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**Thousands die in
European heatwave**

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**Warmest summer
since 1976 at
Malin Head**

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The Bank Holiday weekend early in the month, like much of August, brought warm and sunny weather. Pictured here is a scene from Mullaghmore beach, Co. Sligo (Picture Evelyn Murphy)

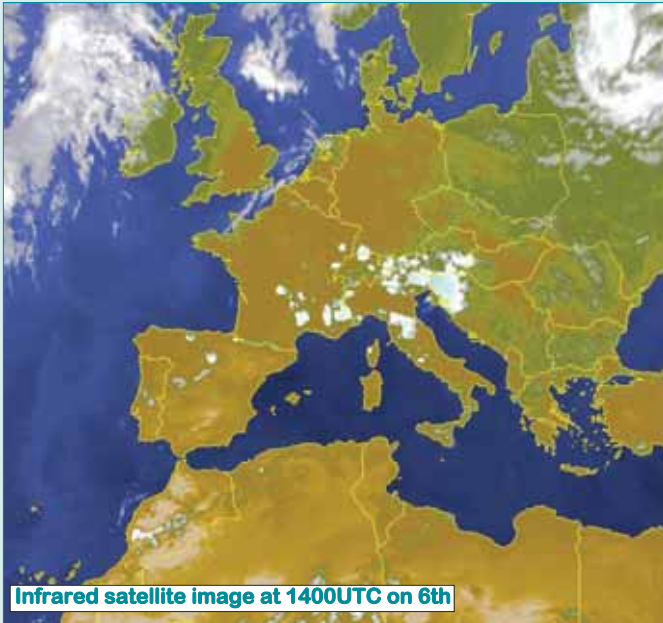
DRY, SUNNY AND VERY WARM

Summary: The weather of August was dominated by areas of high pressure near or over Ireland. This anticyclonic weather gave dry and sunny conditions generally, with temperatures rising above 20°C at one or more stations on all but a few days at the end of the month. Although mean air temperatures overall were around two degrees higher than normal in most places, at no station was it as warm as the record-breaking month of August 1995. The period between the 4th and 8th of the month was particularly hot, when

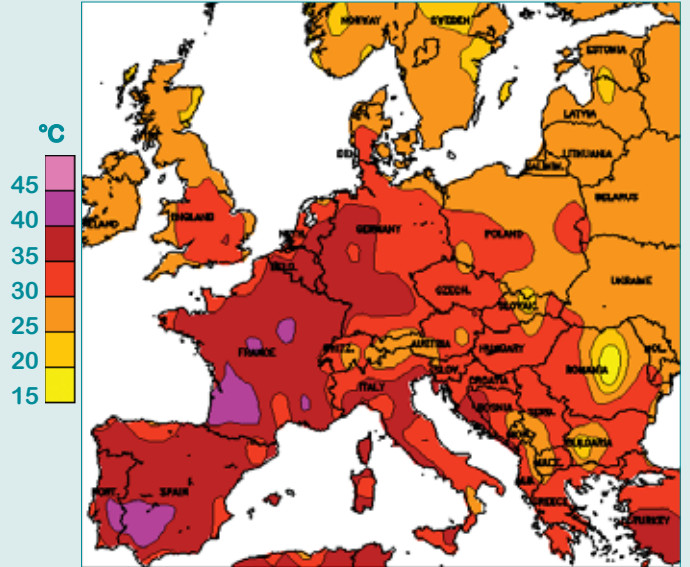
temperatures rose above 25°C in many places during the day and remained above 15°C at night. Both Belmullet and Claremorris recorded their highest August maxima in around 50 years of observations on the 8th with values of 27.7°C and 29.5°C respectively. Rainfall totals for the month were only around a quarter of normal generally. It was the driest August since 1976 at both Rosslare and Birr, while Kilkenny's total of just over 1mm was its lowest for August since records began there in 1957.

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European heatwave responsible for thousands of deaths

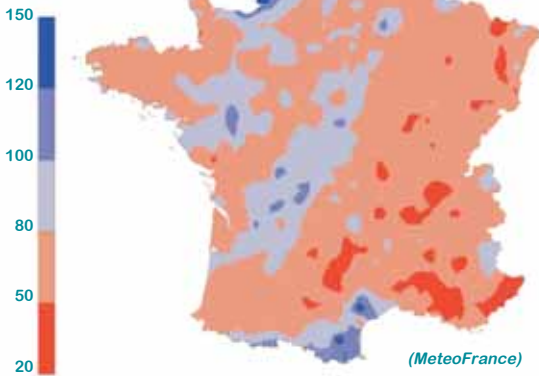


Infrared satellite image at 1400UTC on 6th



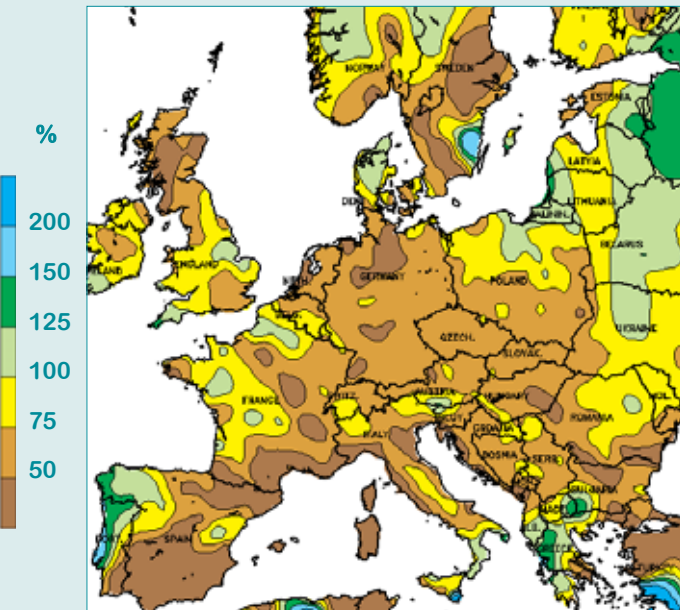
Maximum temperatures during the week of August 3rd-10th
(NOAA Climate Prediction Centre, US Department of Commerce)

Percentage of normal rainfall for 7-month period February-August 2003

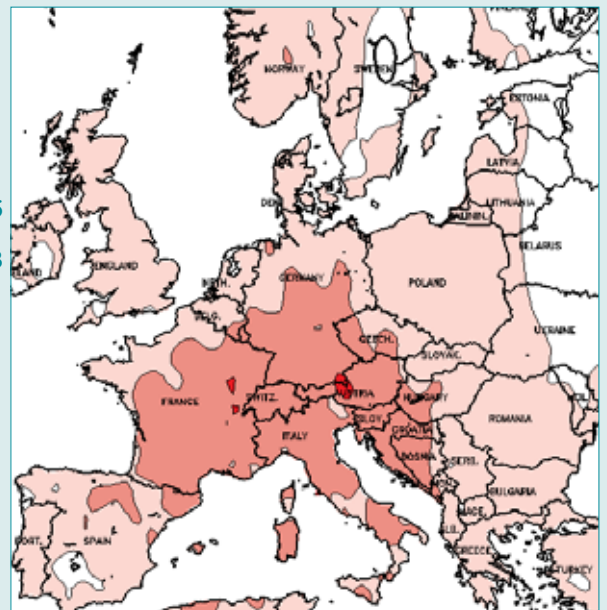


(MeteoFrance)

In contrast to the summer of 2002, which saw record-breaking floods over central Europe, this summer brought exceptionally hot and dry weather over most countries of western Europe. The intense heatwave of the first half of August claimed the lives of many thousands of people, many of whom were elderly. France, Portugal and Italy were the worst affected countries. By comparing mortality rates during the first half of this month with the same period last year, an estimated 15,000 people died in France alone due to the *canicule*, or heawave conditions. Maximum temperatures rose above 35°C on more than ten days during the month over central and southern France, with over 40°C recorded on six or more days in places. Critically, minimum temperatures of over 25°C between the 10th and 13th, in combination with increased levels of atmospheric pollution and little or no wind for ventilation, had significant effects on public health. The extreme heat and, apart from isolated thunderstorms, lack of rainfall worsened the continuing drought, leading to widespread problems with the supply of drinking water, electricity generation, agricultural production and outbreaks of forest fires. The drought conditions extend back to early spring in places.



Summer rainfall (June to August), percentage of 1961-90 rainfall

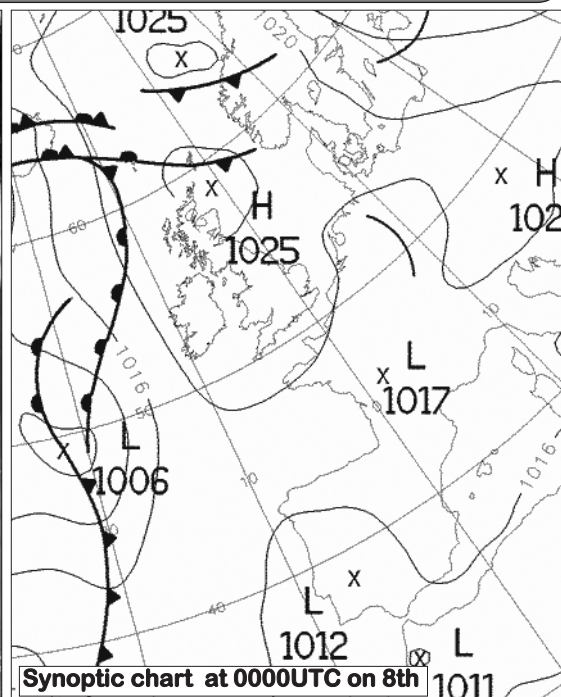
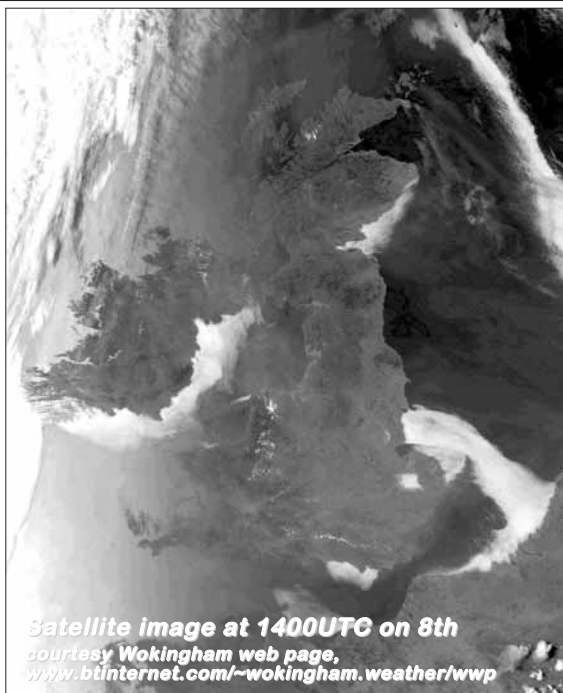


Summer mean temperature (June to August), difference from 1961-90 normal

(NOAA Climate Prediction Centre, US Department of Commerce)

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High pressure over the country during the early part of the month brought fine weather to most areas, but sea fog affected coastal areas of the south and east at times.



There were only between 3 and 7 wetdays during the month at the majority of stations (days with 1mm or more of rainfall). After a very dull July in many places, sunshine totals were well above normal everywhere this month; Valentia Observatory's total of 203 hours was its highest for August since 1968.

1st to 3rd: Warm and mainly dry with light southwesterly winds. A few light showers at times, with a frontal system near the southwest coast on the 3rd. Cloud amounts were variable with most sunshine in the south and southeast.

