	29	1	1	s.	
Tingley	Ringgold	1,275	5	78.7	+ 5.3	106	27	51	14	38	0.91	- 3.22	0.63	0	2	23	8	0	sw.	
Winterset	Madison	1,118	39	79.6	+ 4.7	106	27	50	15	37	1.06	- 3.34	0.85	0	4	24	6	1	sw.	
Means and extremes				79.1	+ 5.1	110	27	40	15	44	0.88	- 3.09	1.23	0	3	22	7	2	sw.	
<i>Southeast District</i>																				
Bonaparte (near)	Van Buren	563	39	77.5	+ 3.1	106	27	48	15	36	0.96	- 2.90	0.47	0	4	24	4	3	sw.	B. R. Vale John W. Donnelly Miss Musa Todd R. M. McKenzie U. S. Weather Bureau
Burlington	Des Moines	544	34	80.2	+ 4.2	109	27	53	15	37	0.81	- 2.60	0.35	0	5	23	5	3	sw.	
Columbus Junction	Louisa	595	29	76.4	+ 1.4	104	27	47	15	34	0.79	- 2.78	0.70	0	5	24	6	1	sw.	
Fairfield	Jefferson	780	46	78.0	+ 3.6	108	27	45	15	41	1.11	- 2.71	0.71	0	4	18	10	3	sw.	
Keokuk	Lee	614	59	80.5	+ 3.6	107	27	55	15	31	0.30	- 3.11	0.24	0	4	14	13	4	sw.	
Keokuk No. 2	Lee	651	1	81.0		112	27	53	15	36	0.43		0.35	0	4					J. N. D. Dickinson Dr. J. W. Rinabarger J. H. Jericho Roy R. Robinson C. L. Mikes
Keosauqua	Van Buren	639	38	78.8	+ 4.1	108	27	46	15	35	1.70	- 2.29	1.70	0	2					
Mt. Pleasant	Henry	730	49	78.8	+ 3.1	107	27	49	15	35	0.91	- 2.75	0.73	0	5	18	12	1	sw.	
Oskaloosa	Mahaska	835	54	78.5	+ 4.8	107	27	47	15	39	2.44	- 1.28	1.87	0	4	20	7	4	sw.	
Ottumwa	Wapello	649	35	79.0	+ 2.7	108	27	47	15	40	1.02	- 2.54	0.50	0	3	19	10	2	sw.	
Sigourney	Keokuk	785	34	78.2	+ 4.1	108	27	46	15	39	2.11	- 1.74	1.61	0	3	21	8	2	s.	John B. Slate C. L. Beswick D. D. Sherman H. G. Liddle
Stockport (near)	Van Buren	747	28	78.4	+ 4.6	108	27	44	15	41	0.76	- 3.83	0.42	0	6	23	5	3	s.	
Washington	Washington	757	48	79.3	+ 4.8	106	27	51	15	37	0.83	- 2.51	0.63	0	5	23	7	1	s.	
Wever	Lee	552	2	78.8		108	27	45	15	43	0.79		0.44	0	4	19	9	3	w.	
Means and extremes				78.8	+ 3.8	112	27	44	15	43	1.07	- 2.66	1.87	0	4	21	8	2	sw.	
State means and extremes				77.9	+ 4.2	112	27	40	15	51	1.49	- 2.34	1.95	0	4	21	8	2	sw.	

Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 118 stations, was 1.49 inches, or 2.34 inches below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the northwest and south-central districts, 3.09; and the north-central district had the least deficiency, 1.05 inches. The greatest deficiency at any station, 3.91 inches, at Estherville, and the greatest excess, was 1.93 at Hampton. The

greatest amount at a single station was 5.58 inches at Hampton, and the least was a trace at Akron. The greatest amount in 24 consecutive hours was 1.95 inches at Oelwein on the 8th. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more of precipitation for the State was 4, ranging from 6 days in the north-central, northeast and east-central districts, to 3 days in the northwest, west-central and south-central districts. For individual stations the range was from none at Akron to 9 days at Allison.

Daily Precipitation for July, 1930

Stations	Drainage Basin	Day of Month																															Totals			
		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				
<i>Northwest District</i>																																				
Akron	Bix Sioux				.08	.23																											T.	T.		
Alta	Raccoon					.03																.85	.05													
Alton	Floyd			.02																																
Cherokee	Little Sioux			.01	.03	T.	T.																													
Estherville	Des Moines																																			
Hawarden	Big Sioux																																			
Inwood (near)	Big Sioux			.08																																
Lake Park (near)	Little Sioux			.33																																
Le Mars	Floyd																																			
Marathon	Raccoon																																			
Pocahontas	Des Moines			.01	.14	T.																														
Rock Rapids	Big Sioux			.42																																
Sanborn	Floyd			.07																																
Sheldon	Floyd			.18																																
Sioux Center	Floyd			.21																																
Spencer	Little Sioux			.12																																
Storm Lake	Raccoon																																			
Washta	Little Sioux																																			
West Bend	Des Moines			.11	.05																															
<i>North Central District</i>																																				
Algona	Des Moines			.26	T.																															
Allison (near)	Cedar			.54	1.63	.03																														
Belmond	Iowa			.06	1.45	.05																														
Britt	Iowa			.16	.74	.09																														
Charles City***	Cedar			T.	.03	.26	.11																													
Forest City	Cedar			.03																																
Hampton	Cedar			.10	.32	.83																														
Humboldt	Des Moines																																			
Mason City	Cedar			T.	.02	.98	.13																													
Northwood	Cedar			.15	1.75																															
Osage	Cedar			T.	.41																															
<i>Northeast District</i>																																				
Cedar Falls	Cedar			T.	.59	1.15	.02																													
Decorah	Mississippi			.61																																
Dubuque**	Mississippi			.07	.13																															
Fayette	Mississippi			.22																																
Independence	Wapsipicon			.68	.16																															
Lansing	Mississippi			.40	.19																															
New Hampton	Wapsipicon			.30	.38																															
Oelwein	Wapsipicon			.40																																
Postville (near)	Mississippi			.52	1.05																															
Waterloo	Cedar				1.71																															
Waverly	Cedar																																			
<i>West Central District</i>																																				
Audubon (near)	Nishnabotna																																			
Carroll	Raccoon			.58																																
Denison	Missouri			.36																																
Guthrie Center	Raccoon			.88																																
Harlan	Nishnabotna																																			
Jefferson	Raccoon			1.10																																
Little Sioux	Little Sioux			.19																																
Logan	Missouri			.02																																
Onawa	Missouri			.55																																
Rockwell City	Raccoon			.35	.08																															
Sac City	Raccoon			.55	.06																															
Sioux City***	Missouri			T.	T.	.02																														
<i>Central District</i>																																				
Ames	Skunk			.40																																
Baxter	Skunk																																			
Boone (near)	Des Moines			.27	.64																															
Des Moines**	Des Moines			.30																																
Fort Dodge	Des Moines			.17	.08																															
Grinnell	Iowa			.40	.85	.04																														
Grundy Center	Cedar			.20	.15																															
Iowa Falls	Iowa			.05	.27																															
Marshalltown	Iowa			T.	.65																															
Monroe	Des Moines			.32	.31																															
Perry	Raccoon			1.16																																
Toledo	Iowa			.30	.42																															
Van Meter	Raccoon			.78	.65																															
Waukeo	Raccoon																																			
Webster City	Des Moines																																			
<i>East Central District</i>																																				
Belle Plaine	Iowa			.47	1.54																															
Cedar Rapids	Cedar			.12	.04																															
Clinton	Mississippi			.05	.31																															
Davenport**	Mississippi			.18	1.14</																															



Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of July, 1930

Stations	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	Mean	
<b>Northern Division</b>																																	
Algona.....	(Maximum.....)	78	79	74	84	94	87	94	88	98	104	101	94	78	71	86	98	101	90	92	97	88	84	88	97	96	95	106	95	90	87	92	90.5
	(Minimum.....)	48	52	60	64	67	70	65	68	68	74	73	75	62	48	49	61	71	67	68	70	67	58	64	68	71	72	66	58	58	54	63.7	
Alta.....	(Maximum.....)	80	86	82	85	98	94	97	101	103	102	102	90	77	78	90	100	100	92	101	95	82	85	90	98	96	99	107	85	90	84	92	92.3
	(Minimum.....)	50	55	61	68	67	72	67	74	70	72	67	61	48	49	63	72	70	69	74	64	58	61	63	69	74	68	66	61	50	68	64	66.6
Alton.....	(Maximum.....)	80	84	84	87	98	93	95	103	102	102	101	93	77	77	89	98	98	92	97	90	84	89	89	95	95	100	104	94	92	85	93	92.3
	(Minimum.....)	45	56	62	70	67	70	68	73	66	69	68	75	62	45	47	65	74	65	65	68	67	52	61	65	68	72	68	64	54	61	51	63.3
Belmond.....	(Maximum.....)	77	80	79	82	92	87	92	88	98	101	100	95	80	74	84	96	100	95	100	101	85	87	90	95	95	94	101	85	89	86	91	90.3
	(Minimum.....)	46	52	58	61	68	67	61	67	67	74	70	74	60	56	55	60	65	75	76	65	55	55	62	65	72	70	68	57	55	50	62.6	
Charles City.....	(Maximum.....)	74	75	74	79	89	87	88	85	92	99	98	93	77	72	80	93	98	87	93	98	83	82	88	93	93	92	97	82	86	81	87	86.9
	(Minimum.....)	51	53	59	60	68	66	62	68	70	76	74	69	56	55	49	50	65	68	70	69	65	60	59	65	67	71	71	65	58	57	54	63.1
Decorah.....	(Maximum.....)	73	77	75	82	90	86	88	88	93	97	93	93	80	79	79	91	95	91	95	99	85	83	88	93	94	95	97	83	85	81	87	87.6
	(Minimum.....)	49	45	53	57	64	66	55	62	65	68	71	64	60	47	40	57	65	62	65	63	56	48	61	61	65	71	63	60	50	45	58.8	
Dubuque.....	(Maximum.....)	71	76	78	79	81	88	88	83	93	90	93	99	78	71	78	88	95	93	96	99	80	82	89	92	94	84	98	86	83	80	84	86.1
	(Minimum.....)	56	53	57	62	66	69	64	66	69	72	73	69	59	54	51	60	69	76	81	78	68	63	63	69	69	73	74	70	65	61	58	65.8
Forest City.....	(Maximum.....)	75	77	73	83	89	86	88	86	93	101	100	91	76	73	83	96	102	89	91	99	83	83	88	97	96	94	101	92	89	84	91	83.7
	(Minimum.....)	46	50	55	60	65	68	60	70	67	72	68	73	58	48	45	58	68	65	68	65	64	55	55	60	63	66	70	63	56	57	52	61.0
Independence.....	(Maximum.....)	71	74	75	78	84	83	85	84	90	95	95	97	87	81	76	88	95	90	95	99	88	81	86	90	91	90	94	94	90	78	81	86.6
	(Minimum.....)	52	51	57	59	61	68	62	61	68	72	71	81	63	52	49	53	63	69	75	68	69	59	57	61	67	70	71	61	60	55	63.4	
Inwood.....	(Maximum.....)	78	85	84	89	97	92	96	104	102	103	104	86	81	79	83	100	98	94	95	88	86	91	94	100	100	103	110	101	93	85	95	93.1
	(Minimum.....)	45	56	60	70	66	67	67	70	67	71	69	70	58	43	52	63	71	64	66	70	62	50	63	63	70	71	69	60	59	50	62.5	
Lake Park.....	(Maximum.....)	77	81	75	89	96	90	93	98	102	100	99	87	74	73	87	97	95	95	92	87	80	86	89	98	95	101	106	83	90	87	93	90.2
	(Minimum.....)	55	48	58	69	68	67	65	68	76	70	71	69	49	44	46	61	71	63	66	67	65	67	61	64	67	77	70	60	56	68	55	62.9
Mason City.....	(Maximum.....)	74	75	70	81	89	86	87	86	96	99	97	92	76	71	82	95	99	87	92	97	82	85	89	94	94	93	99	89	86	81	83	87.3
	(Minimum.....)	46	49	50	59	65	68	57	60	68	75	70	74	61	46	43	57	70	62	65	63	63	54	53	64	66	68	66	66	66	53	48	60.1
New Hampton.....	(Maximum.....)	79	75	74	80	89	87	87	85	91	97	96	96	81	74	78	91	96	88	93	98	82	84	88	92	93	91	97	90	86	83	88	87.4
	(Minimum.....)	46	48	55	59	65	66	50	64	67	73	69	68	61	48	44	52	61	65	66	66	65	55	51	61	62	68	67	66	53	47	59.8	
Northwood.....	(Maximum.....)	77	74	71	79	89	87	89	81	95	98	98	89	76	73	80	92	97	89	90	97	82	82	87	94	93	94	100	88	86	82	89	87.1
	(Minimum.....)	49	52	57	58	59	70	69	61	69	74	73	71	61	50	48	54	67	64	67	68	66	57	57	66	65	69	68	66	56	56	52	62.0
Pocahontas.....	(Maximum.....)	80	83	80	84	95	91	95	93	103	103	103	95	80	78	88	100	104	95	98	99	82	86	93	97	98	102	110	93	92	86	93	92.9
	(Minimum.....)	48	62	61	68	67	68	65	73	69	76	69	75	64	45	45	60	69	67	66	71	65	58	58	60	68	67	69	67	61	57	63.5	
Postville.....	(Maximum.....)	72	70	71	76	83	81	82	79	86	91	89	90	74	70	72	84	90	85	90	94	79	78	83	85	89	85	91	79	80	80	79	81.8
	(Minimum.....)	50	48	54	58	67	65	67	60	64	70	71	64	58	49	45	58	67	67	71	71	61	56	53	64	68	69	67	66	54	52	54	60.6
Rock Rapids.....	(Maximum.....)	78	85	81	89	96	91	94	100	99	100	100	84	76	76	90	98	94	95	92	84	83	88	90	97	97	103	106	89	80	85	92	91.0
	(Minimum.....)	44	55	60	65	63	66	66	70	67	69	67	73	62	44	46	66	70	59	64	67	64	51	55	55	68	68	69	63	53	60	50	61.3
<b>Central Division</b>																																	
Ames.....	(Maximum.....)	77	82	82	85	92	92	96	92	102	104	103	99	91	74	86	99	102	103	103	103	89	88	93	96	94	104	108	90	92	88	92	93.6
	(Minimum.....)	52	52	60	60	68	67	67	71	75	72	73	75	63	51	45	54	68	77	76	73	72	60	56	60	69	77	74	75	64	61	54	65.2
Belle Plaine.....	(Maximum.....)	76	80	81	83	90	92	90	87	99	102	102	98	83	73	82	93	98	102	102	102	90	85	91	93	97	98	105	89	88	84	87	91.0
	(Minimum.....)	53	49	59	62	65	67	65	68	70	75	70	72	67	48	65	51	63	70	71	67	70	58	55	59	67	74	72	60	58	51	63.7	
Carroll.....	(Maximum.....)	78	82	82	85	93	87	93	96	102	103	102	94	83	75	87	100	101	101	102	102	82	86	90	95	91	104	104	92	91	86	94	92.3
	(Minimum.....)	51	55	60	66	69	72	68	74	72	71	72	77	58	48	50	64	73	70	75	72	66	58	61	62	72	76	70	64	61	58	65.8	
Cedar Rapids.....	(Maximum.....)	78	80	81	80	84	93	91	84	100	102	102	99	89	75	82	93	99	101	103	104	91	88	91	95	97	101	104	92	89	87	90	91.8
	(Minimum.....)	53	48	60	61	67	65	62	66	69	75	72	70	68	54	47	51	61	67	77	71	71	60	56	60	65	77	74	63	60	51	63.7	
Davenport.....	(Maximum.....)	74	75	81	82	91	90	87	95	100																							

