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The average temperature at Richmond International Airport was 59.1 degrees, which was 0.9 degrees above normal. The average high temperature was 71.4 or 1.1 degrees above normal. The average low temperature was 46.9 degrees or 0.8 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 85 degrees on the 4th. The lowest temperature was 33 degrees on the 16th and 17th. There were 0 days with minimum temperatures below 32 degrees, which is 1.3 days below normal.

Precipitation came in at 4.05 inches, which is 0.78 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 1.45 inches on the 25th. There were 7 days with measurable rainfall, which is 3.0 days below normal. No snowfall fell in April, which is 0.1 inches below normal.

There were 346 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 41.5 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 304.5 GDD. The highest was on the 14th, at 21.5 GDD.

For 2014, precipitation has reached 13.60 inches, which is 0.49 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 44.4 degrees, which is 2.0 degrees below normal.

There were no daily records set at the Richmond International Airport in April.

...Near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation characterized Norfolk weather in April...

The average temperature at Norfolk International Airport was 58.0 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees below normal. The average high temperature was 67.0 or 0.6 degrees below normal. The average low temperature was 49.0 degrees or 0.1 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 85 degrees on the 4th. The lowest temperature was 37 degrees on the 16th. There were 0 days with minimum temperatures below 32 degrees, which is 0.1 days below normal.

Precipitation came in at 4.87 inches, which is 1.46 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 2.33 inches from the 15th to the 16th. There were 9 days with measurable rainfall, which is 1.1 days below normal. No snowfall fell in April, which is normal.

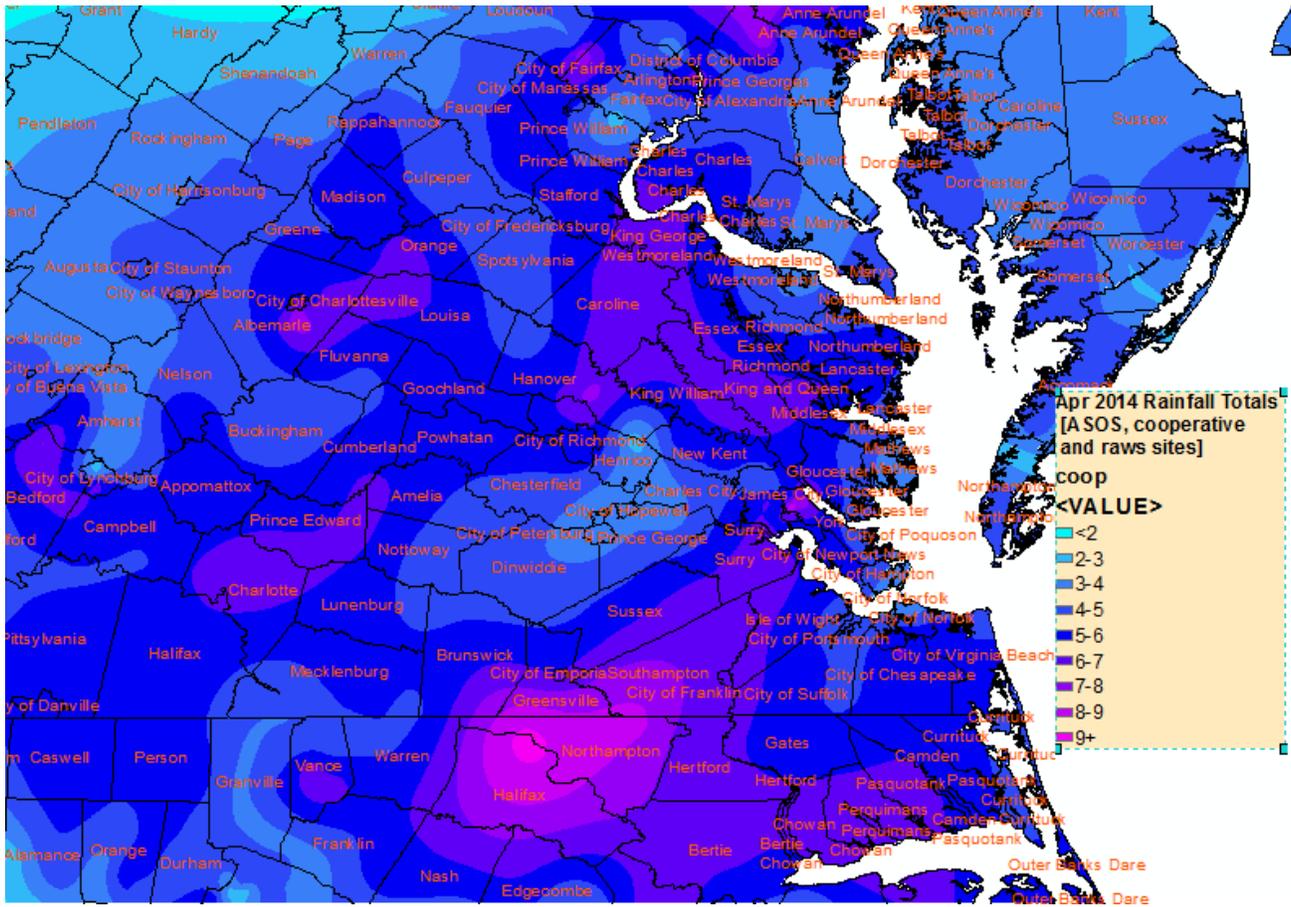
There were 286.5 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 13.5 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 273 GDD. The highest was on the 14th, at 22 GDD.

