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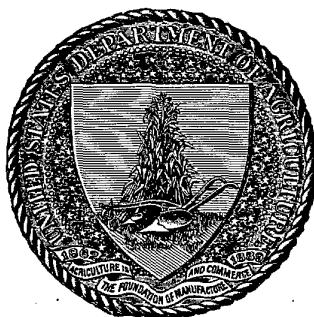
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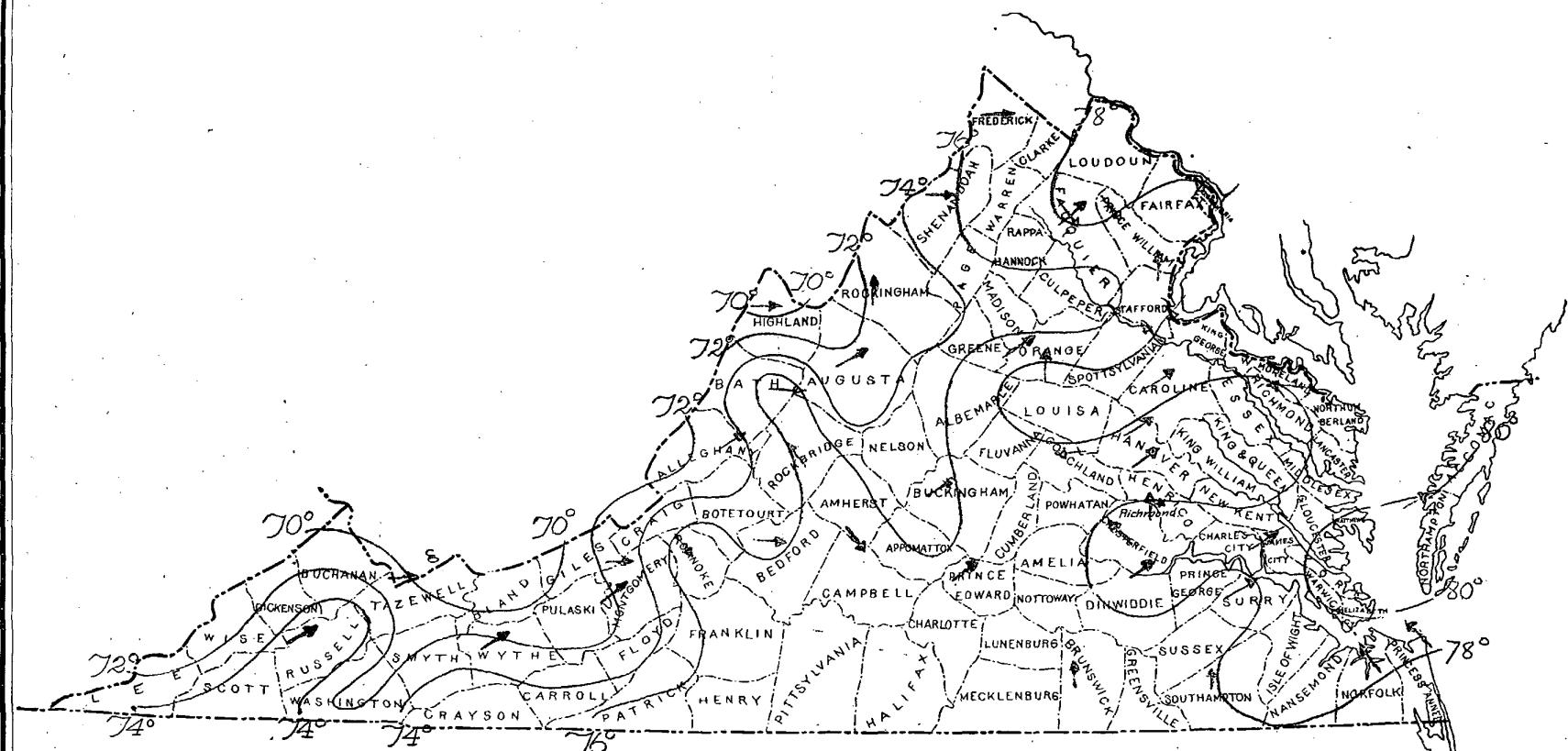
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JULY CROP CONDITIONS.

On the whole July was a very favorable one for the growth and maturity of crops. The month opened with rather droughty weather in all portions of the State, and this condition obtained until the second week when moderate showers occurred in the Middle and Valley divisions which freshened up all of the standing crops. It still continued dry, though, in the Tidewater Section. The third week gave abundant and general showers and very seasonable temperatures, and crop growth was rapid. This was also the case with close of the month. Such staples as corn and tobacco suffered during the dry weather, but with the advent of rain and favorable temperatures, a rapid and vigorous growth set in which again put them abreast of the season in condition. The second decade saw about all of the winter-wheat harvested, and a most excellent yield in quantity and quality is reported. The bulk of haymaking was finished with the month. Cotton, peanuts and pastures gained. Topping of tobacco was begun, and during the last decade considerable fall plowing was done.

