

# September weather

The first day of September was the warmest day of the month, 28C, 82F, but temperatures faded and the month ended slightly below normal.

Rain fell on 15 days, no large amount at any one

time, but 2 1/4 inches which is reasonable for our area. We had only 11 completely sunny days.

First frost occurred on the 12th and a heavy frost of -4.5 the morning of the 29th. We

were frost free from June 16th to Sept 12.

The average Maximum temperature was 19C, 67F, and the average minimum was 6.5C giving us a mean of 12.5C, 55F degrees. We had a warmer September in 1971 when the mean was 65 degrees, and we had more rain in 1977 with 3.6 inches.

Pastures continued to be very good, the corn crop excellent, and grain harvesting completed apart from a few fields of buckwheat.

## Temperatures below normal

We always hope that November is not really a winter month but this year the hopes were somewhat dashed. Temperatures were

below normal, especially the minimums.

Normal November would be about -3C, 26F, but this year it was -5C, 23F degrees. The maximum was 2.7C and the mean for the month was -1, or 30 degrees.

Snow fell on 9 days amounting to 26.6 cm which is just over 10 inches, compared with 24 inches in 1971. Our total precipitation was 34.4 mm, 1.3 inches,

well below an average 2.2 inches.

We had only 3 nights above freezing so the ground was well frozen by the end of the month, even small lakes had a coating of ice.

The lowest reading was 15C, 5F, the morning of the 27th and the warmest day was the 4th when we reached 11C, 54F. It was a dull November with only 6 full sunny days.

## December is coldest in years

As record low temperatures are hitting us already in January, 1981, we look back to a December we were glad to see end.

December was the coldest month of 1980, in fact, the coldest of several years, the mean of 6F degrees or -14C is the coldest December in our records.

Christmas day hit bottom for the month with a minus 32F, 35.5C, which was the lowest for the year, too. The highest for the month was 41F, 5C, on the first. The first and second were the only days above the freezing mark.

Precipitation was normal with 3 1/4 inches of which 27 inches were snow and almost 1/2 inch of freezing rain. The total precipitation of 29 inches for the year was below average though we had 4.9 inches in June.

The warmest days were June 25th, August 7th and 25th at 31C, and August was the warmest month with a mean of 68F. We had 92 frost free days, June 12th to Sept 12th, which is at least 8 days less than average.

The mean temperature for 1980 was 40.6F close to the 10 year average of 40.9 degrees.

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