

Sometimes less is best in corn-eating contest

IOWA CITY, Iowa – The University of Iowa has shucked its ban on an annual corn-eating contest after removing the glutty. Phillip Jones, the school's vice president for student services, said many people asked what he had against corn – the state's hallmark crop – after he canceled the all-you-can-eat contest last year.

"I got a lot of complaints from around the state," he said. "Why do you have something against corn?" It's not the corn; it's the concept.

The contest, part of a week's celebration leading up to the annual football game against Iowa State, will be allowed this year – but students will compete to see who can eat a single ear of corn the fastest, not who can eat the most.

"They are doing it in a short and fun way and promoting the state's major product," Jones said.



Stuck in the middle with ewe

MANSFIELD, Mass. – A solitary sheep is living life in the fast lane. An animal shelter worker spotted the sheep last week grazing just feet from traffic on a wooded highway median near Mansfield.

How it got there is a mystery, but police first received reports of the animal about a year ago at the junction of Interstates 495 and 95.

A number of rescue efforts have failed because the animal is afraid of people, and authorities are wary of using tranquilizers because a drugged animal could wander onto the road.

North Attleboro shelter volunteer Linda Faber contacted a sanctuary in New York that offered some suggestions for catching the sheep. One idea is to set up a pen with another sheep to take advantage of the flock instinct.

"The longer that the sheep is there, the more likely he or she will be too wild to approach, and the most likely problem of course is that the sheep will be injured by a motorist," said Susie Coston, national shelter director for the Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Faber said she has three farms willing to take the sheep if it can be captured.

"A sheep doesn't belong in the middle of the highway," she said.

— From news service reports

WEATHER

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TODAY
High 70
Cooler and pleasant with sunshine. Winds: N at 7-14 mph.

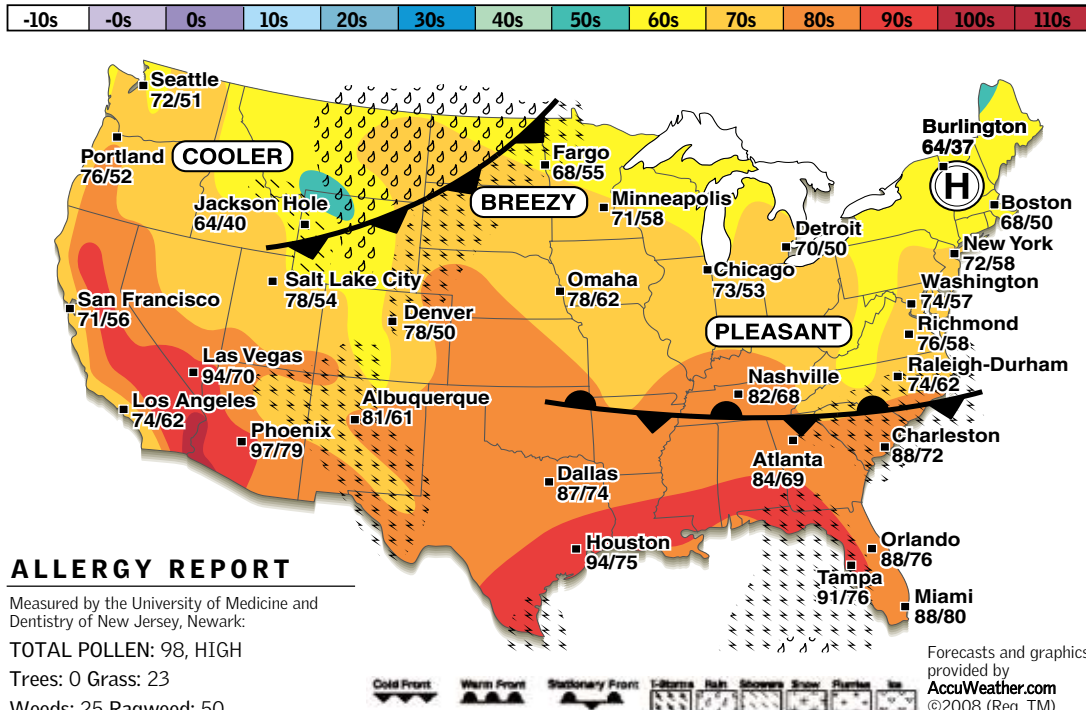
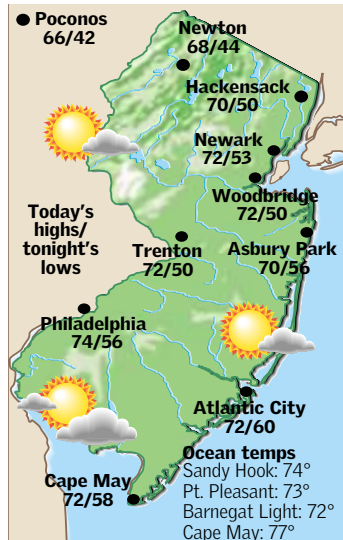
TONIGHT
Low 50
Clear and cool. Winds: NNE at 3-6 mph.

TOMORROW
High 73, Low 55
Pleasant with plenty of sun. Winds: SSE at 6-12 mph.

FRIDAY
High 77, Low 62
Clouds and breaks of sun. Winds: S at 6-12 mph.

SATURDAY
High 78, Low 62
Rather cloudy, a t-storm possible. Winds: E at 7-14 mph.

SUNDAY
High 84, Low 65
Mostly cloudy, a t-storm possible. Winds: S at 8-16 mph.