CYCLES IN METEOROLOGY.

Concluded next month.

An esteemed correspondent, the well-known voluntary observer at North Lewisburg, Ohio, Mr. H. D. Gowey, calls our attention to the fact that according to the year book of the Department of Agriculture for 1895, page 161, the severe freezes in Florida occurred in the winters of 1747, 1766, 1774, 1799, 1828, 1835, 1850, 1857, 1880, 1884, 1886, 1894-95, and that furthermore a cycle of about seventeen years is indicated by these numbers, that is to say, any one of these dates removed from some other date by some multiple of seventeen years. He also asks whether high waters and low waters do not recur in similar periods. Our reply must be, that all depends on which temperature or high water, or frosts we choose to select for our study and which we reject as unimportant. The above list of severe freezes in Florida (see MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW, 1895, pp. 336-337) may be supplemented by many other years when the frosts were less severe or more local, and the cycles will depend upon the dates that we study.

As Mr. Gowey states that he is not much of a believer in cycles of weather we may, without giving offense, quote this 17-year cycle as another illustration of the ease with

which artificial and empirical numerical relations can be discovered in the complex phenomena of meteorology. These relations are usually not very exact but they look mysterious to the wondering eye, and always suggest an inquiry as to whether there is anything in them, that is to say whether they represent a natural law and can be utilized for weather predictions. So many such cycles have been worked out and they are, one and all, so useless for the purposes of weather prediction that we cannot encourage any one in giving much attention to them; and yet as Kepler with his planetary laws and Schwabe with his 11-year sun spot cycle, and Chandler with his 423-day period in latitude, have each respectively discovered important natural cycles, so we suppose it not impossible that cycles of corresponding importance may be discovered in meteorology. On the other hand the ground has been worked over so well in the past three hundred years that there seems no probability of discovering any *simple* natural cycle; in fact, meteorological conditions are so complex that no simple cycle can possibly exist for any long time with any reasonable degree of accuracy. For instance, if we have a daily cycle of temperature in the temperate regions, it will repeat itself for two or three days only before some disturbance breaks it up; if we have a weekly cycle of rainy days and fair weather it may last four or five weeks at the most before being broken up, and it will be several weeks before it starts over again; if we have an annual cycle of cold and hot weather, or rainy weather and drought, or stormy weather and pleasant, it will continue for only two or three years before being so entirely changed as to be unrecognizable. Even the long cycles of eleven, seventeen, nineteen, thirty-five, and fifty-five years that have been "demonstrated" by their respective advocates, disappear after two or three repetitions, only to start up again by and by. These all remind one of the great ocean waves that advance across the Atlantic with perfect regularity but when they reach their limit die away, soon to be replaced by another set of similar waves, so that the whole ocean is covered with waves superposed upon each other, each having its own periodicity, and each set dying out as another replaces it. Within each group of waves there is the periodicity that the cyclist is seeking after, and yet there is also therein an element of dissolution that soon brings the cycle to naught. The cycle like the wave was evolved by a temporary combination of minor elements, and like it soon dissolves into other combinations.

As bearing upon this same subject, the Editor has just received a most instructive pamphlet, *Wetterperioden*, by Guido Lamprecht, published as a scientific appendix to the annual report for 1897 of the gymnasium or college at Bautzen. In this work Lamprecht gives the result of computations that have occupied his time for the past ten years, and he hopes that he has demonstrated that there are short periodicities in the weather. We must, however, distinguish between those periodicities that we have some reason for expecting, such as the lunar tidal periods and those that are purely empirical; we must also distinguish between apparent periodicities whose uncertainty, as shown by the disagreement with observations, is large, and those whose agreement is very close.

Extract, February, 1897, Weather Review.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

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The mean monthly air pressure as deduced from the U. S. Weather Bureau Stations at Lynchburg, Norfolk and Washington, D. C., was 29.99 inches; highest 30.31 inches, at Norfolk, on the 19th; lowest 29.66 inches, at Washington, D. C., on the 12th; range 0.65 of an inch.

TEMPERATURE. (DEG. F.)

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TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.—Highest monthly mean, 83.2, at Doswell; lowest monthly mean, 74.3, at Williamsburg; maximum temperature, 98, at Doswell, on the 10th; minimum temperature, 58, at Doswell, on the 30th; greatest daily range, 40, at Doswell.

MIDDLE VIRGINIA.—Highest monthly mean, 81.4, at Farmville; lowest monthly mean, 74.0, at Stanardsville; maximum temperature, 100, at Bon Air, on the 3d, and at Farmville on the 3d, 5th and 7th; minimum temperature, 54, at Buckingham on the 14th and Stanardsville, on the 15th and 16th; greatest daily range, 34, at Rocky Mount.

