

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

The month started with a very mild SW airstream over the country with air temperatures well above average. The minimum of 11.7C on the night of 11/12th set a new record, and the day maximum of 14.2C on the 11th was the highest since 28/12/1974 and the second highest on record. Temperatures fell back to normal from the 14th and night frost occurred more regularly. The daily mean of 8.9C was the warmest since 1988 and the third highest on record. Air frost was two thirds of normal but ground frost was 6% above average for December.

Rainfall was well above normal, and with 19 days of rainfall it was a wet month.

However, sunshine was about average at 44.6 hours, though there were fewer sunless days than usual.

Snow was noted on one day (31st), with fog on three, though there was no occurrence of either hail or thunder.
