DID YOU KNOW 2023 was our warmest & driest year?

Meadow's Weather Analysis: December 2023 Report Roy Wysnewski

Rainfall & Temperature Data:

Rainfall for month:	4.5 in.
Rainfall year-to-date:	35.1 in.
23 yr. monthly rainfall average:	2.0 in.
Average high temperature:	75.0 F (normal: 73.0 F)
Above normal temperature days:	14
Record high temperature days:	5

Yearly Temperature and Rainfall Summary: In reviewing weather data recorded in the Meadows over the past ten years, 2023 was our warmest and driest year. The average daytime temperature recorded for the year was 89 degrees Fahrenheit (F), two degrees higher than the previous high – 87 F set in 2020. Although rainfall exceeded normal in December, the yearly total was two-thirds of normal, and represents the least amount recorded during the ten-year period.

Temperature Analysis: December's average daytime temperature exceeded normal by two degrees F. [The twelve-month 2023 daytime temperature average (89 F) was by far the highest ever recorded in the Meadows.] Other statistics for December include fourteen above-normal temperature days and five record high-temperature days.

Rainfall Analysis: December's rainfall total was above normal. However, the drought that gripped coastal southwest Florida for much of 2023 reduced the year's total to 34.6 inches -- two-thirds the yearly average of 51.5 inches, and the least since a total of 34.1 inches was recorded in 2008.

Monthly temperature and rainfall data are presented in the graph.

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