THE GREAT VALLEY.—Highest monthly mean, 79.5, at Gosheen; lowest monthly mean, 68.7, at Monterey; maximum temperature, 100, at Woodstock, on the 7th; minimum temperature, 46, at Big Stone Gap, on the 14th; greatest daily range, 40, at Dale Enterprise.

FOR THE STATE.—Average of the monthly mean temperatures, 76.4; average of the maximum temperatures, 94; average of the minimum temperatures, 57; average of the greatest daily range, 29.

While the mean temperature for July for the State closely approximated the normal, as obtained from an 11-year record, yet there was a decided range in each of the different sections. The month opened with temperatures above the normal and a general rising tendency which culminated on the 3d with maximums ranging from 92 to 100 degrees over the State. This was followed by a general, though moderate decline, the weather being cool until the 14th when most of the minimum temperatures for the month were reported. During the last decade warmer weather again prevailed and the month closed with temperatures somewhat higher than the average.

The conditions as to extremes and means were well within the record.

PRECIPITATION.

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TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.—Greatest monthly precipitation, 6.45 inches, at Birdsnest; least monthly, 2.09 inches, at Doswell; greatest amount in any twenty-four consecutive hours, 2.39 inches, at Ashland, on the 27th.

MIDDLE VIRGINIA.—Greatest monthly precipitation, 7.70 inches, at Stanardsville; least monthly, 1.70 inches, at Bed-

ford City; greatest amount in any twenty-four consecutive hours, 3.25 inches, at Farmville, on the 20th.

THE GREAT VALLEY.—Greatest monthly precipitation, 7.25 inches, at Goshen; least monthly, 3.26 inches, at Hot Springs; greatest amount in any twenty-four consecutive hours, 2.50 inches, at Goshen, on the 21st.

FOR THE STATE.—Average total precipitation, 4.46 inches.

The average total precipitation for the State, 4.46 inches, was 0.85 of an inch above the normal for the month.

By sections Tidewater Virginia was 0.51 of an inch above the normal; Middle Virginia, 0.71 of an inch above, and the Great Valley, 1.12 inches above.

There was quite a general and uniform distribution of the rainfall during the month in the different sections, though the Tidewater division received less than either of the other sections. As usual at this time of the year, the rainfall was deposited in the form of local showers of more or less intensity, and hence, while the monthly quantity received was in excess of the normal in all portions of the State, there was some injury to crops, notably corn, from drought, the intervals between rains, combined with hot weather drying the ground rapidly.

A general increase in the amount of precipitation is noted from the coast counties westward to the Alleghanies.

The average number of days on which 0.01 of an inch or more of rain or snow fell, was 10 in Tidewater Virginia; 10 in Middle Virginia, and 11 in the Great Valley. Average for the State, 10.

WIND.—The prevailing direction of the wind in the different sections was as follows: Tidewater Virginia SW.; Middle Virginia, SW.; the Great Valley, W. Prevailing direction for the State, SW.

WEATHER.—Tidewater Virginia, average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 8. Middle Virginia, average number of clear days, 16; partly cloudy, 9; cloudy, 5. The Great Valley, average number of clear days, 13; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 8. For the State, average number of clear days, 14; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 7.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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Attention is invited to the importance of a proper exposure for instruments. Several instances have recently occurred when the value of the record has been much impaired by a faulty exposure. Unusually high or low temperatures should be carefully verified before making a record of them. Recent instructions cover this point fully, and are commended to the Voluntary Observers.

The season when light frosts are likely is rapidly approaching, and it is particularly desirable that their occurrence should be carefully looked for and noted.

Climatological Data for July, 1897.

