



NWS Wilmington, Ohio March 2026 Regional Weather Summary

Regional Weather Summary

As is typical this time of the year, March saw quite a bit of variability in temperatures and precipitation types throughout the month. While we did have a few days of observed snowfall, we also had several days of heavy rainfall and notable severe weather events. The active weather pattern this month resulted in well above normal temperature and precipitation values.

Temperatures

Temperatures were quite variable throughout the month of March, with daytime highs ranging anywhere from the 20s to the 80s. However, the theme of the month was certainly the warmer temperatures that were observed, with all 3 major climate sites ending 7-9 degrees above normal for the month.

Even though the monthly average was well above normal, we observed temperature extremes on both sides throughout the month. In the first full week of March, we started with daytime highs that were nearly 10 degrees below normal. By the end of the first week, daytime highs were nearly 30 degrees above normal as temperatures reached the middle 70s, setting new records.

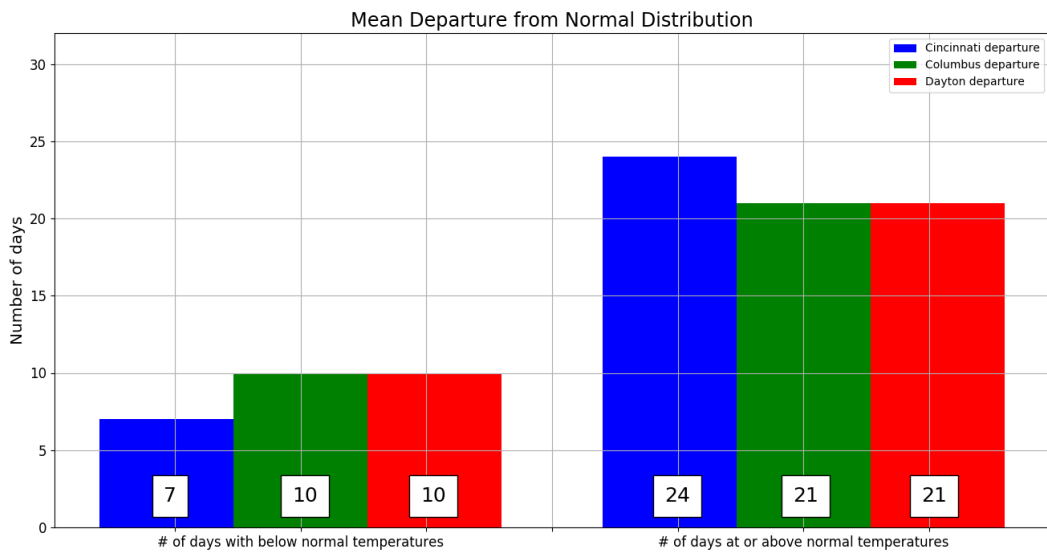
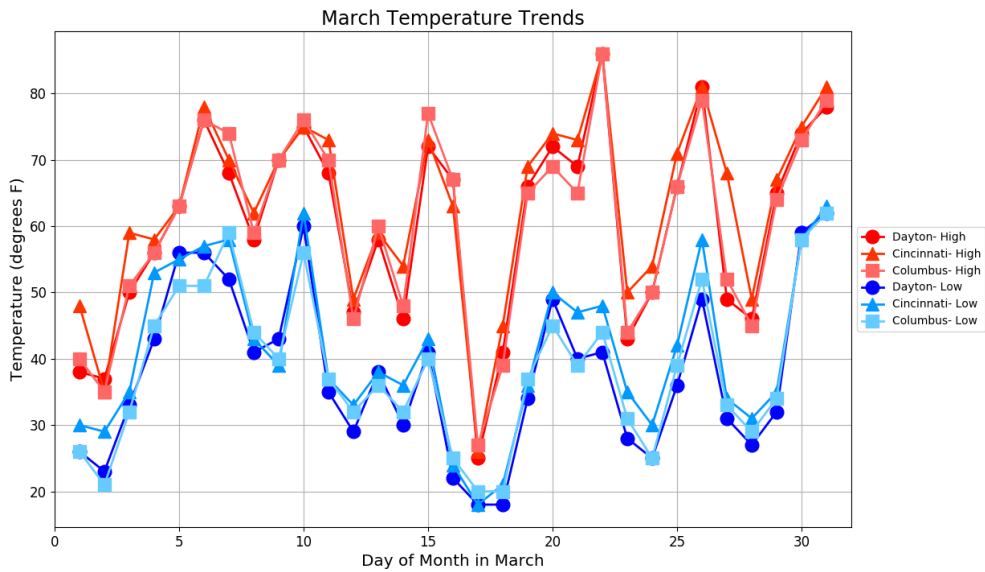
The coldest part of the month arrived on the 17th as highs remained in the 20s. This was nearly 20 degrees below normal values. After the 17th, the rest of the month generally saw above normal temperatures, with multiple days being 20+ degrees above normal.

