

1934 Driest and Hottest Of 70 Recorded Years

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The year 1934 has been the driest and hottest on record so far, the Weather Bureau asserted today.

The Bureau has been keeping records of precipitation and temperature for seventy years.

"Nothing remotely approaching the severity of this combination appears in the annals of the Weather Bureau," J. B. Kincer, Weather Bureau meteorologist, said.

Other drought years, notably 1894-95, 1901, 1910, 1914 and 1930, were exceedingly dry in many sections, he said, but no previous twelve months had shown such generally deficient rainfall during April, May, June and July.

In addition, to emphasize the seriousness of the situation, Mr. Kincer pointed out that most of the previous dry years were preceded by years of adequate rainfall, while the past three or four years have been abnormally dry in many parts of the country most seriously affected by drought this year.