

## Narrative Summary – March 2018

March 2018 was slightly below normal, averaging 45.8°F, 0.7° below normal (46.5°F). The warmest March (1992 and 2015) averaged 51.5°F while the coldest March (1955) averaged 39.4°F. There were no daily temperature records were established in March 2018.

Precipitation for March 2018 totaled 0.35 inches, 61% of normal (0.57 inches). The wettest March (1957) received 1.86 inches, while the driest March (1968) received 0.02 inch. Precipitation for 2018 (through March) has totaled 1.80 inches, 81% of normal (2.21 inches). No snow was recorded during March 2018, compared to a normal of 0.4 inches, and a maximum snowfall of 4.2 inches (1951). Snowfall for the 2017-2018 season has totaled 6.8 inches, 44% of normal (15.3 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2018 was 8.8 miles per hour (mph), 0.9 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 2018 was 41 mph from the WSW on March 22. 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.