



FLORIDA KEYS

National Weather Service

Forecast Office

<http://www.weather.gov/keywest>

ISSUED: 620 AM EST WED DEC 16 2009

2ND WETTEST NOVEMBER FOR KEY WEST IN THE PAST 3 DECADES

MONTHLY TEMPERATURES FOR KEY WEST AND MARATHON NEAR NORMAL

A DELUGE LATE IN THE MONTH MADE NOVEMBER 2009 ONE OF THE WETTEST ON RECORD...WHILE ALSO SHATTERING A DAILY RAINFALL RECORD IN KEY WEST. ON THE 25TH A LINE OF STORMS CROSSED THE KEYS ISLAND CHAIN DROPPING 5.05 INCHES OF RAIN AT KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIS TOPPLED THE PREVIOUS DAILY RAINFALL RECORD OF 4.13 INCHES SET IN 1989...AND TURNED THE MONTH FROM NEAR RECORD DRY INTO RECORD WET.

KEY WEST ENDED THE MONTH WITH 6.63 INCHES OF RAINFALL...PLACING IT AS THE 2ND WETTEST NOVEMBER IN THE LAST 30 YEARS AND THE 6TH WETTEST SINCE RECORDKEEPING BEGAN IN 1871. THIS TOTAL IS 3.99 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL FOR THE MONTH...WHICH REDUCED THE DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR TO BELOW 8 INCHES. RAINFALL AT THE FLORIDA KEYS MARATHON AIRPORT FOR NOVEMBER WAS 3.54 INCHES...OR 1.14 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL FOR THE MONTH. MARATHON RECEIVED JUST OVER HALF THE RAIN SEEN IN KEY WEST...BUT IT WAS STILL ENOUGH TO DECREASE THE ANNUAL DEFICIT THERE TO LESS THAN 5 INCHES.

BELOW ARE PRELIMINARY RAINFALL TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER...COMPARING 2009 TO 2008 AND THE DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL VALUES WHERE AVAILABLE.

NOVEMBER RAINFALL VALUES/DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN INCHES

Station – Station Type	2009	Dep. fm Normal	2008	Dep. fm 2008
Dry Tortugas National Park– <i>COOP</i>	3.95		N/A	N/A
Key West WFO– <i>NWS</i>	5.98		2.30	+3.68
Key West International Airport– <i>ASOS</i>	6.63	+3.99	2.60	+4.03
Big Coppitt Key– <i>CoCoRaHS</i>	6.17		1.82	+4.35
Cudjoe Key– <i>CoCoRaHS</i>	4.82		1.02	+3.80
Bahia Honda State Park– <i>COOP</i>	6.75		Trace	+6.75
Florida Keys Marathon Airport– <i>ASOS</i>	3.54	+1.14	0.73	+2.81
Curry Hammock State Park– <i>COOP</i>	3.19		0.14	+3.05
Duck Key– <i>COOP</i>	6.16	+3.76	0.10	+6.06
Islamorada– <i>COOP</i>	4.72		0.52	+4.20
John Pennekamp State Park– <i>COOP</i>	1.25		1.90	-0.65
Key Largo– <i>CoCoRaHS</i>	1.41		0.50	+0.91

THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES FOR NOVEMBER AT THE KEY WEST AND MARATHON AIRPORTS WERE NEAR NORMAL...75.9 AND 75.6 DEGREES RESPECTIVELY. THESE MONTHLY AVERAGES WERE 0.4 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL FOR KEY WEST AND 0.2 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL FOR MARATHON. OF NOTE IS THAT KEY WEST SET OR TIED 21 RECORDS IN OCTOBER...ALL FOR TEMPERATURES...AND ONLY 1 RECORD IN NOVEMBER ...WHICH WAS FOR RAINFALL ON THE 25TH.

NORMAL VALUES FOR KEY WEST ARE THE AVERAGE OF 1979-2000 AND FOR MARATHON/DUCK KEY THEY ARE THE AVERAGE SPANNING 1982-2004. RECORDS ARE NOT TRACKED FOR MARATHON DUE TO THE SHORT PERIOD OF ASOS DATA.

\$\$

DR/MR