

### **...Above normal temperatures and precipitation characterized Richmond weather in April...**

The average temperature at Richmond International Airport was 59.5 degrees, which was 1.3 degrees above normal. The average high temperature was 71.1 degrees, or 0.8 degrees above normal. The average low temperature was 47.9 degrees, or 1.8 degree above normal. The highest temperature was 83 degrees, which occurred on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The lowest temperature was 33 degrees on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 0 days with a maximum temperature at or above 90 degrees, which was 0.7 days below normal. There were 0 days with a minimum temperature at or below 32 degrees, which was 1.3 days below normal.

Precipitation came in at 5.33 inches, which was 2.06 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 1.72 inches from the 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 11 days with measurable rainfall, which was 1.0 day above normal.

There were 348 accumulated growing degree days (GDD) in April, which was 43.5 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 304.5 GDD. The highest was on the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 22.5 GDD.

For 2015, precipitation has reached 16.37 inches, which is 3.26 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 44.1 degrees, which is 2.3 degrees below normal.

There were no daily records set in April.

### **...Slightly above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation characterized Norfolk weather in April...**

The average temperature at Norfolk International Airport was 59.1 degrees, which was 0.9 degree above normal. The average high temperature was 68.5 degrees, or 0.9 degrees above normal. The average low temperature was 49.6 degrees, or 0.7 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 87 degrees on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The lowest temperature was 35 degrees on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 0 days with a maximum temperature at or above 90 degrees, which was 0.2 days below normal. There were 0 days with a minimum temperature at or below 32 degrees, which was 0.1 days below normal.

Precipitation came in at 4.62 inches, which was 1.21 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 1.80 inches from the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 10 days with measurable rainfall, which was 0.1 days below normal.

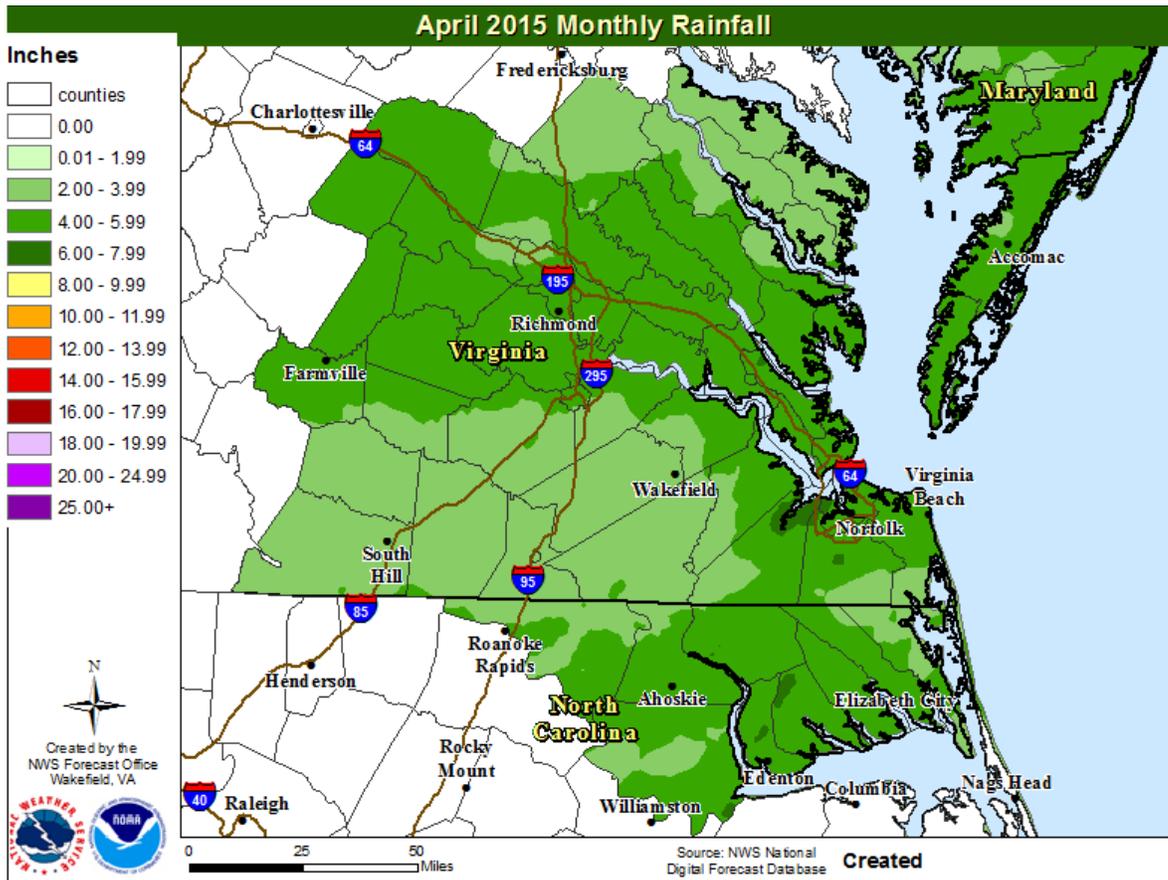
There were 313.5 accumulated growing degree days (GDD) in April, which was 40.5 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 273 GDD. The highest was on the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 22 GDD.

