

## Narrative Summary – October 2015

October 2015 was warmer than normal, averaging 59.9°F, 6.8° above normal (53.1°F). This makes October 2015 the warmest October on record. This broke the previous warmest October (1988) which averaged 59.6°F. The coolest October (1984) averaged 47.9°F. The following temperature records were observed during the month:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
7	High Minimum	57	57	2014+ (tie)
9	High Maximum	84	84	1945 (tie)
10	High Maximum	86	86	1996 (tie)
30	High Maximum	76	75	1967
30	High Minimum	54	51	2012

Precipitation for October 2015 totaled 0.28 inch, 57% of normal (0.49 inch). The wettest October (1957) received 2.72 inches, while the driest (1987 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2015 (through October) is 3.84 inches, 77% of normal (5.00 inches).

The average wind speed for October 2015 was 7.8 miles per hour (mph), which was 1.1 mph above normal (6.7 mph). The windiest October (1946) averaged 9.1 mph, while the October with the lightest winds (1952) averaged 4.4 mph. The peak gust for October 2015 was 55 mph on October 10. The record wind gust for October was 72 mph in 1997.

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.