

...Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation characterized Richmond weather in May...

...6th Warmest May on Record...

The average temperature at Richmond International Airport was 71.5 degrees, which was 5.1 degrees above normal. The average high temperature was 82.6, or 4.7 degrees above normal. The average low temperature was 60.5 degrees, or 5.5 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 92 degrees on the 12th. The lowest temperature was 45 degrees on the 2nd. There were 5 days with a maximum temperature at or above 90 degrees, which was 3 days above normal.

Precipitation came in at 1.61 inches, which was 2.17 inches below normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 0.97 inches on the 21st. There were 6 days with measurable rainfall, which was 4.8 days below normal.

There were 651.5 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 138 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 513.5 GDD.

For 2015, precipitation has reached 17.98 inches, which was 1.09 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 49.7 degrees, which was 0.7 degrees below normal.

A record high temperature of 92 degrees was tied on the 12th. A record high minimum was also tied on the 12th, at 67 degrees. A record high minimum was set on the 18th, at 72 degrees.

...Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation characterized Norfolk weather in May...

...10th Warmest May on Record...

The average temperature at Norfolk International Airport was 70.5 degrees, which was 3.9 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.

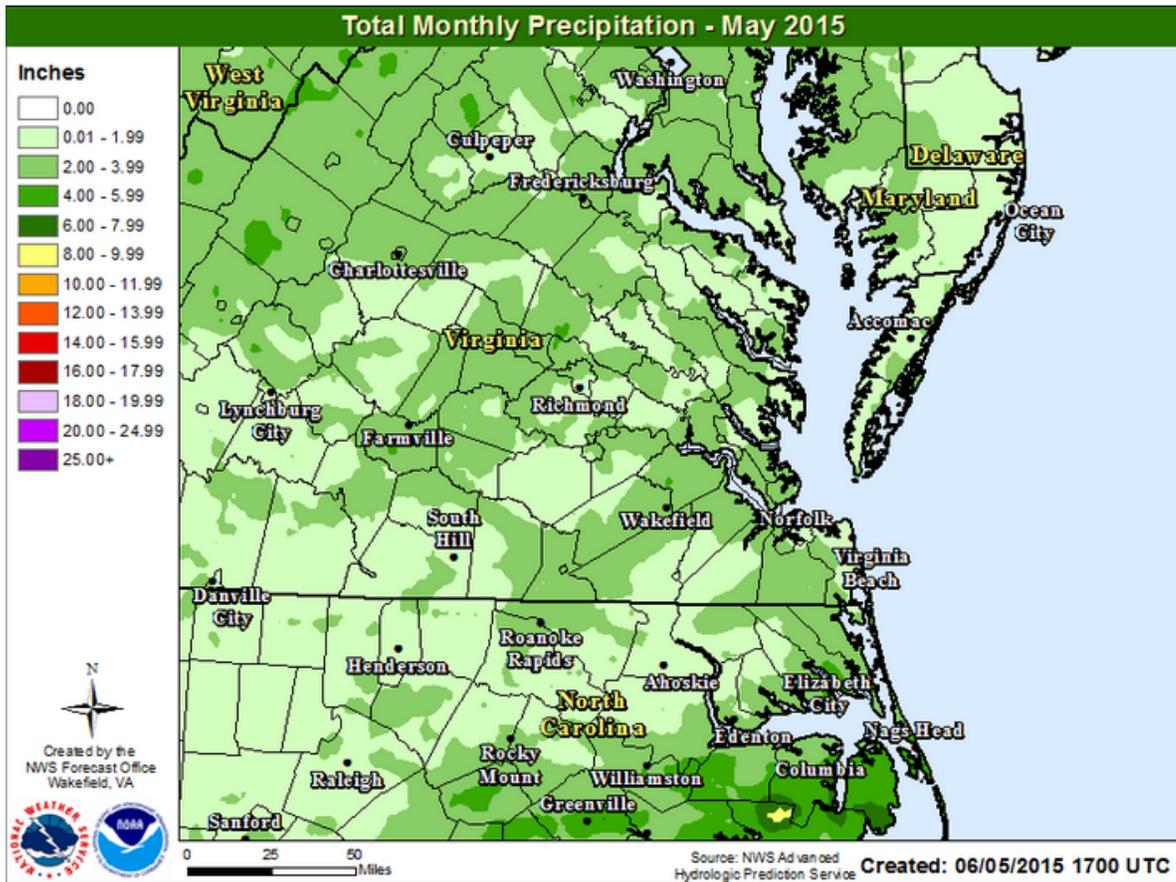
There were 628 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 112 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 516 GDD.

