

Narrative Summary – March 2015

The March 2015 average temperature was above normal, averaging 51.5°F, 5.0° above normal (46.5°F). The warmest March (1992) averaged 51.5°F (March 2015 tied this record), while the coldest March (1955) averaged 39.4°F. The following new daily temperature records were established in March 2015:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
9	High Maximum	76	75	2005
12	High Maximum	71	70	2007
14	High Maximum	72	72	1992 (Tied)
14	High Minimum	50	48	2003
27	High Maximum	78	77	1994

Precipitation for March 2015 totaled 0.65 inches, 14% above normal (0.57 inch). The wettest March (1957) received 1.86 inches, while the driest March (1968) received 0.02 inch. No 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 2014-2015 snowfall season (through March) was 1.4 inches, compared to a normal of 15.2 inches, 91% below normal. Our last measureable snowfall was January 4th, which is our 2nd earliest last measureable snowfall (records began in 1944-45 season). Total precipitation for 2015 (through March) is 1.74 inches, 21% below normal (2.21 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2015 was 7.6 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.3 mph below 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 2015 was SW at 50 mph on March 15. 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.