(Form 1008—Met'L.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(WEATHER BUREAU.)

VOLUNTARY OBSERVER'S METEOROLOGICAL RECORD, at Salem

County Roanoke, *State* Virginia, *for* September, 189 2

Latitude 37° 19' °, *Longitude* 12° W °, *Height above sea* 120 *feet.*

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Day of Month.	TEMPERATURE. 8.30 5.30 7 A. M. Dry Bulb.*	2 P. M. Dry Bulb.*	9 P. M. Dry Bulb.*	(7+2+9+9)/4 Mean.	Max.	Min.	PRECIPITATION. Time of— Beginning.	Ending.	Rainfall.	Melted Snow.	Snowfall.	WIND. 7 A. M. Dir. From.	Force 0-10.	2 P. M. Dir. From.	Force 0-10.	9 P. M. Dir. From.	Force 0-10.	CLOUDS (Tenths.) 7 A. M. 0-10.	2 P. M. 0-10.	9 P. M. 0-10.	Weather for Day.
1	67.5		69.0	69	78.0	58.5															
2	63.0		65.5	67	77.0	56.5															
3	62.5		65.0	64	76.0	52.0			.16												
4	68.0		70.1	68	82.0	54.0															
5	68.0		71.8	71	83.6	58.8															
6	68.1		66.4	70	78.1	61.8															
7	57.5		67.3	64	75.0	54.0															
8	62.9		70.0	67	76.9	56.5	7 pm	8 pm	.11												
9	65.0		67.8	66	71.5	59.8															
10	65.0		72.0	69	74.5	63.5															
11	64.5		68.5	68	74.4	61.0	night														
12	63.9		68.3	69	75.5	63.0		10 30 am	.32												
13	65.1		69.0	67	71.0	63.5	5 am	8 pm	2.04												
14	66.0		65.0	69	77.0	60.6															
15	63.0		60.0	62	72.1	52.2															
16	61.4		63.5	60	70.5	50.2															
17	62.0		66.0	70	81.4	58.8															
18	64.5		66.5	66	78.2	54.5															
19	66.0		70.1	69	79.4	57.9															
20	62.0		59.0	61	64.0	58.9	8 am														
21	57.5		60.0	59	61.6	57.0															
22	62.6		68.0	63	68.6	57.0		8 pm	2.12												
23	68.9		71.8	72	81.0	62.8															
24	66.0		73.0	73	84.5	62.0															
25	64.7		74.1	74	85.8	61.5															
26	72.5		71.0	72	76.5	67.9															
27	57.6		54.4	60	71.5	48.4															
28	58.0		63.5	64	80.0	47.6															
29	60.0		64.0	65	77.1	52.5															
30	62.5		66.0	68	77.5	58.3															
31																					
Sum.	1918.2		2006	2006	2280.5	1710.7			4.75												
Mean.	63.9		66.9	67.0	76.0	57.7			.15												

* The minimum thermometer may be used as a dry bulb, exposed, or ordinary thermometer, by reading the top or right-hand end of the alcohol column.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP THIS FORM.

On this side of the form there is an opportunity to enter the most important meteorological observations, but if any observer desires to record the barometer reading, wet-bulb, dew-point, and relative humidity, in addition, there will be found appropriate columns on the other side. If an observer has the time to make readings three times each day they should be made at 7 a. m., 2 p. m., and 9 p. m., since it has been found that the mean temperature is best obtained from such records, and besides, the 7 a. m. is very near the coolest part of the day and the 2 p. m. the hottest. If observations can be made but twice each day, the hours should be 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., or 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. If records are made but twice each day, they may be entered in the columns for 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. If records are made but once each day, the hour should be 9 a. m. If observers cannot make even one observation a day they should be taken at or after sunset. The readings of the self-registering maximum and minimum thermometers should invariably be recorded *before* the instruments are set. Measure precipitation as soon as possible after the rain, snow, etc., ceases. In the column for rainfall, enter only the rain as measured in the gauge, though if heavy snow (half rain) falls and is not blown out of the gauge, it may be entered as "rainfall." If snow has been melted, the amount of water should be entered in the column headed "melted snow," and, in addition, the amount of unmelted snow should be entered under "snowfall." Precipitation too small to measure should be entered "trace." If the snow is not melted one tenth of the depth of snow should not be entered in either of the columns.

If observers estimate the force of the wind, it may be best done on the scale 0 to 10, as follows:

0. Calm.
1. Very light breeze.... 2 miles per hour.
2. Gentle breeze..... 4 miles per hour.
3. Fresh breeze ..... 12 " "
4. Strong wind ..... 25 miles per hour.
5. High wind ..... 35 " " "
6. Gale ..... 45 " " "
7. Strong gale..... 60 miles per hour.
8. Violent gale..... 75 " " "
9. Hurricane..... 90 " " "

Under "clouds," if the observer desires, there may be entered the kind as well as amount, thus: Cu indicating cirrus clouds covering $\frac{1}{5}$ of the sky.

Under "weather for day" enter clear, fair, or cloudy, according as the observer would sum up the clouds for the day, thus: if the sum of the clouds at the three observations aggregate nine tenths, or less, the day will be recorded as clear, ten to twenty-one tenths fair, twenty-two to thirty tenths cloudy.

To name a day as rainy there should be at least .01 precipitation.

If observations are made twice each day the mean temperature for the day will be found by adding the two together and dividing by two. The same rule is applied to maximum and minimum temperature. The mean temperature for the day from three observations is found as follows:

7 a. m.—56° 2 p. m.—65°, 9 p. m.—60°, then—
56+65+60+60÷4=58.7 mean for the day.

The mean temperature for the month will be found by adding all the daily means together and dividing by the number of days in the month. Or the means for each observation may be made, then a final mean of these means may be taken. Obviously, these two means should agree. In the columns for "precipitation" enter at the foot of each column only the total amount, and do not divide this by the number of days in the month.

It is optional with the observer whether the summary is filled up or not.

A "light" frost is one which does no damage to vegetation, a "killing" frost is destructive to vegetation and the staple crops.

SUMMARY.

Highest temperature 85.8
Lowest temperature 47.6
Mean temperature (7+2+9+9÷4) 67.
Mean temperature (*max. and min.*÷2) 66.8
Total precipitation 4.75
Greatest precipitation in 24 consecutive hours 2.12
Prevailing direction of wind
Dates of thunder storms
Dates of hail
Dates of frost { *Light*
Killing
Dates of auroras
Dates of halos { *Solar*
Lunar
Number of days clear
Number of days fair
Number of days cloudy
Number of days .01 inch or more rain or melted snow fell 5

INSTRUMENTS.

Dry thermometer, maker ....., *No.* .....
Max. " " Green, " 2566
Min. " " " 4, " 1968
Kind of rain gauge Sq. Tenn

Height of thermometer above the ground 2016 *feet.*
Height of rain gauge above the ground 2.5 "

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