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, years.	TEMPERATURE, IN DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.						PRECIPITATION, IN INCHES.						SKY.	Prevailing direction of wind.	Observers.			
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.			Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.			Greatest in 24 hours.	Total snowfall (united.)	Number of rainy days.		
					Highest.	Date.	Lowest.							Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.					
TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.																					
Ashland	Hanover	220	5	77.3	+0.6	97	3	57	15	29	4.93	-0.12	2.39	10	8	II	I2	sw.	E. L. C. Scott.		
Birdsnest (1)	Northampton	40	28	79.6	+0.4	91	23	50	15	15	6.45	+1.73	2.35	11	6	17	8	sw.	C. R. Moore.		
Cape Henry	Princess Anne	17	22	78.3	+1.3	96	23	67	16	24	5.63	0.00	1.03	11	9	II	I1	se.	U. S. Weather Bureau.		
Doswell	Hanover	134	0	82.3	+0.9	98	10	58	30	60	2.09	-1.01	1.01	4	13	2	16	sw.	C. W. Butterworth.		
Hampton	Elizabeth City	3	9	79.5	+1.0	91	26	65	15	18	3.27	-2.28	0.55	11	10	9	I2	se.	C. L. Goodrich.		
Norfolk	Norfolk	3	25	79.3	+0.2	92	3	68	28	20	4.42	-1.50	1.12	14	11	13	7	se.	U. S. Weather Bureau.		
Petersburg	Dinwiddie	11	9	78.7	+2.0	96	3	59	15	31	2.72	-2.19	0.73	9	15	9	7	sw.	Prof. Jas. M. Colson.		
Richmond (near)	Henrico	96	21	77.2	-0.6	97	4	62	16	30	3.99	-2.41	1.12	10	16	6	9	sw.	Capt. J. C. Shafer.		
Spotsylvania	Surry	15	7	78.3	+1.1	95	3	12	26	57	5	34	1.26	9	13	15	3	s.	B. W. Jones.		
Sunbeam	Southampton	60	2	78.5	+0.6	94	1	2	3	4	15	25	4.13	-3.29	1.26	6	3	26	e.	Dr. W. H. Daughtry.	
Warsaw	Richmond	200	3	78.3	+0.9	94	12	56	15	29	3.54	-2.12	1.88	21	7	7	3	sw.	C. H. Constable.		
Williamsburg	James City	0	74.3	90	25	60	3	13	18	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	L. S. Williams.
MIDDLE VIRGINIA.																			.....	
Alexandria	Alexandria	35	37	77.7	-0.7	94	3	25	59	14	26	4.65	+1.88	1.49	13	6	22	3	se.	H. C. Slaymaker.	
Barboursville	Orange	0	76.0	90	3	10	31	58	15	27	4.50	0.59	0.59	10	15	14	2	sw.	Dr. Thos. H. Ellis.		
Bedford City	Bedford	900	6	76.3	-0.1	97	3	56	14	33	3.32	-0.82	1.70	8	16	14	1	w.	J. T. Davidson.		
Bon Air	Chesterfield	130	2	79.1	+0.6	100	3	60	15	32	3.74	-0.77	1.35	14	16	2	13	se.	Wm. H. Pleasants.		
Buckingham	Buckingham	550	3	75.8	-1.0	94	3	54	14	37	2.92	-1.09	1.10	9	25	3	3	sw.	Dr. W. E. Pratt.		
Callaville	Callaville	570	2	77.4	-0.6	94	3	57	15	30	5.03	-1.30	1.60	11	9	22	0	sw.	F. M. Gage.		
Farmville c	Prince Edward	0	81.4	+4.3	94	3	57	62	31	6.93	+2.60	3.25	8	16	8	7	sw.	Jno. R. Martin.			
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg	47	3	77.7	+0.8	95	3	57	15	31	5.04	-0.65	1.76	14	18	4	9	se.	E. C. Rowe.		
Gordonsville	Orange	0	77.7	92	1	68	11	14	31	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	0	9	s.	H. S. Smithers.
Guinea	Caroline	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	26	3	2	sw.	M. A. Nunn.
Leesburg	Loudoun	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.04	.....	1.32	5	19	3	9	w.	C. A. English.
Lynchburg	Campbell	17	76.6	-1.2	94	3	67	31	29	6.75	+2.85	2.73	13	9	12	10	nw.	U. S. Weather Bureau.			
Maidsens a	Goochland	525	1	96	23	92	11	17	20	27	3.72	-0.27	0.94	9	15	9	7	e.	J. R. Hopkins.		
Manassas	Prince William	185	2	77.1	+1.7	95	10	56	15	29	4.14	+1.23	1.35	6	19	11	1	dw.	Thos. H. Lion.		
Quantico	Prince William	317	7	77.4	-0.1	93	23	55	15	30	1.91	-1.81	0.40	6	10	6	5	s.	E. V. King.		
Rocky Mount	Franklin	0	76.9	+0.9	95	2	34	57	15	34	2.05	-2.21	7.70	9	19	2	.....	.....	J. H. Binford.
Stauntonsville	Greene	1150	2	74.0	-0.9	92	6	54	15	16	3.70	-0.29	0.98	12	17	8	6	swnw.	W. N. Parrott.		
Warrenton	Fauquier	560	6	78.4	+0.1	91	2	64	15	20	4.00	-0.98	0.98	12	17	8	6	swnw.	J. T. Preston.		
THE GREAT VALLEY.																			.....	
Big Stone Gap	Wise	1966	6	71.2	0.0	94	4	46	14	35	6.78	+0.10	2.20	10	11	8	12	sw.	John W. Fox, Sr.		
Blackburg	Montgomery	2100	7	70.9	-0.2	94	3	49	14	35	6.17	+1.38	1.80	13	15	8	8	sw.	Prof. W. B. Alwood.		
Bristol	Sullivan, Tenn	1676	2	72.9	+1.9	94	4	50	13	27	6.13	+0.09	1.68	11	17	8	8	sw.	J. Bunting, Jr.		
Burke's Garden	Tazewell	0	70.4	+0.4	98	3	44	14	33	4.61	+0.31	0.93	11	8	13	10	w.	C. H. Grever.			
Christiansburg d	Montgomery	2160	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.34	.....	1.61	9	9	9	w.	H. D. Walters.	
Clifton Forge	Allegheny	1047	2	73.7	.....	97	5	51	13	35	3.78	.....	0.87	13	16	1	14	sw.	T. P. Halloran.
Dale Enterprise	Rockingham	1350	10	72.9	-1.4	96	2	34	47	48	15	40	4.05	-0.29	1.02	13	15	11	5	s.	L. J. Heatwole.
Dwale	Dickenson	1590	1	79.5	-0.3	93	4	72	50	60	14	31	2.75	+2.13	1.40	8	19	4	nw.	Frank M. Beverly.	
Goshen	Rockbridge	3	71.1	-0.9	92	4	47	5	54	34	4.75	+0.73	2.00	5	24	2	5	w.	J. B. Wood.		
Graham's Forge	Wythe	2195	4	75.8	+5.2	92	4	58	14	35	3.26	+0.12	0.85	8	11	14	6	sw.	David Graham.		
Hot Springs	Rockbridge	916	23	73.9	-2.3	90	3	54	15	29	3.99	-0.09	1.06	12	11	13	7	se.	A. M. Stimson.		
Lexington	Smyth	2124	8	73.8	+1.0	94	4	60	14	36	4.97	+0.32	0.92	11	9	13	9	sw.	Prof. H. C. Campbell.		
Monterey	Highland	3008	2	68.7	+2.1	86	7	55	14	34	3.2	-0.09	0.90	10	15	9	7	w.	A. T. Lincoln.		
Salem	Roanoke	1200	6	77.0	+1.1	95	3	61	14	25	3.64	-1.58	1.18	12	17	.....	.....	sw.	Jos. Jones.
Stanleyton	Page	1064	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Prof. S. C. Wells.
Staunton	Augusta	1380	6	74.3	+0.2	93	3	56	15	30	3.70	+0.12	1.52	9	18	6	7	sw.	A. K. Grinn.		
Stephens City a	Frederick	4	76.6	+0.8	98	7	57	15	31	4.49	+0.19	1.38	14	13	10	7	w.	W. C. Hedrick.			
Sword's Creek	Russell	0	76.4	.....	92	4	60	13	18	6.81	.....	2.20	11	14	0	17	sw.	W. B. Steele.	
Woodstock	Shenandoah	927	0	76.5	.....	100	7	55	14	30	4.38	.....	1.18	12	4	24	3	w.	J. H. Steele.
Wytheville	Wythe	2370	25	72.2	+0.7	92	3	4	52	14	30	3.72	-1.06	0.93	14	14	9	8	w.	H. F. Miley.	
																			Dr. P. B. Green.		

