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The summer months of 2010, known more often as dry times in Chase County, were quite the opposite in 2010.

Those months saw some of the best moisture totals in recent memory, and when all 12 months were tallied for the year, it slightly exceeded 2009, one of the best years for moisture on record.

In 2010, a total of 26.39 inches of moisture were recorded, just edging the 26.27 inches received in 2009.

However, the year 2010 concluded with far less snowfall than 2009 (23.3 inches vs. 43.4). February, 2010 was the biggest month for snow, when 7.5 inches was measured. That's exactly half of 2009's best month for snow when 15 inches was recorded in October, 2009.

More plentiful summer rains helped the year's total continue on its trend of bypassing the amount of moisture from the year before.

2010 marked the fourth straight year that moisture was higher than the previous one.

The month of June, 2010, was remarkably wet with 7.76 inches recorded in its 30 days. Rain was recorded on 11 days that month, with the most in one 24-hour period—3.09 inches—falling on June 20.

The second wettest month of the year was August's 4.82 inches of moisture.

Unlike the weather year of 2009, corn producers didn't have to wait until the winter months last year to finish harvest. Corn farmers had one of the best years for harvest in 2010 than many could remember with just over an inch of moisture in the busy harvest months of October and November.

Few temperature extremes

Only three days in 2010 saw temperatures at 100 degrees or above, while seven days dipped below zero.

The year's warmest days all came in July, with July 17 coming in as the warmest at 102 degrees.

Two other days, July 13 and July 27, hit the 100-degree mark.

That was a bit different than the year before when there were no days registering temperatures over 100 degrees.

January and December, 2010, also included days at the other extreme, below zero.

Seven days dropped into the below zero category, with the lowest reading at -15 degrees on

Jan. 7 and 8, 2010.

The mercury dipped to -6 on Jan. 6 and 9, hit -5 on Jan. 10, and the 2010 year closed out on Dec. 30 and 31 with low readings of -1 and -2.