

Flood Event of 10/5/1786 - 10/5/1786

Main Stem Susquehanna

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Harrisburg	17.00	10/5/1786	22.00	-9,999	Missing	Lower Main Stem Susquehanna	Susquehanna River	Dauphin	Dauphin
Wilkes-Barre	22.00	10/5/1786	-9999.00	189,000	Missing	Upper Main Stem Susquehanna	Susquehanna River	Luzerne	Luzerne

Weather Summary

Rainfall on October 5-6 caused a major flood on Susquehanna River and its tributaries. In Sunbury, PA, water was up to the first story of many houses. As a result, residents had to be rescued from the second story by canoe. Several houses and farms were completely destroyed.

Source: Meginness, John Franklin. Lycoming County Its Organization and Condensed History for One Hundred Years. Williamsport, PA: Gazette and Bulletin Pub. House,

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 1 that occurred in Oct, 1786

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Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 2

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 2