* Estimated. † Incomplete. ‡ Trace, or less than or equal to an inch. (1) Means from 7 am, 2 and 9 pm, observations. Letters following name of station indicate number of days missing from the report, as b=2 days, etc.

Note—Estimated and incomplete data not considered in means.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

Thunderstorms: Ashland, 11, 19, 27; Petersburg, 14; Alexandria, 6, 12, 13, 18, 23; Barboursville, 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 23, 27, 28; Bon Air, 11; Buckingham, 1, 7, 8, 11; Fredericksburg, 7, 11, 18, 19; Gordonsville, 9, 11, 12; Burke's Garden, 6, 10, 24; Bristol, 5, 6, 21; Christiansburg, 23; Clifton Forge, 6; Dale Enterprise, 1, 7, 11, 17, 18; Staunton, 1, 7, 11, 18, 28; Stephens City, 7, 11, 18, 21, 26, 27, 28, 31; Wood-

stock, 1, 6; Wytheville, 13, 14.

Hail: Petersburg, Spottsville, Graham's Forge, 14; Wytheville, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Halos, Solar: Spottsville, 16.

Fogs: Spottsville, 2, 3, 4, 5, 28; Alexandria, 6; Buckingham, 3, 6; Fredericksburg, 6, 19; Staunton, 8; Woodstock, 8, 12, 17, 21, 28; Wytheville, 2, 19.

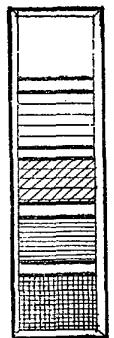
Gales: Fredericksburg, 7; Spottsville, Wytheville, 24.

Daily Maximum and Minimum temperatures for July, 1897.

