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## **November 2009 – Pennsylvania Weather Recap**

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Overall, November was unusually warm and dry. Temperatures started out on the cool side and quickly warmed by the second week in the month. Rainfall was sparse throughout the state, occurring in the early parts of the month and then again towards the end of the month.

The first week of the month began cool with temperatures in the 40s to low 50s. By the middle of the second week, there was a significant increase of temperatures (Erie=66°F; Pittsburgh = 71°F; Philadelphia=70°F) which lasted into third week. Philadelphia experienced a temperature departure of +15 degrees on the 15<sup>th</sup>. By the end of the third week and into the final week, temperatures began to decrease slightly, but still remained above normal.

The state was relatively dry during the month of November. On average, most sections were an inch or more below normal precipitation. In the eastern part of the state, some areas experienced a deficit of as much as 3 inches of rain from the normal amounts. Most rain came in the third week of the month with Philadelphia observing 0.81 inches on the 20<sup>th</sup> (Erie saw 0.26 and Pittsburgh saw 0.25 inches both on the 19<sup>th</sup>).

Snowfall was very limited with Erie and Pittsburgh still not measuring snowfall. The most snow came just after Thanksgiving with a few snow squalls in the Laurel Highlands, otherwise there was no appreciable snow in the Commonwealth during November.

Here are the weather extremes across Pennsylvania (**observations taken at 8AM EDT**) during November 2009 from the NWS Cooperative & ASOS Networks. The extremes occurred in the 24-hour period prior to the date listed.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Date (8 AM EDT)</b>	<b>County</b>
Highest Temperature	Waynesburg	<b>78°F</b>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Greene
Lowest Temperature	Clarence	<b>18°F</b>	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Centre
Greatest Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Truce	<b>4.06"</b>	-	Lancaster
Least Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Indiana	<b>0.34"</b>	-	Indiana
Greatest Cumulative Snowfall	Laurel Summit	<b>6"</b>	-	Somerset

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