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# CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLE FOR NOVEMBER 1985

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Table with columns: Station, Height of Station Above M.S.L., Air Temperature in Degrees Celsius (Means of, Mean of A and B, Difference From Normal, Absolute Maximum and Minimum), Rainfall in Millimetres (Total Fall, No. of Rain Days, Difference From Normal, Maximum Fall), Bright Sun-shine. Rows include stations like Cape Reinga, Kaitaia, Kerikeri, etc.







CLIMATOLOGICAL TABLE—Summary of the Records of Temperature, Rainfall, and Sunshine for November 1985—continued

Station	Height of Station Above M.S.L.	Air Temperature in Degrees Celsius							Rainfall in Millimetres					Bright Sun-shine Hrs	
		Means of		Mean of A and B	Difference* From Normal	Absolute Maximum and Minimum			Total Fall	No. of Rain Days	Difference From Normal	Maximum Fall			
		A Max.	B Min.			Maximum	Date	Minimum				Date	Amount		Date
Metres	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	mm	mm	mm					
Tuatapere	27	16.8	7.6	12.2	..	23.2	17	1.2	8	107	17	..	22	19	..
Otautau	55	16.6	7.0	11.8	+0.4	22.8	14	1.3	6	127	17	+43	28	19	159
Winton	44	16.8	7.2	12.0	+0.3	24.0	14	1.5	25	100	14	+34	21	19	177
Gore	123	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokonui Forest	46	16.8	7.1	12.0	+0.0	..	..	1.0	6	87	15	-2	19	3	..
Woodlands	47	16.4	7.3	11.9	+0.4	23.1	14	2.0	6	91	19	-10	19	3	..
Invercargill Airport	0	16.0	7.8	11.9	+0.6	22.6	15	1.3	10	99	18	+10	24	19	180
Tiwai Point, Bluff	5	15.5	9.2	12.4	+0.6	22.5	17	6.0	10	102	15	+9	31	19	..
Stewart Is	3	14.7	7.9	11.3	+0.8	22.2	15	3.5	3	159	20	+47	61	19	..
Milton	18	16.8	7.4	12.1	+0.1	24.6	15	-0.1	10	41	14	-24	10	1	..
Clinton School	120	16.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	18	..	16	3	..
Finegand Balclutha	6	16.6	7.8	12.2	+0.2	25.0	11	3.0	3	39	15	-25	11	1	120
Owaka	5	15.6	7.3	11.5	-0.2	25.1	15	-1.0	10	62	18	-12	13	3	..
Nugget Point	129	14.0	7.6	10.8	-0.1	21.3	17	3.2	6	57	19	-22	9	20	..
Tautuku	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nadi Airport Fiji	15	31.4	21.7	26.6	+0.3	34.6	24	19.0	12	85	13	-58	28	25	189
Rarotonga Airport	7	26.9	21.7	24.3	+0.2	28.6	13	17.1	20	144	16	-11	53	15	137
Totokoitu, Rarotonga	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raoul Is	38	20.8	15.7	18.3	-0.6	22.5	27	..	..	158	11	+81	40	24	167
Campbell Is	15	10.2	4.5	7.4	+0.2	13.5	27	-2.9	20	64	21	-43	18	16	68
Waitangi, Chatham Is	44	14.3	9.1	11.7	+0.2	18.5	20	3.8	12	30	16	-27	7	24	182
Scott Base Antarctica	16	-8.9	-16.8	-12.8	-0.9	-0.1	25	-26.3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
LATE RETURNS AND CORRECTIONS															
Cape Reinga 10/1985	191	17.9	11.6	14.8	+0.7	20.5	12	7.7	27	34	15	-39	13	13	..
Pouto 10/1985	97	16.7	..	..	..	21.0	30	..	..	77	14	..	27	20	..
Little Barrier Is 10/1985	2	17.5	10.8	14.2	..	20.1	13	7.8	4	72	18	-37	24	16	..
Waihi 10/1985	91	17.8	7.8	12.8	-0.6	21.0	7	1.6	28	87	15	-82	31	25	199
Wairakei Research Stn 10/1985	402	17.6	4.0	10.8	-0.4	24.5	30	-1.5	17	54	12	-46	19	25	..
Huntly 10/1985	34	18.3	8.6	13.5	..	22.3	30	3.5	28	50	..	..	..	..	..
Turangi 10/1985	366	16.7	4.4	10.6	-0.9	23.5	7	-1.0	18	96	12	-41	39	25	213
Ngamatea 10/1985	885	12.3	0.5	6.4	..	18.1	20	-4.9	17	58	13	..	23	25	..
Rimutaka Forest 10/1985	37	15.6	7.2	11.4	..	20.0	21	1.5	19	134	17	..	24	19	..
Deep Cove 10/1985	30	15.2	..	..	..	21.5	21	..	..	198	14	..	37	9	..
Puysegur Point 10/1985	43	13.4	7.7	10.6	..	19.5	21	4.5	26	80	20	-99	33	12	..
Wither Hills Blenheim 10/1985	32	16.8	6.1	11.5	-1.1	21.7	31	-0.5	18	39	9	-16	18	23	..
Kaikoura Flats 10/1985	24	15.2	5.2	10.2	..	20.6	23	1.2	12	61	..	..	19	7	..
Craigieburn Forest 10/1985	914	13.5	1.2	7.4	-0.5	22.4	30	-3.0	26	55	18	-116	13	12	..
Ashley Forest 09/1985	107	15.1	5.1	10.1	+0.8	22.0	26	0.5	12	28	..	-28	..	..	199
Ashley Forest 10/1985	107	15.1	5.6	10.4	-1.0	24.7	31	1.0	26	42	..	-21	11	13	194
Kurow 09/1985	207	16.0	4.8	10.4	..	20.8	26	0.0	12	11	4	..	5	4	..
Tara Hills Omarama 10/1985	488	16.5	1.8	9.2	-0.6	24.4	30	-3.2	11	20	7	-28	6	13	249
Wanaka 10/1985	296	18.0	4.2	11.1	+0.3	24.3	30	-1.6	11	18	5	-45	7	12	..
Te Anau 10/1985	215	16.4	3.6	10.0	+0.6	21.1	30	-2.2	17	58	7	-47	29	19	243
Deep Stream 10/1985	396	15.1	1.0	8.1	..	24.0	6	..	..	36	13	..	14	12	..
Mahinerangi Dam 10/1985	396	13.2	2.7	8.0	-0.5	21.0	6	-1.5	17	58	11	-15	12	25	..
Nadi Airport Fiji 10/1985	15	30.2	20.6	25.4	+0.0	34.1	30	17.1	11	140	11	+47	55	19	201
Totokoitu, Rarotonga 09/1985	9	23.9	18.2	21.1	-0.8	28.2	24	13.6	18	207	10	..	102	20	..