Stations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Monthly Mean.														
	Max.	Min.	Max.																																											
TIDEWATER VA.																																														
Ashland	83	73	90	68	97	68	93	73	90	65	92	65	89	68	88	66	89	63	87	64	86	69	88	70	80	71	83	68	88	68	91	68	87	62												
Cape Henry	82	73	82	72	86	75	80	74	83	73	85	71	88	76	86	68	83	73	80	70	83	72	80	71	82	72	83	72	94	70	84	6	72	2												
Doswell	90	85	92	85	95	85	90	82	94	80	95	85	90	87	80	83	68	93	58	92	60	90	58	92	62	95	58	90	75	83	92	64	74	2												
Hampton	83	78	85	74	87	77	82	78	84	76	80	76	82	72	82	74	87	74	85	76	83	75	83	76	84	74	87	73	85	73	85	73	85	73												
Norfolk	89	74	90	74	92	74	86	72	87	71	88	72	87	70	82	74	88	74	87	72	85	74	87	72	86	74	87	73	85	73	85	73	85	73												
Petersburg	86	70	91	69	96	73	92	71	93	65	89	70	87	65	90	65	91	68	88	69	81	69	88	68	89	69	81	69	89	69	91	68	89	4	68	1										
Richmond (near)	90	70	90	70	95	72	97	70	95	65	93	65	99	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65	85	65										
Spotsylvania	85	65	94	69	95	68	90	73	92	62	93	66	93	69	89	65	88	62	93	68	87	65	88	62	93	67	89	62	94	60	89	6	67	0												
Sunbeam	94	75	94	72	94	75	94	74	92	69	92	74	92	71	89	68	81	64	82	75	90	70	92	72	92	72	95	67	89	64	87	5	60	5												
Warsaw	83	71	92	65	93	71	94	72	90	65	91	65	92	68	87	64	90	69	94	71	85	75	80	76	85	75	80	76	85	75	80	76	85	75	80											
Williamsburg	85	70	79	66	78	60	75	60	80	70	85	72	77	65	80	70	73	60	78	65	78	67	77	62	85	73	90	75	80	70	84	72	80	70	84	72										
MIDDLE VA.																																														
Alexandria	86	68	91	70	92	74	88	67	91	68	92	70	90	66	90	67	90	65	89	69	84	63	85	59	85	63	85	63	86	59	85	63	86	66	91	66	87	5	67	8						
Barbourville	77	68	89	66	90	67	88	72	88	67	90	67	89	69	84	68	87	63	88	70	80	67	81	62	83	58	82	67	89	67	80	63	85	5	66	5										
Bedford City	93	65	95	66	98	67	96	67	92	65	95	64	96	64	93	63	94	61	95	66	92	65	93	57	88	58	82	66	86	63	91	64	89	6	63	5										
Bon Air	85	73	96	69	100	68	94	73	98	66	98	67	95	75	95	65	92	65	92	69	94	70	88	68	86	63	94	67	90	5	67	6														
Buckingham	83	66	90	68	94	69	90	65	93	66	94	67	89	63	88	64	91	66	89	65	87	65	86	60	84	62	88	66	87	6	64	7														
Callaway	92	71	90	70	94	67	92	73	91	71	92	69	99	71	84	67	86	61	84	64	88	70	92	67	87	67	87	65	91	63	86	0	63	0												
Farmville	89	75	98	65	100	72	73	100	65	67	102	69	95	68	95	65	96	67	94	68	98	66	94	65	91	68	90	75	92	80	65	95	65													
Fredericksburg	83	73	90	70	95	79	89	75	92	66	97	70	91	72	90	67	90	65	89	69	84	63	85	59	85	63	86	66	87	65	87	65	87	65	87	65										
Gordonsville	92	75	88	72	90	74	80	70	89	73	88	75	86	76	84	72	82	74	80	70	80	72	80	72	80	75	87	75	87	75	87	75	87	75	87	75										
Guinea	67	64	64	60	65	60	65	60	67	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60	65	60										
Leesburg	71	68	68	67	65	65	65	67	72	70	70	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60										
Lynchburg	85	68	93	70	94	70	90	73	87	71	91	70	89	70	86	59	88	65	86	63	84	61	85	56	84	61	85	56	84	61	85	56	84	61	85	56	84	61								
Maidens	99	94	94	94	96	94	96	94	88	90	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90	92	90									
Manassas	85	72	91	68	94	68	88	65	89	65	91	66	93	70	93	68	94	65	95	66	93	68	94	67	86	64	92	66	93	67	92	66	93	67	92	66	93	67								
Quantico	84	73	92	72	92	72	90	64	93	70	92	67	94	70	92	67	93	70	92	67	94	70	92	67	93	70	92	67	94	70	92	67	93	70	92	67	93	70								
Rocky Mount	91	75	95	71	95	75	75	71	92	70	92	68	93	70	90	65	85	66	88	60	81	57	82	64	86	60	83	65	86	60	81	60	82	65	86	60	81	60								
Staunardsville	80	72	90	65	91	65	88	68	85	65	92	66	93	66	90	61	87	63	86	61	83	61	85	61	87	63	86	61	85	61	85	61	85	61	85	61	85	61								
Warrenton	88	70	91	72	90	73	87	77	86	71	91	73	90	66	85	72	80	73	87	73	80	73	87	73	80	73	87	73	80	73	87	73	80	73	87	73	80	73								
GREAT VALLEY.																																														
Big Stone Gap	86	57	87	64	93	63	94	64	89	64	90	65	95	60	89	51	88	57	85	57	83	59	80	60	85	57	81	57	86	57	81	57	86	57	81	57	86	57	81	57						
Blacksburg	89	66	89	69	94	62	92	65	89	66	90	65	93	62	89	58	88	56	88	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87	56	87							
Bristol	84	66	87	65	89	69	84	68	89	69	86	65	80	66	86	64	86	65	87	67	79	54	82	64	86	65	87	66	82	64	86	65	87	66	82	64	86	65	87	66						
Burke's Garden	82	70	83	69	88	68	89	70	87	62	87	67	83	60	83	58	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57	83	57						
Clifton Forge	88	72	92	65	96	66	99	66	97	69	94	70	91	69	87	67	93	67	95	71	97	65	98	64	93	67	98	64	93	67	98	64	93	67	98	64	93	67	98	64	93	67				
Dale Enterprise	87	53	96	59	96	59	96	53	94	63	93	64	96	58	89	61	95	56	94	57	90	60	83	58	87	57	91	54	88	57	91	54	88	57	91	54	88	57	91	54						
Dwale
Goshen	80	72	86	70	92	74	93	78	92	68	93	70	86	80	88	76	90	75	88	70	78	74	88	75	90	75																				