For 2015, precipitation has reached 15.00 inches, which was 2.02 inches below normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 50.1 degrees, which is 1.3 degrees below normal.

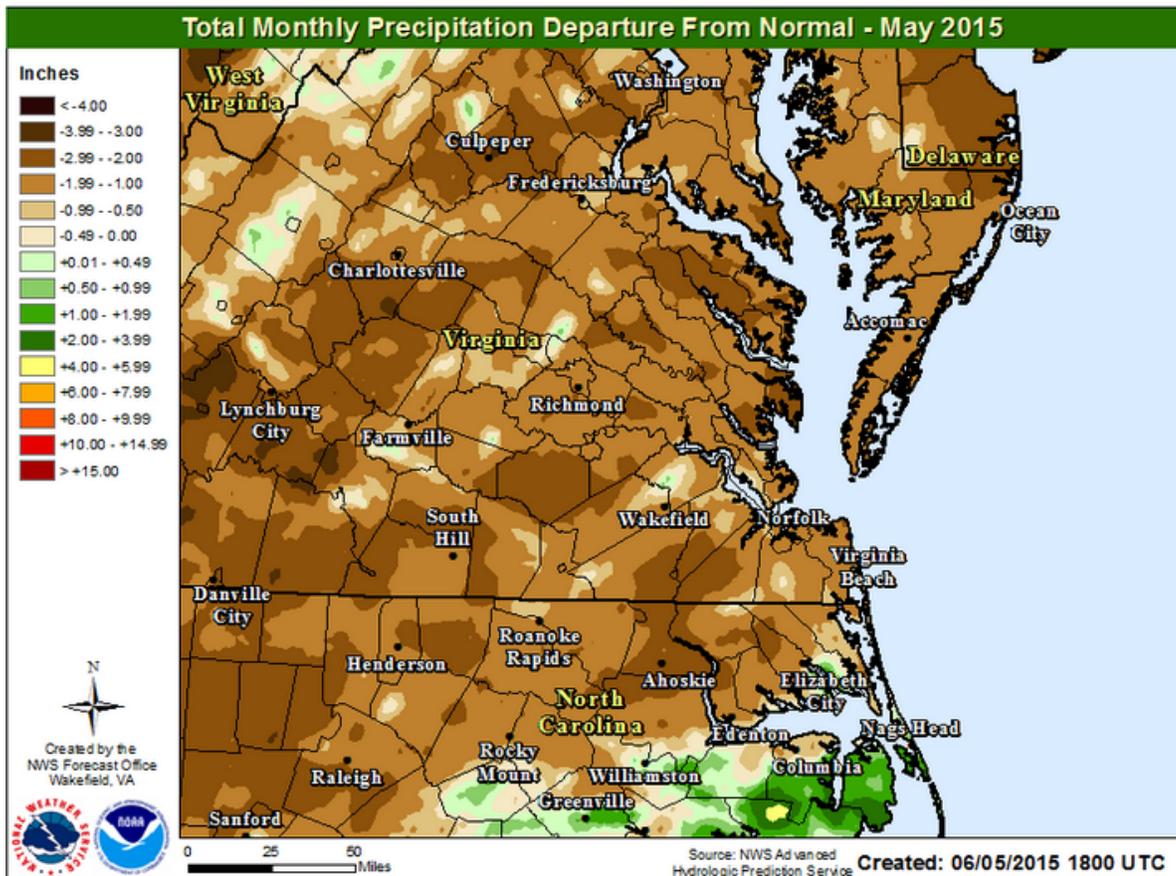
A record high minimum was set on the 12th, at 71 degrees.

...May 2015 Rainfall Summary...

Rainfall for May in the Wakefield CWA was quite varied with the heaviest rainfall occurring in local areas. The most general rainfall occurring on the 21st. Overall, the average rainfall was two to three inches with local areas along the Virginia coast and in the Elizabeth City receiving up to three and a half inches. Some interior locations such as central Virginia and the Maryland Eastern Shore only had one to one and a half inches.



