

AccuWeather® 7-Day Forecast for Lancaster and Surrounding Areas

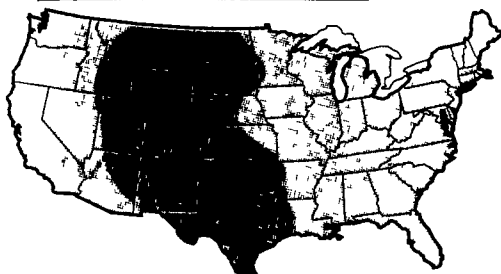
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Times of clouds and sun, not as warm and less humid. High 83, Low 56 UV 6	Partly sunny and nice High 84, Low 62 UV 8	Partly sunny and warm High 88, Low 68 UV 8	Clouds and sun, shower or t-storm possible, humid High 84, Low 62 UV: 6	Mostly sunny and warm High 86, Low 66 UV 7	Partly sunny and warm High 88, Low 66 UV 8	Clouds and sun, chance for a t-storm High 84, Low 62 UV 6

The local 7-Day Forecast is for Lancaster County. The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2, minimal; 3-4, low; 5-6, moderate; 7-9, high; 10 or above, very high.

The Week Ahead

Temperatures



Almanac

For the week ending Wednesday, Aug 13

Temperature
 High 85
 Low 69
 Normal high for week ahead 83
 Normal low for week ahead 63

Precipitation

Total last week 0.43"
Month to date 1.43"
Normal month to date 1.51"
Year to date 25.71"
Last year to date 21.27"
Normal year to date 26.83"

Growing Degree Days

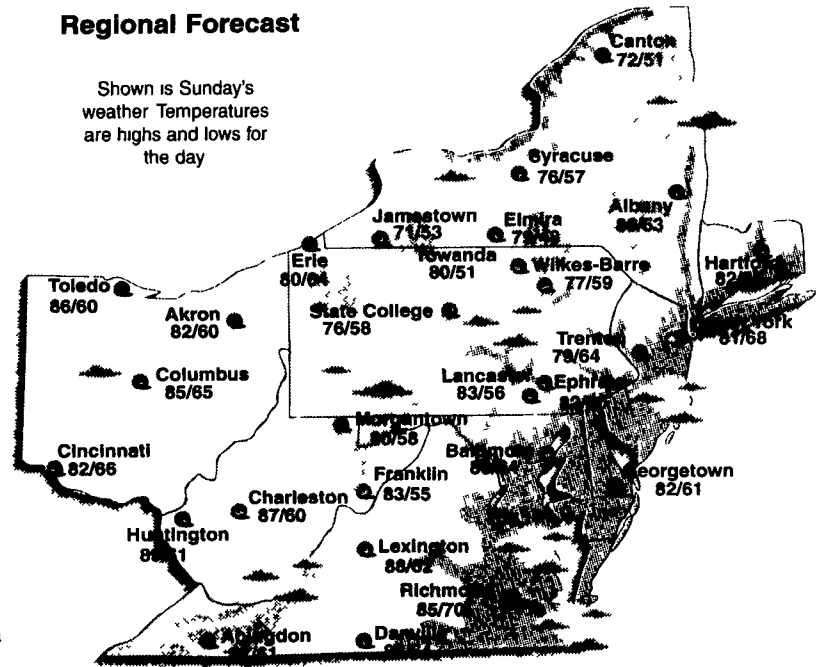
Month to date 340
Season to date 1993

Farming Forecast

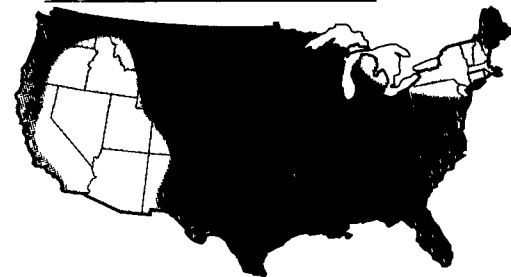
A cool front will be offshore and another upper-air trough will be over the region Sunday. There is a chance for a shower or thunderstorm Sunday, but there is a better chance east. Highs will be in the low 80s. The humidity will drop off, averaging between 50-55 percent in the afternoon. It will remain dry through most of Tuesday. A cold front can bring a shower or thunderstorm Tuesday night.

Regional Forecast

Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are highs and lows for the day.



Precipitation



Above Normal

Near Normal

Below Normal

Last Week's Precipitation Lancaster

August 07	0.10"
August 08	0.00"
August 09	0.01"
August 10	0.01"
August 11	0.31"
August 12	0.00"
August 13	0.00"

30-Day Temperature Outlook

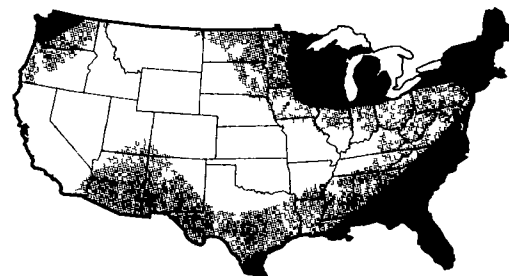


Above Normal

Near Normal

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30-Day Precipitation Outlook



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High Energy Double Crops



Plant Now through Early September for Fall Harvest

MARSHALL Annual Ryegrass

Marshall has consistently been at or near the top for first cut yields in western Maryland trials and in our own test field this spring. It is a diploid variety with excellent winter hardiness. Best fits in double crop program followed by corn.

ZORRO Italian Ryegrass

Zorro best fits for grazing and multiple harvest cropping programs with sorghum sudan as the following crop. It is better than Marshall for no-tilling into thin alfalfa, and has better forage quality than Marshall. We were pleased with the good reports we got on Zorro this spring, even though Zorro, along with most annual and Italian ryegrasses planted late had some winter injury. Some early planted Zorro (that wasn't harvested due to wet fields) had injury because of excessive growth going into winter. In most cases it grew back very well.

A Comparison of Marshall and Zorro

	MARSHALL (diploid)	ZORRO (tetraploid)
FORAGE QUALITY	Very Good	Excellent, higher cell contents, less cell wall. More milk per lb. Sweeter and more digestible.
YIELD	Very High Early Yield	Uniform Spring Yield
HEADINESS	Usually very heady after main growth	Very leafy, but some heads from mid May-late June. Heady in Jul
WINTER HARDINESS	Similar (high for an. ryegrass)	Similar to Marshall
BEST FIT	One cut system in double crop with corn	Multiple cut system and grazing in double crop with BMR sorghum sudan or late corn

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PERUN Festulolium

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Note: Ryegrasses and festuloliums are slower to dry than most grasses. They are best used for balage and grazing.

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