

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



August 1998 Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage

HAWAII

HIZ002>005

Kauai Windward - Kauai Leeward - Kauai Mountains - Oahu South Shore

Drought

Rainfall amounts were quite varied across the state for the month of August. Most of the island of Kauai received above normal rainfall along with the northeast and extreme northern sections of the Big Island. The remaining sections of the Big Island along with Oahu were generally less than normal while Maui County was well below normal

August is normally a relatively dry month with a ridge of high pressure entrenched north of the islands. However, during the month, remnants of Hurricanes Estelle and Georette passed north of the island dropping significant amounts of rainfall over much of Kauai. The Big Island was primarily affected by stronger than normal tradewinds between the 20th and 27th.

Below are rainfall statistics for selected locations from around the state. The first column is the rainfall for August. The second has the 30-year average for each locations, while the third column is the percent of average rainfall for the month of August.

	August 98	Avg.	%Avg.
Oahu			
Honolulu	0.15	0.4	38
Manoa Arbor.	6.40	12.8	50
Hawaii Kai	0.85	0.9	94
Ahuimanu	3.17	5.9	54
Waianae	0.10	0.7	14
Waialua	1.03	0.8	129
Maui			
Kahului	0.50	0.7	71
Hana	M	5.6	M
Kihei	0	0.2	0
Lahainaluna	0.01	0.6	2
Wailuku	0.50	0.7	71
Island of Hawaii			
Hilo	8.26	9.4	88
Pahala	0.37	3.3	11
Honaunau	5.31	6.5	82
Kamuela (Upper)	8.10	4.4	184
Kamuela	5.28	4.1	129
Laupahoehoe	13.88	12.4	112
Molokai			
Kaunakakai	M	0.1	M

Maui County

18 NW Kaunakakai Waterspout

Pilot reported seeing a couple of waterspouts northwest of the Molokai airport.

Maui County

5 W Honokowai 0850HST 0 13 Waterspout

Pilot reported at least one waterspout in the Pailolo Channel...just offshore from the West Maui airport at Kapalua.



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		Time Local/		Path Width			Estimated Damage			August
Location	Date	Standard	Length (Miles)	(Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	Character of Storm	
<u>HAWAII</u>										
HIZ001>006	Niihau	- Kauai Windwa	ard - Kauai I	Leeward - K	auai Mour	ntains - Oa	ahu South	Shore - W	aianae Coast	
	23 25	1100HST 1500HST			0	0			High Surf	
	Storm	Storm low to the southeast of New Zealand caused surf of 3 to 6 feet along south shores of all Hawaiian islands.								

HIZ001>006 Niihau - Kauai Windward - Kauai Leeward - Kauai Mountains - Oahu South Shore - Waianae Coast

28 1220HST 0 0 High Surface 1500HST

Storm low east of New Zealand caused surf of 3 to 6 feet along south facing shores of all the islands