

August 2012 - Pennsylvania Weather Recap

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Compared to previous months, August 2012 averaged much closer to the long-term means in both temperature and precipitation across the state. There were about an equal number of days above and below average with the longest continuous stretch below normal (August 10-22) of below normal days in nearly 16 months in the central and western portions of the Commonwealth. The hottest conditions occurred during the first and last week of the month when readings rose into the 80's and 90's in all locations. Rainfall was more regular, particularly in the Susquehanna Valley, but sections of western Pennsylvania, especially the Laurel Highlands missed the showers from several fronts. The most active weather was during the first ten days of the month with damaging storms on August 5th and 9th. Overall, the eighth month of the year was quite settled with very near seasonal conditions.

Severe thunderstorm counts for the month of August: 5 hail reports, 1 tornado report, and 62 wind reports. The most active severe weather day for the month was August 9th (30 total severe thunderstorm reports).