OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Ohio Quarterly Climate Summary: Sep-Nov 2019

Temperature Summary:

- Autumn 2019 was warmer than average, ranked 22nd warmest, according to records back to 1895*.
- Average temperatures were close to normal across the northwest but ranged between 1-4°F above normal for much of the state (Fig. 1).
- September was particularly warm (record warmest) with very warm overnight lows (Fig. 2).
- Accumulated Precipitation (in) September 01, 2019 to November 30, 2019 0.01 0.1 0.5 1 1.5 2 3 4 5 7.5 10 12.5 15 Stations from the following networks used: WHM, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, COMMENTER Required Comment of HMATE: MRCC Application Tools Environment Generated at: 12920229 39.43-44 M CST

Figure 3



-5 Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSU, Midwestern Regional Climate Center climATE: MRC6 Application Tools Environment Generated at: 1/29/2020 9:29:34 AM CST

Figure 1

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals September 01, 2019 to September 30, 2019



Figure 2



Precipitation Summary:

- Autumn 2019 precipitation was below average for much of Ohio and ranks as the 40th driest fall on record.*
- The greatest totals fell across far northwest and far southeast Ohio (Fig. 3).
- A SW-NE oriented corridor through the middle of state received less than 75% of normal precipitation during this period. (Fig. 4).

Regional summary provided by NOAA: https://www.drought.gov/drought/documents/quarterly-climate-impacts-and-outlook-midwestregion-june-2018.

*Maps provided by cli-MATE. Midwestern Regional Climate Center, Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, http:mrcc.illinois.edu/CLIMATE.



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Hot Topic Corner:

- What a difference Autumn 2019 was to that of 2018 or the first half of 2019.
- Many areas across SW Ohio had received more than 30 inches of precipitation by June 30th only to see 12-15 inches during the remainder of the year.
- By Oct. 1st, 81% of the state was abnormally dry with about 26% of Ohio in moderate drought conditions by month's end (Fig. 5).
- Though harvest season was generally smoother than 2018, the dry conditions did stress crops a bit during the last half of the season. There were reports of field/combine fires as well (Fig. 6).





Figure 5: Peak drought conditions as depicted by the U.S. Drought Monitor (<u>https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/</u>).



Figure 6: Field fire in SW Ohio. Photos Courtesy of Sam Custer – Darke Co. Extension Educator

Outlook:

- The Climate Prediction Center depicts EC of above, below, or near average temperatures for February – April (FMA; Fig. 7).
- Elevated probability of aboveaverage precipitation across the Ohio Valley (Fig. 8).