TOTAL PRECIPITATION FOR JULY, 1897.

Scale of Shades.



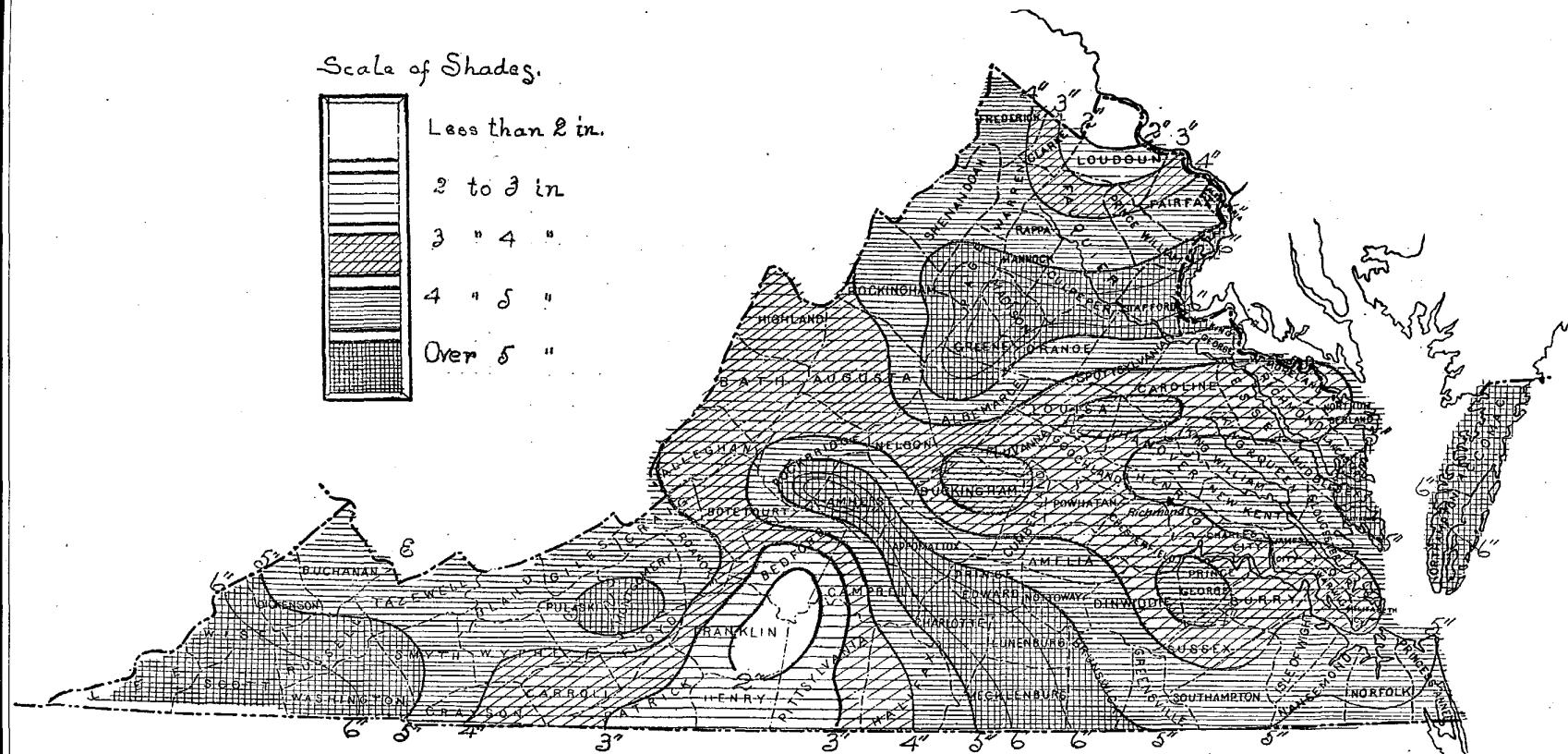
Less than 2 in.

