

Narrative Summary – March 2010

March 2010 was slightly warmer than normal, averaging 46.9°F, 0.8° above normal (46.1°F). The warmest March (1992) averaged 51.5°F, while the coldest (1955) averaged 39.4°F. The following records were established in March 2010:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
31	Low Minimum	28	28	2008 and others

Precipitation for March 2010 totaled 0.20 inch, 34% of normal (0.58 inch). The wettest March (1957) received 1.86 inches, while the driest (1968) received 0.02 inch. A total of 0.0 inches of 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 2009-2010 snowfall season (through March) is 4.8 inches, compared to a normal of 15.4 inches. Total precipitation for 2010 (through March) is 2.00 inches, 94% of normal (2.13 inches).

The average wind speed for March 2010 was 8.3 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.4 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 2010 was 50 mph on March 29 and 12. 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.