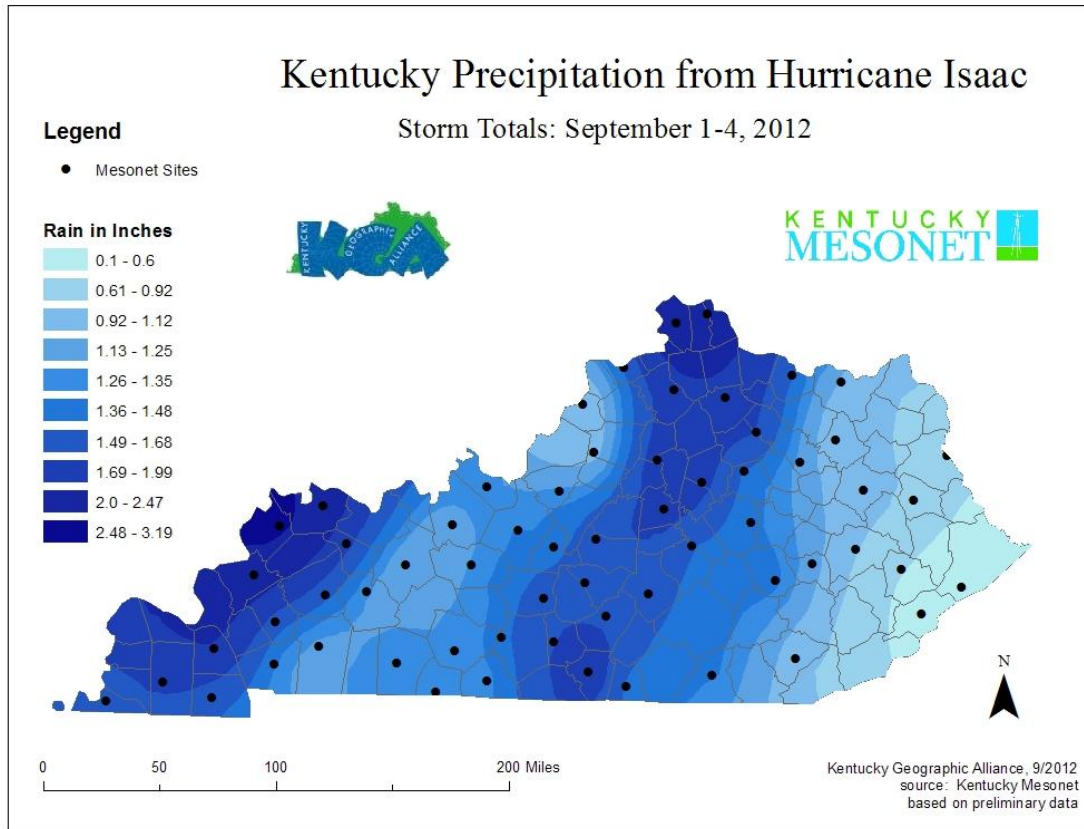

KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

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Throughout the summer, drought conditions have occurred in Kentucky, especially in the western parts of the state. However, limited drought relief came over Labor Day weekend in the form of tropical rains provided by the remnant circulation of Hurricane Isaac. 1 to 3 inches of rain were common throughout the state as recorded by the [Kentucky Mesonet](http://www.kymesonet.org).

There are several ways to bring this event into your current curriculum. Have students investigate [drought impacts](#) in the state. Did this rain event really make a difference? Also, be sure to point out that this rain was caused by the remnants of [Hurricane Isaac](#) and use that connection to teach students about [tropical systems](#) and their impacts on the U.S. and elsewhere. Finally, use the [daily weather maps](#) to look at other historical events in Kentucky or the United States.

- Courier Journal: “Much Needed Rain Won’t Put Dent in Drought”: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20120903/NEWS01/309030027/Much-needed-rain-won-t-put-dent-drought>
- Kentucky Mesonet: <http://www.kymesonet.org/>
- Hydrometeorological Prediction Center: “Daily Weather Map”:
<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/dailywxmap/index.html>
- Climate Prediction Center: “Drought Monitoring”:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/monitoring_and_data/drought.shtml
- U.S. Drought Monitor for Kentucky: http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KY,MW
- National Hurricane Center: “Tropical Cyclone Climatology”: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/climo/>