4th to 8th: Very warm and humid with temperatures reaching over 25°C in many places. Mostly dry but with isolated thunderstorms at times and more widespread thundery rain on the 5th. Sunny generally, but patches of coastal fog were persistent at times. Light variable winds.

9th to 16th: A cold front moving eastwards on the 9th introduced somewhat cooler and less humid conditions, but high pressure building from the southwest of the country continued to give generally dry weather with light southwesterly or variable winds. Sunny on most days.

17th to 25th: High pressure retreated southwards, allowing Atlantic frontal systems to cross the country. These brought cloudier conditions with rain at times, although amounts were generally small. Temperatures remained above normal.

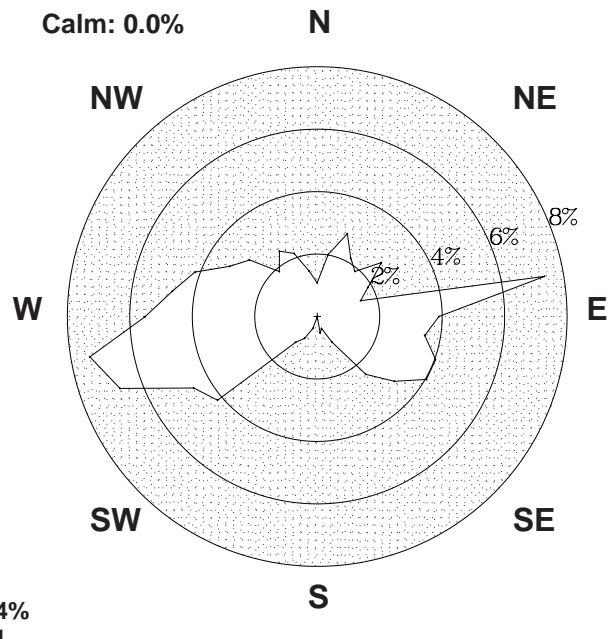
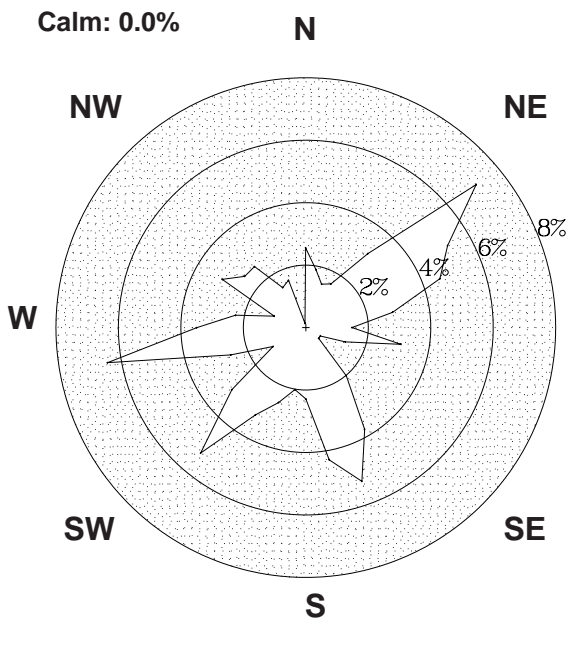
16th to 31st: Moderate easterly winds, later backing northerly, brought a drop in daytime temperatures, while minimum ground temperatures fell close to freezing at inland stations. A spell of rain affected Munster on the 26th; otherwise there were showers at times during the period, particularly in coastal areas, but many places were dry with clear spells.

Wind and elements: Mean windspeeds for the month were below normal everywhere. They varied between 6 and 9 knots (7 and 10m.p.h.) generally and were the lowest for August for 20 or more years at some stations. Gale gusts were mainly confined to coastal stations, with the highest gust, 43 knots (50m.p.h.), recorded at Malin Head on the 17th. Thunder was recorded in the periods 4th to 6th and 9th to 10th; these were mostly isolated but they were widespread and heavy on the 5th, causing disruption to power supplies in places. Fog was most widespread in the periods 6th to 9th and 20th to 24th.

County / Station	WIND (KNOTS)									ELEMENTS					
	Mean speed	Max. 10-min. mean dir.	Max. 10-min. mean speed	Max. 10-min. mean date/hour	Max. Gust dir.	Max. Gust speed	Max. Gust date/time	Days with gales	Days with gale gusts	Hours with gale gusts	Snow	No. of Days with Snow Lying	Hail	Thunder	Fog
CO. CLARE SHANNON AIRPORT	6.8	240°	25	21/16	250°	34	21/1503	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
CO. CORK CORK AIRPORT	7.6	240°	20	21/15 010° 20 29/10	240°	30	21/1432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
CO. DONEGAL MALIN HEAD	11.2	180°	28	17/13	170°	43	17/1235	0	4	29	0	0	0	1	3
CO. DUBLIN CASEMENT AERODROME	6.4	250°	25	21/16	240°	33	21/1541	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
DUBLIN AIRPORT	7.8	250°	25	21/17	240°	38	21/1552	0	1	6	0	0	0	1	5
CO. KERRY VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	6.2	220°	18	21/11 100° 18 25/11	220°	29	21/1013 060° 29 24/2146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CO. KILKENNY KILKENNY	5.2	230°	20	21/17	230°	29	21/1606	0	0	0	n/a	0	----	n/a	----
CO. MAYO BELMULLET	9.6	190°	27	21/01	190°	39	21/0152	0	4	11	0	0	0	1	4
CONNACHT AIRPORT	7.0	170°	19	17/11 260° 19 21/18	170°	31	17/0955	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
CO. MONAGHAN CLONES	5.6	200°	18	21/03	240°	28	21/1312	0	0	0	n/a	0	----	n/a	----
CO. OFFALY BIRR	5.2	230°	19	21/12	230°	29	21/1149	0	0	0	n/a	0	----	n/a	----
CO. WESTMEATH MULLINGAR II	5.0	220°	16	21/10	220°	26	21/1028	0	0	0	n/a	0	----	n/a	----
CO. WEXFORD ROSSLARE	9.3	040°	33	28/23 050° 33 29/01	040°	42	28/2249	0	3	22	0	0	0	0	2

Valentia Observatory

Dublin Airport

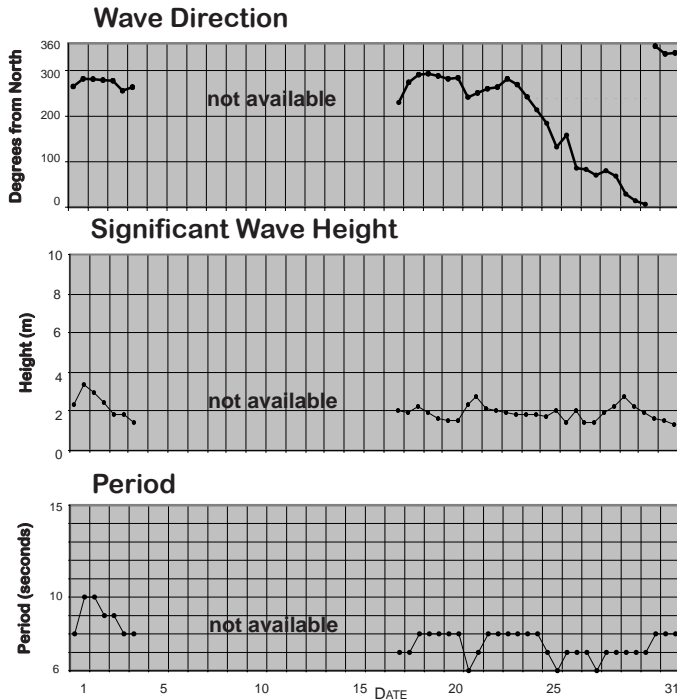


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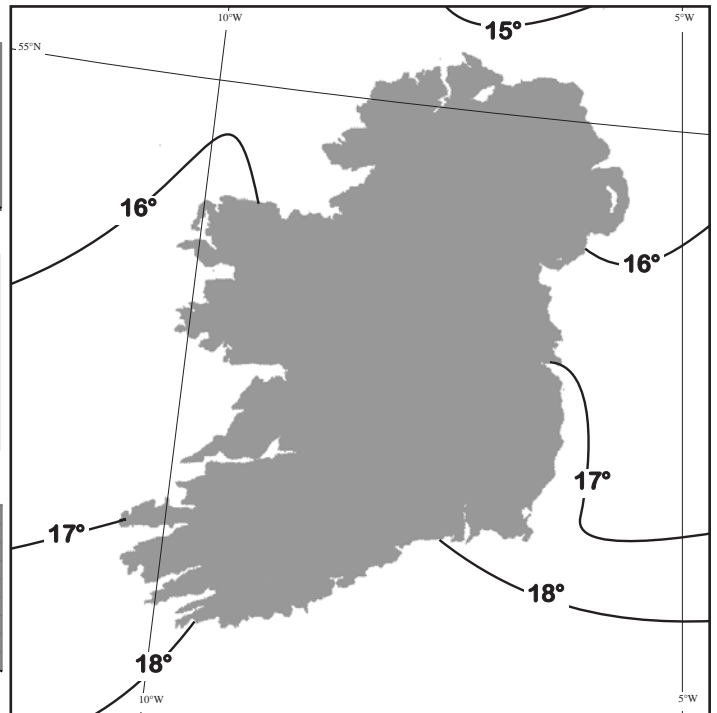
FREQUENCY OF WIND DIRECTION

SEA TEMPERATURES

The higher than normal air temperatures during the summer were reflected in sea temperatures during this month, which were between one and two degrees above normal near most coasts and over two degrees above normal in the south. At mid-month they ranged from over 15°C off the north coast to over 18°C in the south. Malin Head's mean sea temperature of 16.0°C was over a degree higher than normal.



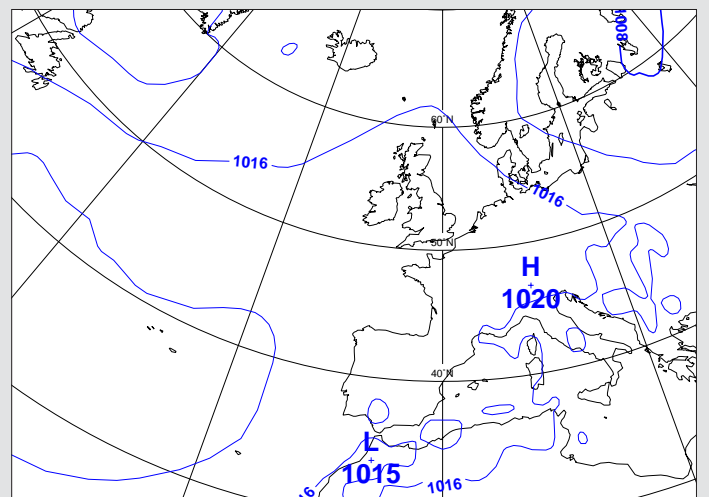
Wave conditions at 52.5°N, 12°W based on WAM model



