

**There just doesn't seem to be any reprieve from the weather. Even though it's the end of August and there are signs of fall's arrival, there continues to be extreme temperatures day after day. Tuesday's reading on one of the clocks at a bank in town was 100 degrees, with upper 90s forecasted for the entire week—again. Well watered gardens can't take the heat either, as indicated by the wilted plants at right. According to a USDA news release on Monday, the drought is one of the worst in over three decades, affecting crop yields and conservation plans.**

(Photos by Jan Rahn)