For 2015, precipitation has reached 13.49 inches, which is 0.12 inches below normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 44.8 degrees, which is 2.85 degrees below normal. This represents the 7<sup>th</sup> coolest average temperature through April on record.

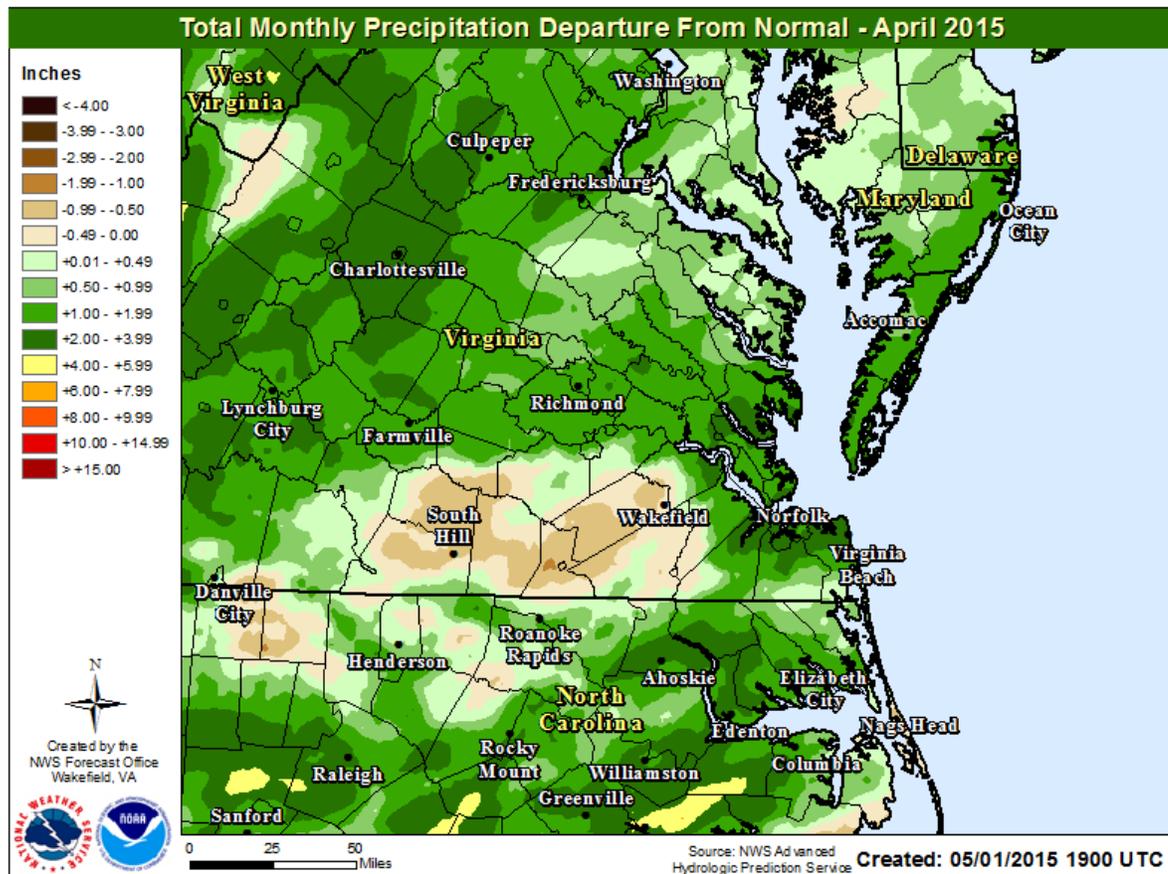
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### **...April 2015 Rainfall Summary...**

Rainfall was above normal in most locations. Most of the area had from 3 to 5 inches. Generally four to five inches fell from Hampton Roads and along the James River to the Piedmont. A few higher amounts were found in central Virginia as well as Hampton Roads. A section of south central Virginia ranged from two to three inches.



