

Narrative Summary – March 2017

The March 2017 average temperature was slightly above normal, averaging 46.8°F, 0.3° above normal (46.5°F). The warmest March (1992 and 2015) averaged 51.5°F, while the coldest March (1955) averaged 39.4°F. The following daily temperatures records were established during March 2017:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
15	High Minimum	50	50	1992 Tied

Precipitation for March 2017 totaled 0.79 inches, 44% above the normal (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 inches, and a maximum snowfall of 4.2 inches (1951). Snowfall for the 2016-2017 season was 28.0 inches, 83% above the normal (15.3 inches). Total precipitation for 2017 is 4.00 inches, 81% above normal (2.21 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2017 was 8.7 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.8 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 2017 was SW at 55 mph on March 18. 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.