

...Below normal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation characterized Richmond weather in October...

The average temperature at Richmond International Airport was 57.6 degrees, which was 2.1 degrees below normal. The average high temperature was 68.2 degrees, which was 2.8 degrees below normal. The average low temperature was 47.1 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal. The highest temperature was 81 degrees on the 9th. The lowest temperature was 33 degrees on the 18th. There were 0 days with a minimum temperature at or below 32 degrees, which was 0.5 days below normal.

Precipitation was measured at 3.24 inches, or 0.26 inches above normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 1.31 inches from the 1st to the 2nd. There were 9 days with measurable rainfall, which was 1.6 days above normal.

There were 300.5 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 36 GDD below the 1981-2010 normal of 336.5 GDD. From March 1 to October 31, there were 4,624 accumulated GDD. This is 269.5 accumulated GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 4,354.5.

For 2015 (ending October 31), precipitation has reached 39.22 inches, or 2.12 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 61.6 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees above normal.

...Near normal temperatures and below normal precipitation characterized Norfolk weather in October...

The average temperature at Norfolk International Airport was 62.8 degrees, or 0.7 degrees above normal. The average high temperature was 69.9, or 0.2 degrees below normal. The average low temperature was 55.7 degrees, or 1.7 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 82 degrees on the 9th. The lowest temperature was 38 degrees on the 20th. There were 0 days with a minimum temperature at or below 32 degrees, which was normal.

Precipitation was measured at 3.66 inches, or 0.24 inches below normal. The greatest 24 hour total was 2.68 inches on the 2nd. There were 7 days with measurable rainfall, which is 0.6 days below normal.

There were 416 accumulated growing degree days (GDD), which was 43 GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 373 GDD. From March 1 to October 31, there were 4,827.5 accumulated GDD. This is 350.5 accumulated GDD above the 1981-2010 normal of 4,477.

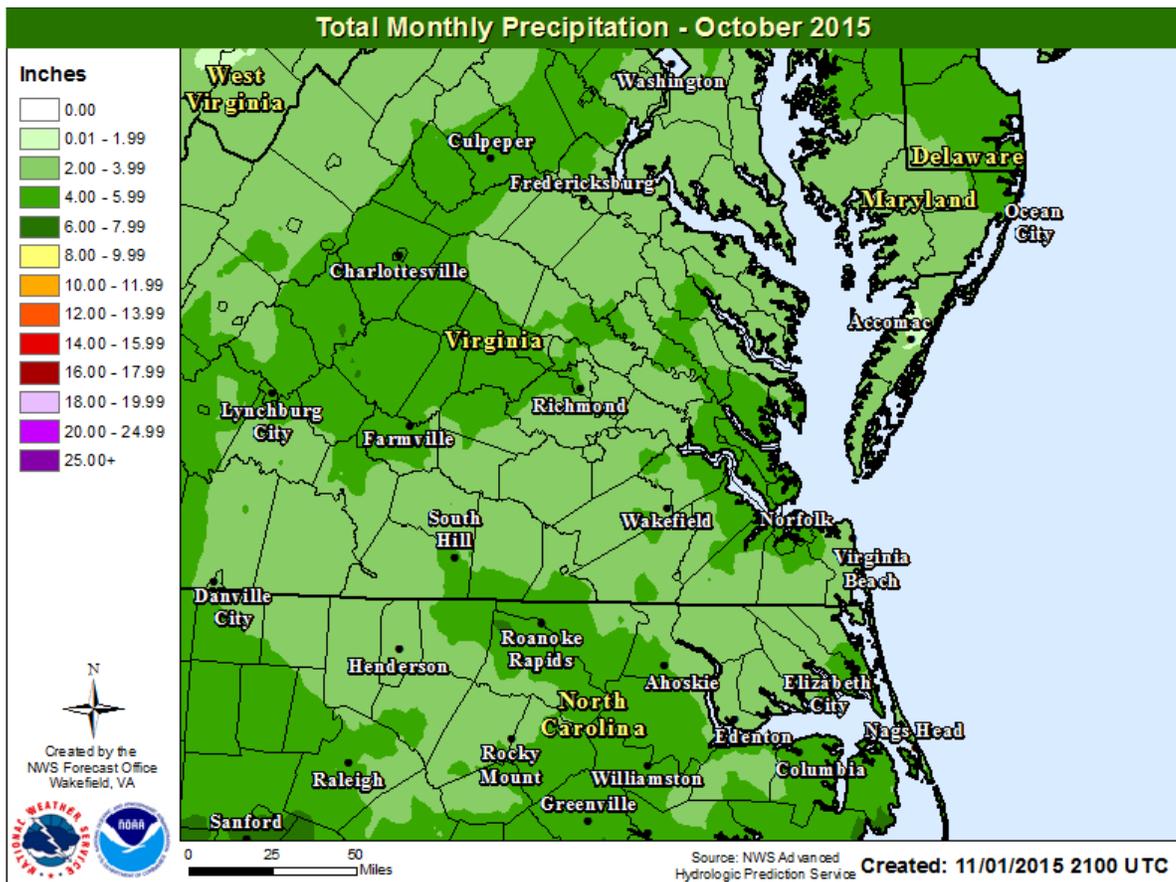
For 2015 (ending October 31), precipitation has reached 41.62 inches, or 1.53 inches above normal. The average temperature year-to-date is 62.7 degrees, which was 0.3 degrees above normal.