CITY	Today			Tomorrow		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	69	54	s	76	62	pc
Athens	87	71	s	88	71	s
Baghdad	105	90	s	103	70	s
Barcelona	81	68	pc	79	69	pc
Beijing	82	63	r	86	59	s
Beirut	80	74	s	81	74	s
Berlin	74	58	r	74	56	pc
Bermuda	84	78	pc	84	78	pc
Budapest	84	63	s	78	59	pc
Buenos Aires	68	52	pc	64	43	pc
Cairo	96	74	s	96	73	s
Cape Town	56	41	pc	61	45	pc
Caracas	90	70	t	82	72	pc
Copenhagen	66	57	r	68	52	sh
Dubai	101	84	s	102	83	s
Dublin	63	54	r	61	50	sh
Florence	87	68	c	94	67	pc
Geneva	74	60	c	73	59	pc
Glasgow	62	56	sh	66	51	sh
Hamburg	71	52	sh	72	52	pc
Havana	84	72	r	88	76	t
Hong Kong	91	81	pc	91	81	pc
Istanbul	78	66	s	83	66	s
Jamaica	88	77	c	89	79	pc
Jerusalem	85	63	s	86	63	s
Kuala Lumpur	90	76	t	90	76	t
Lima	70	61	pc	69	59	pc
Lisbon	81	64	pc	75	61	pc
London	72	54	pc	72	55	pc
Madrid	88	61	pc	84	57	pc
Manila	83	78	t	86	77	r
Mexico City	73	55	t	74	53	t
Monaco	79	67	pc	79	67	pc
Montreal	64	49	s	70	53	pc
Munich	77	58	sh	79	57	pc
Mumbai	87	79	t	90	85	t
Nassau	90	75	c	87	75	t
New Delhi	91	77	c	93	76	sh
Paris	79	61	pc	83	64	r
Rio de Janeiro	85	75	pc	89	76	s
Rome	86	69	pc	88	68	pc
San Juan	88	77	sh	88	77	pc
Seoul	84	68	pc	88	66	c
Shanghai	84	72	pc	82	73	t
Singapore	86	77	t	86	78	t
Sydney	63	45	pc	64	52	s
Tehran	90	78	pc	90	70	pc
Tokyo	81	72	s	82	72	pc
Toronto	64	51	s	70	58	pc
Venice	80	65	pc	83	67	pc
Vienna	82	63	pc	79	63	pc
Warsaw	73	56	pc	63	50	c

ALMANAC
Readings from Newark Airport for the 24-hour period through 6 p.m. yesterday.

Yesterday's High: 75. Low: 67
Records: 94 in 1964 and 48 in 1938
Normal High: 78. Low: 62
Precipitation: 0.55"
Month to date: 4.30" Normal: 1.23"
Year to date: 34.25" Normal: 32.98"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS
Index of fuel consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was above 65 for the day; negative values count as zero.

Yesterday (through 6 p.m.): 6
Year to date: 1179
Last year to date: 1125

AIR QUALITY INDEX
AIR QUALITY INDEX: Moderate
Source: NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection

COMFORT INDEX: On a scale of 0-10, where 0 is least comfortable and 10 is most comfortable for this time of year.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX: Rating is on a scale of 0-10, with 10 the highest danger level.

TIDES
SANDY HOOK
High: 4:29 a.m. and 4:51 p.m.
Low: 10:44 a.m. and 11:31 p.m.
BARNEGAT LIGHT
High: 4:18 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.
Low: 10:42 a.m. and 11:29 p.m.
LONG ISLAND (at Fire Island Inlet)
High: 3:49 a.m. and 4:11 p.m.
Low: 9:55 a.m. and 10:42 p.m.
HACKENSACK RIVER (Hackensack)
High: 6:19 a.m. and 6:34 p.m.
Low: 12:36 a.m. and 12:37 p.m.

ALLERGY REPORT
Measured by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark.

TOTAL POLLEN: 98, HIGH
Trees: 0 Grass: 23
Weeds: 25 Ragweed: 50

A total count of 20-200 is moderate; over 200 is high; over 2,000 is very high.

TOTAL MOLD: 2472, MODERATE
Over 900 is moderate; over 2,500 is high; over 10,000 is very high.

SUN AND MOON
Sun Rise today: 6:32 a.m. 4:50 p.m.
Set today: 7:13 p.m. 1:15 a.m.
Rise tomorrow: 6:33 a.m. 5:22 p.m.

MOON PHASES
Full Sep 15 Last Sep 22 New Sep 29 First Oct 7

CITY	Today			Tomorrow		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baltimore	74	54	s	76	60	s
Baltimore	64	46	r	73	51	pc
Boise	78	50	s	78	51	s
Boiling	73	50	s	79	60	t
Charlotte	77	62	r	75	66	r
Cincinnati	78	55	s	85	67	s
Columbus, OH	76	54	s	82	64	s
Concord	68	39	s	72	43	s
Fairbanks	54	42	sh	54	40	c
Green Bay	68	48	s	77	57	t
Hartford	66	42	s	73	49	s
Honolulu	88	74	s	88	73	s
Indianapolis	76	56	s	81	67	s
Jackson, MS	90	72	c	88	75	t
Jacksonville	88	74	t	87	73	t
Lewiston, ME	68	38	s	67	43	s
Little Rock	82	68	c	89	72	t
Louisville	78	64	s	84	71	s
Memphis	84	72	c	90	74	pc
Mobile	89	76	t	85	76	t
Newark	72	53	s	73	57	s
New Orleans	90	80	t	90	80	c
Oklahoma City	75	67	c	84	69	t
Philadelphia	74	56	s	76	59	s
Pittsburgh	72	50	s	78	60	s
Providence	68	48	s	71	51	s
San Antonio	90	75	pc	95	77	pc
San Diego	71	65	pc	74	66	pc
Sioux Falls	73	62	pc	76	53	r
St. Louis	76	64	s	85	70	pc
Wichita	80	65	pc	82	66	t
Wheeling	74	52	s	76	62	s

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