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November 2011 - Pennsylvania Weather Recap

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After hundreds of thousands of people across eastern Pennsylvania were left without power in the wake of a snowstorm that crippled the Northeast October 29-30, much of November was quite mild across the state with little to no snowfall.

The month started quite chilly with colder-than-average temperatures remaining after the Halloween weekend. The lowest November 5th minimum temperature in Bradford since 1991 occurred with 22 degrees. Cold air and brisk winds entered from the northwest to start out the second week of November, but temperatures seemed to be on a roller coaster ride as Pennsylvania towns alternated their high temperatures between being pleasantly warm and somewhat cool.

Wet snowflakes brought warmth to an end by the end of the third week of November. While nowhere near as heavy or widespread as the late-October snowstorm, some wet snow covered the ground along Lake Erie on November 17th with 0.17" liquid equivalent reported. After heavy rain preceding a storm on Thanksgiving eve that also brought flash flooding to some, Thanksgiving itself was mild due to a large high pressure system that brought clear skies and light winds as highs reached the 50s. Black Friday shoppers endured a chilly early morning and patchy fog, but winds became more southwesterly as the day progressed and temperatures rose above seasonal levels.

There was no snow on the ground on the first day of deer hunting season in Pennsylvania, to help hunters with tracking, but highs in the 50s to upper 60s on the 28th made for an unseasonably warm start to the hunting season. Thirty-one new records of high minimum temperature were set between the 27th and 29th as overnight lows remained warmer than what is considered normal for high temperatures in late November. A slow-moving low pressure system in the Tennessee valley brought a drenching rain to much of the state to round out November on the 29th. Many cities received an inch or more of rain, including 1.41" in Jim Thorpe and 1.35" in Montrose. November ended on a more seasonable note as colder air brought plenty of clouds and scattered snow showers in high elevations on the 30th.

Here are the weather extremes across Pennsylvania (**observations taken at 8AM EDT**) during November 2011 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	Slippery Rock 1 Mi. SSW	75°F	November 10 th	Butler
Lowest Temperature	Oswayo 1 Mi. ENE	16°F	November 6 th	Potter
Greatest Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Middletown 2.9 NW	5.93"	November 1 st - November 30 th	Dauphin
Least Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Ulysses 8.9 SSW	2.06"	November 1 st - November 30 th	Potter
Greatest Snowfall Depth	Saegertown 0.6 WNW	6.8"	November 1 st - November 30 th	Crawford

Links to Pennsylvania Weather Stories during November, 2011

Slow start to Deer Season:

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/weather-overcrowding-in-woods-means-mediocre-first-day-for-hunters-1.1238461#axzz1fCSt9HN>

Whatever the winter brings; PA Turnpike ready:

<http://gantdaily.com/2011/11/27/penn-dot-pa-turnpike-unveil-new-tow-plow-stress-motorist-safety/>

Hummingbirds stay late in PA:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/sports/index.ssf/2011/11/hummingbirds_making_late_fall.html

Flooding destroys \$30K of items at Pa. food bank:

<http://www.abc27.com/story/16112179/flooding-destroys-30k-of-items-at-pa-food-bank>