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... DRY SPRING ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS AT CHARLESTON...

PERSISTENT HIGH PRESSURE AT THE SURFACE AND ALOFT GAVE THE CHARLESTON AREA THREE VERY DRY MONTHS. THE TOTAL RAINFALL AT CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH MAY 31 WAS 2.60 INCHES. THAT IS THE LOWEST TOTAL EVER RECORDED FOR THE THREE SPRING MONTHS. THE PREVIOUS LOW WAS 3.78 INCHES IN 1995.

ADDITIONALLY...THE MONTHLY RAINFALL TOTALS FOR MARCH THROUGH MAY AT CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE LESS THAN ONE INCH. THE ONLY OTHER TIME THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS HAD RAINFALL TOTALS BELOW ONE INCH WAS FROM DECEMBER 1949 TO FEBRUARY 1950. RECORDS DATE BACK TO 1930.

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