

Weather 2005 continued

October - Temperatures averaged above normal. Extremes ranged from 85 degrees F at Indian Mills on the 5th to 28 degrees F at Somerville on the 28th. Precipitation totals were recording breaking above normal, ranging from 4.18 inches at Brant Beach to 18.21 inches at Belvidere Bridge. The greatest 24-hour total was 7.11 inches at Sussex on the 9th.

November - Temperatures averaged well above normal with extremes of 78 degrees F at Moorestown on the 6th and 14 degrees F at Estell Manor on the 26th. Precipitation totals were near to below average at most locations, ranging from 2.69 inches at Brant Beach to 5.49 inches at Greenwood Lake. The greatest 24-hour rainfall was 2.53 inches on the 30th at Greenwood Lake. The greatest 24-hour snowfall was 0.80 inches at Wertsville.

December - Temperatures averaged well below normal with extremes ranging from 65 degrees F at Cranford on the 1st to -10 degrees F at Sussex on the 15th. Precipitation totals were slightly below normal, ranging from 2.78 inches at Millville to 4.96 inches at Mays Landing. The greatest monthly snowfall was 12.5 inches at Sussex.

2005 Growing Season - Overall the weather during the 2005 growing season was difficult. The season had a fairly good start with a lack of any late widespread freezing temperatures or frost. Rainfall was fairly evenly distributed and adequate through the first half of July. Conditions for the second half of the summer turned hot and dry from mid July through September. The season finished on a down note with record precipitation during October.

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