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Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Normal Annual Precipitation for Five Dust Bowl Towns

Town	Normal Precipitation (inches)
Clovis, New Mexico	17.64
Boise City, Oklahoma (panhandle)	17.00
Dalhart, Texas (panhandle)	17.87
Burlington, Colorado	16.38
Goodland, Kansas	18.02

Note: John Wesley Powell, the great Western explorer, determined that 20 inches of rain annually was the minimum for successful farming on the plains. But, he said, "... at 20 inches agriculture will not be uniformly successful from season to season."

Source: From Randy Francis, *The Texas Dust Bowl in Historical Perspective*, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1998.

Actual Precipitation for Dallam County, Texas (County Seat, Dalhart)

1923	33.40 inches
1924	15.32
1931	14.66
1932	20.09
1933	10.14
1934	9.78
1935	13.31
1936	9.93
1937	14.48
1938	14.08
1939	14.75
1940	12.74

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