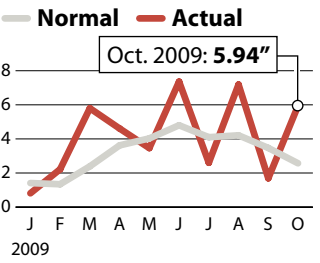


Wet year for growing

Compared with a normal year, 2009 has had one of the wettest growing seasons on record for Rock River Valley farmers. In March, June and August the area received a minimum of 2.5 inches of rain above normal. In June and August the rainfall exceeded 7 inches for the month.



Source: National Weather Service
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