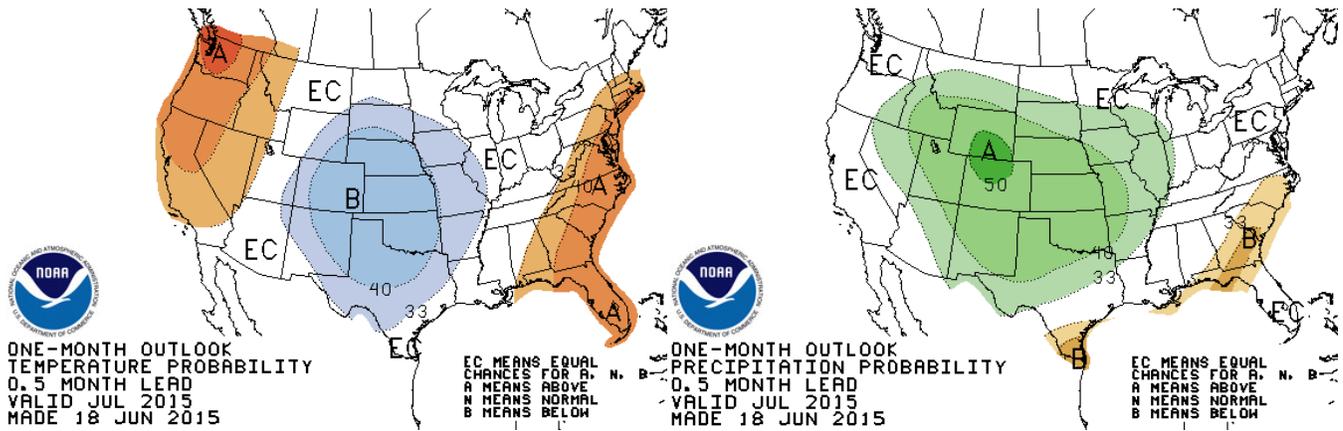
May 2015 Observed Rainfall. Additional Info: http://www.weather.gov/akq/MONTHLY_RAINFALL_ANALYSIS.



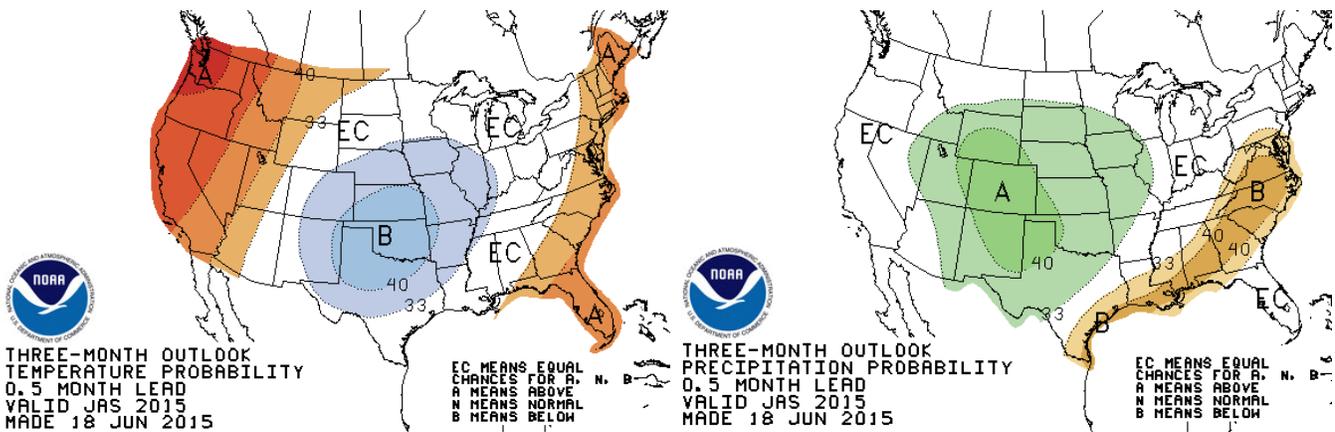
May 2015 Precipitation Departure from Normal.

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

The **30 day outlooks** for temperature (left image) and precipitation (right image) predict increased probabilities for above normal temperatures and equal chances for above, below, or near normal precipitation.



The **90 day outlooks** for temperature (left image) and precipitation (right image) predict increased probabilities for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.



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