The "normal" refers to the present site of the instruments. Standard period for normals is 1951-1980. No normals are available for stations with only short records.

\*Indicates that the sunshine recorder is not located at the station but is in the near vicinity.

A rainday is a day with rainfall equal to or greater than 0.1 mm.

Where the extremes of temperature and rainfall have occurred more than once during the month, the date of the first occurrence is given.

## THE WEATHER IN NEW ZEALAND IN NOVEMBER 1985

*General*—November was a cloudy month with an absence of strong winds.

South-westerlies prevailed over the whole country this month, with a much greater frequency than usual over the South Island. North-easterlies were more frequent than usual over the North Island. North-westerlies had their lowest frequency over the North Island since 1976, and their least frequency over the southern part of the South Island for almost 30 years.

Mean sea level pressures were above average throughout New Zealand, especially south of Christchurch where they were over 4 hectopascals above average.

Two small tornadoes were sighted at Bowen Town (Bay of Plenty) on the 25th, and these caused some damage at a caravan park.

Most farmers reported good pasture growth, with silage being made and hay ready to harvest in the North Island. Apart from flystrike in some sheep on the east coast regions of the North Island stock condition was good.

*Rainfall*—Rainfall was above average in most coastal places, especially in Nelson, on the Canterbury Coast, and in South Westland where it was over 150 percent of normal. Rainfall was also up to 150 percent of normal in Central Otago. The greatest departures from normal this month were on the Kaikoura Coast and at Cape Campbell being 244 and 362 percent of normal respectively. Cape Campbell's rainfall (163 mm) was the highest

November rainfall since 1895, and the second highest for November since records began in 1873. Some heavy rainfalls occurred at both Franz Josef and Haast during the 72 hours from 9 a.m. on the 17th to 9 a.m. on the 19th. These were 474 and 370 mm respectively. Most inland areas of the South Island recorded between 75 to 85 percent of normal rainfall.

*Temperatures*—Mean daily temperatures were near average throughout New Zealand, apart from Westland and Fiordland where they were 1 to 2°C above normal. Many east coast places recorded maximum afternoon temperatures between 25 and 30°C from the 15th to the 17th.

*Sunshine*—The first 2 weeks of November were generally sunny, but for the remainder of the month it was rather cloudy over most of the country. Sunshine hours were near or slightly above average for November north of New Plymouth, and also in Fiordland and Southland. Elsewhere, it was below average. At Nelson Airport and Kaikoura November's sunshine was only 76 and 78 percent of normal respectively.

Some of the greatest departures this month were:

Station	Start of record	Departure from normal	Rank
Nelson Airport	1930	-54 hours	second lowest on record
Kaikoura	1960	-46 hours	

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THESE MAPS ARE MEAN SEA LEVEL ANALYSES  
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