

| Weather Record | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date | 7-16 | 7-17 | 7-18 | 7-19 | 7-20 | 7-21 | 7-22 |
| High | 87.6 | 86.2 | 87.4 | 89.6 | 90.2 | 81 | 79.1 |
| Low | 71.1 | 73 | 73.4 | 71 | 71.2 | 69.7 | 68.5 |
| Prec | 0.09 | 0.52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | 1.83 |

Reporting period for each day runs from midnight to midnight. Statistics from Kentucky Mesonet's Bengal Station.

Kentucky is now compliant with REAL ID

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced Saturday the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said the Commonwealth is fully compliant with REAL ID Act regulations following the pilot launch of new driver's licenses, permits and IDs in Franklin and Woodford counties.

The designation allows Kentuckians to use their current state driver's license and the new standard credential to board domestic flights and visit military bases until federal enforcement begins Oct. 1, 2020.

"Our regular check-ins with DHS gave us confidence compliant status would be granted as the state has made major strides by issuing new creden-

tials in two pilot counties," said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Henderson. "We continue to fine-tune the system before deploying to other counties so Kentuckians have a more seamless experience when it is time to renew. Gathering and updating needed documentation now is key for citizens to have a successful visit when applying for a new card."

Hart County was planned to be part of the initial rollout but has been delayed. Green and other adjacent counties have yet to be scheduled for the new licenses. A phased, county-by-county rollout will begin after the pilot period ends. Dates will be updated on the drive.ky.gov/confidentky website as the rollout approaches in each county.

Farm report

Tropical Storm Barry's exit dominates this week's weather

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Kentucky experienced above normal temperatures and rainfall over the past week.

Precipitation for the week totaled 1.40 inches, 0.42 inches above normal. Temperatures averaged 80 degrees for the week, 3 degrees above normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 10 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.3 out of a possible seven.

Primary activities last week included scouting fields for incidences of disease, topping tobacco, and cutting hay.

The remnants of Tropical Storm Barry worked through the region over the first half of the work week, resulting in multiple rounds of storms. Once again, a very moist air mass led to torrential rainfall from time to time. Several locations recorded 2 to 3-plus inches.

As the remnants of Barry moved away from the region mid-week, focus then turned to oppressive heat moving into the area through the weekend. An 'Excessive Heat Warning' was issued for much of the state as temperatures rose into the upper 80s to middle 90s for highs.

A very sticky air mass with dewpoints in the middle to upper 70s led to heat indices between 100 and 110 degrees during the day.

This was ultimately the warmest period of the year thus far and pushed livestock heat stress into the danger to emergency category each day. Looking back, the state has now gone four straight weeks of above normal temperatures.

Temperatures for the period averaged 80 degrees across the state which was 3 degrees warmer than normal and 2 degrees warmer than the previous period.

High temperatures averaged from 87 in the West to 88 in the East. Departure from normal high temperatures ranged from 3 degrees cooler than normal in the West to 1 degree warmer than normal in the East. Low temperatures averaged from 73 degrees in the West to 71 degrees in the East. Departure from normal low temperatures ranged from 5 degrees warmer than normal in the West to 7 degrees warmer than normal in the East.

The extreme high temperature for the period was 96 degrees at Louisville and the extreme low was 66 degrees at Owingsville.

Precipitation totals in West 1.50 inches, Central 0.91 inches, Bluegrass 1.99 inches and East 1.20 inches.

Farmers' Market



Photos by Crystal Cecil and Clevis Jeffries

Parents registered for door prizes and children received snacks and a treat at the Duck Pond at the LCDH Services table by Health Educator Jackie Hodges. The Farmers' Market on Green River drew a crowd July 17 with a variety of tables and community members to visit.



Attendees to Farmers' Market on Green River Fun Day July 17 visited a number of booths offering a range of services.



Vendors Patsy and Chase Bishop sold a selection of items during the Farmers' Market on Green River Fun Day July 17, which was hosted by the Green County Health Department.

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