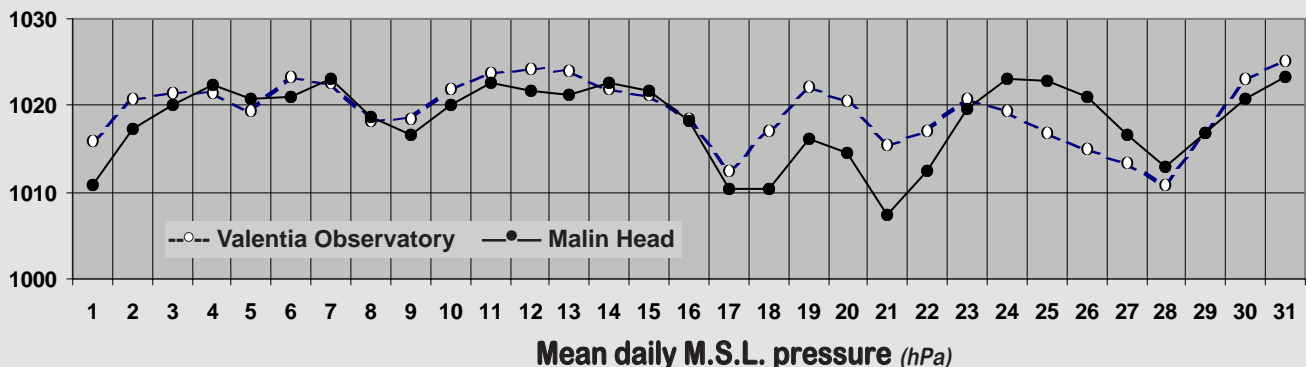
Sea Temperatures (°C) around mid-month

MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

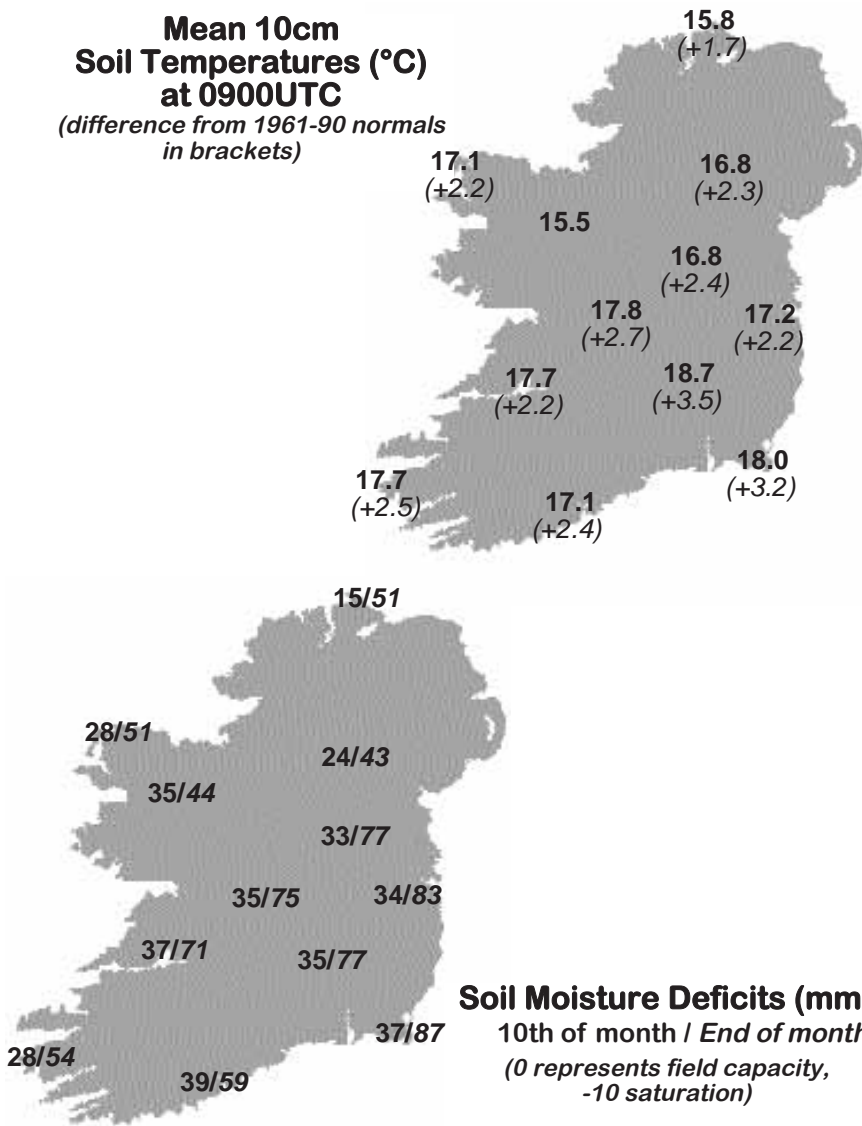
Mean sea level pressure values for the month of around 1019hPa were almost uniform across the country. They were above normal everywhere, by around 4hPa in the south and by 6hPa in the north. Pressure was fairly uniform throughout the month, with high pressure dominating during the first half and again near the end. The highest value, 1027.1hPa, was measured at Belmullet on the 31st. A depression well to the north of Ireland on the 21st brought the lowest values of the month, with the lowest pressure, 1004.2hPa, recorded at Malin Head on this day.



The above map is based on monthly means of 1200 UTC values



**Mean 10cm
Soil Temperatures (°C)
at 0900UTC**
*(difference from 1961-90 normals
in brackets)*



Soil Temperatures at 0900UTC

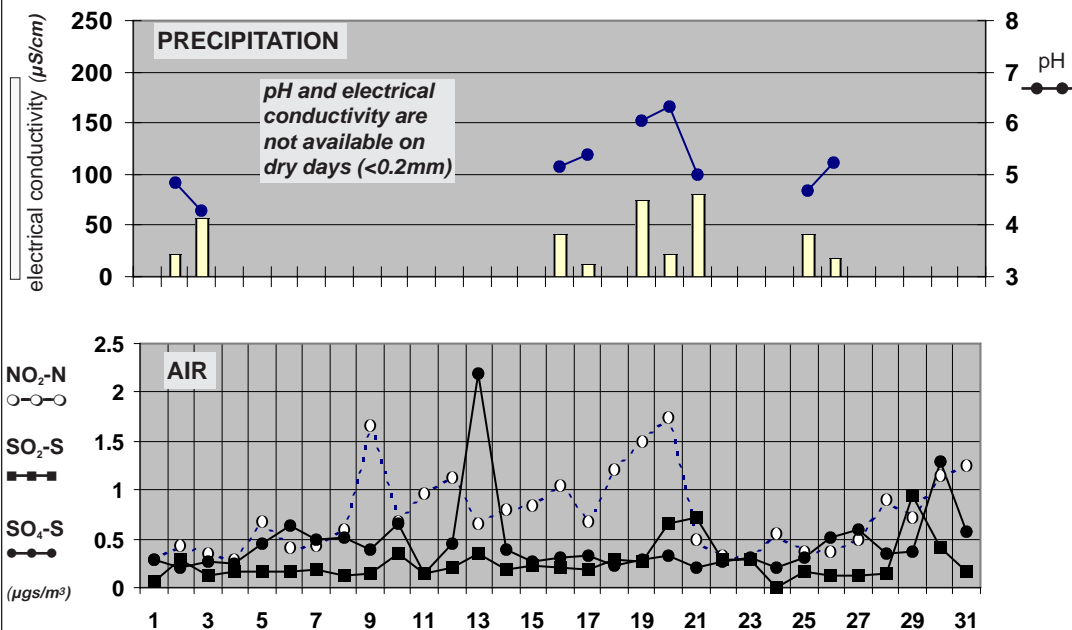
County/ Station	°C		
	100mm	200mm	300mm
CO. CLARE			
SHANNON AIRPORT	17.7	18.2	18.5
CARRON	17.2		17.7
CO. CORK			
FERMOY (MOORE PARK)	17.5	17.2	17.8
CORK AIRPORT	17.1	16.9	17.5
SHERKIN ISLAND	17.5		17.9
BALLINCURRIG (PEAFIELD)	16.6	16.5	17.3
CO. DONEGAL			
MALIN HEAD	15.8	16.1	16.6
CO. DUBLIN			
DUBLIN AIRPORT	16.6	17.1	17.6
CASEMENT AERODROME	17.2	17.8	17.8
CO. KERRY			
VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	17.7	17.7	18.7
CO. KILKENNY			
KILKENNY	18.7	19.1	19.5
CO. LEITRIM			
BALLINAMORE	16.2	16.7	17.3
CO. LIMERICK			
MOUNT RUSSELL	16.4	17.0	
CO. LOUTH			
ARDEE (BOHARNAMOE)	17.5	18.0	17.7
CO. MAYO			
BELMULLET	17.1	17.8	18.7
STRAIDE	16.8		
CONNACHT AIRPORT	15.5	16.0	16.7
CO. MEATH			
WARRENSTOWN	16.8	18.0	18.7
CO. MONAGHAN			
CLONES	16.8	17.0	17.5
CO. OFFALY			
BIRR	17.8	18.4	18.4
CO. TIPPERARY			
FETHARD (PARSONSHILL)	16.7	17.4	
CO. WATERFORD			
DUNGARVAN (CARRIGLEA)		17.6	18.0
CO. WESTMEATH			
MULLINGAR II	16.8	17.2	18.5
CO. WEXFORD			
JOHNSTOWN CASTLE	18.1	18.2	18.2
ROSSLARE	18.0	18.2	18.5
CLONROCHE	16.6	17.5	18.0
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK	18.1	18.3	18.5

**Chemical Analysis of Precipitation and Air Samples
at Valentia Observatory**

Acid rain occurs when pollutants combine with moisture in the air to form sulphuric or nitric acid. pH is the simplest way of measuring the acidity of precipitation. Usually pH of 7.00 is considered neutral but this is not the case in rainfall samples. Pure water in the atmosphere has an equilibrium pH value of 5.65 at 20°C owing to carbon dioxide in the air dissolving to form carbonic acid. Any value below pH 5.65 is considered acid while any value above is considered alkaline.

Sulphur dioxide and sulphate in air contribute to the formation of sulphuric acid; nitrate in air contributes to the formation of nitric acid.

Conductivity measures the total ion activity in the rainfall, i.e. the higher the conductivity the greater the number of ions present.