Precipitation summary for October 2015

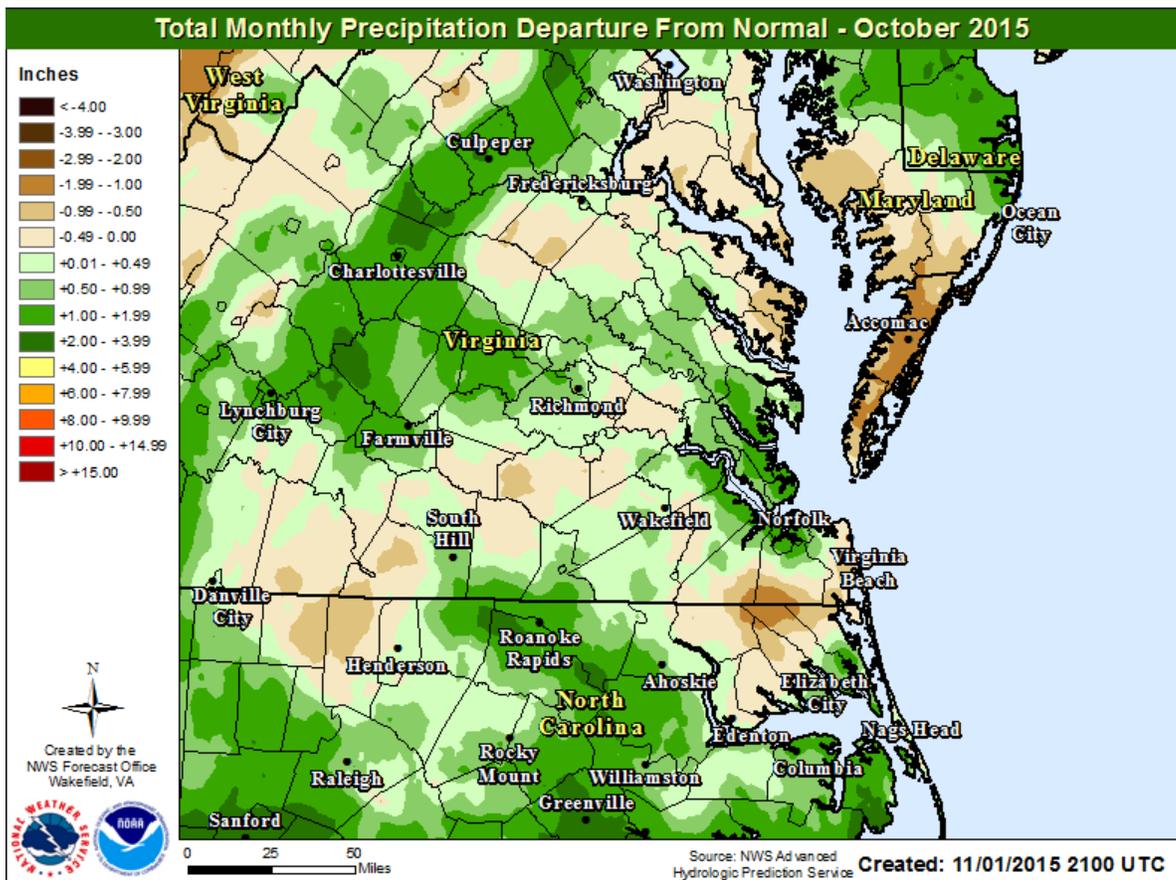
Rainfall from the first 5 days of the month accounted for most of the precipitation for the month when a persistent onshore flow produced significant rainfall. Heaviest was from interior northeast North Carolina (Conway, Murfreesboro) across Suffolk to Smithfield and along the west side of the Chesapeake from portions of Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson to Mathews County. Along this narrow corridor, seven to over nine inches of rainfall were reported, the highest being in Smithfield. Outside of this area, most five to seven inch amounts reached from interior southeast Virginia and north across the Williamsburg and West Point area to the Northern Neck of Virginia and portions of the Lower Eastern Shore. The majority of Wakefield's County Warning Area had from three to five inches.