Numerous temperature records were broken during the month of March, mainly for record daytime highs. The month would end with record high minimums being set as overnight lows remained in the 60s on the 31st.

Site	Avg Temp (°F)	Avg High Temp (°F)	Avg Low Temp (°F)	Departure From Normal (°F)	Maximum Temperature (°F)	Minimum Temperature (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	52.2	63.2	41.2	+8.6	86 on 22 nd	18 on 17 th
Columbus (CMH)	49.5	60.4	38.5	+7.9	86 on 22 nd	20 on 17 th /18 th
Dayton (DAY)	49.0	60.0	38.0	+6.9	86 on 22 nd	18 on 17 th /18 th



Temperatures (Continued)



Precipitation

The Ohio Valley saw a very active weather pattern during the month of March, which contributed to the above normal precipitation values for all 3 major climate sites.

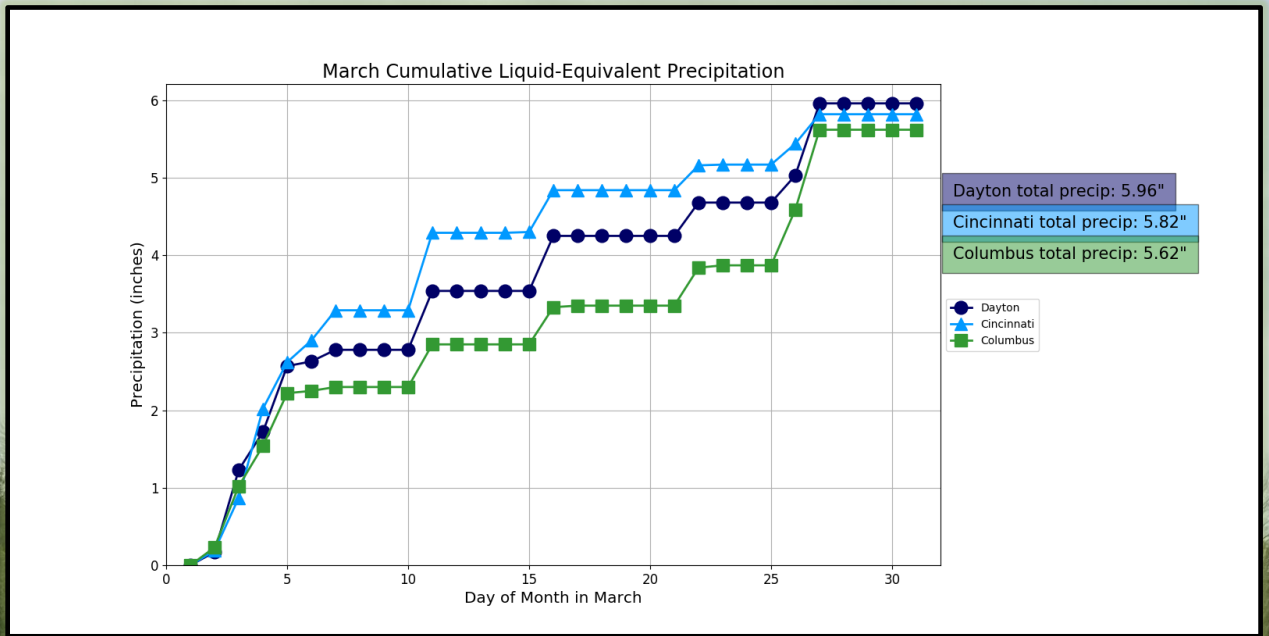
Some frozen precipitation would continue to fall during the month of March. However, observed snowfall was pretty limited overall given the extremely warm temperatures. The colder temperatures at the beginning of the month resulted in over an inch of snowfall at Dayton and Columbus, with Cincinnati only receiving a trace. Any other days with snow were pretty limited through mid-March. The last accumulating snowfall for the month was on the 16th-17th, which was associated with a strong cold front that brought the coldest temperatures of the month.

The light snow that was observed at the beginning of the month was quickly replaced by rainfall, and lots of it. Our big 3 sites recorded over 2" of rain just in the first full week, with some locations already approaching the full monthly average for precip. Another good slug of rainfall came on the 11th, which was associated with storms that produced flooding and severe weather, including 3 EFO tornadoes. Several more days with thunderstorm activity would help contribute to the seasonably wet month, as high as 2+ inches above monthly normals at Dayton and Columbus.

