

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

THE MARKED DEFICIENCY IN RAINFALL CONTINUES, JULY PROVIDING ONLY 20MM (0.79 in) FROM A POSSIBLE 61MM(2.4IN) 30 YEAR AVERAGE. THIS IS A LOSS OVER THE YEAR TO DATE OF 10INS OR APPROX. 5 MONTHS RAINFALL. SINCE JANUARY 1989 12 MONTHS HAVE BEEN LOWER THAN AVERAGE, THE LOSS AMOUNTING TO 13.6 INS. TEMPERATURES CONTINUE ABOVE EXPECTATION WITH 14 HOT DAYS (ABOVE 25C OR 77F) AGAINST THE 15 IN 1985, 20 IN 1983 AND 11 IN 1976. THE MAX OF 30.5C (87F) WAS RECORDED ON THE 20TH, THOUGH A GROUND FROST OCCURRED ON THE 3RD.

SUNSHINE WAS 70% ABOVE NORMAL AT 290 HRS BREAKING THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 1984 BY OVER 14 HOURS.

RADIATION TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONAL, REACHING 59C (138F)

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