

Narrative Summary – March 2016

The March 2016 average temperature was above normal, averaging 48.0°F, 1.5° above normal (46.5°F). The warmest March (1992 and 2015) averaged 51.5°F, while the coldest March (1955) averaged 39.4°F. No daily temperature records were established in March 2016.

Precipitation for March 2015 totaled 1.01 inches, above the normal of 0.57 inches. 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 2015-2016 snowfall season (through March) was 14.1 inches, below the normal of 15.2 inches. Our last measureable snowfall was February 3rd. Total precipitation for 2016 (through March) is 2.75 inches, above normal (2.21 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2015 was 9.3 miles per hour (mph), which was 1.4 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 2016 was W at 55 mph on March 1st. 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.