

2010 not as wet as 2009

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When people think about the weather throughout 2010, one thing comes to mind. It wasn't nearly as wet as 2009 was.

2010 saw almost exactly 10 inches less precipitation and 23 less inches of snow. In fact, had Holyoke not received the 5.3 inches of snow Thursday night, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31, the total would've been down nearly 29 inches from 2009.

In some ways, the lessor moisture is good, but also bad in other ways. Farmers would've liked to see some more moisture in 2010, however not at times when it would've delayed harvest as it did in 2009.

Holyoke received a total of 17.4 inches of snow and 17.05 inches of precipitation in 2010, according to National Weather Service official weather observer Dan Kafka.

Kafka reported daily highs and lows, as well as precipitation and snowfall for the area.

The 17.4 inches of snow came nowhere to reaching the 40.1 received in 2009. It also didn't reach the 22.1 inches that fell in 2008.

June proved to be the wettest month when 3.67 inches of precipitation was received. June was also the wettest month of 2009 with just under seven inches received.

Summer temperatures climbed a bit higher than 2009—a year when the thermometer never reached triple digits. A high temperature of 102 degrees was recorded July 18. An average monthly high of 89 was recorded in August.

On the other end of the measuring stick, temperatures fell to minus 12 Jan. 9 and February recorded the average monthly low of 14.

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The 2010 yearly average high was 64 while the low was 35.