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June 2008 - Pennsylvania Weather Recap

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June began with temperatures slightly above average and a majority of the state remained free of precipitation. Showers moved into the state June 3rd with the passage of a cold front resulting in 1.10 inches of rain in Harrisburg. The system moved out the following day leaving behind lingering showers. Towards the end of the week a low pressure system moved into the Midwest putting the Commonwealth in the warm sector, which caused temperatures to soar above average. Throughout the state, temperatures reached into the 90's. In State College, temperatures crested at 90 degrees twice between June 6th and the 10th. Philadelphia broke the previous June 10th record of 97 degrees with a high of 98 degrees. On June 10th a cold front moved through the region bringing rain to the Commonwealth. Temperatures then returned to slightly above normal until the middle of June.

On June 16th another cold front passed through the region putting an end to the above average temperatures. The cold front led to severe weather throughout the state. One inch hail was reported in numerous locations along with damaging winds. The below average temperatures were noted for the next few days as Pittsburgh only saw a high temperature of 64 degrees on June 17th and 18th while Philadelphia measured a high of 75 degrees those days. On June 21st scattered storms moved through the state causing localized heavy rainfall. The month closed out with an unstable atmosphere resulting in scattered thunderstorms daily. The scattered storms closed the month with a bang on June 29th with widespread severe weather and even a tornado warning was issued for areas near Pittsburgh.

Here are the weather extremes across Pennsylvania (**observations taken at 8AM EDT**) during June 2008 from the NWS Cooperative & ASOS Networks of which our office receives routine observations. The extremes occurred in the 24-hour period prior to the date listed.

| Parameter | Location | Value | Date (8 AM EDT) | County |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Highest Temperature | York Haven | 102 °F | June 9 th | York |
| Lowest Temperature | Bradford | 38 °F | June 2 nd | McKean |
| Greatest Cumulative Liquid Precipitation | Connellsville | 6.58" | - | Fayette |