

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 2001 Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage Character of Storm

TEXAS, South

TXZ248>255

Zapata - Jim Hogg - Brooks - Kenedy - Starr - Hidalgo - Willacy - Cameron

Drought

As the year 2001 came to an end, Deep South Texas experienced below normal rainfall for the month. However, portions of the ranch country of Brooks, jim Hogg and Kennedy counties did receive above normal rainfall for the month of December 2001. Moderate drought conditions continued through the end of the year with Brownsville only reporting 16.74 inches, which is 9.87 inches below normal. Rainfall totals the previous year at Brownsville were only 16.48 inches. As a result, 2000 and 2001 will go down as the 9th and 10th driest years since records began in 1871. Rainfall amounts across the Valley ranged from 5 to 10 inches below normal with the driest location reporting 11.09 inches below normal. Rainfall totals for selected cities are listed below

Brownsville...16.74 inches...which is 9.87 inches below normal. Harlingen...21.94 inches...which is 5.59 inches below normal. Mcallen...19.44 inches...which is 3.96 inches below normal. Port Mansfield...14.97 inches...which is 11.09 inches below normal. Raymondville...21.42 inches...which is 6.15 inches below normal. Zapata...13.58 inches...which is 6.14 inches below normal. Falcon Dam...16.52 inches...which is 4.93 inches below normal.