10-DAY VALUES FOR SELECTED AGROMETEOROLOGICAL STATIONS		RAINFALL				TEMPERATURE										SUNSHINE		P.E. (Penman) (mm)					
Station	period	amount	% of average	rain days	wet days	mean max.	mean min.	mean daily	diff. from average	lowest min.	date	days with air frost	degree days > 4.4°C	degree days > 10.0°C	lowest "grass-min."	date	days with ground frost	mean 10cm at 0900h	mean 30cm at 0900h	total no. of hours	% of average	mean wind speed (m/s) 2m a.g.l.	P.E. (Penman) (mm)
Fermoy	11-20	1.3	-	2	0	21.1	9.5	15.3	-	5.7	18	0	109	57	3.8	18	0	17.3	17.9	-	-	1.7	-
	21-end	2.2	-	2	1	20.6	12.0	16.3	-	4.6	30	0	131	72	0.0	30	0	16.9	17.3	-	-	2.8	-
	month	3.5	5	4	1	21.5	11.5	16.5	1.7	4.6	30	0	376	208	0.0	30	0	17.5	17.8	-	-	2.2	-
Co. Donegal	1-10	22.8	-	5	3	22.4	13.4	17.9	-	9.9	2	0	135	79	7.9	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glenties	11-20	34.6	-	5	5	19.2	9.8	14.5	-	5.8	15	0	101	48	4.6	15	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21-end	10.1	-	5	2	19.3	10.1	14.7	-	4.9	30	0	113	56	3.3	30	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
	month	67.5	55	15	10	20.3	11.0	15.7	1.7	4.9	30	0	349	183	3.3	30	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Kerry	1-10	1.7	-	3	1	23.1	13.4	18.3	-	10.7	10	0	139	83	7.5	7	0	-	-	70.9	-	-	-
Ardfert	11-20	8.3	-	3	3	21.3	11.0	16.2	-	7.8	14	0	117	62	4.1	14	0	-	-	63.4	-	-	-
	21-end	4.2	-	4	3	21.9	12.2	17.1	-	5.7	29	0	139	80	1.1	30	0	-	-	66.9	-	-	-
	month	14.2	-	10	7	22.1	12.2	17.2	2.3	5.7	29	0	395	225	1.1	30	0	-	-	201.2	-	-	-
Co. Leitrim	1-10	1.5	-	2	1	23.9	13.8	18.9	-	10.5	2	0	145	89	7.5	2	0	6.0	17.7	62.3	-	-	-
Ballinamore	11-20	6.7	-	3	2	20.5	9.0	14.8	-	4.5	16	0	103	51	1.6	14	0	11.0	17.3	72.1	-	-	-
	21-end	11.0	-	4	2	19.3	11.3	15.3	-	6.0	31	0	120	60	0.2	30	0	16.3	16.8	51.9	-	-	-
	month	19.2	19	9	5	21.2	11.4	16.3	2.1	4.5	16	0	368	200	0.2	30	0	11.3	17.3	186.3	152	-	-
Co. Louth	1-10	5.6	-	5	1	24.8	16.6	20.7	-	16.6	1	0	163	107	7.2	2	0	18.6	18.3	-	-	-	-
Ardee	11-20	1.8	-	2	1	23.0	16.6	19.8	-	16.6	11	0	154	98	2.2	16	0	16.6	17.5	-	-	-	-
	21-end	2.0	-	3	1	20.7	11.5	16.1	-	5.5	30	0	129	70	2.0	30	0	16.8	17.3	-	-	-	-
	month	9.4	13	10	3	22.7	14.8	18.8	2.7	5.5	30	0	445	275	2.0	30	0	17.3	17.7	-	-	-	-
Co. Waterford	1-10	0.0	-	0	0	22.7	13.6	18.2	-	8.5	2	0	137	82	6.5	2	0	-	18.4	68.5	-	0.9	-
Dungarvan	11-20	1.5	-	1	1	21.5	10.1	15.8	-	7.1	16	0	114	60	5.5	16	0	-	18.0	79.0	-	0.6	-
	21-end	3.0	-	3	2	20.7	13.4	17.1	-	7.5	30	0	139	78	5.6	30	0	-	17.6	57.9	-	1.1	-
	month	4.5	-	4	3	21.6	12.4	17.0	1.7	7.1	16	0	390	221	5.5	16	0	-	18.0	205.4	148	0.9	72
Co. Wexford	1-10	1.2	-	2	1	22.6	14.0	18.3	-	9.6	2	0	139	83	7.4	2	0	18.9	18.4	71.4	-	0.7	-
Johnstown Castle	11-20	2.0	-	1	1	20.0	12.1	16.1	-	10.0	16	0	116	60	8.0	16	0	18.2	18.4	73.9	-	0.5	-
	21-end	7.4	-	3	3	20.6	13.5	17.1	-	8.4	31	0	139	78	3.0	31	0	17.4	17.8	56.9	-	1.0	-
	month	10.6	13	6	5	21.0	13.2	17.1	2.3	8.4	31	0	394	221	3.0	31	0	18.1	18.2	202.2	123	0.7	71

MEASURED POTENTIAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (P.E.) AND SOIL MOISTURE

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County/Station	Period	P.E. (mm) Amount	Soil Moisture (mm) Deficit	Accumulated Deficit	Surplus
Co. Dublin	1-10	26.8	18	63	-
Kinsealy	11-20	37.0	21	84	-
	21-end	30.2	3	87	-
	month	94.0			
Co. Kerry	1-10	4.1	-	0	6
Valentia Obs.	11-20	29.7	21	21	-
	21-end	22.1	13	34	-
	month	55.9			
Co. Leitrim	1-10	20.5	19	19	-
Ballinamore	11-20	23.7	17	36	-
	21-end	13.2	2	38	-
	month	57.4			
Co. Wexford	1-10	19.8	19	23	-
Johnstown Castle	11-20	28.9	27	50	-
	21-end	41.6	25	75	-
	month	90.3			

County/Station	GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION (MJ/sq. m)			total for month	P.E. (Penman) total for month(mm)
	10-day totals 1-10	11-20	21-end		
Co. Donegal					
Malin Head	143.94	148.55	169.82	462.31	80
Co. Dublin					
Dublin Airport	177.15	not available			83
Co. Kerry					
Valentia Obs.	189.56	171.61	143.51	504.68	77
Co. Kilkenny					
Kilkenny	181.28	174.71	153.47	509.46	84
Co. Mayo					
Belmullet	166.22	163.26	156.50	485.98	77
Co. Monaghan					
Clones	157.56	158.35	123.09	439.00	75
Co. Offaly					
Birr	175.82	167.97	132.49	476.28	74

Friday 1st: Mainly dry overnight apart from isolated showers or patches of rain or drizzle in some places. Scattered showers continued through the morning and early afternoon before dying out completely by evening. Dry in many parts throughout with sunny spells, mostly in the south. Winds were light southwesterly.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest at Connacht Airport
Temperature: max. 17°C to 20°C, min. 9°C to 13°C
Sunshine: 2 to 12 hours, sunniest at Rosslare

Saturday 2nd: Dry overnight with light southwesterly winds. Continuing dry through the morning with some sunny spells. Isolated showers developed in the west and northwest during the afternoon, but dry and warm generally with spells of sunshine. A dry evening everywhere apart from patchy rain and drizzle in some western areas. Winds were light southwesterly.

Rainfall: nil to trace
Temperature: max. 18°C to 22°C, min. 9°C to 14°C
Sunshine: 2 to 13 hours, sunniest at Rosslare

Sunday 3rd: Early rain and drizzle along a line from Dublin to Galway with some heavy bursts, gradually moving south and dying out. Western areas remaining cloudy during the day, while elsewhere there were sunny spells, particularly in the southeast. Very warm in the sunshine. Winds were light, southwesterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil to 6mm, heaviest at Valentia
Temperature: max. 17°C to 23°C, min. 10°C to 14°C
Sunshine: nil to 11 hours, sunniest at Rosslare, nil at Valentia and Belmullet

Monday 4th: A dry day almost everywhere, the exception being the west which experienced some light rain or drizzle. Long sunny spells in all but northwestern areas with temperatures reaching the mid-twenties at many stations. Winds were light and variable.

Rainfall: nil to <1mm, heaviest at Connacht Airport
Temperature: max. 18°C to 26°C, min. 10°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 4 to 10 hours, sunniest at Malin Head, 4 hours at Belmullet

Tuesday 5th: Cloudy and warm during the night with thundery showers along the east and south coasts. Very warm and humid during the day with several hours of sunshine. During the afternoon most of the thundery activity was concentrated in the north and northeast, with some heavy falls of rain in these parts. Winds were light and variable in direction.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm generally, 11mm at Malin Head, 6mm at Clones
Temperature: max. 22°C to 29°C, min. 14°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 6 to 12 hours, sunniest at Kilkenny, 6 hours at Malin Head

Wednesday 6th: A warm day everywhere, especially in the south. Some mist and fog during the morning with patchy drizzle in places. Most sunshine was recorded in southern areas. Mist again in eastern areas during the afternoon and evening with fog along the north coast; fog and mist became widespread in many areas after dark. Winds were light southeast to southwesterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil
Temperature: max. 18°C to 25°C, min. 12°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 1 to 13 hours, sunniest at Cork Airport, 1 hour at Belmullet

Thursday 7th: Extensive mist and fog over the country during the night with some light drizzle also. The mist and fog was slow to clear some inland areas. Dry and sunny during the day and becoming very warm. Mist, fog and drizzle lingered in the far north through the period, keeping temperatures much lower here. Very light winds, variable in direction.

Rainfall: nil to <1mm
Temperature: max. 23°C to 29°C generally, 16° at Malin Head, min. 11°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 9 to 14 hours generally, nil at Malin Head

Friday 8th: The warm, fine spell continued. Fog along the east and south coast during the night lingered on the east coast during the morning and remained in many areas of the south throughout the period. Dry, warm and sunny in the rest of the country with temperatures reaching the high twenties during the afternoon in some inland and western areas. Light winds generally, a little stronger along northern coasts, southeasterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil to <1mm
Temperature: max. 18°C to 29°C, min. 13°C to 17°C
Sunshine: 3 to 14 hours generally, nil at Rosslare

Saturday 9th: Very mild and humid overnight with mist, fog and patchy drizzle in places. It was a mostly dull and humid day with outbreaks of light rain or drizzle at times. Very little sunshine generally, but eastern areas had some spells early in the day. Thunder was reported in eastern areas in the evening. Winds were light and variable to begin, becoming mainly westerly during the day.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm
Temperature: max. 18°C to 25°C, min. 13°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 0 to 3 hours, sunniest at Casement Aerodrome

Sunday 10th: Early rain along the east and southeast coasts cleared before dawn. The day was dry and warm throughout with long spells of sunshine across the country. Temperatures were near or above normal. Winds very light, northwesterly or variable.

Rainfall: nil to 2mm, heaviest at Rosslare
Temperature: max. 18°C to 23°C, min. 11°C to 16°C
Sunshine: 9 to 14 hours, sunniest at Belmullet

Monday 11th: Pressure remained high over Ireland as the fine warm spell continued. Mild and dry during the night with light winds. Long periods of sunshine everywhere with temperatures above normal, but cooler in the north. Winds were light, variable or northwesterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil
Temperature: max. 18°C to 24°C, min. 9°C to 15°C
Sunshine: 9 to 13 hours, sunniest at Shannon Airport, 9 hours at Casement Aerodrome

Tuesday 12th: Mist or fog in some areas during the night, clearing during the morning. Mainly dry during the day, although drizzle or light rain affected the north and northwest, where it continued during the rest of the period. Still very warm with periods of sunshine, mainly in the south. Light variable winds, a little stronger along the north coast.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest in northwest
Temperature: max. 19°C to 25°C, min. 9°C to 15°C
Sunshine: trace to 13 hours, sunniest at Rosslare, trace at Valentia

Wednesday 13th: Some rain along the west coast at first, but mainly dry elsewhere with just the odd patch of drizzle. Generally dry and sunny during the day with only isolated light showers. Winds were light, north to northwesterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm
Temperature: max. 17°C to 24°C, min. 10°C to 15°C
Sunshine: 5 to 12 hours, sunniest at Mullingar, 5 hours at Cork Airport

Thursday 14th: Cooler than recent nights with some mist or fog patches and a few light showers in the extreme north. The day was dry, warm and sunny with afternoon temperatures slightly above normal. Continuing dry and clear for the evening. Winds were mostly light and variable but were moderate northerly at times on northern coasts.

Rainfall: nil to trace
Temperature: max. 18°C to 22°C, min. 5°C to 15°C
Sunshine: 9 to 14 hours, sunniest at Rosslare and Shannon Airport

Friday 15th: Dry and mostly clear overnight with some mist and fog patches towards morning. It was a dry and warm day with long sunny spells in most areas. Continuing dry and mild for the evening. Winds were light and variable throughout.

Rainfall: nil
Temperature: max. 17°C to 22°C, min. 6°C to 15°C
Sunshine: 7 to 14 hours, sunniest at Belmullet, 7 hours at Casement Aerodrome

Saturday 16th: Another dry and warm day with a covering of high cloud allowing long sunny periods in most areas. Afternoon temperatures were slightly above normal. Remaining mild for the evening with more cloudy conditions moving in over the country from the Atlantic. Winds were generally light and variable throughout except for the extreme southeast, where they were moderate northeasterly for a time.

