

August 2014

For the first time since 2000, there have been no reports of maximum temperatures at or above 100F in Pennsylvania during the summer and in State College, the maximum temperature only rose to or above 80F on 4 occasions, the fewest on record dating to 1887. It was also one of the top 10 wettest summers (Jun-Jul-Aug) on record in a swath from the Pittsburgh metro area to the central mountains. Temperatures averaged between 1 and 4 degrees below normal making it the coolest August in the central and eastern counties since either 1992 or 1994. Severe weather was infrequent due to the cooler conditions with only one tornado reported and a handful of wind and hail occurrences. The regular rains, with only a dozen counties averaging below normal rainfall in August - mainly in the southeast section, were helpful for maturing crops, but also led to an unusual concentration of gnats in many parts of the Commonwealth.