For 2014, precipitation has reached 14.98 inches, which is 1.37 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 45.7 degrees, which is 2.0 degrees below normal.

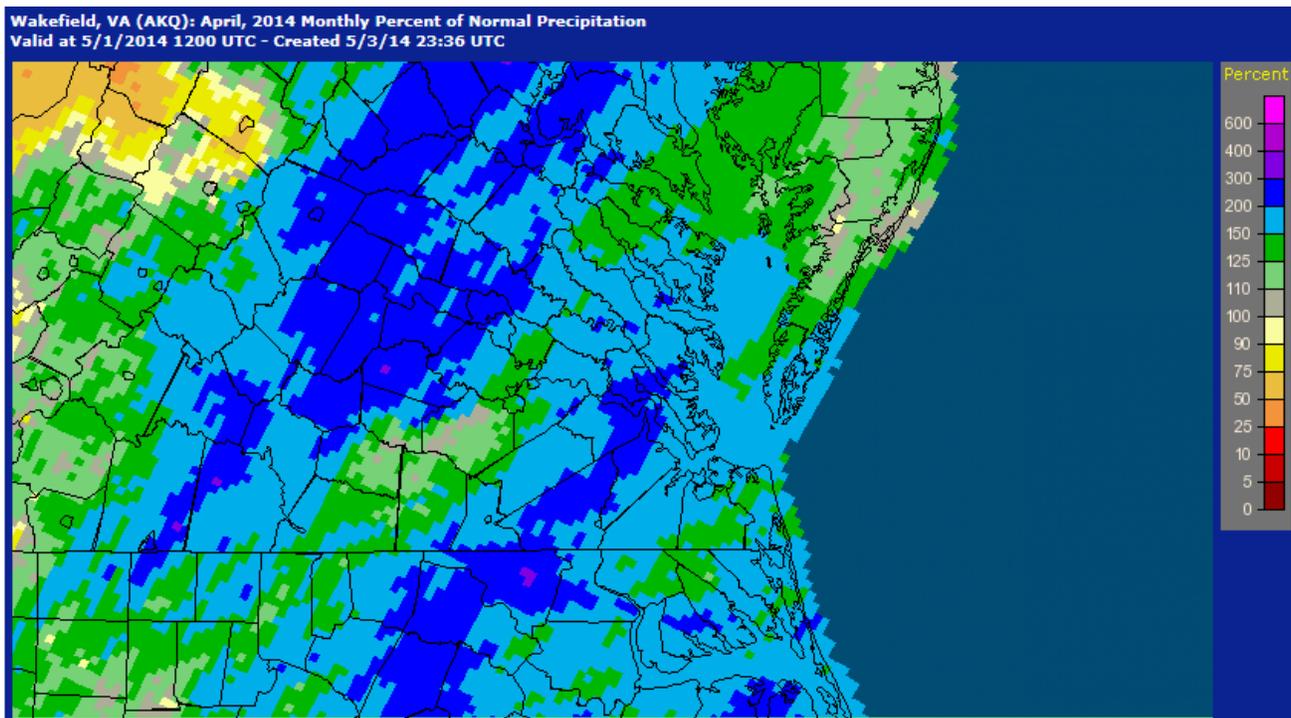
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...Above normal precipitation characterized the Wakefield Forecast Area in April...