Most of the month was dry from the 6th to the 25th with many locations having no measurable rain for a two week stretch during this period.

Around the 27th and 28th, one to two inches of rain fell over the Piedmont and the Northern Neck, from the Richmond metro area and to the north and west. Areas to the southeast generally had from a quarter to three quarters of an inch.



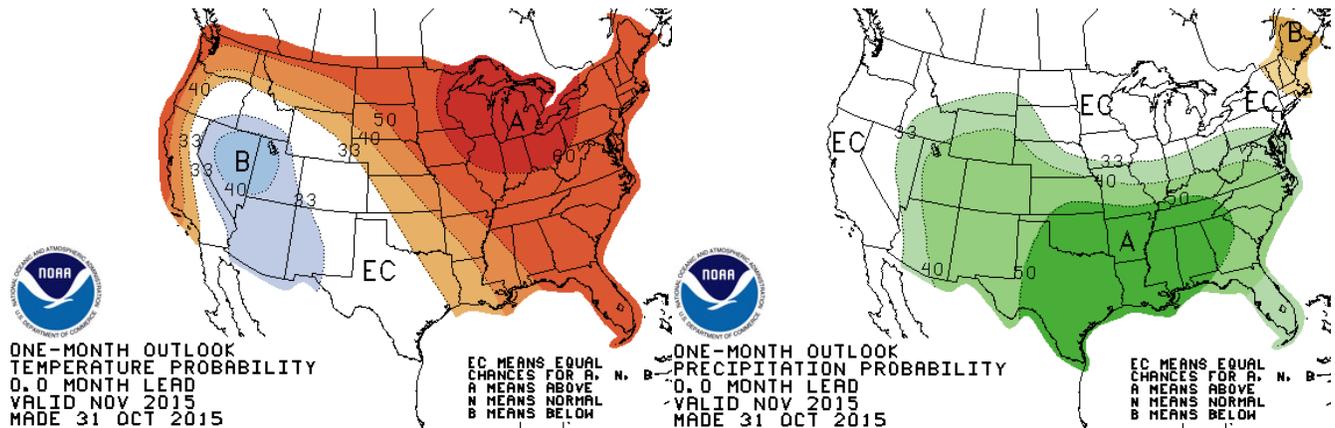
October 2015 Observed Rainfall. Additional Info: http://www.weather.gov/akq/MONTHLY_RAINFALL_ANALYSIS.



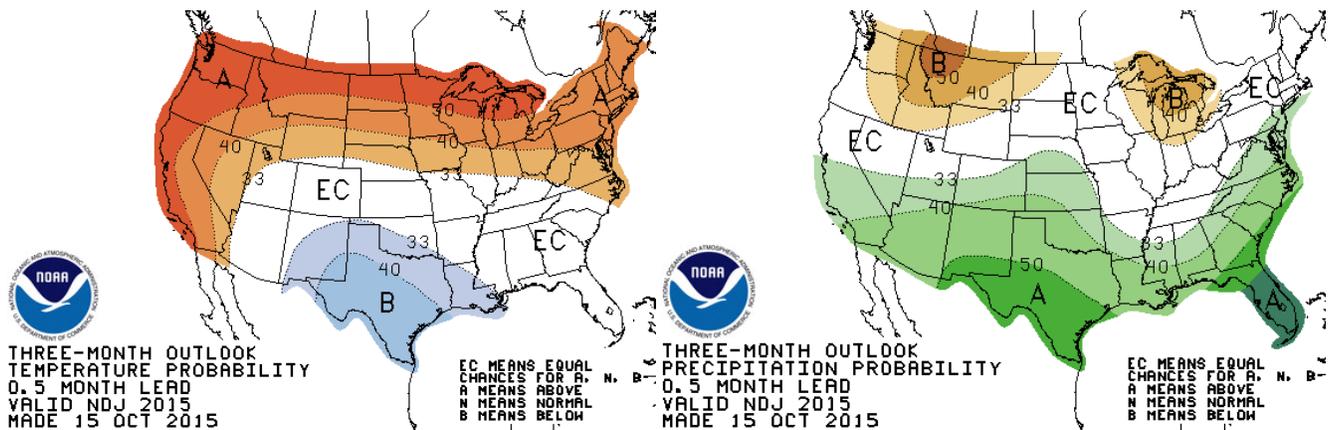
October 2015 Precipitation Departure from Normal.

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 above normal precipitation.



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



*These data are preliminary and have not undergone final quality control by the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC). Therefore, these data are subject to revision. Final and certified climate data can be accessed at the NCDC - <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov>.

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