Rainfall: nil
Temperature: max. 16°C to 24°C, min. 6°C to 13°C
Sunshine: 6 to 13 hours, sunniest in east and south, 6 hours at Belmullet

Sunday 17th: A cold front crossed eastwards over Ireland. Cloudy and mild overnight with rain moving into the west from the Atlantic. The rain continued slowly eastwards during the day, reaching the east coast by mid-afternoon. Falls over western areas were moderate but amounts in the eastern half of the country were small. Mainly dry weather followed into western areas in the late afternoon and evening, with some sunny spells developing. Light southeasterly winds initially, strengthening during the day before veering southwesterly and easing by evening.

Rainfall: 1 to 8mm, heaviest at Valentia

Temperature: max. 16°C to 21°C, min. 10°C to 14°C

Sunshine: nil to 4 hours, sunniest at Belmullet

Monday 18th: A fine, sunny day in most areas, the only exception being the west and northwest where there were isolated light showers. Long sunny spells in the east and south but more cloudy in the west. Warm with temperatures well up to normal. Winds were generally moderate, southwest to westerly in direction, although winds were stronger in the west and northwest with gale gusts.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest at Belmullet

Temperature: max. 17°C to 21°C, min. 6°C to 13°C

Sunshine: <1 to 8 hours, sunniest at Dublin Airport, <1 hour at Belmullet

Tuesday 19th: A dry fine day overall except for the odd shower in the west. Cloudy generally but with some sunny spells, particularly in the east. Continuing fair during the evening with just occasional drizzle in the west and northwest. Temperatures near normal. Light southwesterly winds generally, but stronger in the northwest with gale gusts.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest at Malin Head

Temperature: max. 17°C to 21°C, min. 11°C to 14°C

Sunshine: 1 to 6 hours, sunniest at Clones, 1 hour at Rosslare

Wednesday 20th: Patches of mist, fog and drizzle during the night in some inland areas, otherwise dry. A dry day generally with only isolated light showers. Some sunny periods in the south and east, otherwise mainly cloudy. Temperatures near normal. Continuing dry and fine during the evening. South to southwesterly winds were light to moderate, stronger in the north and northwest with occasional gale gusts.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest at Connacht Airport

Temperature: max. 17°C to 21°C, min. 11°C to 15°C

Sunshine: <1 to 8 hours, sunniest at Rosslare, <1 hour at Malin Head

Thursday 21st: It was a dull, breezy day generally with outbreaks of mostly light rain or drizzle. Slightly heavier and more persistent rain in the northwest moved southeastwards during the day. The rain gradually died out as it moved southwards and some southern and southeastern areas remained completely dry. Afternoon temperatures were above normal with most sunshine in the east. Southwesterly winds were moderate to strong and gusty at times.

Rainfall: nil to 5mm generally, 15mm at Connacht Airport

Temperature: max. 17°C to 24°C, min. 11°C to 16°C

Sunshine: <1 to 4 hours, sunniest at Rosslare

Friday 22nd: A weak rainbelt lying across the centre of the country produced mild and humid conditions with drizzle, light rain and low cloud for most of the day. This rain and drizzle moved away to the north during the evening. This rainbelt marked the boundary between cool, clear conditions to the north and warm and humid weather moving up from the south. Most sunshine was recorded in the extreme north and southeast of the country. Winds, generally light to moderate, were southwesterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil to 6mm, heaviest at Dublin Airport

Temperature: max. 17°C to 24°C, min. 11°C to 17°C

Sunshine: nil to 6 hours, sunniest at Rosslare and Malin Head

Saturday 23rd: Very mild and humid overnight with mist and fog and outbreaks of rain and drizzle. The fog was slow to lift in parts of the west in the morning. The northern half of the country had a dull day with outbreaks of rain and drizzle and little or no sunshine. Dry elsewhere with some sunny spells. Afternoon temperatures were well above normal, especially at inland stations. Light, mostly southwesterly winds were moderate at times on western coasts.

Rainfall: nil to 2mm generally, 8mm at Clones

Temperature: max. 16°C to 27°C, min. 14°C to 19°C

Sunshine: trace to 9 hours, sunniest at Rosslare, trace at Clones

Sunday 24th: Warm through the night with fog in a few places. The fog cleared quickly during the morning to give a very warm and sunny day almost everywhere; the only exception was some northern and eastern coasts where sea fog caused duller and cooler conditions. Continuing warm during the evening and into the night hours. Light easterly winds throughout.

Rainfall: nil to trace

Temperature: max. 18°C to 27°C, min. 14°C to 18°C

Sunshine: 3 to 11 hours, sunniest at Shannon Airport, 3 hours at Clones

Monday 25th: Dry, clear and very mild overnight with some mist in places. Sunny spells during the morning with light winds, but cloudier conditions in the south with some patchy drizzle. Becoming warm during the afternoon. Fine and sunny in most areas during the evening with clear spells after dark. Winds were light, generally from an easterly direction.

Rainfall: nil to <1mm

Temperature: max. 16°C to 23°C, min. 13°C to 17°C

Sunshine: <1 to 12 hours, sunniest at Belmullet, <1 hour at Cork Airport

Tuesday 26th: Dry through the night, but rain arrived in the south and southwest by morning. This rain remained mainly confined to the extreme south and was heavy at times in Cork and Kerry. Over the rest of the country it was another warm day with the northern half receiving most sunshine. The rain in the south died out during the early evening. Winds were east to northeasterly, moderate near the east and southeast coast, light elsewhere.

Rainfall: nil at all stations north of Shannon Airport, 15mm at Cork Airport, 6mm at Valentia

Temperature: max. 16°C to 21°C, min. 11°C to 15°C

Sunshine: nil to 10 hours, sunniest at Belmullet, nil at Valentia

Wednesday 27th: Dry and mild overnight with some mist patches. It was a dry, warm and mostly sunny day with afternoon temperatures above normal. A few patches of mist in some coastal areas. Apart from some patchy light rain in the southeast it remained dry and mild again for the evening. Winds were light to moderate, northeasterly in direction.

Rainfall: nil to trace

Temperature: max. 17°C to 23°C, min. 8°C to 15°C

Sunshine: 3 to 13 hours, sunniest at Belmullet, 3 hours at Connacht Airport

Thursday 28th: Dry and cloudy during the morning with rain or showers in eastern and southern areas during the afternoon and evening. Dry in western and northern regions with periods of sunshine in these areas. Cooler overall with temperatures a few degrees lower than recent days. Winds from a north to northeasterly direction, light to moderate initially, increasing to moderate by afternoon, with some gale gusts.

Rainfall: nil to <1mm generally, 4mm at Dublin Airport

Temperature: max. 16°C to 19°C, min. 7°C to 14°C

Sunshine: <1 to 11 hours, sunniest at Belmullet, <1 hour at Rosslare

Friday 29th: Apart from a few mostly light showers, it was a dry, warm and sunny day generally, with afternoon temperatures around normal. North to northeasterly winds became moderate and gusty for a time during the day, before easing off again by evening.

Rainfall: nil to 2mm, heaviest at Belmullet

Temperature: max. 15°C to 19°C, min. 6°C to 12°C

Sunshine: 6 to 12 hours, sunniest at Connacht Airport

Saturday 30th: Becoming cold inland overnight with a touch of ground frost. Continuing fine with sunny periods and just the odd shower, mainly in the western half of the country. North or northwesterly winds were mostly light but were moderate at times on northern coasts.

Rainfall: nil to 1mm, heaviest at Malin Head

Temperature: max. 16°C to 19°C, min. 3°C to 11°C, ground temperatures down to -2°C at Kilkenny

Sunshine: 2 to 11 hours, sunniest at Kilkenny, 2 hours at Connacht Airport

Sunday 31st: Generally dry during the day with just a few showers in the north and northwest. Relatively cool in the northerly airstream but with some sunshine in western areas. Dry and fine during the evening. Light north to northwesterly winds, a little stronger in the extreme north.

Rainfall: nil generally, <1 to 1mm in northwest

Temperature: max. 15°C to 19°C, min. 7°C to 12°C

Sunshine: 1 to 6 hours, sunniest at Valentia and Malin Head

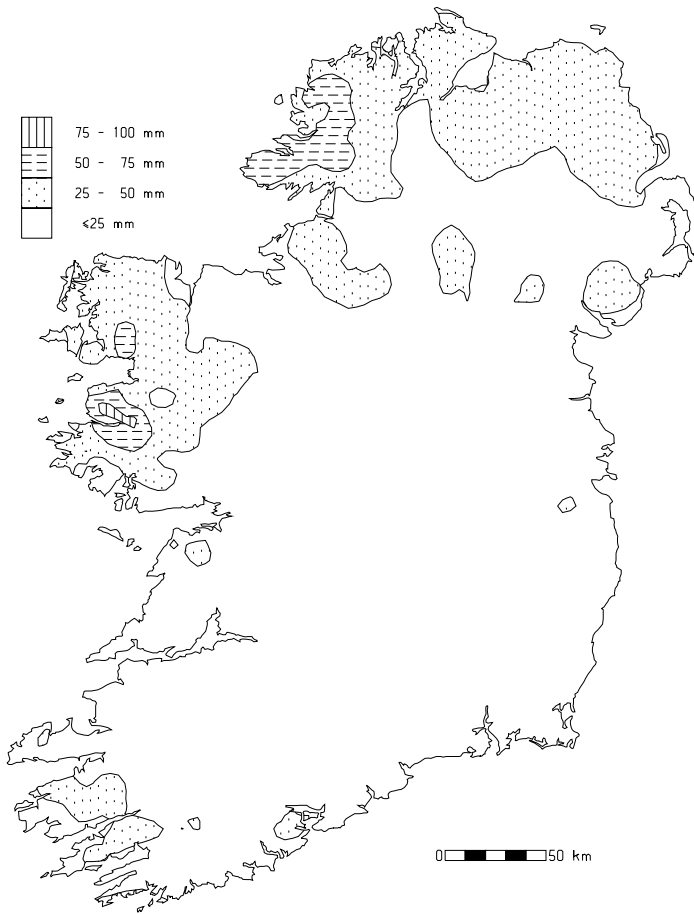
Driest August since 1995; driest on record at Kilkenny

Less than a quarter of the normal August rainfall was recorded over most of the country. It was the driest August since 1995 at most stations, the driest since 1976 at both Rosslare and Birr, and the driest at Kilkenny since records began there in 1957. Totals ranged from 1mm, or just 2% of normal, at Kilkenny to 68mm, or 55% of normal, at Glenties, Co. Donegal.

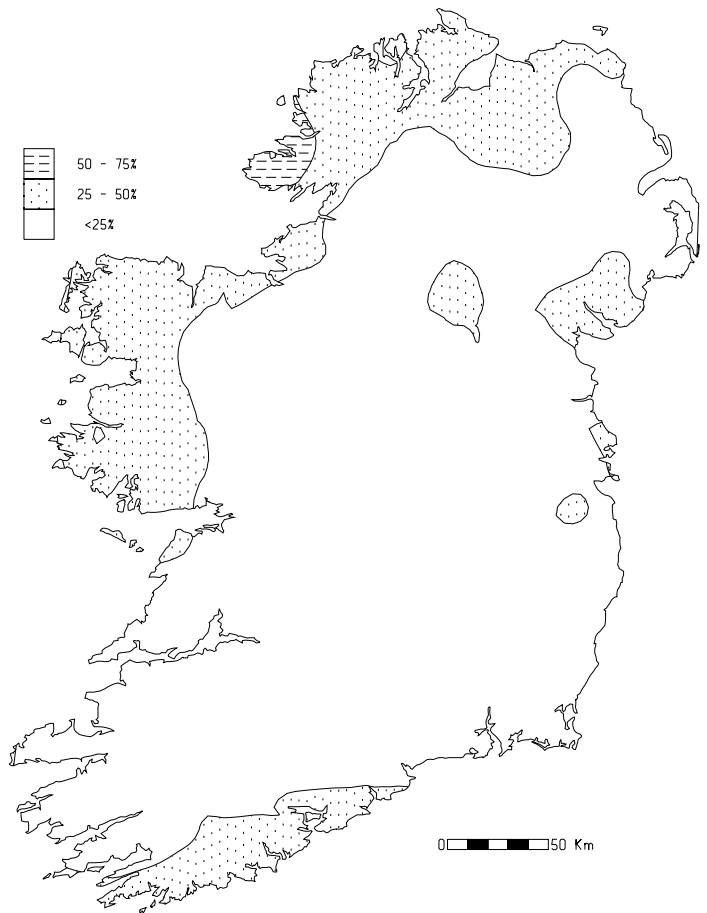
With the exception of some showery rain in the period 3rd to 5th, the first half of the month was almost completely dry. More widespread rain was recorded on the 17th and 20th/21st, with a spell of heavy rain in southern areas on the 26th. The highest daily fall of the month, 22.1mm, was recorded at Maam Valley, Co. Galway, on the 20th. Between 3 and 7 wetdays were recorded during the month at the majority of stations (*days with 1mm or more of rainfall*), but Glenties recorded 10 such days.