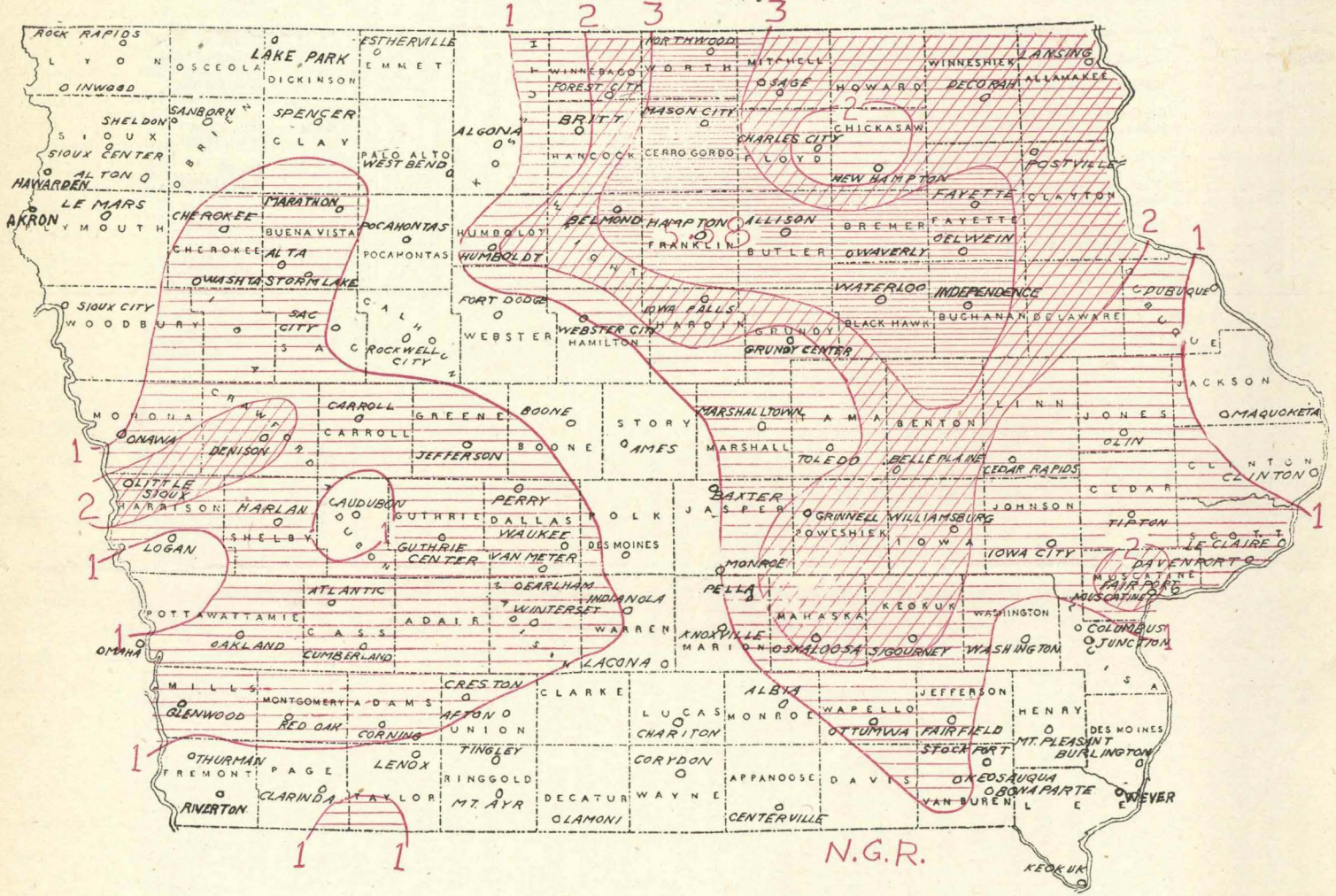


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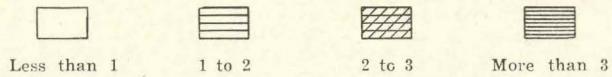
Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path Miles	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
4	Wayne	Wright	Wind and Hail	1:00 p. m.	NW to SE					Wind \$100 Hail \$200		
4	Dallas	Spring Valley	Hail	6:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.						Slight		
5	Butler	Jackson, West Point	Wind and Hail	p. m.						Slight		
5	Grundy	Felix	Hail	3:00 a. m.	W to E	2	5	10		\$3,000		
5	Mahaska	Lincoln	Tornado	5:00 a. m.	SW to NE		1½			\$1,000		
5	Linn	Franklin	Hail and Rain	4:30 a. m.	SW to NE	½	4	2	½	\$1,500		
5	Lyon	Rock, Riverside	Hail							Slight		
5	Scott	Davenport	Wind, Rain, Hail							Slight		
11	Clayton	Garnaville	Wind	6:15 p. m.	W to E					Trees, \$250		
19	Tama	Lincoln, Spring Creek	Tornado	6:00 p. m.	NE to SW		3			\$5,000		
20	Delaware	Coffins Grove	Tornado	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE		2			\$1,200		
20	Delaware	Coffins Grove, Delaware	Wind	5:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.	W to E					\$8,000		
20	Tama	Crystal, Howard	Tornado, Wind, Hail	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE		4			{Tornado, \$2,000; Wind \$1,000; Hail, \$5,000		
25	Benton	Harrison, Taylor, Jackson, Cedar	Wind and Hail	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE				¼ to ½	{Hail, \$30,000 Wind, \$10,000		
25	Black Hawk	Big Creek	Hail							{Hail, \$25,000 Wind, \$8,000		
25	Buchanan	Homer, Cono, Sumner, Liberty	Wind and Hail	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE	5	5	25	Walnuts	{Hail, \$25,000 Wind, \$8,000		
26	Allamakee	Post	Wind	10:30 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.	NW to SE					\$25.00		
26	Boone	Grant, Pilot Mound, Dodge	Wind and Hail	9:00 a. m.					½	Hail, \$10,000		
26	Hancock	Magor, Amsterdam, Twin Lakes	Wind and Hail	6:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.								
26	Kossuth	Luverne	Wind and Hail	7:00 p. m.	SW to NE			30	1	Hail, \$50,000		
26	Story	Howard, LaFayette	Tornado	6:30 p. m.	SW to NE			6	Walnuts	Hail \$10,000		
26	Wright	Norway	Wind and Hail	9:30 a. m.	E to W		1			\$500		
27	Ida	Hayes	Wind and Hail	7:00 p. m.	SW to NE			4	Walnuts	Hail, \$7,000		
27	Ida	Hayes	Wind and Hail	7:00 p. m.	W to E	1	4	4	⅜	Hail, \$5,000		

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, JULY, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES



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## COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—AUGUST

YEAR	Temperature				Precipitation					Number of Days				
	Mean	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Total	Departure	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With pre. .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	
1873.....	75.7	+ 4.0	102	54	4.17	+ 0.73	8.40	0.00						
1874.....	74.3	+ 2.6	99	55	3.12	- 0.32	9.16	0.85						
1875.....	68.9	- 2.8	92	41	4.04	+ 0.60	7.60	1.07						
1876.....	73.2	+ 1.5	96	46	5.15	+ 1.71	10.04	1.50						
1877.....	71.9	+ 0.2	100	53	4.36	+ 0.92	12.65	0.10						
1878.....	74.4	+ 2.7	100	50	3.22	- 0.22	9.15	0.43						
1879.....	72.0	+ 0.3	100	42	2.70	- 0.74	7.50	0.45						
1880.....	72.5	+ 0.8	104	41	4.77	+ 1.33	9.88	0.77						
1881.....	76.5	+ 4.8	104	48	2.71	- 0.73	6.85	0.32						
1882.....	71.5	+ 0.2	96	43	1.61	- 1.83	6.90	0.07						
1883.....	69.2	- 2.5	98	42	2.58	- 0.86	8.95	0.22						
1884.....	68.5	- 3.2	93	44	4.09	+ 0.65	8.34	1.98						
1885.....	66.9	- 4.8	98	40	5.90	+ 2.46	12.68	2.79						
1886.....	71.2	+ 2.5	103	34	2.02	- 1.42	7.13	0.30						
1887.....	70.8	+ 0.9	103	34	2.75	- 0.69	8.85	0.51						
1888.....	70.4	+ 1.3	110	40	4.37	+ 0.93	8.40	0.95						
1889.....	71.3	+ 0.4	104	37	1.87	- 1.57	9.95	0.12						
1890.....	68.1	- 3.6	102	34	3.25	- 0.19	6.44	1.03						
1891.....	69.1	- 2.6	106	34	4.24	+ 0.80	13.02	1.23		8	13	12	6	
1892.....	71.4	+ 0.3	102	40	2.24	- 1.20	4.69	0.65		5	18	9	4	
1893.....	69.4	- 2.3	101	30	2.32	- 1.12	6.22	0.40		5	19	9	3	
1894.....	74.6	+ 2.9	108	38	1.58	- 1.86	4.53	T.		4	21	8	2	
1895.....	71.9	+ 0.2	103	37	4.43	+ 0.99	10.63	0.67		7	17	9	5	
1896.....	71.7	+ 0.0	104	34	3.52	+ 0.08	12.25	0.86		8	15	11	5	
1897.....	68.9	- 2.8	104	35	1.86	- 1.58	4.98	0.47		6	15	11	5	
1898.....	71.2	+ 0.5	103	40	3.44	+ 0.00	10.55	0.58		6	17	9	5	
1899.....	74.4	+ 2.7	100	41	3.68	+ 0.24	10.45	1.12		7	17	10	3	
1900.....	77.4	+ 5.7	103	44	4.65	+ 1.21	10.43	1.26		6	18	10	3	
1901.....	73.8	+ 2.1	105	40	1.29	- 2.15	4.46	T.		5	20	9	2	
1902.....	69.1	- 2.6	98	37	6.58	+ 3.14	15.47	1.57		11	11	11	9	
1903.....	69.1	- 2.6	101	41	6.64	+ 3.20	17.74	2.55		11	12	10	9	
1904.....	69.1	- 2.6	97	35	3.43	- 0.01	6.75	0.66		7	17	8	6	
1905.....	74.3	+ 2.6	104	44	4.05	+ 0.61	8.47	1.04		9	16	9	6	
1906.....	74.1	+ 2.4	101	33	3.95	+ 0.51	10.51	0.92		9	17	9	5	
1907.....	71.1	+ 0.6	99	37	4.33	+ 0.89	9.67	1.05		9	17	9	5	
1908.....	70.0	+ 1.7	101	38	4.77	+ 1.33	10.55	1.35		9	17	9	5	
1909.....	76.1	+ 4.4	103	33	1.81	- 1.63	8.21	T.		5	21	8	2	
1910.....	71.9	+ 0.2	104	36	3.88	+ 0.44	11.22	0.37		8	15	10	6	
1911.....	71.7	+ 0.0	107	34	3.32	- 0.12	9.47	0.44		9	16	10	5	
1912.....	71.0	+ 0.7	101	40	3.78	+ 0.34	7.90	0.89		10	15	10	6	
1913.....	76.6	+ 4.9	108	40	2.68	- 0.76	7.13	0.08		6	17	10	4	
1914.....	73.7	+ 2.0	103	40	2.19	- 1.25	4.90	0.42		7	17	10	4	
1915.....	65.9	- 5.8	91	30	2.81	- 0.63	9.14	0.27		8	16	8	7	
1916.....	74.0	+ 2.3	106	35	2.58	- 0.86	6.23	0.19		7	18	9	4	
1917.....	69.4	- 2.3	102	31	2.29	- 1.15	6.31	0.70		7	19	8	4	
1918.....	76.0	+ 4.3	113	38	3.61	+ 1.07	8.38	0.54		8	16	10	5	
1919.....	71.5	+ 0.2	103	38	2.59	- 0.85	5.72	0.97		7	19	9	3	
1920.....	69.3	- 2.4	98	39	3.35	- 0.09	8.52	0.44		7	18	8	5	
1921.....	72.1	+ 0.4	102	37	5.04	+ 1.60	9.04	2.20		8	16	11	4	
1922.....	73.8	+ 2.1	102	42	3.06	- 0.38	9.80	0.33		8	19	8	4	
1923.....	70.6	+ 1.1	102	38	5.42	+ 1.98	13.14	1.46		12	15	9	7	
1924.....	71.7	+ 0.0	100	40	5.35	+ 1.91	12.38	1.90		10	16	10	5	
1925.....	72.4	+ 0.7	99	39	3.47	+ 0.03	8.36	0.31		8	18	9	4	
1926.....	73.5	+ 1.8	103	47	3.80	+ 0.36	7.33	1.64		10	16	10	5	
1927.....	67.9	- 3.8	99	35	2.36	- 1.08	5.68	0.67		8	15	10	6	
1928.....	72.7	+ 1.0	100	37	6.42	+ 2.98	12.80	2.16		9	19	8	4	
1929.....	71.9	+ 0.2	102	37	2.44	- 1.00	9.27	0.78		6	18	9	4	
1930.....	74.4	+ 2.7	113	41	2.42	- 1.02	6.71	0.48		8	15	11	5	

### GENERAL SUMMARY

August weather was noteworthy because of record breaking maximum temperatures, and a continuation of the prolonged dry spell with its effect on vegetation.

The average temperature for the state was nearly three degrees above normal, due to the exceedingly high temperatures during the first week of the month and the near normal temperatures the rest of the month. Sunday, August 3, 1930 "the hot Sunday" will long be remembered as the hottest August day in most of Iowa. The highest temperature, 113° at Sac City, exceeded by 5° the all time record at that station and equaled the state record for all months including August, which was 113° at Clarinda and Knoxville on the 4th in 1918 and the same temperature at Sigourney, July 22, 1901. At twenty-five stations mostly in the northwest counties, all-time heat records were broken while sixty-five stations established new records for August, mostly in the eastern and northern counties. During July and August, the number of days per station with temperatures 100° or higher averaged 8.8, compared with 13.4 days in 1901, the record year; however, 5 stations exceeded the 1901 record. (See maps on page 65.)

