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November 2010 – Pennsylvania Weather Recap

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November had numerous large changes in the weather pattern! Temperatures started out on the chilly side when Allentown set a record low of 23°F, beating the old record of 24°F set in 1923. The chill did not last as unseasonably warm weather moved in and stayed into the middle November. By the third week, colder air became dammed against the mountains ahead of a storm that allowed for some cities in eastern Pennsylvania to receive their first measurable snowfall of the season. Some reports include 1.4” in Allentown, 1.0” in Williamsport, 0.3” in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area and just a covering in Harrisburg, making a white Thanksgiving morning for some before it changed over to rain. Rounding out November and meteorological fall, a powerful front brought heavy rainfall to much of the state. The heaviest of rains fell in central and western PA where Clearfield tallied 4.04”, St. Mary’s had 3.70” and Pittsburgh 2.95”, which set a daily record rainfall and wettest November day for the city.

Overall, November was close to average, temperature wise. Wet conditions did round out the month which allowed central and western portions of the state to end up above normal for monthly precipitation values. In fact, Pittsburgh had its 4th wettest November filling the buckets 5.97”. However, in the eastern end of the state, the month closed on the drier side, especially in Philadelphia at -1.40” below normal, though downpours greeted the next month.

Here are the weather extremes across Pennsylvania (**observations taken at 8AM EDT**) during November 2010 from the NWS Cooperative & ASOS Networks. 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	78°F	November 13 th	Butler
Lowest Temperature	Chalk Hill	12°F	November 28 th	Fayette
Greatest Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Newburg	8.78"	-	Cumberland
Least Cumulative Liquid Precipitation	Nottingham	2.48"	-	Chester
Greatest Cumulative Snowfall	Laurel Summit	4.1"	-	Somerset

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