

SUMMER WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW 2022/2023 (1st December-28th February)

The summer of 2022/2023 was drier than normal and slightly cooler than normal.

Despite a weakening La Nina event in the Pacific Ocean, rainfall was well below the average. December 30.0 mm (LTA 89.4 mm), January 81.4 mm (101.2 mm) & February 64.8 mm (88.3 mm). The total for the three summer months of 176.2 mm was 103 mm less than the LTA.

There were no major rain events, most of the rain fell during thunderstorms. The highest daily fall was 27.4 mm on 27th February.

Temperatures overall were a little cooler than normal, particularly in December which recorded light frosts on the 15th and 20th. Day temperatures were mostly below normal until Christmas Day when warmer summery conditions arrived. It was Armidale's third consecutive cooler than normal summer.

Thunderstorm activity was a little lower than normal with storms on 14 days, no hail was observed with any of these storms.

LTA - Long term average

SUMMER 2022/23 STATISTICS (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 176.2 mm (278.9 mm)

Average maximum temp: 25.5 deg (25.8 deg)

Average minimum temp: 10.6 deg (12.3 deg)

Highest maximum temp: 31.6 deg on 26th January

Lowest maximum temp: 14.8 deg on 1st December

Highest minimum: 16.9 deg on 30th January

Lowest minimum temp: 0.4 deg on 15th December

Days higher than 29.9 deg: 7 (14)

Fine sunny days: 43 (42)

Days with thunderstorms: 14 (20)

Frosts: 2 (0.2)