The hot, dry weather was very detrimental to crops. Corn was further damaged. It is estimated that the yield per acre was reduced four bushels making a total reduction of nine bushels due to the adverse weather of July and August. Pastures were absolutely bare over much of the State. Much livestock was put on full winter rations because of lack of pastures. The truck crops, except melons and cucumbers, were ruined in the drier portions of the State, and the blackberry crop was greatly curtailed. The lack of bee pasture caused the bees to attack the grapes and greatly damaged them. Apples were small and falling badly.

The rainfall was unevenly distributed with a great variation in the number of rainy days. For the state as a whole the number of days with 0.01 inch or more averaged nearly normal, but ranged from 2 at some stations to 15 at others. Harlan reported rainfall on 17 consecutive days, including 8 days when only traces occurred.

The lack of rain caused a serious shortage of stock water, interfered with paving operations and caused a great many wells to go dry, making it necessary to haul or pump water long distances. Fish in ponds and small streams died in large numbers due to the lack of water or the stagnant condition.

Farm operation was greatly interrupted over most of the State. Fall plowing and preparation for seeding winter wheat, rye, alfalfa, clover and timothy, have been greatly delayed and made next to impossible by the continued drouth and hard baked and cracked soil

N. G. R.

### TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the state, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 103 stations, was 74.4°, or 2.7° above normal. The greatest district excess, 3.9°, was in the northwest district, and the least district excess, 2.3° was in the northeast and southwest districts. The highest monthly mean was 78.8° at Keokuk No. 2, and the lowest, 69.3° at Postville (near). The absolute range for the state was 72°, from 113° at Sac City on the 3d, to 41° at Earlham (near) on the 12th Decorah on the 11th and 22d, and Oelwein on the 20th. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 100° or above was 2.5, ranging from 8 days at Keokuk No. 2, to none at

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

pendence, Postville (near) and Fairport. The average number of days with the maximum temperature 90° or above, was 12, ranging from 18 days at Estherville and Lenox, to 1 day at Postville (near). The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 46° at Decorah on the 24th.

### PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the state, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 118 stations, was 2.42 inches, or 1.02 inches below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the central district, 1.95 inches; and the southwest district had the only district excess, 0.92 inch. The greatest deficiency at any station was 3.42 inches at Perry, and the greatest excess was 3.57 inches at Storm Lake. The greatest









Daily Precipitation for August, 1930—Continued

Table with columns for Stations, Drainage Basin, Day of Month (1-31), and Totals. Rows include Southwest District (Atlantic, Bedford, Clarinda, etc.), South Central District (Afton, Albia, Centerville, etc.), Southeast District (Bonaparte, Burlington, Columbus Junction, etc.), and various other stations like Lamoni, Mt. Pleasant, etc.

Except as otherwise indicated, observations are generally made late in the afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for 24 hours ending at the time of observation.
|||Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours.
\*\*\*Regular Weather Bureau Station: precipitation is for 24-hour period midnight to midnight.
\*Incomplete.
\*Precipitation included in the next following measurement.
T. Precipitation is less than .01 inch rain or melted snow.

PRESSURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND SUNSHINE

Table with columns for Stations, Barometric Pressure (Mean, Highest, Lowest), Relative Humidity (Mean, 7 A.M., 12 Noon, 7 P.M., Lowest), Wind (Total movement, Average hourly velocity, Maximum Miles From, Date), and Sunshine (% possible, Departure from normal). Rows include Chas. City, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Keokuk, Sioux City, Omaha, and Means and extremes.

†Local mean time \*Also at Keokuk on 26th ||Sioux City §Omaha ¶Des Moines.
‡January 1, 1928, 3-cup anemometers replaced 4-cup instruments. See Climatological Data, January, 1928, page 7.

THE SUMMER OF 1930

The state mean temperature for the three summer months, June, July and August was 73.8°, which is 2.2° above the normal and 2.6° above the mean for last year. The summer was characterized by a nearly normal June, the warmest July since 1916, with precipitation 2.34 inches below normal, and August with maximum temperatures equaling or breaking all previous records at many stations, and also the prolonged drouth. Out of 58 summers for which state-

wide average temperatures are available, 9 have been warmer and 48 have been cooler. The warmest summer of record was 1901, with a mean of 76.2°, and the coolest was 1915, with a mean of 66.8°. The highest temperature this summer was 113° at Sac City on the 3d of August, equaling the state record for all time; and the lowest was 37° at Denison on June 8.

The average monthly precipitation for the state was 3.25 inches, and the average total was 9.74 inches, or 2.03 inches less than the normal. June precipitation averaged 5.83 inches, which was 1.33 inches above normal, July 1.49 inches, or 2.34 inches below normal, and August 2.42 inches, or 1.02 inches below normal.

The average number of days with 0.01 inch of precipitation, was 22, or 2 days less than last summer, and the lowest since 1913 when the number was 18; with the exception of 1916, when exactly the same number, 22 days, was recorded. The average number of clear days was 52, partly cloudy 29, and cloudy 11, as compared with 48 clear days, 28 partly cloudy, and 16 cloudy days during the summer of 1929.

Due to the high average rainfall in June, this summer does not seem unusually dry in comparison. There being 11 summer seasons having less total rainfall. But when only July and August are considered, the months when the most serious damage to crops occurred, the drouthy condition is apparent, there being three similar periods during the last 58 years when less rainfall occurred. For these two months, 1894 was the driest of record, having an average total of 2.21 inches; 1886 was next with 2.52 inches, then 1901 with 3.63 inches and 1930 with 3.91 inches. In July 1930, the state average rainfall was 39% of the normal, and in August it was 71%. (See map, page 65.)

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Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of August, 1930

Table with columns for Stations, days 1-31, and Mean. Rows are categorized by Northern Division, Central Division, and Southern Division, listing various Iowa cities and their daily temperature ranges.



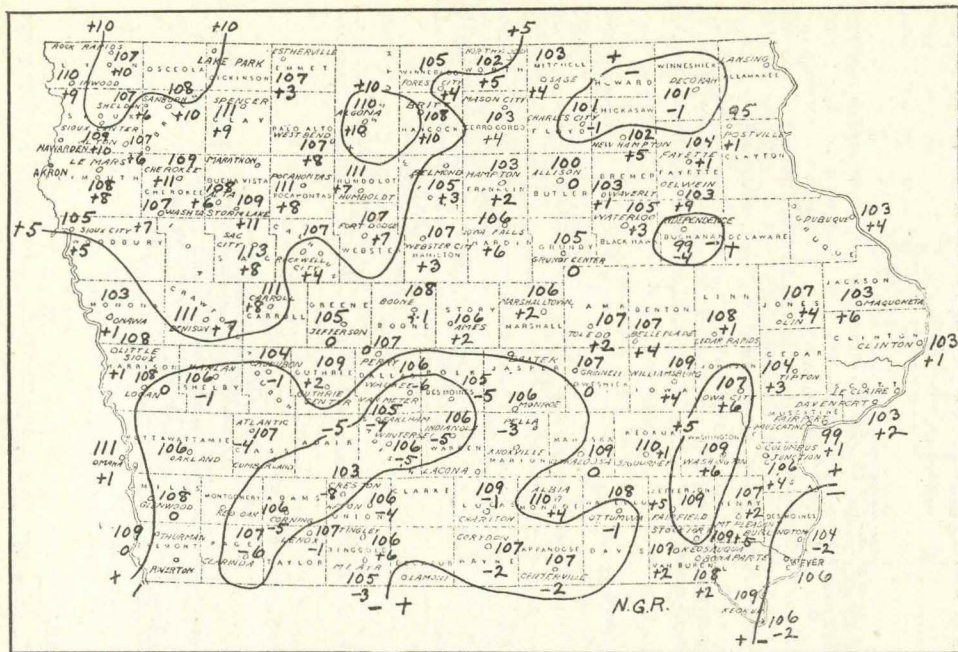


Figure 1. First figures show highest temperature, August, 1930; second figures and lines, number of degrees higher (plus) or lower (minus) than previous high record for August.

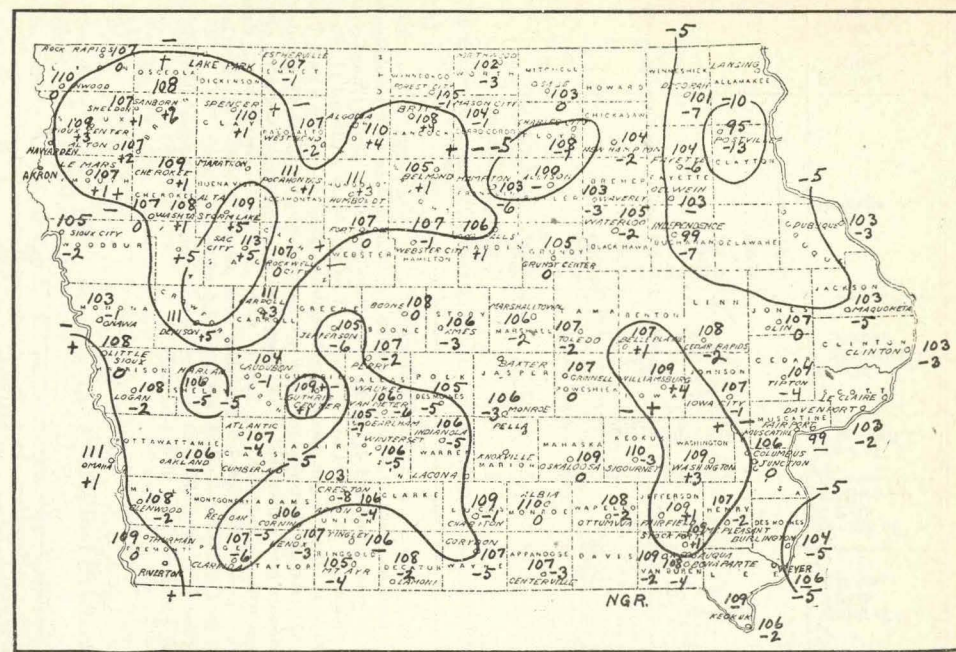


Figure 2. First figures show highest temperature, August, 1930; second figures and lines, number of degrees higher (plus) or lower (minus) than previous all time high record.

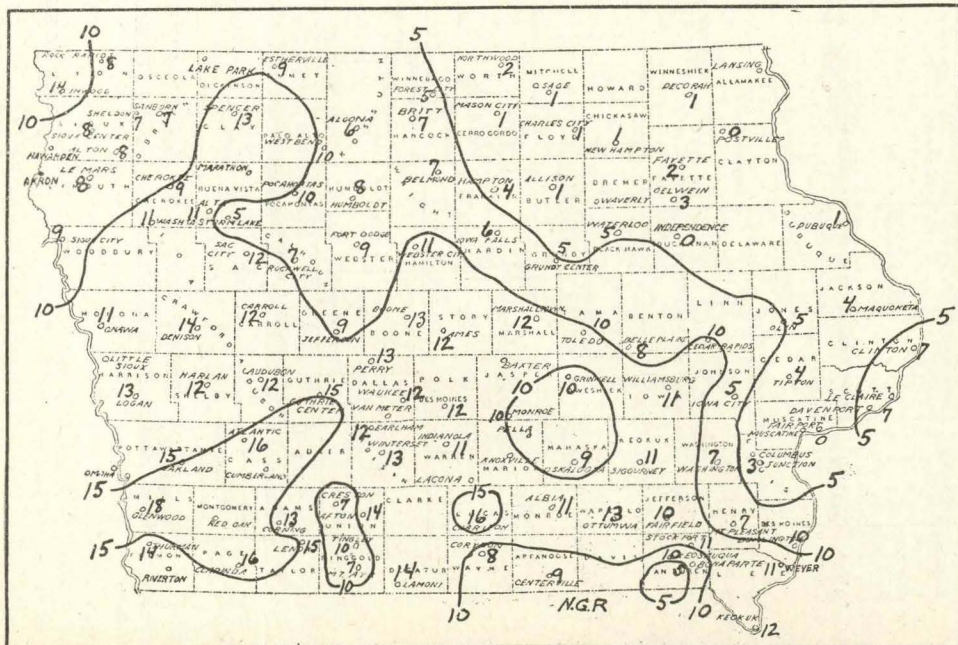


Figure 3. Number of days in July and August, 1930, with maximum temperature 100° or higher; average number, 8.8 days per station, exceeded only by 1901 with 13.4.

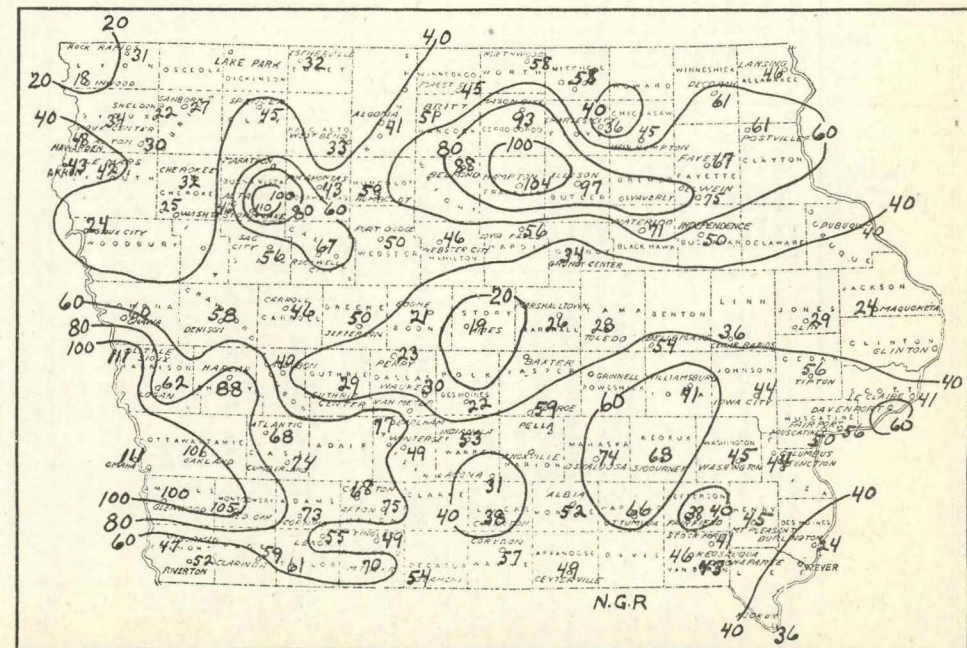


Figure 4. Rainfall of July and August, 1930, in per cent of normal; average, 53.6%.

# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

IOWA STORMS, AUGUST, 1930

Date	County	Township	Nature of Storm	Time	Storm Moved From	Width of Path Miles	Length of Path Miles	Area of Sq. Miles	Size of Hailstones Inches	Damage	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
4	Carroll	Ewoldt	Wind	9:35 p. m.	W to E					Slight to crops		
5	Dubuque	Dubuque, Julian	Wind, Rain, and Electrical	4:00 a. m.						\$7,000		1
6	Appanoose	Douglas, Sharon, Vermillion	Wind, Rain and Electrical	6:00 p. m.	SW to NE					\$5,000		
6	Cass	Massena, Union, Lincoln	Wind and Rain	6:45 p. m.	SW to NE					\$400		
6	Jasper	Des Moines	Wind	6:30 p. m.	SW to NE					\$5,000		
6	Monroe	Franklin	Wind and Hail	5:30 p. m.	SW to NE	2	5	10	1/2	\$2,000		
6	Monroe	Bluff Creek	Wind and Hail	7:00 p. m.	S to N	3	5	15	1/2	\$1,200		
6	Polk	Allen	Wind and Hail	6:00 p. m.	W to E				Walnuts	\$8,200		
6	Wayne	Warren	Wind	5:30 p. m.	SW to NE					\$1,500		
9	Clinton	Lincoln, Center, Deep Creek, Hampshire	Wind and Rain	12:30 p. m.	NW to SE					\$3,000		
9	Scott	Davenport	Wind	12:30 p. m.						\$5,000		
9	Grundy	Beaver, Lincoln, Grant, Colfax, Pleasant Valley	Wind and Hail	a. m.	NW to SE					\$10,000		
9	Jackson	Bellevue, South Fork, Maquoketa	Wind and Rain	12:30 p. m.						\$2,000		
9	Linn	Spring Grove	Wind and Hail	11:00 a. m.	W to E				1/4 to 1/2	\$800		
9	Montgomery	Lincoln	Wind and Hail	5:00 p. m.	NW to SE				1/2	Considerable to corn crop		
9	Page	Harlan, Amnity, Buchanan	Wind and Hail	6:30 p. m.	NW to SE				3/4	\$6,000		
9	Woodbury	Sloan	Wind and Hail	5:00 p. m.	S to N				1/2	\$300		

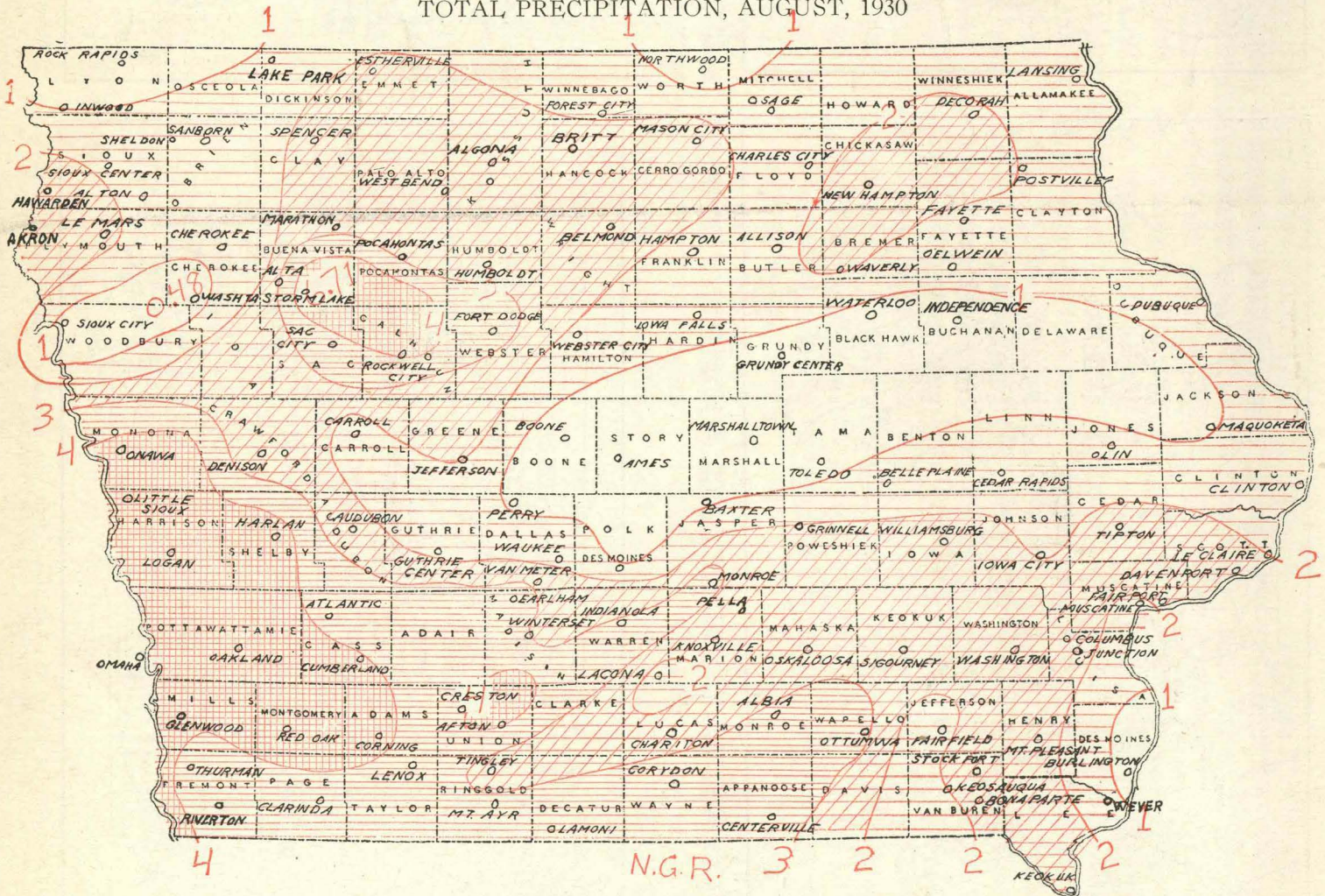
### MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

*Aurora:* 10th, 21st.  
*Coronas, Lunar:* 2d, 13th.  
*Deas, heavy:* 6th, 8th, 15th, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th.  
*Fog, dense:* 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 30th.  
*Fog, light:* 14th, 15th, 23d, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th.  
*Gales:* 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 30th, 31st.  
*Hail, light:* 6th, 9th.  
*Hail, moderate:* 6th, 9th.  
*Hail, heavy:* 6th, 9th.  
*Halos, Lunar:* 1st, 3d, 20th, 21st, 23d, 27th.  
*Haze:* 6th, 27th, 31st.  
*Record high temperature:* 3d.  
*Thunderstorms:* 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.  
*Winds, hot:* 2d, 3d, 4th.

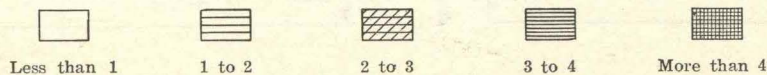
### ERRATA

Report for June, 1930. Page 42, Hawarden; number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more published 7, should be 8. Page 42, Sioux Center; number of clear days published 16, should be 17; number of partly cloudy published 13, should be 12. Page 43, Olin; mean temperature published 69.3° should be 69.4°. Page 43, Corning; total precipitation published 4.48, should be 5.23. Page 43, Corning; precipitation departure published +0.35, should be +1.10. Page 43, Corning; number of days with precipitation 0.01 inch or more published 5, should be 6. Page 45, Corning; precipitation on 4th, published none, should be 0.75. Page 45, Corning; total precipitation for month published 4.48, should be 5.23.  
 Report for July, 1930. Page 55, Davenport; monthly mean barometric pressure (sea level) published 29.94, should be 29.97.

### TOTAL PRECIPITATION, AUGUST, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES





Climatological Data for September, 1930

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, Total snowfall), Number of Days (Precipitation, Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy, Prevailing direction of wind), OBSERVERS. Includes sub-sections for Northwest, North Central, Northeast, West Central, and Central Districts.













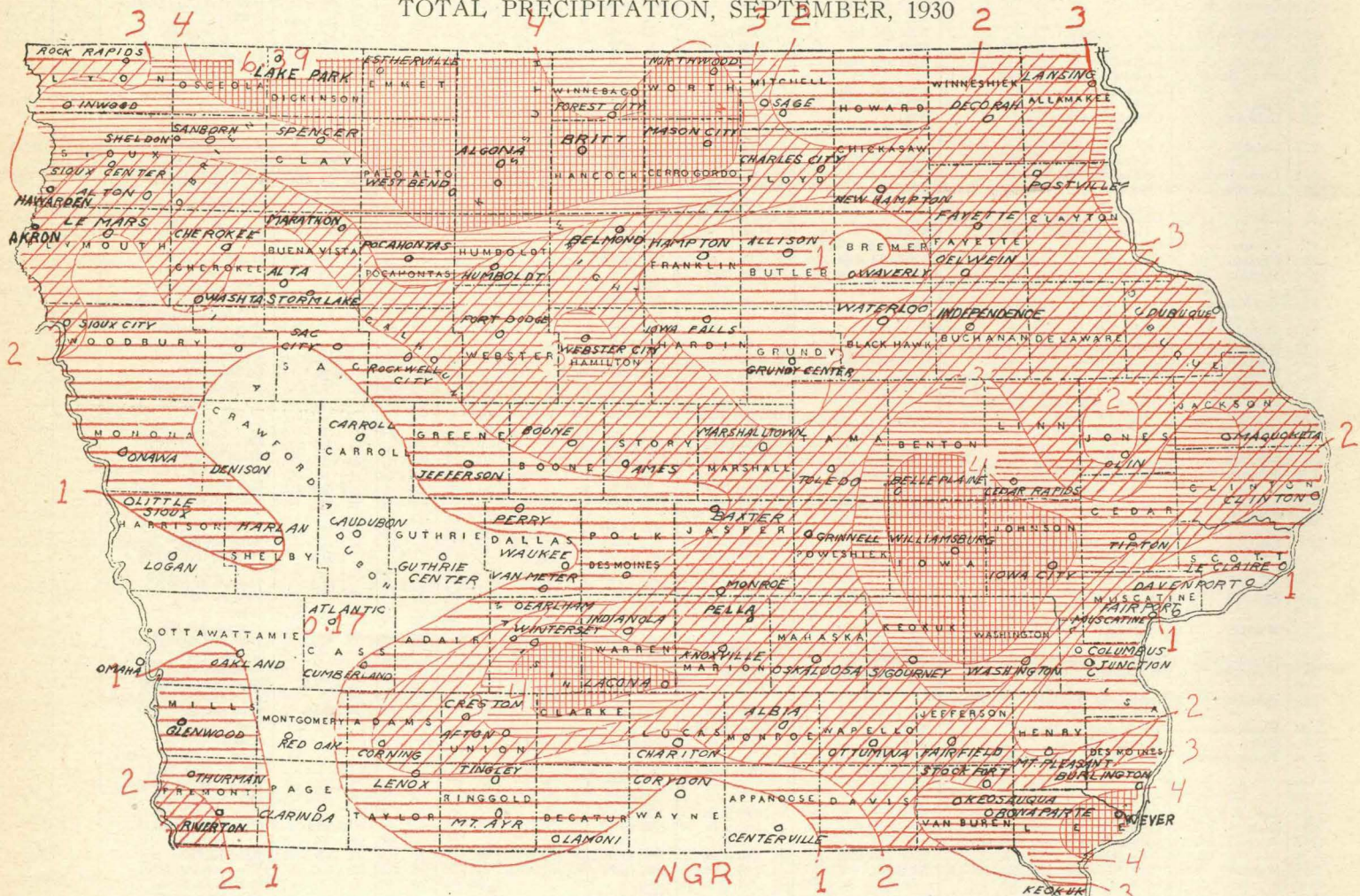
CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

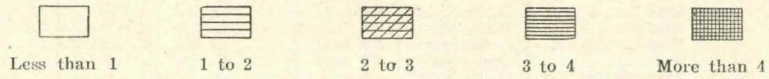
Aurora: 3d, 18th, 19th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
 Circumsenithal Arc: 15th.  
 Coronas, Lunar: 3d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 30th.  
 Dew, heavy: 2d, 3d, 5th, 11th, 21st, 29th.  
 Dust Storm: 18th.  
 Frost, light: 14th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
 Frost, heavy: 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
 Frost, killing: 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
 Fog, dense: 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 30th.  
 Fog, light: 3d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 30th.  
 Gales: 1st, 14th, 16th, 18th, 22d, 23d, 25th, 26th.

Hail, light: 12th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
 Hail, moderate: 7th, 12th, 19th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th.  
 Hail, heavy: 7th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th.  
 Halos, Lunar: 15th, 30th.  
 Halos, Solar: 4th, 13th, 15th, 23d, 24th.  
 Haze: 6th, 8th, 9th.  
 Parhelia: 15th.  
 Thunderstorms: 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 22d, 24th, 25th, 26th.  
 Tornadoes: 18th, 25th.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, SEPTEMBER, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES







Climatological Data for October, 1930—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, Total snowfall), Number of Days (Precipitation, Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind, OBSERVERS.

Temperature normals are based on the 46-year period July 3, 1875 to July 2, 1921; shorter records corrected to harmonize. Precipitation normals are based on the 50-year period ended December 31, 1927 at first order stations; upon all records of 10 years or more ending December 31, 1920 for most of the co-operative observing stations; and upon interpolations from normal maps for recently established stations.

Reference letters a, b, c, etc., appearing in the table indicate the number of days missing; for example b represents two days, etc.

†Also other dates.

‡Received too late to be included in means and summaries.

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

i Interpolated.

TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the State, derived from the means of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records of 104 stations, was 50.7°, or 1.1° below normal. There was a deficiency in all of the divisions of the State. The greatest deficiency, 1.7°, was in the northeast district, and the least, 0.1°, in the southwest district. The highest monthly mean was 54.0° at Keokuk, and the lowest was 47.3° at Northwood, Postville (near), and Mason City.

The absolute range for the State was 86°, from 9° at Webster City on the 21st, to 95° at Waterloo on the 12th. The average number of days, with the maximum temperature 90° or above, was zero, but 11 stations reported one day with temperature reaching 90° or above. Maximum temperatures of 32° or higher occurred at 15 stations. The average number of days with the minimum temperature 32° or below was 11, ranging from 14 days at 3 stations, to 6 days at Keokuk. The greatest daily range in temperature at any one station was 46° at Washta, on the 24th.



Daily Precipitation for October, 1930—Continued

Table with columns for Stations, Drainage Basin, Day of Month (1-31), and Totals. Rows are categorized by district: Southwest, South Central, and Southeast.

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|||Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours.

\*\*\*Regular Weather Bureau Station; precipitation is for 24-hour period midnight to midnight.

\*\*Incomplete.

\*Precipitation included in the next following measurement.

T. Precipitation is less than .01 inch rain or melted snow.

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PRESSURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, WIND AND SUNSHINE

Table with columns for Stations, Barometric Pressure (Mean, Highest, Date, Lowest), Relative Humidity (Mean, 7 A. M., 12 Noon, 7 P. M., Lowest, Date), Wind (Total movement, Average hourly velocity, Miles, From, Date), and Sunshine (% possible, Departure from normal).

\*Davenport; Also Sioux City on the 29th, 1928. \$Omaha †Des Moines ||Davenport ‡Also Charles City ††Local mean time ‡And other dates.

††January 1, 1928, 3-cup anemometers replaced 4-cup instruments. See Climatological Data, January, 1928, page 7.

