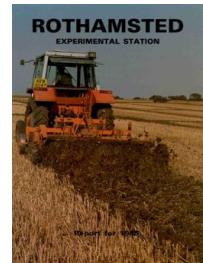


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SAXMUNDHAM WEATHER 1984-85
Latitude 52° 13' N; Longitude 1° 28' E; Altitude 37 m

| | 1985 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Year |
| TEMPERATURE (°C) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean screen maximum | 15.2 | 11.9 | 8.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 6.6 | 10.3 | 13.9 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 19.7 | 19.1 | 14.8 | 9.1 | 14.3 | 12.7 |
| Difference from average | +1.2 | +2.4 | +1.2 | -2.9 | -2.5 | -1.8 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -2.3 | +0.7 | -1.3 | +0.7 | +0.7 | -0.6 | +7.2 | -0.3 |
| Mean screen minimum | 8.1 | 6.4 | 2.6 | -1.9 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 8.6 | 12.1 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 8.4 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 5.7 |
| Difference from average | +0.8 | +2.3 | +0.3 | -3.6 | -1.5 | -0.8 | +1.6 | -0.2 | -1.0 | +0.4 | -1.1 | +0.4 | +1.0 | -2.4 | +2.9 | -0.4 |
| Soil at 10 cm | 11.4 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 8.6 | 11.4 | 14.6 | 18.8 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 11.6 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 9.6 |
| Dew point | 9.4 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 11.7 | 8.9 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| No. of days with ground frost | 4 | 17 | 22 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 95 |
| RADIATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean daily radiation (MJ m ⁻² day ⁻¹) | 5.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 12.5 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 12.7 | 8.4 | 5.5 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 7.9 |
| WIND (km day ⁻¹) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wind run at 2 m | 260 | 270 | 215 | 309 | 261 | 263 | 302 | 231 | 185 | 183 | 236 | 188 | 204 | 275 | 316 | 246 |
| WATER (mm per month) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rainfall (5 inch gauge) | 63 | 64 | 57 | 90 | 25 | 50 | 58 | 53 | 116 | 43 | 67 | 14 | 13 | 41 | 62 | 632 |
| Difference from average | +13 | -5 | +2 | +30 | -18 | +2 | +19 | +10 | +72 | -7 | +26 | -53 | -38 | -28 | +7 | +21 |
| Rain days | 18 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 9 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 26 | 13 | 18 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 187 |
| Open water (tank) evaporation | 36 | 16 | 10 | — | — | — | 66 | 75 | 86 | 104 | 93 | 29 | 37 | 11 | — | — |

NOTES ON THE TABLE

1. All quantities are measured.
2. Temperatures are measured in °F.
3. Radiation is measured with a Kipp Solarimeter.
4. Rain and evaporation are measured in inches.
5. Evaporation is the mean of two open water tanks. They are 56 cm diameter, 30 cm deep and set 15 cm in the ground. Water level is about 6 cm below the rim.
6. Long period averages are for different periods: air temperatures 1969-84; rain 1968-84.