2 to 3 in

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Over 5



Daily Precipitation for July, 1897.

Stations.	Day of Month.																														Total.			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
TIDEWATER VIRGINIA.																																		
Ashland	tr						tr			.21	.63	.06	.11																				4.93	
Birdsnet . . . . .	.10						.30			.21	.60	.10																					6.45	
Cape Henry . . . . .							.57			.00	.55																						5.63	
Doswell †							tr			.07	.01																						2.09	
Hampton	tr						.02	tr			.29	.43																					3.27	
Norfolk	tr						.02	.06		.12	.34																					4.82		
Petersburg . . . . .	.08						tr			.67	.56		.03	.10	tr	.10	.73	.16	.24	.62											2.72			
Spotsylvania . . . . .	.03						tr			.70	.12	.08			tr	tr	.08	.52	.86	.14											3.99			
Sunbeam							tr			.55	.70	.26	.13	tr	tr	tr	.15	.21	.31	.67										4.73				
Warsaw	tr						.05			tr		.45																				3.54		
MIDDLE VIRGINIA.																																		
Alexandria . . . . .	.05	.01					.03			tr		tr		.1.49	tr				.08	.76	.65	.11	.21		.03			.1.09	.13	tr	.01		4.65	
Barbourville . . . . .	.79	.04					.25	tr			tr		I.10	.20	.06				tr	.11	.15	.17	.32	.08	.03	tr		.10	.08	.82	.25		4.50	
Bedford City . . . . .	.01										.59									.12	.37	.15	.14	.21									1.70	
Bon Air . . . . .	.05						.02	.01		tr		.01	.10	I.35	.29				tr	.30	.07	.14	.02										3.74	
Buckingham . . . . .	.27						.10	.31		.03	.10	.21	.12		tr	tr	tr	I.10	.68												2.92			
Callaville . . . . .	.10						tr			.92	tr	I.00	.60	.10					.25	.03	.77	.38		.02							5.03			
Danville . . . . .	.10																																	
Farmville . . . . .							.33																										6.93	
Fredericksburg . . . . .	.06	tr																																5.04
Guinea																																		0.19
Leesburg																																		2.04
Lynchburg	2.21	.01					tr																										6.75	
Maidens																																		3.72
Manassas																																		4.14
Rocky Mount																																		1.91
Standardsville . . . . .	.67																																	7.70
Warrenton																																		4.00
THE GREAT VALLEY.																																		
Big Stone Gap . . . . .	.43	.06					tr			.28	.58				.17	tr	tr			.63	tr	.04	.71	.68	2.20									6.78
Blacksburg . . . . .	.03						.21													.10														6.17
Bristol . . . . .	.73						.28	.94		.32	tr	.10	tr																			6.13		
Burke's Garden . . . . .							.63	.93																								4.61		
Christiansburg																																		4.32
Clifton Forge . . . . .	.80																																	3.78
Dale Enterprise . . . . .	.57																																	4.15
Dwale . . . . .	.40	tr																																4.09
Goshen †	2.00																																	7.25
Graham's Forge . . . . .	.32	tr																																4.75
Hot Springs . . . . .	.85																																	3.26
Lexington	1.06																																	3.99
Marion . . . . .	.62	.30																																4.97
Monterey . . . . .	.75																																	3.63
Salem																																		3.64
Saltville																																		
Stanleyton																																		
Staunton	1.18	tr																																3.70
Stephens City																																		4.49
Sword's Creek . . . . .	.57	tr																																6.81
Woodstock . . . . .	.14																																	4.38
Wytheville																																		3.72

† Rainfall estimated. † Incomplete. tr. Trace, or less than .01 of an inch.