

## Waterloo Weather Station Monthly Summary - May 2005

Even with the warmer temperatures at the end of the month it was still a very cold May, with some days almost 10 degrees below the average. The high temperatures for the month were about 2.3 degrees less than average. However it was not the coldest May we have had the station, 2002 was even colder. But we have had a streak of cold temperatures in the month of May with the year 2000 being the last time it was warmer than average.

One of the few good things about the colder than average temperatures was that the tulips and other spring bulbs lasted a lot longer than usual.

Assuming that it doesn't get below freezing again until the fall, the date of the last frost was May 6, although it got close on both the 12th and 18th.

Even the rain at the end of the month couldn't put the total precipitation into the average range, we ended up with only 24.1 mm of precipitation, that is only 30% of the average.

With a dry month, the year-to-date sum of precipitation (278.1 mm) is now a lot below the average (343.8 mm).

Summary for May 2005 :

Maximum Temperature 24.4°C

Minimum Temperature -0.9°C

Average Daily High Temperature 16.6°C (Long term average 18.9°C)

Average Daily Low Temperature 4.8°C (Long term average 6.6°C)

Total Precipitation 24.1 mm (Long term average 78.9 mm)

(Long term averages based on 1970-2000 data for the Waterloo Wellington Airport)