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April 2015 - Pennsylvania Weather Recap

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April temperatures across much of Pennsylvania resembled a roller-coaster ride. April started off with below average temperatures before experiencing a warm up for the mid part of the month. This was all before below normal temperatures settled back into the region for the remainder of April. Additionally, much of Pennsylvania experienced near normal precipitation amounts for the month. The majority of that precipitation fell as rain, however some locations, especially in northwest Pennsylvania, observed wintry precipitation with the cold shots in early and late April.

As far as major weather events go for the month of April, some early season strong to severe thunderstorms moved across central parts of the state on the afternoon of the 20th. Hail up to 1.00 inches in diameter was reported in multiple locations with a maximum hail diameter of 1.50 inches reported in Bedford County. In addition to the hail, a tornado rated EF-0 reportedly touched down in Centre Country roughly 5 miles east of Boalsburg. The vortex remained on the ground for roughly a mile and caused minor roof damage to a barn and downed trees in a field.

Among the major cities in PA, Harrisburg reached the highest maximum temperature of 82° F on April 18th while the lowest minimum temperatures of 19°F was recorded in Bradford on April 1st. Philadelphia recorded the maximum precipitation total in a single day this month with 2.01 inches on April 20th.