

August 2009 Weather in Review

August 2009 was the warmest August at Austin Mabry; tied with August 2006 for the warmest August at San Antonio; was the 2nd warmest August at Del Rio; and the 8th warmest August at Austin Bergstrom. Like the rest of the Summer of 2009, the warmth in August was consistent from day to day. On a few of the hot afternoons, brief strong winds came from widely scattered thunderstorms in the late afternoon to evening hours, a phenomena that has been common during drought years. Several daily record highs and warmest overnight lows were observed. The heat from day to day made the Summer of 2009 the warmest of record, with June to August 2009 easily the warmest at Austin, San Antonio, and Del Rio. Even though August is one of the drier months of the year, it turned out to be very dry at most locations this year. The excessive warm and sunny days added to the magnitude of the dry conditions. A few isolated locations received more rain; however, these rainfall amounts were not widespread or of long duration. A strong cool front for late August came through the area the weekend of the 29th and 30th. In wake of this cool front and under several layers of high cirrus clouds on August 31st, temperatures were below normal for first and only time in August of 2009.

The driest non-overlapping 2 year period of record from September 2007 to August 2009 was observed at San Antonio, with only 24.83 inches of rain, far below the 2nd driest of 30.23 inches from August 1954 to July 1956 and 3rd driest of 30.41 inches 100 years ago from October 1908 to September 1910. At Austin Mabry it was the 3rd driest non-overlapping 2 year period of record with 35.23 inches of rain, after the driest 2 year non-overlapping period of 33.87 inches from October 1916 to September 1918 and 33.96 inches from January 1954 to December 1955.

August 2009 Summary					
Location	Average Temperature	Average High	Average Low	Warmest/Coolest	Rainfall
Austin Mabry	89.1 +4.6	101.7	76.5	105 on 11th and 23rd 71 on 30th	0.77 -1.54
Austin Bergstrom	86.8 +2.3	100.2	73.4	104 on 12th 65 on 3rd	2.58 +0.07
Burnet	85.3 +3.4	97.4	73.2	101 on 21st and 23rd 67 on 29th and 31st	1.20 -0.86
Del Rio	89.2 +4.1	100.8	77.6	104 on 12th and 23rd 70 on 29th	0.06 -2.10
Hondo	86.6 +3.7	100.8	72.5	103 on 23rd and 26th 65 on 31st	0.03 -1.46
New Braunfels	88.0 +5.4	101.4	74.6	105 on 12th 70 on 3rd	0.67 -1.65
San Antonio International Airport	88.3 +4.1	100.3	76.4	104 on 23rd 71 on 29th	0.45 -2.12
San Antonio Stinson	88.6	101.3	75.9	105 on 12th 72 on 30th and 31st	1.64

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The table below lists information on Climate Normals for the month of September for Austin, Del Rio and San Antonio.

September Climate Information

Location	Normal Monthly Temp.	Normal High	Normal Low	All time High	All time Low	Normal Rainfall	All Time Driest	All Time Wettest
Austin/Mabry	79.5	90.1	68.8	112	41	2.91	T	20.75
Austin/Bergstrom	77.5	89.7	65.3	112	45	2.63	0.02	9.36
Del Rio	80.0	90.6	69.4	110	43	2.06	T	15.79
San Antonio	79.4	90.0	68.8	111	41	3.00	0.01	15.78

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