County/ Station	Total Amount (mm)	% of 1961-90 average	Most in a day / date		Number of Raindays (>0.2mm)	Wetdays (≥1mm)
CO. CLARE						
SHANNON AIRPORT	11.1	14	3.8	17	8	4
CARRON	34.3	25	12.0	21	13	8
CO. CORK						
FERMOY (MOORE PARK)	3.5	5	1.9	26	4	1
CORK AIRPORT	23.1	26	12.8	26	6	3
SHERKIN ISLAND	26.7	30	20.6	26	4	3
BALLINCURRIG (PEAFIELD)	8.4		5.7	17	4	2
CO. DONEGAL						
MALIN HEAD	23.0	25	10.7	5	13	5
BALLYSHANNON (CATHLEEN'S FALL)	28.9	29	6.6	22	12	8
GLENTIES	67.5	55	19.2	5	15	10
CO. DUBLIN						
DUBLIN (PHOENIX PARK)	12.9	18	4.9	28	8	4
DUBLIN AIRPORT	14.4		4.5	22	8	5
CASEMENT AERODROME	11.2	16	4.3	28	7	3
DUBLIN (MERRION SQUARE)	14.9	23	5.5	28	5	4
CO. GALWAY						
GALWAY (UNIV. COLL.)	24.6	24	10.0	21	14	6
MAAM VALLEY	60.0		22.1	20	10	7
CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK	39.2	30	8.2	17	13	9
BALLYGAR	13.7	15	4.3	21	9	4
CO. KERRY						
VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	25.3	23	7.8	17	11	7
ARDFERT (LISCAHANE)	14.2		5.6	12	10	7
CO. KILKENNY						
KILKENNY	1.1	2	0.8	17	2	0
CO. LETTRIM						
BALLINAMORE	19.2	19	5.1	22	9	5
CO. LIMERICK						
MOUNT RUSSELL	12.0		3.7	26	11	3
CO. LOUTH						
ARDEE (BOHARNAMOE)	9.4	13	4.5	5	10	3
CO. MAYO						
BELMULLET	25.0	26	4.9	20	15	9
STRAIDE	22.9	23	7.1	21	14	8
CONNACHT AIRPORT	34.5		14.2	21	15	7
CO. MEATH						
WARRENTOWN	17.2	22	4.7	5	8	4
CO. MONAGHAN						
CLONES	27.0	31	8.0	23	9	6
CO. OFFALY						
BIRR	8.2	11	2.8	21	9	3
DERRYGREENAGH	7.3	9	2.4	21	7	4
CO. SLIGO						
ARDTARMON	21.0		4.0	17	13	7
CO. TIPPERARY						
FETHARD (PARSONSHILL)	7.9		3.4	17	6	4
CO. WATERFORD						
WATERFORD (TYCOR)	8.4	11	2.4	22	6	4
DUNGARVAN (CARRIGLEA)	4.5		1.5	17	4	3
CO. WESTMEATH						
MULLINGAR II	13.2	16	5.3	21	8	4
CO. WEXFORD						
JOHNSTOWN CASTLE	10.6	13	4.1	29	6	5
ROSSLARE	5.0	7	1.7	26	3	3
CLONROCHE	10.7	11	2.7	9	6	5
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK	11.0	13	2.8	17 22	5	4

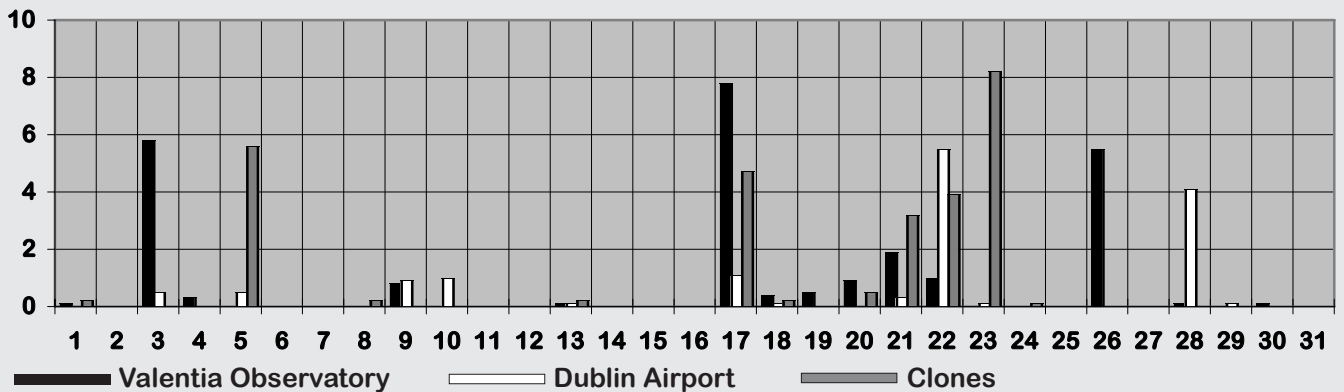
Total rainfall (mm)



Percentage of normal rainfall



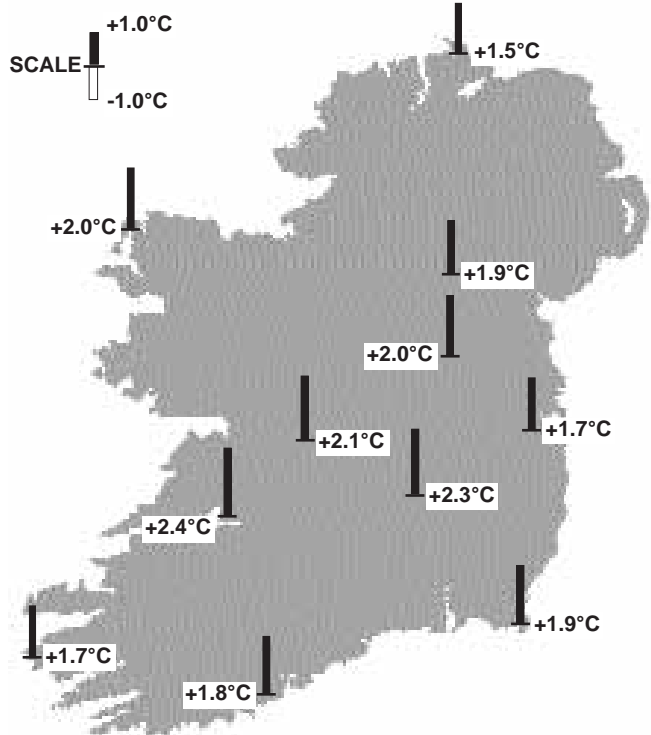
Daily 0-24h rainfall values (mm)



Warmest August for at least 6 years

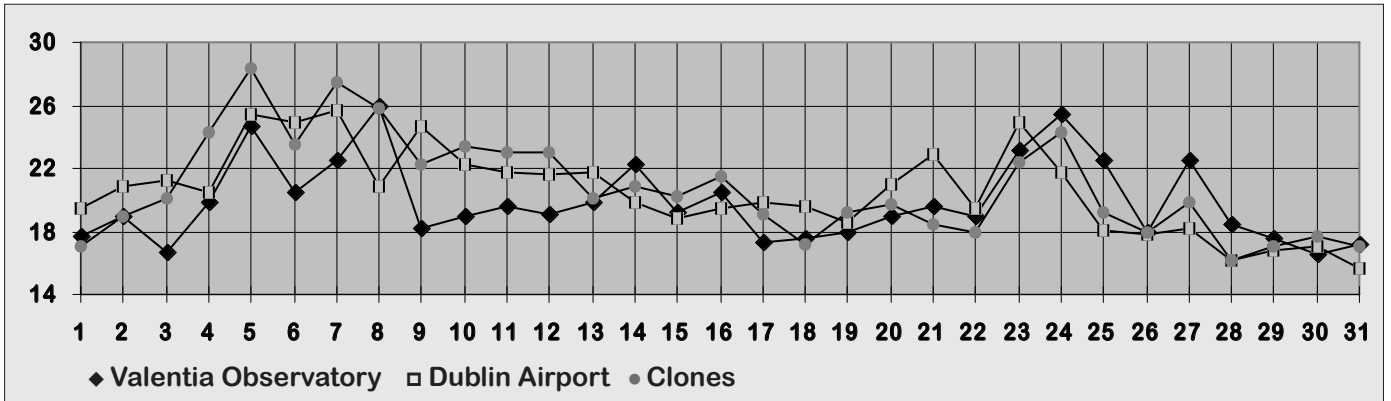
Mean air temperatures were around two degrees higher than normal everywhere, ranging from 15.7°C at both Connacht Airport and Glenties, Co. Donegal, to 18.0°C at Shannon Airport. It was the warmest August for between 6 and 8 years generally but at no station was it as warm as the exceptionally hot August of 1995.

Almost all stations recorded their warmest weather of the month during the period 4th to 8th, when daytime temperatures approached 30°C in midland and western areas, especially on the 7th and 8th. A temperature of 30.3°C was measured at Belderrig, Co. Mayo, on the 8th, the highest value of the month. Claremorris' maximum of 29.5°C on the same day was its highest for August since records began there in 1950. Minimum air temperatures were around 15°C generally during the same period. In contrast, minimum air and ground temperatures fell well below normal towards the end of the month. A value of 2.9°C recorded at Birr on the 30th was the lowest air temperature of the month, while Kilkenny measured the lowest grass minimum value of the month on the same day, -1.7°C.