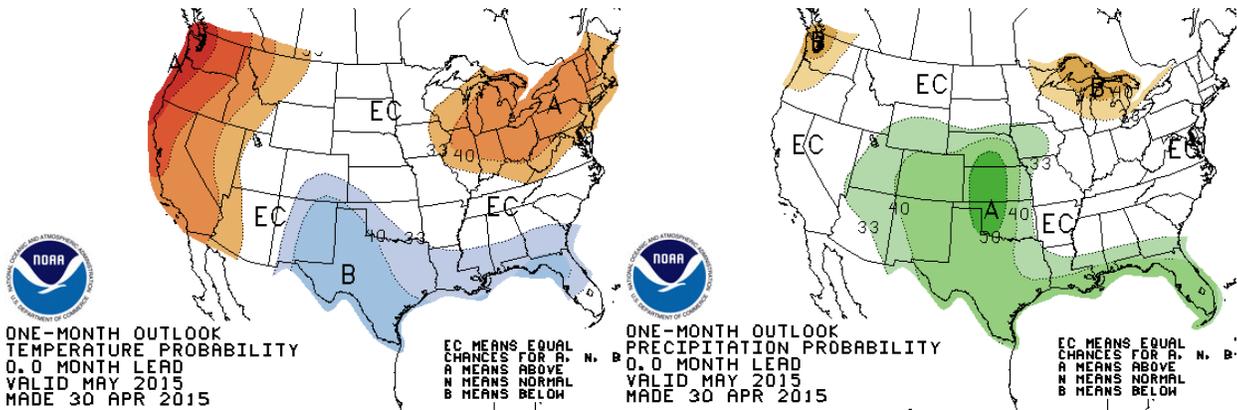
April 2015 Observed Rainfall. Additional Information: [http://www.weather.gov/akq/MONTHLY\\_RAINFALL\\_ANALYSIS](http://www.weather.gov/akq/MONTHLY_RAINFALL_ANALYSIS)



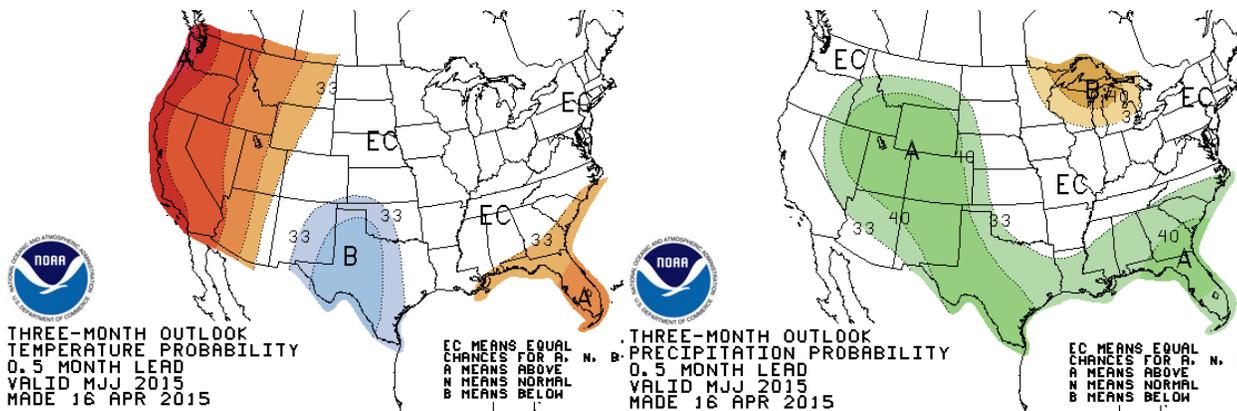
April 2015 Percent of Normal Rainfall. Additional data can be found at: <http://water.weather.gov>

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

The **30 day outlooks** for temperature (left image) and precipitation (right image) predict equal chances for above, below, or normal temperatures and precipitation. However, there are increased probabilities for above normal temperatures across the northern Mid-Atlantic Region and the Northeast States.



The **90 day outlooks** for temperature (left image) predicts equal chances for above, below, or normal temperatures and precipitation across the Wakefield area.



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