PRECIPITATION

The average precipitation for the State, derived from the averages of 9 districts of nearly equal area, and based on the records

of 118 stations, was 2.08 inches, or 0.35 inch below normal. The greatest district deficiency was in the west-central district, 1.06 inches, and the east-central district had the greatest district excess, 0.48 inch. The greatest precipitation deficiency, 1.84 inches at any one station, was at Riverton (near). The greatest excess in the State was 1.72 inches at Fairport. The greatest amount at a single station was 4.21 inches at Fairport, and the least was 0.71 inch at Logan. The greatest amount occurring in 24 consecutive hours was 2.18 inches at Sioux Center on the 15th and 16th. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more of precipitation for the State was 7, ranging from 8 days in the north-central, northeast and central districts, to 6 days in the southeast, northwest and west-central districts. For individual stations the range was from 3 days at Storm Lake and Olin to 12 days at Charles City.

RIVERS

Even though the State average precipitation was nearly normal, the interior rivers and streams had unusually low stages, with very little fluctuation. Many of the small streams were completely dry most of the month.

On the Missouri River nearly normal stages prevailed, with very little change.

The Mississippi River stages remained very low throughout the month. At Dubuque the extreme stages were 2.7 feet and 1.7 feet, and averaged 2.2 feet. The low stage was the lowest recorded in October since 1925, and the mean stage was the lowest for October since 1923. At Davenport and Keokuk the river continued at very low stages throughout the month.





**SNOWFALL**

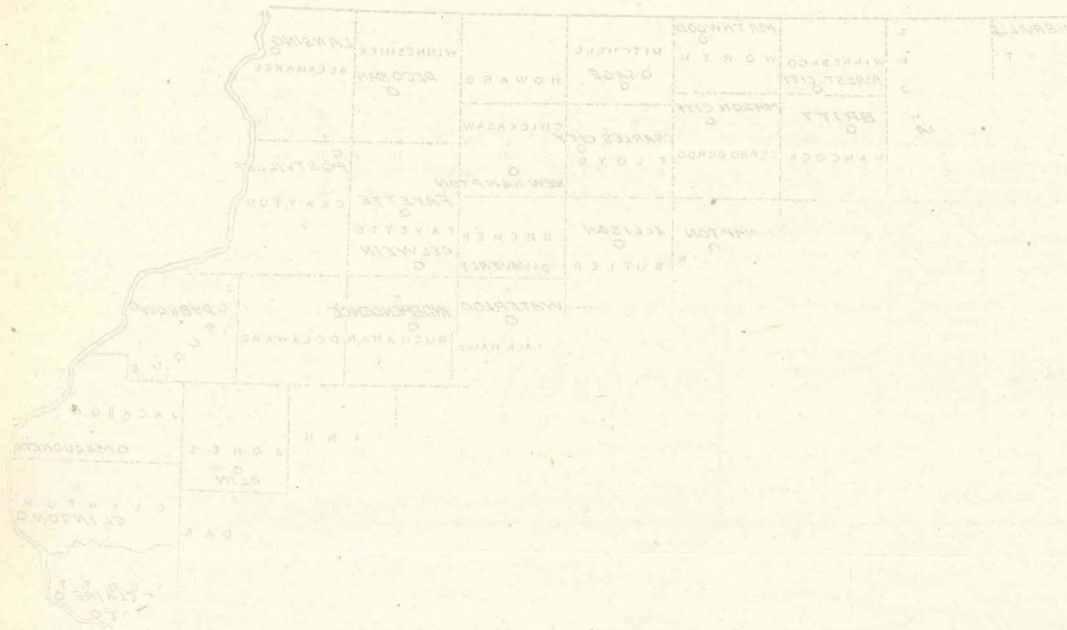
The average snowfall for the State was 0.4 inch, or 0.1 inch below normal. The greatest total snowfall for the month at any one station was 3.0 inches at Northwood, New Hampton and Tipton. There were 57 stations that received only a trace of snow for the month, and 17 stations received none. The greatest snowfall in 24 hours was 3.0 at Northwood, New Hampton and Tipton. The greatest number of days with 0.1 inch or more of snow on the ground at 7:00 p. m. was 2 days at Charles City and Northwood.

*Frost, heavy:* 1st, 17th, 20th, 21st, 23d, 24th, 27th, 31st.  
*Frost, killing:* 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 28th, 31st.  
*Gales:* 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th.  
*Hail:* 16th.  
*Halo, lunar:* 2d, 11th.  
*Halo, solar:* 4th, 6th.  
*Haze:* 22d.  
*Meteor:* 2d.  
*Sleet:* 16th, 29th.  
*Snow:* 5th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 22d, 24th, 29th, 30th.  
*Thunderstorms:* 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 27th.  
*Tornado:* 1st.

**MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA**

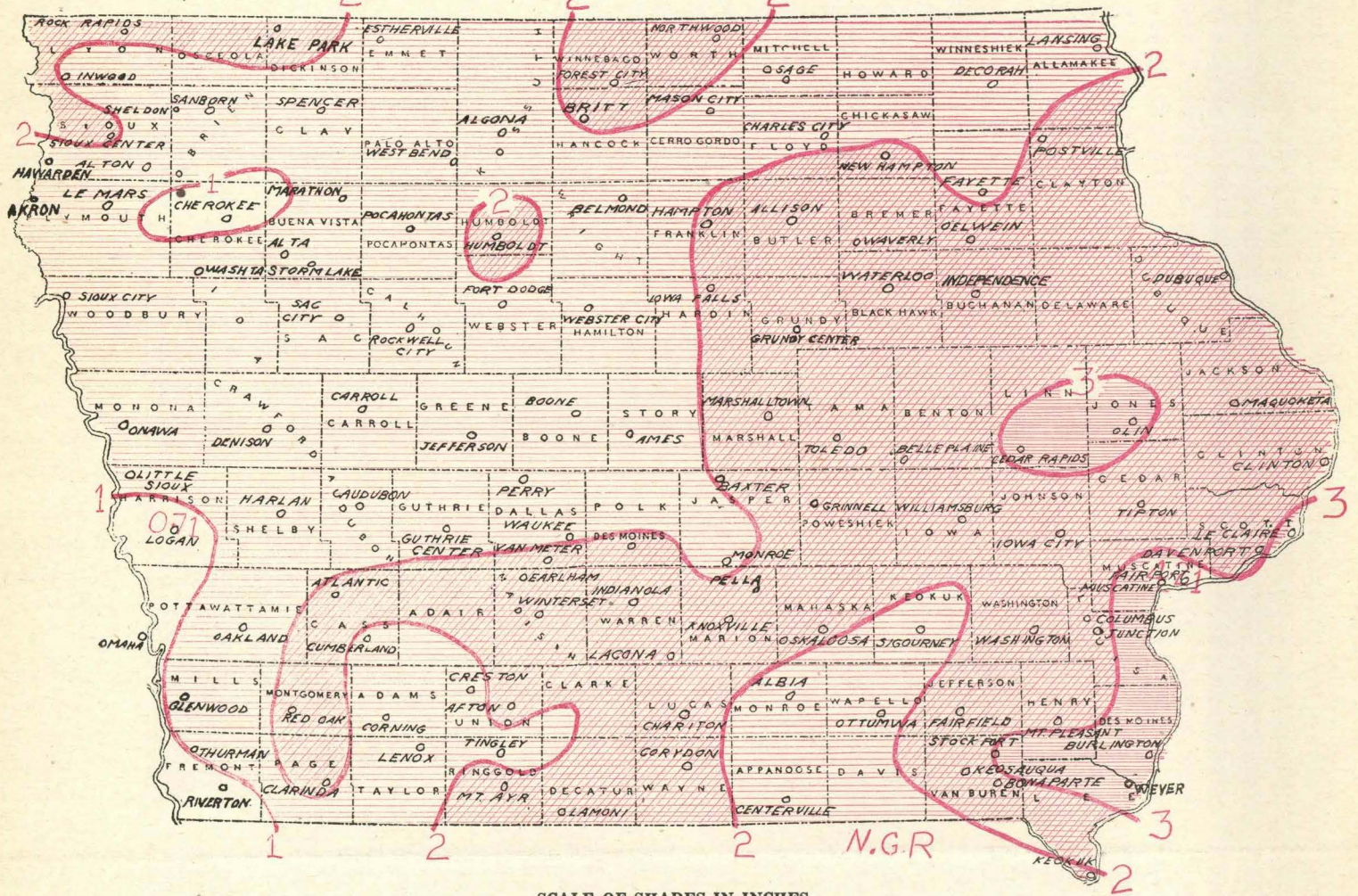
*Aurora:* 19th.  
*Dew, heavy:* 9th, 10th.  
*Fog, light:* 3d, 6th, 7th, 14th, 15th, 23d, 24th.  
*Fog, dense:* 1st, 6th, 7th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 22d, 31st.  
*Frost, light:* 1st, 14th.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, OCTOBER, 1930

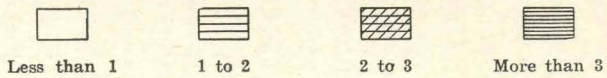


CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, OCTOBER, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES

















## MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

*Cold Wave*: 26th.

*Corona*, lunar: 3d, 4th.

*Fog*, light: 3d, 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 29th, 30th.

*Fog*, dense: 3d, 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 29th.

*Gales*: 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 23d, 24th, 25th.

*Glaze*: 29th, 30th.

*Hail*, light: 20th.

*Halo*, lunar: 3d, 5th, 6th, 9th, 30th.

*Halo*, solar: 1st, 6th, 15th, 24th, 26th, 29th, 30th.

*Haze*: 18th, 19th.

*Meteor Shower*: 17th.

*Parhelia*: 26th.

*Rainbow*: 20th.

*Sleet*: 20th, 23d, 24th, 29th.

*Thunderstorms*: 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th.

*Tornado*: 20th, pendent, funnel-shaped cloud, with rotary winds and roaring noise, observed passing over Manilla at 3:30 a. m., did not touch the ground; no damage occurred.

## THE LEONID METEORS OF 1930

By NORBERT G. RIBBLE

(Weather Bureau Office, Des Moines, Iowa)

Leonid meteor falls occur approximately every 33 years and were expected this year during the early mornings between November 13th and 18th. The main shower is expected about November 15th between 1932-1934. Heavy showers of this fall occurred in 1799, 1833, 1867 and 1868, but failed to occur or were of little consequence in 1900. In 1833 meteors were reported to have fallen from every space in the sky the size of the moon. The bright flashes of light awakened sleepers, like lightning. The Leonid meteors are associated with the orbit of a comet observed in 1866, known as 1866I. The meteors are presumably disintegrated fragments of the head of the comet, and material which has been associated with it from past ages.

A portion of this fall occurred this year on due schedule, and was observed by several parties on the morning of November 17th. A very successful observation was made at Iowa City during the morning of November 17, by a party under the supervision of Professor C. C. Wylie, University of Iowa. One observer in this party recorded 120 meteors within one hour's time, and averaged a little over 100 per hour. Several of these were spectacular and a few lighted the sky like flashes of lightning and left trains visible as long as ten seconds afterwards. The greatest fall occurred between 4:00 and 6:00 a. m.

At Columbia College, Dubuque, a party headed by Father J. A. Theobald and also at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, a party with Professor F. M. McGaw, recorded numerous falls.

Because of cloudy weather which prevailed east of the Mississippi River, the eastern observers failed to observe the fall. Willard J. Fisher of Harvard had elaborate photographic equipment set up which could not be used. Texas observers recorded a few falls from a partly cloudy sky, which confirms in a general way the Iowa results.

The meteor shower came later and lasted longer than was expected so far in advance of the main group. Some meteors of Leonid group were still visible during the early morning of November 22. Mrs. Harry Allely of Randolph, Iowa, reported a daylight meteor at 6:47 a. m. having a bright flame with a bluish trail.

The pleasing results obtained this year give promise of something worth while for next year, and observers should be on the lookout about November 15, when the earth will again approach the orbit of the meteor swarm.

## VETERAN WEATHER OBSERVER RETIRES

Mr. R. Z. Latimer, who has been an exceptionally faithful and accurate cooperative weather observer at Fayette, Iowa, resigned, effective October 6, 1930, after 42 years and 3 months of consecutive service. Such a long and excellent record, kept by one individual, is worthy of special remark.

When Mt. Latimer's resignation came to the attention of the Chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington, D. C., he wrote him the following appreciative letter:

"Mr. R. Z. Latimer,  
Fayette, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Latimer:

"Our Section Director for Iowa, at Des Moines, informs me that you have asked to be relieved of the work of cooperative observer at Fayette:

"The records of this office show that for over 42 years you have kept the official records at Fayette without failure, except recently during your brief illness. While two generations in one family often maintain a faithful meteorological record for a long period, it is rare that a single individual makes such a long, continuous and satisfactory record.

"It is regretted that you are no longer to be a member of our corps of weather observers, composed so largely of the best citizens of the many communities represented, but we realize your age will not permit you to longer continue the work.

"I desire to thank you personally for the excellent public service you have rendered without compensation, and for the splendid cooperation maintained with our Des Moines officials.

"Please accept my best wishes for your future health and happiness.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. MARVIN,  
Chief of Bureau."

