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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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AVERAGE SEPTEMBER WEATHER

The usual weather of September is pleasing and free from extremes. More clear cool days and less heat and mugginess than in August are to be expected.

A government bulletin says:

"The average September temperatures range from about 55 degrees Fahrenheit along the northern border of the country, where they are about 8 degrees lower than for August, to about 78 degrees along the Gulf coast, while in the Mountain and Plateau districts of the West they are mostly between 50 degrees and 60 degrees.

"High temperatures sometimes occur in September, particularly between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River where 100 degrees or slightly higher temperatures have been experienced. East of the Mississippi only a few stations have records as high as 100 degrees in September. Cool weather may also be experienced, in fact, killing frost has been known to occur near the close of September, as far south as Oklahoma and Tennessee.

"With the advent of autumn, rainfall in most districts east of the Rocky Mountains becomes increasingly lighter as a rule, although it is heavier in a few localities. The Florida peninsula and the east Gulf coast constitute the region of maximum September rainfall, receiving on the average from 6 to 8 inches. In considerable areas east of the Mississippi River, however, the normal rainfall is less than three inches. The north Pacific coast has a marked increase, the averages ranging from 4 to 6 inches."

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(Tomorrow: Southwestern Cloudbursts)  
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