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## **April 2012 - Pennsylvania Weather Recap**

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The saying “April showers bring May flowers,” seems to not work this year because of minimal rain. Flowers were found to bloom early on thanks to the unusually warm weather we received in March, which almost felt like summer. April has shown to be more consistent with the climatology data with the average temperatures in the high 50s to low 60s on a daily basis. That is not to say we didn’t see some interesting weather this month. April 16<sup>th</sup> brought unseasonably warm temperatures with some locations hitting the mid to high 80s which is quite above the local average temperatures. The Commonwealth also saw some interesting precipitation in the form of snow later on April 23<sup>th</sup> which, based on elevation, accumulated to abnormal amounts for this time of year. This day was also recorded as the lowest maximum temperature across the State in many place, as temps were in the mid-30s throughout the snow storm, deemed “Snowpril” by some. Between the ups and the downs, April 2012 averaged very close to normal for temperatures, but was rather dry.

Here are the weather extremes across Pennsylvania (**observations taken at 8AM EDT**) during April 2012 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	Neshaminy Falls	<b>90°F</b>	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bucks
Lowest Temperature	Chandlers Valley 1 Mi. SE	<b>19°F</b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Warren
Greatest Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Thompson 3.9 Mi. WNW	<b>3.83"</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> -April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Susquehanna
Least Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Valley Green 0.8 Mi. ENE	<b>1.05"</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> -April 30 <sup>th</sup>	York
Greatest Snowfall	Laurel Summit	<b>27.1"</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> -April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset

## Links to Pennsylvania Weather Stories during April, 2012

Unusual Erie weather leaves time for extra road construction

<http://www.gannonknight.com/?p=4474>

Vets: Flea, tick season to be worst in years

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/Vets-Flea-tick-season-to-be-worst-in-years/-/121458/9722038/-/ebg33qz/-/index.html>

Scientist say Ticks and Lyme disease worse this season

<http://www.outdoornews.com/April-2012/Scientist-say-Ticks-and-Lyme-disease-worse-this-season/>

**Too Warm for Our Botanical Good?**

[http://blog.pennlive.com/life/2012/04/too\\_warm\\_for\\_our\\_botanical\\_goo.html](http://blog.pennlive.com/life/2012/04/too_warm_for_our_botanical_goo.html)

**Early Season Temperatures Affect Peach Fruit Size**

<http://extension.psu.edu/fruit-times/news/2012/early-season-temperatures-affect-peach-fruit-size>

**Pennsylvania teacher retirement system wagers on weather**

[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/04/pennsylvania\\_teacher\\_retiremen.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/04/pennsylvania_teacher_retiremen.html)

**Mild winter results in huge salt stockpiles**

<http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Mild-winter-leaves-Pa-with-huge-salt-stockpiles-3483458.php>