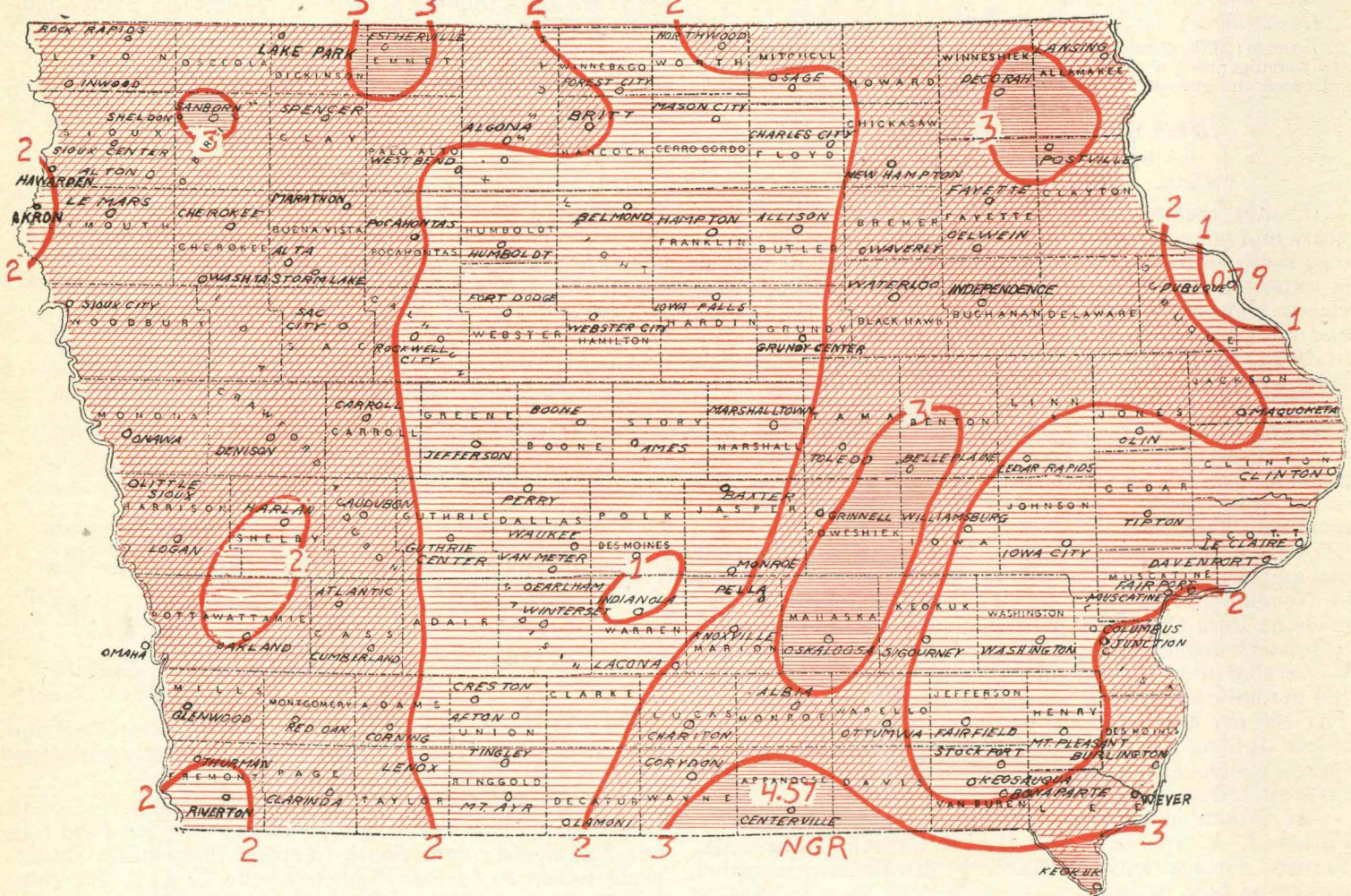
Mr. Latimer also received a letter of commendation from Honorable G. N. Haugen, Representative in Congress for the Fourth District of Iowa.

Though Mr. Latimer experienced a brief period of ill health about two years ago, he is now in good condition and has already gone South to spend the winter. He expects to return to Des Moines for the G. A. R. Encampment next year. He is 85 years old.

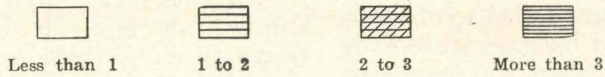
Professor W. C. Van Ness, a member of the faculty of Upper Iowa University at Fayette, succeeds Mr. Latimer. In weather observations Professor Van Ness is not a novice. He served as cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau at Denison, Iowa, for 17 years prior to May, 1917.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, NOVEMBER, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES











Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature for the Month of December, 1930

Table with columns for Stations, 31 days, and Mean. Rows are grouped into Northern Division (e.g., Algona, Alta, Alton), Central Division (e.g., Ames, Belle Plaine, Carroll), and Southern Division (e.g., Albia, Atlantic, Burlington). Each station entry includes Maximum and Minimum temperature values for each day.

## ERRATA

Report for February, 1930; Page 10, Jefferson; precipitation departure from normal, published  $-0.51$  inch, should be  $-0.52$  inch.

Report for April, 1930; Page 27, Stockport; mean temperature published  $52.5^{\circ}$ , should be  $53.0^{\circ}$ . Stockport; temperature departure published  $+2.7^{\circ}$ , should be  $+3.2^{\circ}$ .

Report for July, 1930, Page 53, Creston; temperature departure published  $+6.6^{\circ}$ , should be  $+4.6^{\circ}$ .

Report for October, 1930; Page 77, Oskaloosa; mean temperature published  $52.1^{\circ}$ , should be  $52.0^{\circ}$ . Oskaloosa; temperature departure published  $-0.7^{\circ}$ , should be  $-0.8^{\circ}$ . Page 77, Corydon; mean temperature published  $52.0^{\circ}$ , should be  $52.1^{\circ}$ . Corydon; temperature departure published  $-1.8^{\circ}$ , should be  $-1.7^{\circ}$ . Page 80, Corydon; minimum temperature on the 16th published  $28^{\circ}$ , should be  $38^{\circ}$ . Corydon; mean minimum temperature published  $43.0^{\circ}$ , should be  $43.3^{\circ}$ . Page 77, Albia; mean temperature published  $51.6^{\circ}$ , should be  $52.0^{\circ}$ . Albia; temperature departure from normal published  $-1.9^{\circ}$ , should be  $-1.5^{\circ}$ . Page 80, Albia; maximum temperature on the 16th published  $51^{\circ}$ , should be  $61^{\circ}$ . Albia; minimum temperature on the 16th published  $28^{\circ}$ , should be  $39^{\circ}$ . Albia; monthly mean maximum temperature published  $62.2^{\circ}$ , should be  $62.5^{\circ}$ . Albia; monthly mean minimum temperature published  $41.1^{\circ}$ , should be  $41.4^{\circ}$ .

Report for November, 1930; Page 84, Baxter; maximum temperature and date published  $73^{\circ}$  on 19th, should be  $76^{\circ}$  on 4th. Page 85, Atlantic; number of clear and cloudy days published 15 and 6, should be 17 and 4. Centerville; date of lowest temperature published 29, should be 28. Oskaloosa; maximum temperature and date published  $72^{\circ}$  on 10th, should be  $76^{\circ}$  on 19th. Page 84, Decorah; precipitation departure from normal published  $+0.25$ , should be  $+1.25$ . Page 84, Audubon; precipitation departure published  $-1.11$  inches, should be  $+1.11$  inches. Page 84, Little Sioux; temperature departure from normal published  $+5.7^{\circ}$ , should be  $+5.9^{\circ}$ . Page 84, Logan; precipitation departure published  $+1.68$  inches,

should be  $+0.68$  inch. Page 84, Fort Dodge; temperature departure published  $+4.9^{\circ}$ , should be  $+5.7^{\circ}$ .

Report for November, 1930; Page 85, Williamsburg; total precipitation published 1.74 inches, should be 2.52 inches. Williamsburg; precipitation departure from normal published  $+0.04$ , should be  $+0.82$  inches. Williamsburg; precipitation, greatest amount in 24 hours published 0.51 inches, should be 0.78 inches. Williamsburg; precipitation 0.01 inch or more published 5, should be 7. Page 86, Williamsburg; precipitation on the 20th published incomplete, should be 0.52 inch. Williamsburg; total precipitation for the month published incomplete, should be 2.52 inches.

## BRILLIANT METEOR OF DECEMBER 8, 1930

By NORBERT G. RIBBLE

(Weather Bureau Office, Des Moines, Iowa)

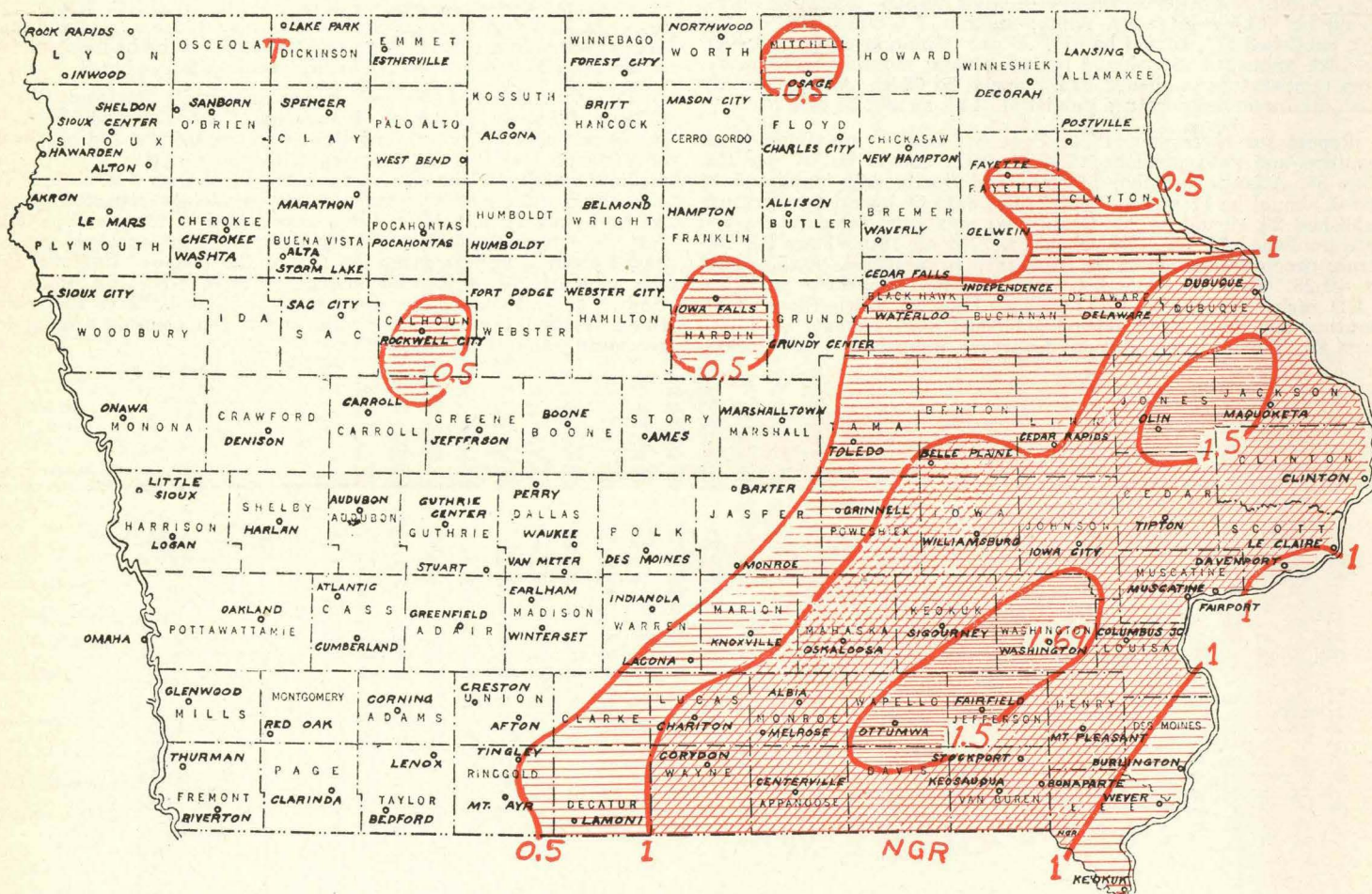
In cooperation with the Weather Bureau, Dr. C. C. Wylie, Professor in Astronomy at the State University of Iowa, received more than two hundred reports from eight States, on the brilliant meteor which fell about five o'clock Monday evening, December 8.

Reports show that this meteor was observed from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. It fell probably a few miles north of Carlyle, Illinois, and southwest of Vandalia. As is usually the case, the information from the immediate vicinity of the fall was less complete than was desired, but observations from the distance were completely reported. It appears, however, that detonations were heard in the vicinity of the fall, the letters from that vicinity reporting that an explosion was heard about a minute after the fall of the meteor. Unfortunately the point of fall of possible meteorites is covered with brush and timber, and although there appears to be a good chance that something reached the surface of the earth, the chances are against recovering any of the meteorite.

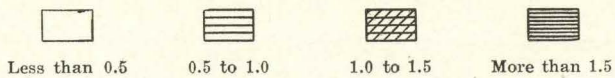


CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA: IOWA SECTION

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, DECEMBER, 1930



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES



# CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA.

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### GENERAL SUMMARY

Extreme weather characterized the year 1930. With an average temperature of 50.2°, only one year, 1921, in the last 58, has been warmer; and with an average total rainfall of 26.10 inches, only 5 years have been drier. All months but January, June and November, were drier than normal, and all but January, June and October, were warmer than normal. The temperature ranged from -37° at Decorah on January 22 to 113° at Sac City on August 3, equaling the State Record. The annual range, 150°, has been exceeded only by 1888, with 153°, and 1912, with 151°. The average number of days with maximum temperatures 100° or higher was 8.8, exceeded only by 1901 with 13.4 days. The average length of the growing season between the average date of last killing frost in spring, May 4, and the average date of first killing frost in autumn, October 12, was 161 days, 6 days longer than normal. Ninety-five per cent of the corn escaped frost damage.

The annual rainfall ranged from 16.15 inches at Perry, to 35.65 inches at Oskaloosa. The total number of days with appreciable rainfall ranged from 52 at Chariton to 111 at Dubuque. There were heavy snows in January, excessive downpours of rain in June and November, and one of the severest drouths of record in July and August. Damaging local storms were unusually frequent in June.

Small grain crops and hay gave good yields and excellent quality, but corn, potatoes and late truck crops were damaged.

### SYNOPSIS BY MONTHS

Following a prolonged mild period, severe winter weather set in abruptly, with a cold wave on January 7, frequent snows over much of the State, 9th-20th, other cold waves on the 15th and 18th, and prolonged and severe cold throughout the month. Previous low temperature records were equaled or broken at several stations in the eastern districts. Snowfall averaged 14.7 inches, 8.0

### AVERAGE PRECIPITATION State of Iowa, Year, 1930

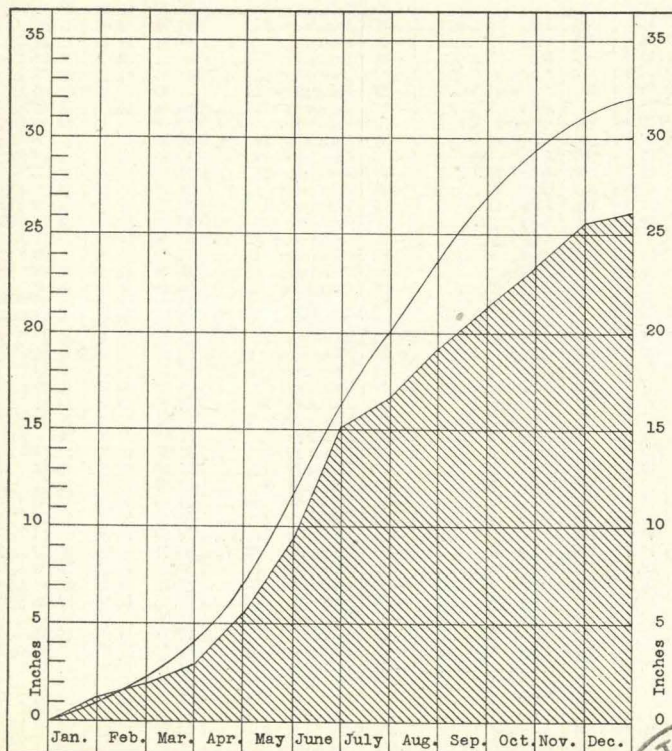


Figure 1.—Line bounding shaded area shows accumulated depth of precipitation in inches. Smooth curve shows normal.