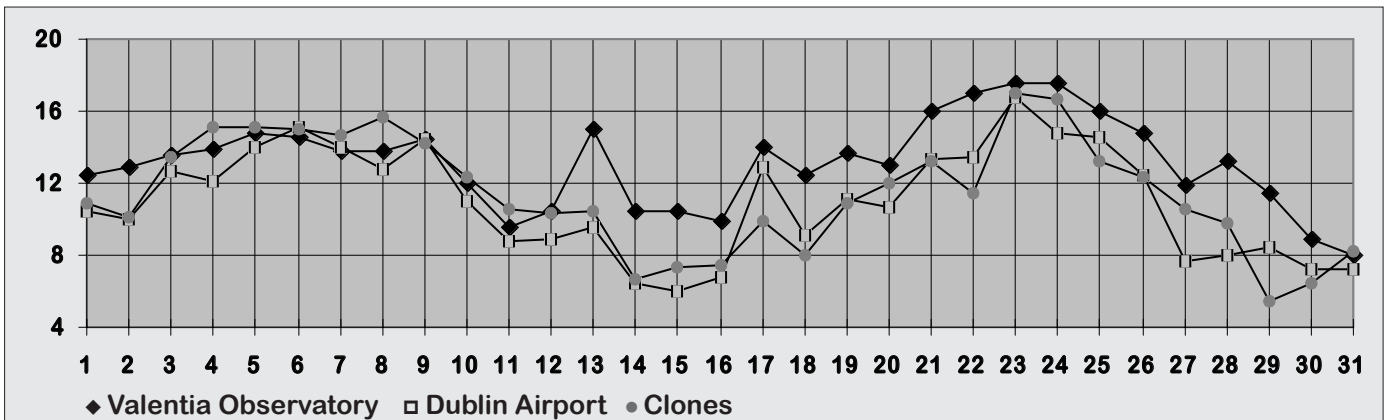


Mean Temperature
(difference from 1961-90 normals)

Daily 0-24h maximum temperatures (°C)



Daily 0-24h minimum temperatures (°C)



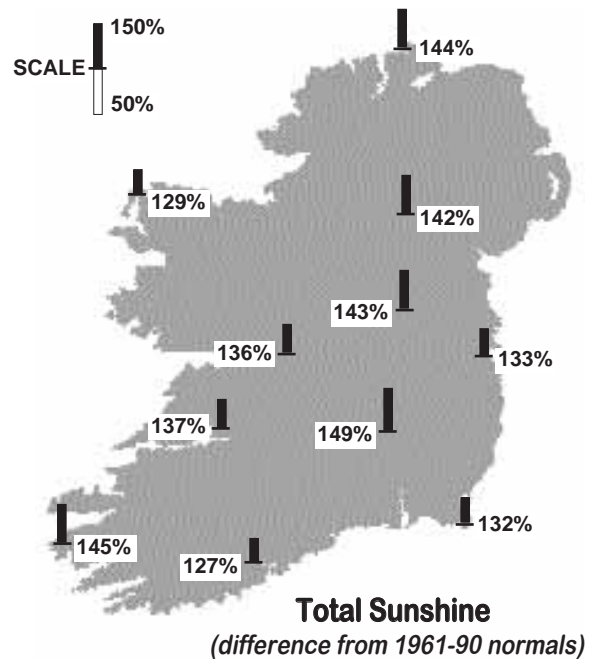
County/ Station	°C											
	Mean max.	Mean min.	Mean/ deviation from 1961-90 average		Highest max./date		Lowest min./date		Lowest grass min./date		Days with air frost ground frost	
CO. CLARE												
SHANNON AIRPORT	22.3	13.6	18.0	2.4	29.0	5	8.0	30	0.8	30	0	0
CARRON	20.2	12.0	16.1	2.0	27.8	5	8.4	30	2.9	14	0	0
CO. CORK												
FERMOY (MOORE PARK)	21.5	11.5	16.5	1.7	27.7	7	4.6	30	0.0	30	0	0
CORK AIRPORT	20.1	12.7	16.4	1.8	25.2	6	7.4	30	5.8	30	0	0
SHERKIN ISLAND	20.3	13.6	17.0	2.0	28.5	7	8.2	31	6.0	30 31	0	0
BALLINCURRIG (PEAFIELD)	21.0	11.6	16.3		27.1	7	5.2	30	2.9	30	0	0
CO. DONEGAL												
MALIN HEAD	18.0	13.2	15.6	1.5	25.4	8	8.8	16	7.5	16	0	0
BALLYSHANNON (CATHLEEN'S FALL)	19.8	13.1	16.5	2.0	28.0	8	8.4	30			0	0
GLENTIES	20.3	11.0	15.7	1.7	26.5	24	4.9	30	3.3	30	0	0
CO. DUBLIN												
DUBLIN (PHOENIX PARK)	21.4	11.8	16.6	1.8	27.1	7	6.0	30	2.4	30	0	0
DUBLIN AIRPORT	20.6	11.5	16.1		25.7	7	6.0	15	1.2	14	0	0
CASEMENT AERODROME	21.3	11.7	16.5	1.7	27.4	5 7	5.9	30	3.2	16	0	0
DUBLIN (MERRION SQUARE)	20.5	14.6	17.6	1.7	26.1	7	9.0	30			0	0
CO. GALWAY												
GALWAY (UNIV. COLL.)	21.5	12.5	17.0	1.8	29.3	8	6.4	14	1.8	30	0	0
MAAM VALLEY	21.0	12.7	16.9		29.2	8	8.5	15	3.1	16	0	0
CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK	20.5	12.2	16.4	2.2	28.0	8	7.8	30			0	0
BALLYGAR	21.7	12.0	16.9		29.0	5 8	5.7	14	4.2	14 30	0	0
CO. KERRY												
VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	20.0	13.4	16.7	1.7	26.0	8	8.0	31	6.3	30	0	0
ARDFERT (LISCAHANE)	22.1	12.2	17.2	2.3	28.4	7	5.7	29	1.1	30	0	0
CO. KILKENNY												
KILKENNY	22.6	11.8	17.2	2.3	29.0	7	5.3	30	-1.7	30	0	1
CO. LEITRIM												
BALLINAMORE	21.2	11.4	16.3	2.1	28.5	7	4.5	16	0.2	30	0	0
CO. LIMERICK												
MOUNT RUSSELL	21.0	12.3	16.7		28.5	7	6.0	30	1.1	30	0	0
CO. LOUTH												
ARDEE (BOHARNAMOE)	22.7	11.5	17.1	2.7	29.2	7	5.5	30	2.0	30	0	0
CO. MAYO												
BELMULLET	19.8	12.8	16.3	2.0	27.7	8	8.2	15	5.3	15	0	0
STRAIDE	21.0	11.3	16.2	1.8	29.0	8	4.5	15	0.0	14 29	0	0
CONNACHT AIRPORT	19.4	11.9	15.7		27.9	8	8.2	30	4.7	14	0	0
CO. MEATH												
WARRENTOWN	21.3	11.8	16.6	2.0	28.0	5	5.6	14 30	3.6	14	0	0
CO. MONAGHAN												
CLONES	20.8	11.6	16.2	1.9	28.3	5	5.5	29	0.7	29	0	0
CO. OFFALY												
BIRR	21.6	11.9	16.8	2.1	28.5	8	2.9	30	-0.8	30	0	1
DERRYGREENAGH	21.8	11.6	16.7	2.4	28.9	5	5.0	30	-0.4	14	0	1
CO. SLIGO												
ARDTARMON	20.5	13.1	16.8		27.5	8	9.2	30	4.4	15 29	0	0
CO. TIPPERARY												
FETHARD (PARSONSHILL)	21.5	11.3	16.4		28.0	7	5.6	30	3.7	30	0	0
CO. WATERFORD												
WATERFORD (TYCOR)	22.7	12.3	17.5	2.3	27.0	7	7.4	30			0	0
DUNGARVAN (CARRIGLEA)	21.6	12.4	17.0	1.7	27.1	7	7.1	16	5.5	16	0	0
CO. WESTMEATH												
MULLINGAR II	21.0	11.5	16.3	2.0	29.1	5	5.5	14	-0.4	30	0	1
CO. WEXFORD												
JOHNSTOWN CASTLE	21.0	13.2	17.1	2.3	25.6	9	8.4	31	3.0	31	0	0
ROSSLARE	19.8	14.4	17.1	1.9	24.9	23	9.9	30	5.4	31	0	0
CLONROCHE	21.9	12.1	17.0	2.3	28.0	7	6.9	30	0.0	30	0	0
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK	21.3	12.4	16.9	1.9	26.0	7	7.2	30	4.5	18 19	0	0

County/ Station	Daily mean (hours/day)	% of average	% of possible	Most in a day/date
CO. CLARE				
SHANNON AIRPORT	6.10	137	41	14.0 14
CO. CORK				
CORK AIRPORT	6.51	127	45	13.8 14
SHERKIN ISLAND	5.94	121	41	13.3 7
BALLINCURRIG (PEAFIELD)	6.89		42	13.4 14
CO. DONEGAL				
MALIN HEAD	6.18	144	41	13.6 8
BALLYSHANNON (CATHLEEN'S FALL)	5.94	136	40	13.5 13
CO. DUBLIN				
DUBLIN AIRPORT	6.55	130	44	13.4 14
CASEMENT AERODROME	6.35	133	43	12.5 16
CO. GALWAY				
GALWAY (UNIV. COLL.)	6.40	141	43	12.9 10 15
CO. KERRY				
VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	6.54	145	45	13.9 7
ARDFERT (LISCAHANE)	6.49		40	13.1 7 14
CO. KILKENNY				
KILKENNY	6.72	149	46	13.7 14
CO. LEITRIM				
BALLINAMORE	6.01	152	40	11.6 15
CO. MAYO				
BELMULLET	5.96	129	40	13.6 10 15
STRAIDE	6.16			12.9 8
CONNACHT AIRPORT	6.20		42	14.2 7
CO. MONAGHAN				
CLONES	5.79	142	39	11.9 13 29
CO. OFFALY				
BIRR	5.65	136	38	13.3 8
CO. WATERFORD				
DUNGARVAN (CARRIGLEA)	6.63	148	40	12.8 14
CO. WESTMEATH				
MULLINGAR II	6.27	143	42	13.4 8
CO. WEXFORD				
JOHNSTOWN CASTLE	6.52	123	44	13.0 14
ROSSLARE	7.70	132	52	14.0 14
CLONROCHE	7.36	146	50	12.6 7
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK	6.95	152	47	12.3 7

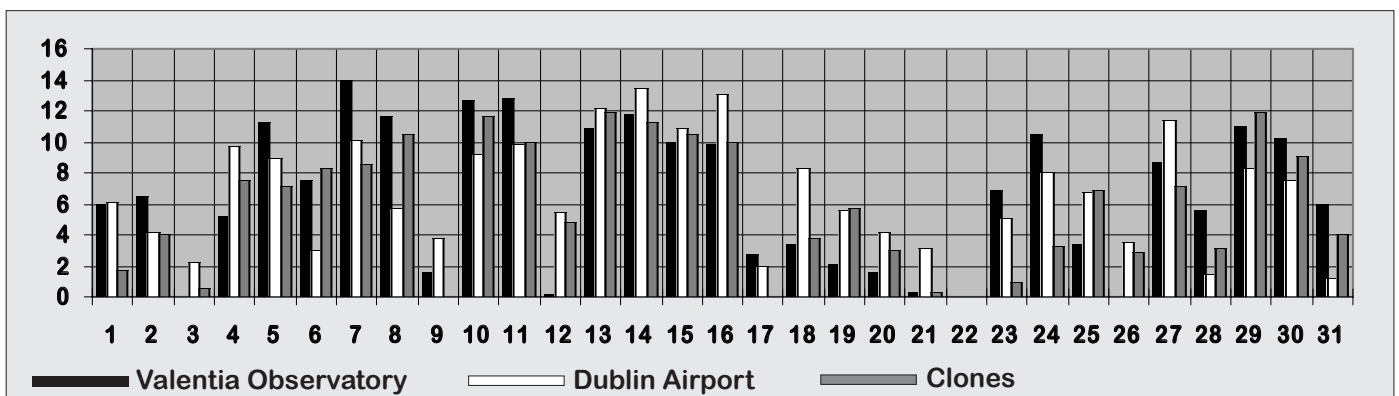
A very sunny month everywhere

August sunshine totals were above normal everywhere, with between 25% and 50% more sunshine than average at almost all stations. Totals ranged from 175 hours at Birr to 239 hours at Rosslare. It was the sunniest August since 1995 at the majority of stations and the sunniest since 1968 at Valentia Observatory.