Rainfall during April was above normal across the Wakefield CWA. Average rainfall was from 4 to 6 inches which included all sections of eastern Virginia, the lower Maryland eastern shore and the North Carolina counties north of the Albemarle Sound and Roanoke River. Heaviest amounts included several locations in Northampton County NC where 8 to 9 inches of precipitation fell. There were four significant precipitation events. These were on the 7th, the 15th, the 25th and a multi-day period during the last 3 days of the month.



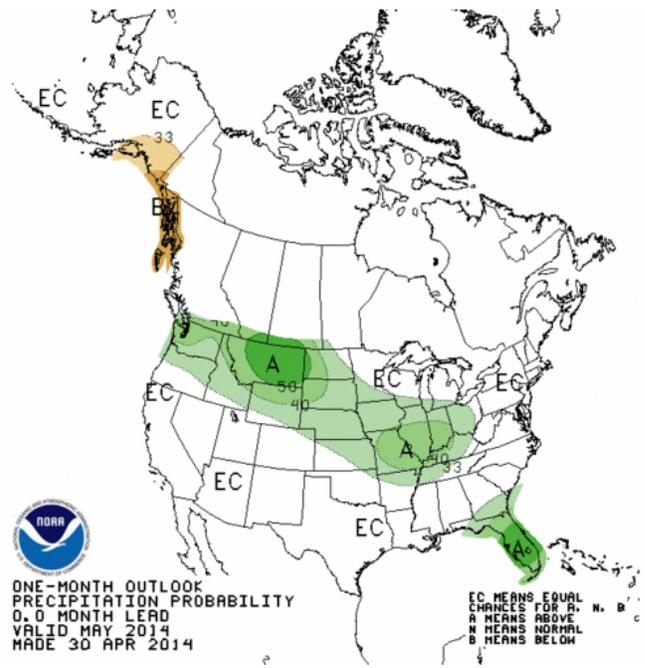
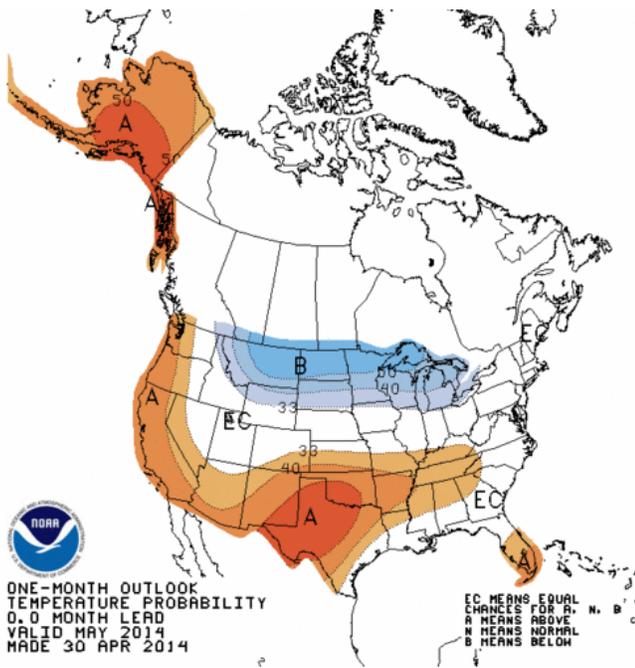
Observed rainfall amounts for April. Additional monthly precipitation images can be found at http://www.weather.gov/akq/MONTHLY_RAINFALL_ANALYSIS.