### AVERAGE TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE State of Iowa, Year, 1930

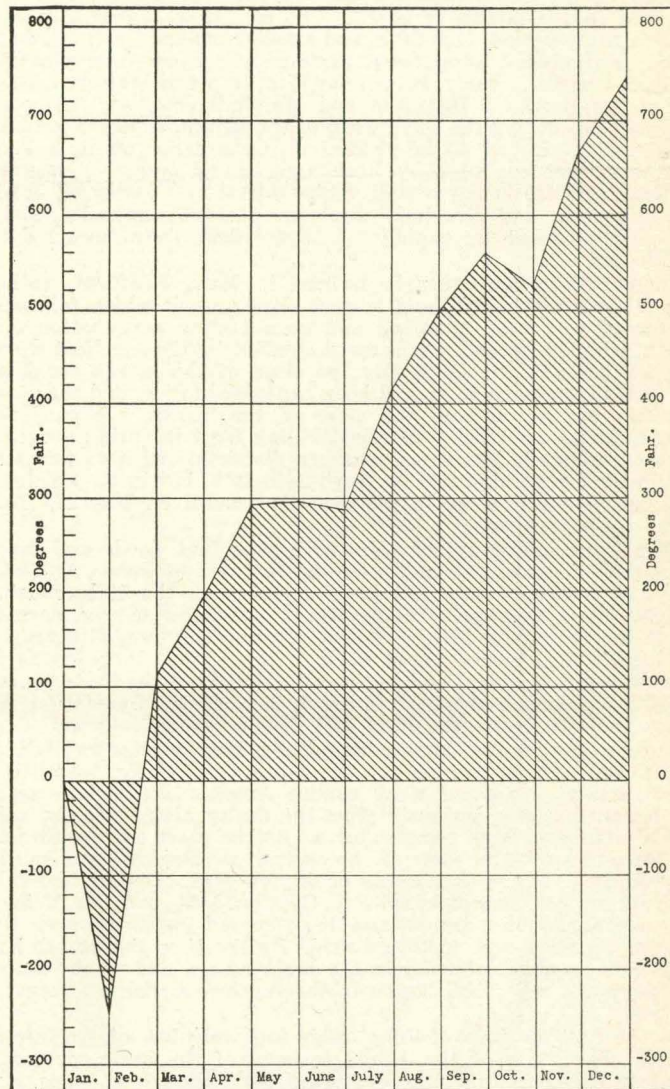


Figure 2.—Line bounding shaded area shows accumulated departure of temperature from normal. Upward slope means temperature above normal; downward, below.

inches above normal, and deep snow cover persisted over most of the State most of the month, resembling the record conditions of January, 1929. Aviation was greatly handicapped, particularly in the deep snow covering of landing fields.

In striking contrast with the severe January, February was the mildest in the 58 years of Statewide record, and probably the mildest in a century, judging from the records of the few individual stations available for that length of time. February averaged 25° warmer than January, and 0.9° warmer than a normal March. In the midst of the mildness, a cold wave passed over the State, 14th-15th, producing a minimum temperature of -34° at Webster City, the lowest in the State for the month. Then there was a remarkable moderation in temperature, reaching 72° at Webster City on the 24th, an absolute range of 106° in 9 days. The extreme range in the State was 114°, the greatest State range of record for February. Precipitation was below normal in most of the State, except slight excesses in the lower Iowa and Cedar valleys, and east to the Mississippi River. Snowfall and snow cover were light and below normal, and the snow had a remarkably small water content. Ice harvest, which was progressing rapidly at the close of January, was completed the first week in February. Ice gorges caused floods in the northeast portion of the State. Agricultural pursuits were favored, and by the close of the month perennial plants were showing above ground.

Though March averaged warmer than normal, it was only 1.8° warmer than February, and at several stations in the south and west portions of the State, February averaged warmer than March.



Zero temperatures occurred during a cold wave, 1st-2d. This was one of the notably dry Marchs, with little snow cover. Plowing began early in the month, and much seeding of oats and other small grains was done. There was apparently little winter killing of grasses and wheat. The soil worked up in excellent tilth, but much drier than usual. At the end of the month farm work averaged two or three weeks ahead of normal. The month was generally pleasant.

April had an abnormally warm period, 3d-13th, with maximum temperatures more appropriate for July, on the 9th, 10th and 11th, during which 46 stations in the southern half and extreme eastern portions of the State reported the highest temperature ever experienced in the month of April. The month was generally dry, except a rainy period, 11th-20th, and another toward the close of the month. Farm work progressed rapidly, and some corn planting was done unusually early, before the 15th, in a few scattered localities as far north as Hamilton and Marshall counties. The cool, rainy weather during the third week of the month, retarded germination, and much had to be replanted. Oats came up to a good stand, but were cut back by heavy frosts and freezes. Pastures, meadows, alfalfa, spring wheat, winter wheat and barley, all made good progress, and livestock went on pasture unusually early. Fruits were rushed too rapidly. A severe dust storm occurred on the 5th and 6th.

Temperatures were nearly normal in May. Frequent, rather heavy showers, 6th-12th, and a cool, cloudy week which followed, interfered with corn planting and caused slow germination and growth, which, however, was somewhat offset by the excellent warm seed bed prepared in April. By the close of the month considerable corn in southern Iowa had been cultivated twice, and the more favorable weather toward the close of the month was good for young animals and chicks. The last killing frost in spring occurred at most stations in the three southern districts, and at a few stations in the central districts on April 24th-25th, but in the northern three districts killing frosts were rather general on May 17. Tornadoes were numerous.

Damaging downpours of rain, with attendant floods and much wind squall and hail damage, were the features of June. At Sioux City, 2.80 inches of rain fell in 35 minutes on the 13th, causing \$300,000 flood damage. Temperatures averaged nearly normal, though the period 5th-12th, was cool. Though the rainfall averaged 5.83 inches, 1.33 inches above normal, there were large areas in the west-central, central and northwest districts of the State, where precipitation was noticeably deficient, laying the foundation for serious difficulty with the heat and drouth which followed.

Beginning with the first week in July, the average rainfall of each of the next 12 weeks, for the State as a whole, was below normal, except a normal week ending August 19. Certain areas soon began to suffer seriously from the faulty distribution of rain and the attendant high temperatures. At the start the drouth and heat were the worst in some of the central, west-central and south-west counties. In the four weeks ending July 15, Atlantic had only 5% of its normal amount of rainfall, Creston, 11%, and Des Moines, 16%. Gradually the drouth and heat spread eastward over the southern counties, and northeastward. By the time the drouth had reached its greatest intensity in the southeastern and northwestern counties, some relief had begun in the southwest and west-central counties.

In the first 29 days of July, Albia had only 5% of its normal rainfall. The worst of the drouth in most of the State covered a period of 82 days, July 5th-September 24th, though at some stations in the northwest and eastern districts the period was 80 to 81 days. The least amount in 82 days was 0.90 inch at Perry. Ledges Park, near Boone, was a close second, with 0.93 inch. The least number of days with 0.01 inch or more of rain in the 82-day period was 4 days at Olin, though there were only about 8 to 10 days with appreciable rain over a large area extending from Jones County westward to Carroll County, and northwest to Plymouth County. In a good many northeast and north-central counties the rainfall was nearly up to normal, with no long rainless periods, and few days with temperature 100 degrees or higher.

The greatest amount of rain reported was 10.56 inches in 81 days at Mason City, while the greatest number of days with appreciable rainfall in 82 days was 21 days at Omaha. Within a radius of one or two counties of Omaha, frequent and ample rains largely offset the earlier effects of drouth, after about the middle of the 82-day period. The greatest number of consecutive days without appreciable rainfall was 35 at Akron, July 1st-August 4th, followed closely by Keosauqua, with 31 days, July 6th-August 5th. The longest drouth period at Allison and Hampton was 9 days, August 10th-18th.

There were about 5 well defined heat waves, with a day or two of moderate temperatures between. Maximum temperatures of 100° or higher began to appear at several stations in the west portion of the State on July 8, gradually spreading eastward, reaching their greatest intensity on August 3, covering every station in the State except Fairport, Independence and Postville, and ending with 102° at Keokuk on August 9. The total number of days with maximum temperatures 100° or higher, July 8 to August 9, ranged from 18 at Glenwood to none at the three stations above mentioned. The average number for the State was 8.8 days, compared with 13.4 days in July and August, 1901, 5.8 in 1894, and

SUPPLEMENTAL PRECIPITATION TABLE, YEAR 1930

Table with columns for STATIONS, months (January-December), and Annual. Rows are categorized by Northern, Central, and Southern Divisions, listing various Iowa locations and their precipitation data.

\*Interpolated.

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE STATE—Annual

Table with columns for Year, Mean annual, Highest, Date, Lowest, Date, Annual, Greatest annual, Least annual, and Average snowfall. It provides comparative data for the state from 1873 to 1930.

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CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR THE YEAR 1930

Table with columns: STATIONS, COUNTIES, Elevation, Length of record, Temperature (Mean, Highest, Date, Lowest, Date), Precipitation (Total, Greatest Monthly, Month, Least Monthly, Month, Total snowfall), Number of Days (Precipitation, Clear, Partly cloudy, Cloudy), Prevailing direction of wind. Rows include Northern Division (Akron to Williamsburg) and Central Division (Ames to Williamsburg).

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA FOR THE YEAR 1930—Continued

STATIONS	COUNTIES	Elevation, feet	Length of record, years.	Temperature, in Degrees Fahrenheit						Precipitation, in Inches							Number of Days				
				Mean	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Length of record, year	Total	Greatest Monthly	Month	Least Monthly	Month	Total snowfall (unmelted)	Precipitation .01 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Prevailing direction of wind	
<i>Southern Division</i>																					
Afton	Union	1,212	36	52.4	106	July 27†	-19	Jan. 17†	36	30.81	7.22	June	0.27	Dec.	24.5	66	169	62	134	sw. nw.	
Albia	Monroe	949	32	52.1	110	July 27†	-21	Jan. 18	32	27.74	6.40	June	0.73	Feb.	31.0	85	164	132	69	sw. nw.	
Atlantic	Cass	1,110	39	51.4	107	Aug. 3†	-21	Jan. 22	39	20.34	3.52	Aug.	0.17	Sept.	18.0	85	164	132	69	sw. nw.	
Bedford	Taylor	1,200	39	51.8	108	Aug. 3	-24	Jan. 22	39	25.23	5.91	June	0.31	Dec.	18.0	72	183	70	112	sw. nw. s.	
Bonaparte (near)	Van Buren	563	39	51.8	108	Aug. 3	-24	Jan. 22	39	27.69	8.45	June	0.38	Feb.	15.2	71	227	48	90	sw. nw. s.	
Burlington	Des Moines	544	34	53.4	109	July 27	-19	Jan. 18	34	26.86	6.20	June	0.77	March	24.3	87	204	68	93	sw. nw. s.	
Centerville	Appanoose	1,013	25	51.8	107	Aug. 3	-21	Jan. 22	25	25.74	5.17	June	0.18	July	32.2	91	186	83	96	sw. nw. s.	
Chariton (near)	Lucas	1,042	35	51.9	110	July 27	-26	Jan. 22	35	23.08	4.91	June	0.72	July	15.5	52	179	115	71	sw. nw. s.	
Clarinda	Page	1,009	40	52.3	107	July 27†	-29	Jan. 22	40	27.52	5.54	June	0.32	Dec.	29.2	95	198	132	35	sw. nw. s.	
Columbus Junction	Louisa	595	29	50.8	106	Aug. 3	-26	Jan. 22	29	30.35	10.69	June	0.79	July	30.8	99	183	130	52	sw. nw. s.	
Corning	Adams	1,287	38	52.1	106	Aug. 3	-23	Jan. 22	38	27.28	7.20	May	0.11	Feb.	17.9	79	193	68	104	sw. nw. s.	
Corydon (near)	Wayne	1,050	37	51.6	107	Aug. 3	-23	Jan. 22	37	24.22	4.19	June	0.65	Feb.	26.3	79	193	68	104	sw. nw. s.	
Creston	Union	1,291	25	50.9	103	Aug. 3	-25	Jan. 18	25	27.11	7.04	June	0.26	Dec.	17.1	90	141	144	80	sw. nw. s.	
Cumberland (near)	Cass	1,225	28	50.7	105	Aug. 3	-30	Jan. 22	30	21.86	4.05	Aug.	0.17	Feb.	18.0	70	191	93	81	sw. nw. s.	
Earlham (near)	Madison	1,126	28	50.7	105	Aug. 3	-30	Jan. 22	28	22.50	4.33	Aug.	0.17	Feb.	27.5	59	230	49	86	sw. nw. s.	
Fairfield	Jefferson	780	46	51.2	109	Aug. 3	-29	Jan. 22	48	27.17	6.53	June	1.11	July	29.1	91	168	92	105	sw. nw. s.	
Glenwood	Mills	1,100	32	52.8	108	Aug. 3	-18	Jan. 18	36	24.98	5.26	Aug.	0.19	Dec.	16.5	74	181	101	83	n. se.	
Greenfield	Adair	1,368	39	52.3	108	July 27	-17	Jan. 22	39	21.90	4.75	June	0.20	Feb.	29.2	73	180	104	81	sw. nw. s.	
Indianola	Warren	972	39	52.3	108	July 27	-23	Jan. 22	39	27.37	6.80	June	0.40	Dec.	29.2	73	180	104	81	sw. nw. s.	
Keokuk	Lee	614	59	54.1	107	July 27	-17	Jan. 18	59	24.01	4.06	June	0.30	July	18.4	83	146	101	118	sw. nw. s.	
Keokuk No. 2	Lee	651	1	54.4	112	July 27	-22	Jan. 22	1	27.42	4.44	June	0.43	July	25.0	86	...	...	...	sw. nw. s.	
Kossauqua	Van Buren	639	38	52.2	109	Aug. 3	-36	Jan. 22	38	28.13	7.67	June	0.52	Feb.	23.1	59	...	...	...	sw. nw. s.	
Knockville	Marion	920	35	52.2	108	July 27†	-27	Jan. 22	35	27.43	6.38	June	0.78	Dec.	24.9	71	188	87	...	sw. nw. s.	
Lacona	Warren	824	35	52.2	108	July 27†	-27	Jan. 22	31	28.18	6.25	June	0.60	Dec.	26.0	90	149	164	52	sw. nw. s.	
Lamoni	Decatur	1,123	23	51.5	108	Aug. 3	-24	Jan. 22	24	23.97	3.91	June	0.47	July	14.6	81	209	68	88	nw. s.	
Lenox	Taylor	1,250	35	52.8	107	July 27†	-22	Jan. 18	35	26.07	5.96	June	0.45	July†	17.9	75	198	94	73	sw. nw. s.	
Melrose	Monroe	871	37	51.8	105	Aug. 3	-25	Jan. 22	37	29.42	6.49	June	0.34	Dec.	19.0	73	237	63	65	sw. nw. s.	
Mount Ayr	Ringgold	1,220	49	52.5	107	July 27†	-21	Jan. 22	49	30.80	12.28	June	0.91	July	17.0	82	148	139	78	sw. nw. s.	
Mt. Pleasant	Henry	730	11	52.0	106	July 18†	-21	Jan. 22	11	22.51	5.71	June	0.20	Feb.†	14.5	...	...	...	...	sw. nw. s.	
Oakland	Pottawattamie	1,139	11	52.0	106	July 18†	-21	Jan. 22	11	22.51	5.71	June	0.20	Feb.†	14.5	...	...	...	...	sw. nw. s.	
Oskalosa	Mahaska	835	54	51.6	109	Aug. 3	-26	Jan. 18†	54	35.65	7.47	June	1.29	Dec.	44.3	108	161	98	106	sw. nw. s.	
Ottumwa	Wapello	649	35	52.6	108	July 27†	-36	Jan. 22	36	28.21	7.26	June	0.80	March	22.9	87	184	79	102	sw. nw. s.	
Red Oak (near)	Montgomery	1,030	17	52.5	108	July 27†	-36	Jan. 22	17	28.55	6.53	Aug.	0.06	Feb.	25.0	73	142	166	57	sw. nw. s.	
Riverton (near)	Fremont	920	34	51.3	110	Aug. 3	-27	Jan. 22	4	24.51	5.80	June	0.13	Dec.	15.4	63	192	50	123	sw. nw. s.	
Sigourney	Keokuk	785	34	51.3	110	Aug. 3	-27	Jan. 22	34	32.72	9.33	June	0.78	March	27.9	75	193	82	90	sw. nw. s.	
Stockport (near)	Van Buren	747	28	51.8	109	Aug. 3	-35	Jan. 22	28	29.64	7.57	June	0.76	July	23.7	88	207	73	85	sw. nw. s.	
Thurman	Fremont	960	33	53.0	109	Aug. 3	-33	Jan. 22	39	22.57	4.59	June	0.25	Dec.	22.5	63	169	95	101	sw. nw. s.	
Tingley	Ringgold	1,275	5	51.7	106	July 27†	-33	Jan. 18	5	27.42	6.60	June	0.53	Dec.	15.8	69	212	88	65	sw. nw. s.	
Washington	Washington	757	48	52.3	109	Aug. 3	-26	Jan. 22	51	34.97	13.49	June	0.83	July	29.6	78	145	119	101	sw. nw. s.	
Wever	Lee	552	2	53.3	108	July 27	-26	Jan. 22	8	28.49	5.36	Sept.	0.26	March	...	...	...	...	...	sw. nw. s.	
Winterset	Madison	1,118	39	52.0	106	July 27†	-20	Jan. 18	39	28.24	6.15	June	0.25	Feb.	20.0	76	231	64	70	sw. nw. s.	
Omaha, Nebr.		1,105	59	53.4	111	Aug. 3	-16	Jan. 17	59	20.35	6.28	Aug.	0.15	Dec.	22.0	81	172	105	88	sw. nw. s.	