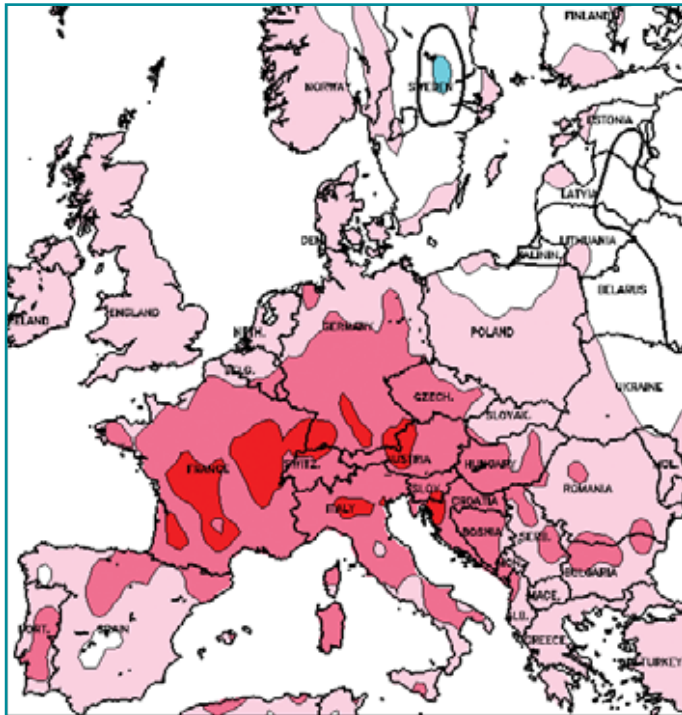
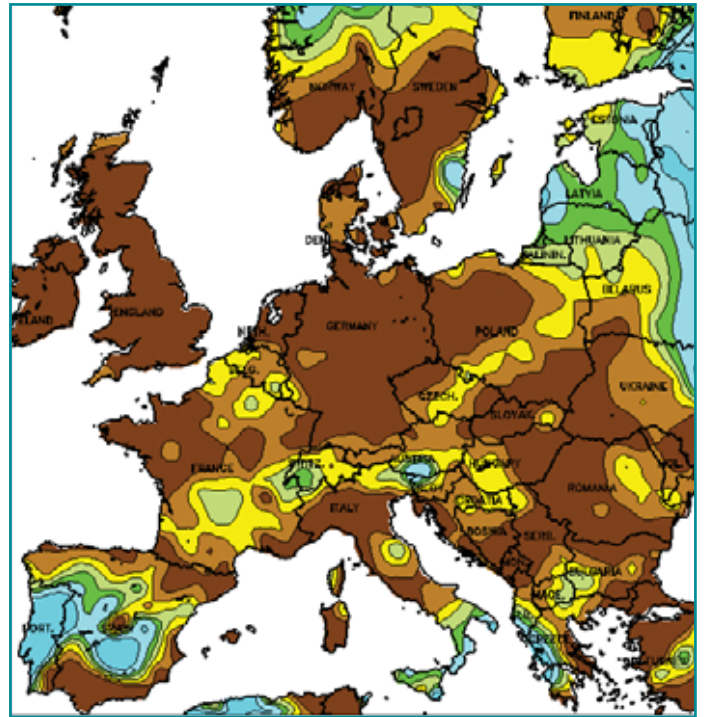
As the chart of daily values below indicates, the sunniest days were during the first half of the month. Daily values of over 10 hours were widely recorded on most days in the period 7th to 16th. Connacht Airport recorded the month's highest daily value on the 7th, 14.2 hours. Global solar radiation totals for the month were also well above normal, ranging from 112% of normal at Valentia Observatory to 126% at Belmullet.



Daily sunshine values (hours)



AUGUST RAINFALL
(Percentage of 1961-1990 normal)



AUGUST MEAN TEMPERATURES
(difference from 1961-1990 normal)

Data supplied by NOAA
Climate Prediction Centre,
US Department of Commerce

A world map showing weather highlights for August 2003. The map is color-coded to show different weather events across the globe. Text boxes provide details for several key events.

Global weather highlights of the month

- U.K. Record:** The highest ever temperature recorded in the U.K. was measured at Brogdale in Kent on the 10th. The value of 38.5°C was more than a degree higher than the previous record from August 1990. On the 9th, a value of 32.9°C was recorded at Greycrook in southern Scotland, the highest Scottish temperature on record.
- Las Vegas:** A state of emergency was declared in Las Vegas on the 19th after thunderstorms produced as much as 75mm of rain in just 30 minutes in parts of the area, leading to widespread flooding.
- South Africa:** An intense cold front brought falls of heavy rain to western South Africa on the 18th, with widespread moderate to heavy snowfalls over higher areas of the Western Cape. Dry and very cold conditions followed, which resulted in record low temperatures at many stations; a minimum air temperature of -10.3°C was measured at Bloemfontein on the 21st.
- Japan:** Typhoon *Etou* crossed Japan between the 8th and 10th, with maximum sustained winds of 90 knots (105 mph). More than 400mm of rain fell on parts of Hokkaido, flooding more than 1,000 homes and resulting in 8 deaths.
- Pakistan:** At least one million people were affected by seasonal monsoon rains in southern Pakistan. Heavy rains, which began in July, caused 162 deaths in Pakistan, mainly in the Sindh province. More than half a million houses were damaged or washed away in an area of around 400 square miles. In Nepal, floods from monsoon rains claimed 205 lives and destroyed over 3,000 houses.

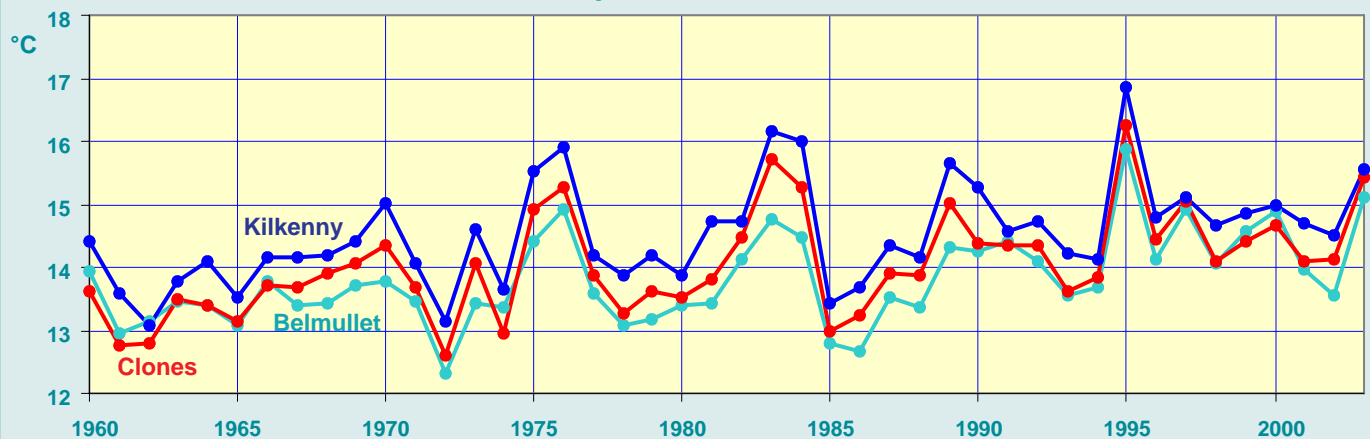
The Weather of June, July and August

Warm and sunny; very dry in east

It was the warmest summer since 1995 at most stations (see chart below) and the warmest since 1976 at Malin Head. Mean air temperatures for the season were over a degree higher than normal except in the south and southwest, where dull weather during July kept temperatures closer to average values. Each of the summer months was warm, particularly August, which was around two degrees warmer than normal in many places. Most stations measured their highest daily values during early August, with maximum values of over 25°C in the period 4th to 8th. These were the highest daytime temperatures at most stations since August 1995.

Rainfall totals for the season were variable due to spells of thundery rain at times, but many areas were drier than normal overall, especially the east, where less than three quarters of the normal summer rainfall was measured. While it was the wettest summer since 1998 at both Valentia Observatory and Clones, it was the driest since 1995 at a number of stations. August was particularly dry, with totals of less than 25mm generally. There were between 20 and 36 wetdays during the season (days with 1mm or more rainfall) compared with the normal range for summer of 25 to 40 wetdays. Summer sunshine totals were higher than normal everywhere. Both June and August were sunny months but July was very dull, especially in the southwest where only just over half the monthly normal was measured.

Mean summer air temperature since 1960 at selected stations



County/ Station	RAINFALL (mm)			TEMPERATURE (°C)				SUNSHINE (HOURS)			NO. OF DAYS WITH:						
	Total	% of average	Most in a day amount date(s)	Mean	diff. from average	Extremes Highest	Lowest	Daily mean	% of average	Most in a day amount date(s)	Rain	Snow	Air frost	Hail	Thunder	Fog	Gale gusts
CO. CLARE																	
SHANNON AIRPORT	193.2	96	29.8 9 Jun	16.7	1.6	29.0	8.0	4.89	105	14.0 14 Aug	44	0	0	0	0	4	2
CO. CORK																	
CORK AIRPORT	225.7	101	39.0 9 Jun	15.1	1.0	25.2	6.5	5.83	108	13.8 14 Aug	33	0	0	0	2	26	2
CO. DONEGAL																	
MALIN HEAD	183.9	80	26.7 27 Jun	15.0	1.6	25.4	8.6	5.54	116	16.0 29 Jun	51	0	0	1	5	5	23
CO. DUBLIN																	
DUBLIN AIRPORT	144.3	n/a	34.0 30 Jun	15.5	n/a	25.7	6.0	5.74	104	13.6 14 Jun	39	0	0	0	3	7	5
CASEMENT AERODROME	114.7	68	33.6 30 Jun	15.9	1.6	27.4	5.9	5.51	107	14.4 14 Jun	36	0	0	0	5	4	1
CO. KERRY																	
VALENTIA OBSERVATORY	298.0	113	63.7 9 Jun	15.3	1.0	26.0	7.4	4.95	106	14.8 25 Jun	51	0	0	0	0	1	2
CO. KILKENNY																	
KILKENNY	178.2	102	23.6 30 Jun	15.9	1.5	29.0	5.2	5.43	114	13.8 14 Jun	40	n/a	0	--	n/a	--	3
CO. MAYO																	
BELMULLET	207.6	91	18.2 29 Jul	15.3	1.7	27.7	8.2	4.90	105	15.1 25 Jun	55	0	0	0	3	4	26
CONNACHT AIRPORT	214.9	n/a	25.4 19 Jul	14.3	n/a	27.9	5.9	4.93	n/a	14.2 7 Aug	56	0	0	0	1	38	2
CO. MONAGHAN																	
CLONES	239.8	112	42.3 17 Jul	15.6	1.7	28.3	5.5	4.85	110	11.9 13 Aug	48	n/a	0	--	n/a	--	2
CO. OFFALY																	
BIRR	146.7	76	22.5 30 Jun	15.7	1.4	28.5	2.9	4.68	107	14.1 14 Jun	50	n/a	0	--	n/a	--	2
CO. WESTMEATH																	
MULLINGAR II	151.8	72	21.7 30 Jun	15.3	1.3	29.1	4.5	5.32	113	13.4 8 Aug	44	n/a	0	--	n/a	--	5
CO. WEXFORD																	
ROSSLARE	163.6	95	17.4 9 Jun	16.0	1.6	24.9	8.4	7.24	114	15.5 24 Jun	33	0	0	0	2	8	11