

Narrative Summary – March 2014

The March 2014 average temperature was above normal, averaging 47.6°F, 1.1° above normal (46.5°F).

The warmest March (1992) averaged 51.5°F, while the coldest (1955) averaged 39.4°F. The following no daily temperature records were established in March 2014:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
2	Low Maximum	26	26	1960 (Tied)
5	High Maximum	68	68	1972 (Tied)
6	High Minimum	46	43	1979
9	High Minimum	50	47	1983
10	High Minimum	45	45	2012+ (Tied)
16	High Minimum	48	47	1994

Precipitation for March 2014 totaled 1.00 inches, 175% of normal (0.57 inch). The wettest March (1957) received 1.86 inches, while the driest (1968) received 0.02 inch. A total of a 1.5 inches of snow was recorded during the month, compared to a normal of 0.4 inch, and a maximum snowfall of 4.2 inches (1951). Snowfall for the 2013-2014 snowfall season (through March) is 14.2 inches, compared to a normal of 15.2 inches. Total precipitation for 2014 (through March) is 2.49 inches, 113% of normal (2.21 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2014 was 9.1 miles per hour (mph), which was 1.2 mph above normal (7.9 mph). The windiest March (1964 and 1977) averaged 10.7 mph, while the March with the lightest winds (1958) averaged 5.9 mph. The peak gust for March 2014 was 48 mph on March 17. The record wind gust for March was 70 mph in 1956.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.