†Also on other dates.

MONTHLY STATE DATA FOR 1930

MONTH	Barometric Pressure Inches (Sea Level)				Temperature Degrees, F.				Relative Humidity Per Cent				Precipitation, Inches					No. of Days			Sunshine		Wind				
	Mean	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Mean	Departure from Normal	Highest	Lowest	7 a. m.*	12 noon†	7 p. m.*	Departure from Normal‡	Lowest	Average	Departure from Normal	Greatest	Least	Snowfall	With .01 inch or more Precipitation	Clear	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Pct. of Possible Amt.	Departure from Normal	Average Hourly Velocity	Prevailing Direction
January	30.26	30.84	10	29.40	14	10.5	-8.0	58	-37	84	70	78	0	26	1.33	+0.26	2.51	0.41	14.7	8	14	8	9	61	+9	8.1	nw.
February	29.99	30.64	15	29.34	24	35.5	+2.9	80	-34	82	61	68	-4	21	0.67	-0.54	2.45	0.06	2.8	5	11	10	7	57	+2	8.2	sw.
March	29.95	30.69	6	29.47	6	37.3	+2.7	80	-4	72	45	48	-14	8	0.89	-0.88	2.42	0.04	1.3	5	14	8	9	68	+11	10.7	sw.
April	30.01	30.32	8	29.56	17	52.1	+3.2	96	5	72	47	49	-6	10	2.67	-0.29	4.59	1.05	0.3	9	14	7	9	63	+6	9.4	nw.
May	29.95	30.45	25	29.22	7	60.2	+0.1	91	26	75	54	55	-3	21	3.72	-0.86	7.20	1.61	T.	11	14	7	10	63	+1	9.4	nw.
June	29.91	30.24	8	29.43	13	69.0	+0.3	101	37	76	52	54	-4	24	5.83	+1.33	13.49	2.48	0	10	16	4	72	+5	7.5	sw.	
July	29.95	30.31	14	29.62	12	77.9	+4.2	112	40	68	43	43	-12	16	1.49	-2.34	5.58	T.	0	4	21	8	2	80	+7	6.9	sw.
August	30.02	30.33	11	29.61	2	74.4	+2.7	113	41	75	49	52	-8	21	2.42	-1.02	6.71	0.48	0	8	15	11	5	62	+8	5.1	ne.
September	29.95	30.37	30	29.20	26	66.3	+2.0	101	25	77	43	52	-9	19	2.31	-1.36	6.39	0.17	0	5	19	7	4	74	+12	6.9	sw.
October	30.08	30.65	21	29.54	15	50.7	+1.1	95	9	81	57	64	+1	23	2.08	-0.35	4.21	0.71	0.4	7	14	7	10	55	+5	7.3	nw.
November	30.06	30.70	5	29.03	16	41.3	+4.7	79	-16	78	56	61	-7	27	2.12	+0.57	4.57	0.79	1.1	5	17	6	7	66	+15	9.1	sw.
December	30.14	30.76	16	29.63	10	26.7	+2.6	65	-10	83	69	75	-2	19	0.57	-0.57	1.69	T.	3.0	4	12	6	13	44	-2	7.1	nw.
Means and Extremes	30.02	30.84	10	29.03	16	50.2	+2.2	113	-37	77	54	58	-6	8	26.10	-6.05	...	...	23.6	81	181	95</					

MEAN MONTHLY AND ANNUAL TEMPERATURES, WITH DEPARTURES FROM THE NORMAL, FOR 1930

Table with columns for months (January-December) and Annual, and rows for various stations (Northern, Central, Southern Divisions). Each cell contains temperature and departure values.

\*Interpolated.

MEAN MONTHLY AND ANNUAL PRECIPITATIONS, WITH DEPARTURES FROM THE NORMAL, FOR 1930

Table with columns for STATIONS, months (January-December), and Annual. Each month has Precip. and Dep. sub-columns. Rows are grouped into Northern, Central, and Southern Divisions.

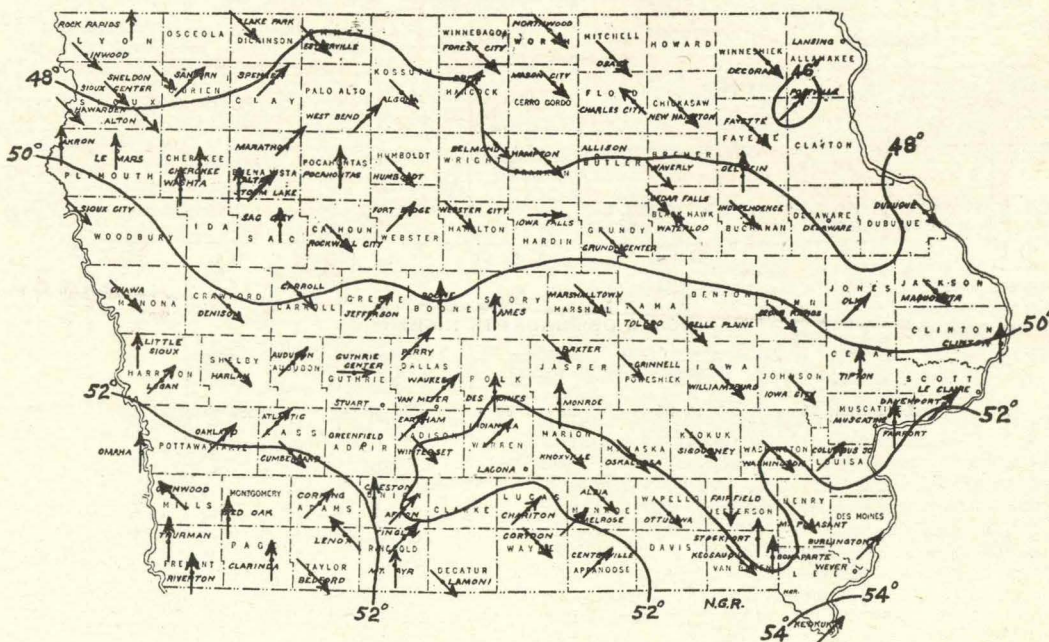
DATES OF KILLING FROST, 1930

Charles City, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Keokuk, Sioux City, Omaha and Marshalltown, excluded from averages because of city influences.

Table with 12 columns: STATIONS, Last in Spring, First in Autumn, Days in Growing Season, STATIONS, Last in Spring, First in Autumn, Days in Growing Season, STATIONS, Last in Spring, First in Autumn, Days in Growing Season. Rows are categorized by district: Northwest, West Central, Southwest, North Central, Central, South Central, Northeast, East Central, Southeast.

† Date of last temperature of 32° or lower in the Spring, or first temperature of 32° in the Autumn (as the case may be) when frost was not reported.

MEAN ISOTHERMS AND PREVAILING WINDS, YEAR 1930





5.3 in 1911. The average maximum temperature of August 3, 1930, "the hot Sunday", was 106.36°, the hottest single day in Iowa in probably a century. Corn and late truck and fruit crops were the principal sufferers.

Generous rains September 25th-26th conditioned the soil for plowing and for seeding of winter wheat, and helped pastures and other grass lands, clover and alfalfa.

October precipitation was mostly light and deficient, though about normally frequent. Corn husking progressed more rapidly than usual, 51% of the husking being done by the close of the month. In the western and southern districts practically all stations had their first killing frost of autumn on October 17, while in the north-central and northeast districts many stations had their first killing frost on September 28. The average date for the State was October 12, which is 7 days later than usual. October temperatures exceeded 90° around the 10th in nearly all districts, reach-

ing 95° at Waterloo on the 12th, within 2° of the State record for October. At some stations these temperatures were the highest ever recorded so late in the season. Then followed a cold and stormy period, during which the minimum temperatures were very low for so early in the season, being the lowest ever recorded in the early fall at Davenport.

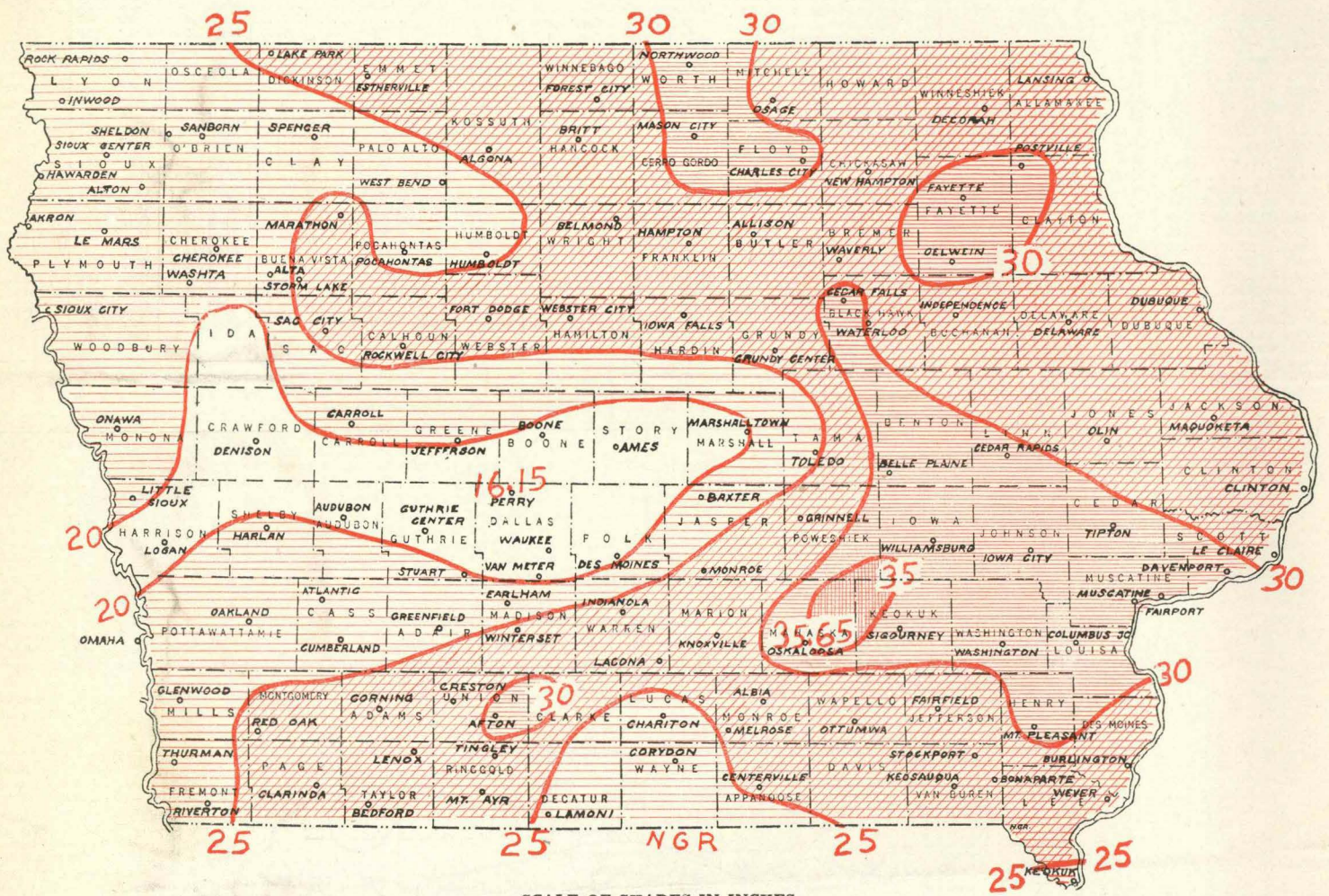
November was generally mild, with little precipitation till after the middle of the month. Corn husking and other farm work made rapid progress.

December was mild and dry, though there were three mostly light snow storms. The year closed with the water supply on farms seriously deficient.

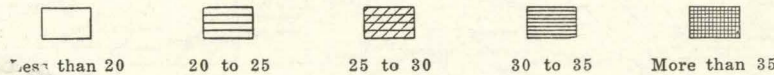
ERRATA

Annual Climatological Data for 1929; Page 102, Cherokee; April Precipitation published 3.14 inches, should be 2.14 inches. Page 102, Fayette; June, total precipitation published 1.76 inches, should be 1.78 inches.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION, YEAR, 1930



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