

Narrative Summary – May 2014

May 2014 was warmer than normal, averaging 65.6°F, 3.5° above normal (62.1°F). The warmest May (1947) averaged 68.7°F, while the coolest (1984) averaged 56.0°F. The following temperature record was established during May 2014:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
11	High Minimum	59	59	1958 (Tie)

Precipitation for May 2014 totaled 0.24 inches, 47% of normal (0.51 inch). The wettest May (1972) received 2.03 inches, while the driest (1992 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2014 (through May) is 3.11 inches, 95% of normal (3.27 inches).

The average wind speed for May 2014 was 9.4 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.6 mph below above (8.8 mph). The windiest May (1983) averaged 10.7 mph, while the May with the lightest winds (1957) averaged 5.8 mph. The peak gust for May 2014 was 41 mph on May 16. The record wind gust for May was 71 mph in 1948.

The spring season (March, April and May) was slightly warmer than normal, averaging 56.2°F, 2.2° above normal (54.0°F). The warmest spring (1992) averaged 58.2°F, while the coolest spring (1955) averaged 48.0°F. Spring season precipitation totaled 1.62 inches, 99% of normal (1.63 inches). The wettest spring (1995) received 3.28 inches, while the driest (1968) received only 0.09 inch.

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 pertain 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.