Percent of normal rainfall for April. Additional data can be found at <http://water.weather.gov>

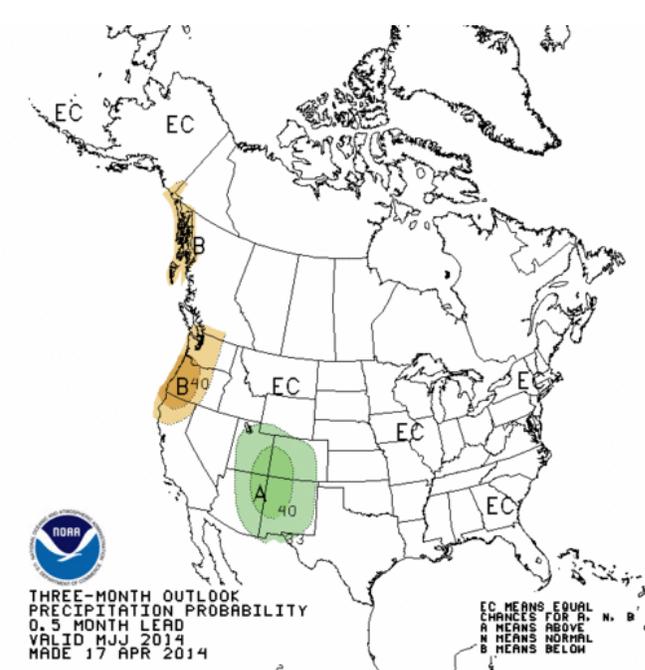
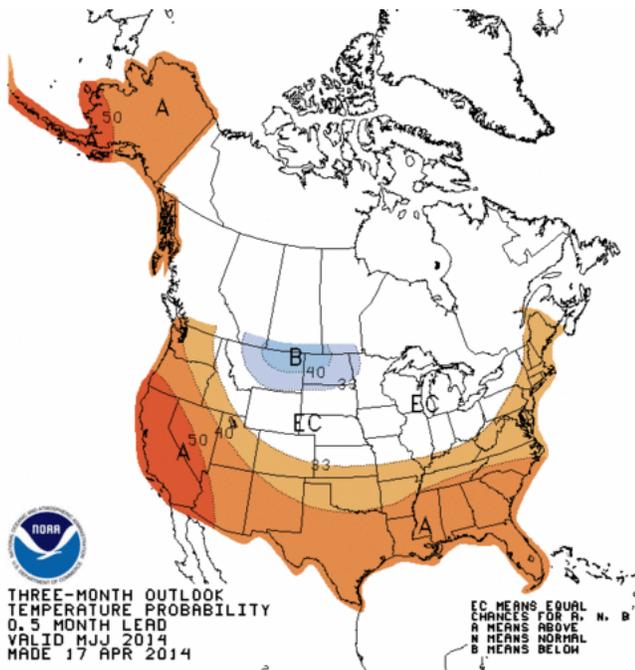
Outlooks (see <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>)...

The 30 day outlooks for temperature (left image) and precipitation (right image) predicts near normal conditions with equal chances for normal as well as just above or below normal conditions.



30 day outlooks for temperature (left) and precipitation (right)

The 90 day outlooks for temperature (left image) and precipitation (right image) predicts increased chances for above normal temperatures with equal chances for normal as well as just above or below normal precipitation. The increased confidence in above normal temperatures is in part due to the developing El Nino in the Pacific Ocean.



90 day outlooks for temperature (left) and precipitation (right)