

Above normal rainfall continued during **October** at a record-level pace in part because of the remnants of tropical storm's Isidore and Lili moved across the Bluegrass State during the 1st nine days of October. Temperatures averaged 57.8 degrees across the State which was about 1 degree above normal. Precipitation totaled 5.89 inches statewide which was 2.84 inches above normal and the 3rd wettest October in the past century.

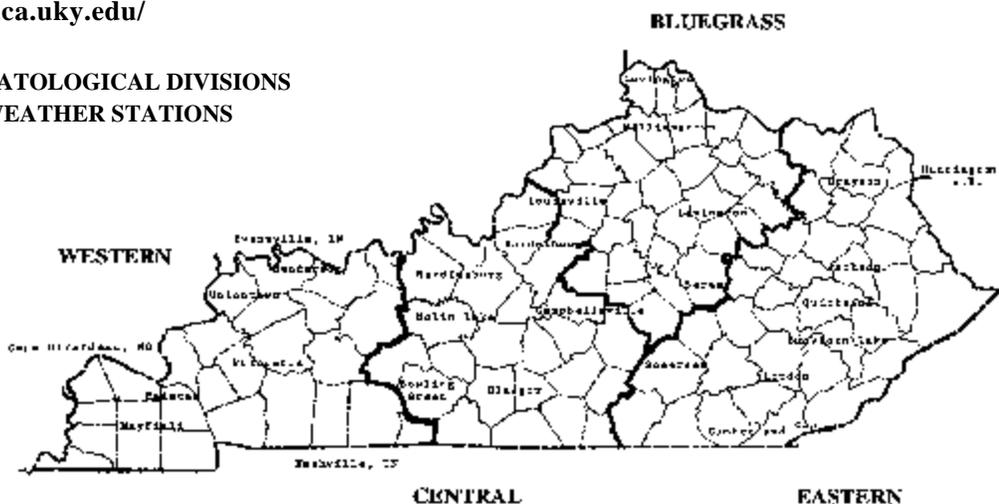
Cooler than normal temperatures and near normal rainfall rounded out the month of **November**. The cooler than normal temperatures for the month were a change from the previous five mild months. Also, even with only near normal rainfall pattern there was still enough rainfall to elevate the total rainfall for September, October and November to the 4th wettest in the past

century. Temperatures averaged 44 degrees across the State which was 2.6 degrees below normal. Precipitation totaled 3.89 inches statewide which was 0.15 inches below normal.

Cooler temperatures the first two weeks of **December** were offset by very mild weather during the latter half of the month especially during the third week when temperatures surged into the low to mid 60's. Baring the very mild week December felt more like colder winter's of the past with morning low temperatures falling below freezing 15 to 20 times and into the teens several times. December was the 27th wettest and 51st coolest December in the past century. In addition, several snow and freezing precip events occurred during the month. Temperatures for the period averaged 37 degrees across the State which was near normal. Precipitation totaled 5.02 inches statewide which was 0.74 inches above normal.

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