Site	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure From Normal (in.)	Max Daily Precipitation (in./date)		Total Snowfall (in.)	Max Daily Snowfall (in./date)	
Cincinnati (CVG)	5.82	+1.66	1.43	3 rd - 4 th	0.3	0.2"	16 th
Columbus (CMH)	5.62	+2.00	1.75	26 th - 27 th	3.6	3.0"	2 nd
Dayton (DAY)	5.96	+2.46	1.70	2 nd	2.0	1.7	2 nd

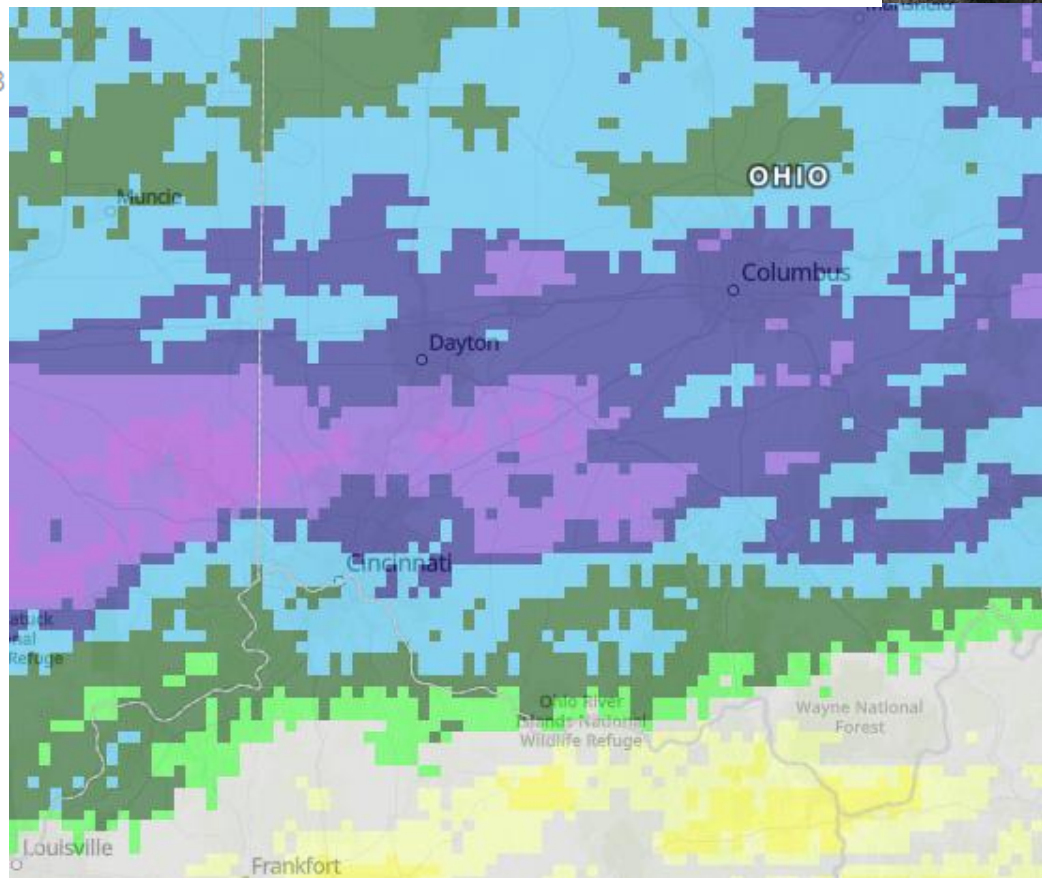
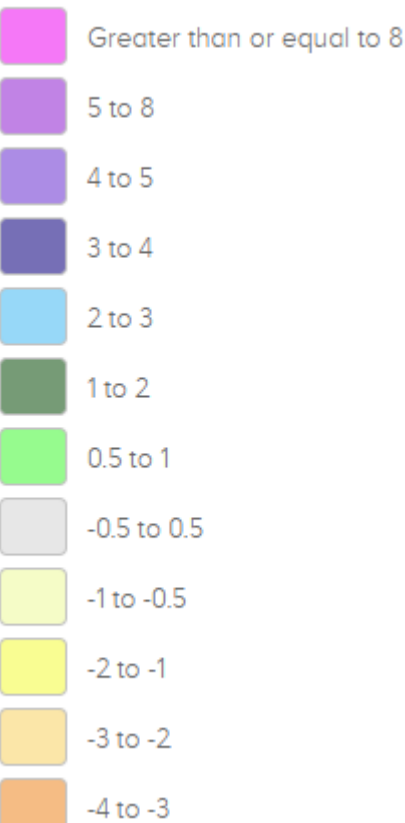


Precipitation (Continued)



March Precipitation Departure from Normal

RAINFALL (inches)



Severe Weather (March 11, 2026)

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Tornadoes

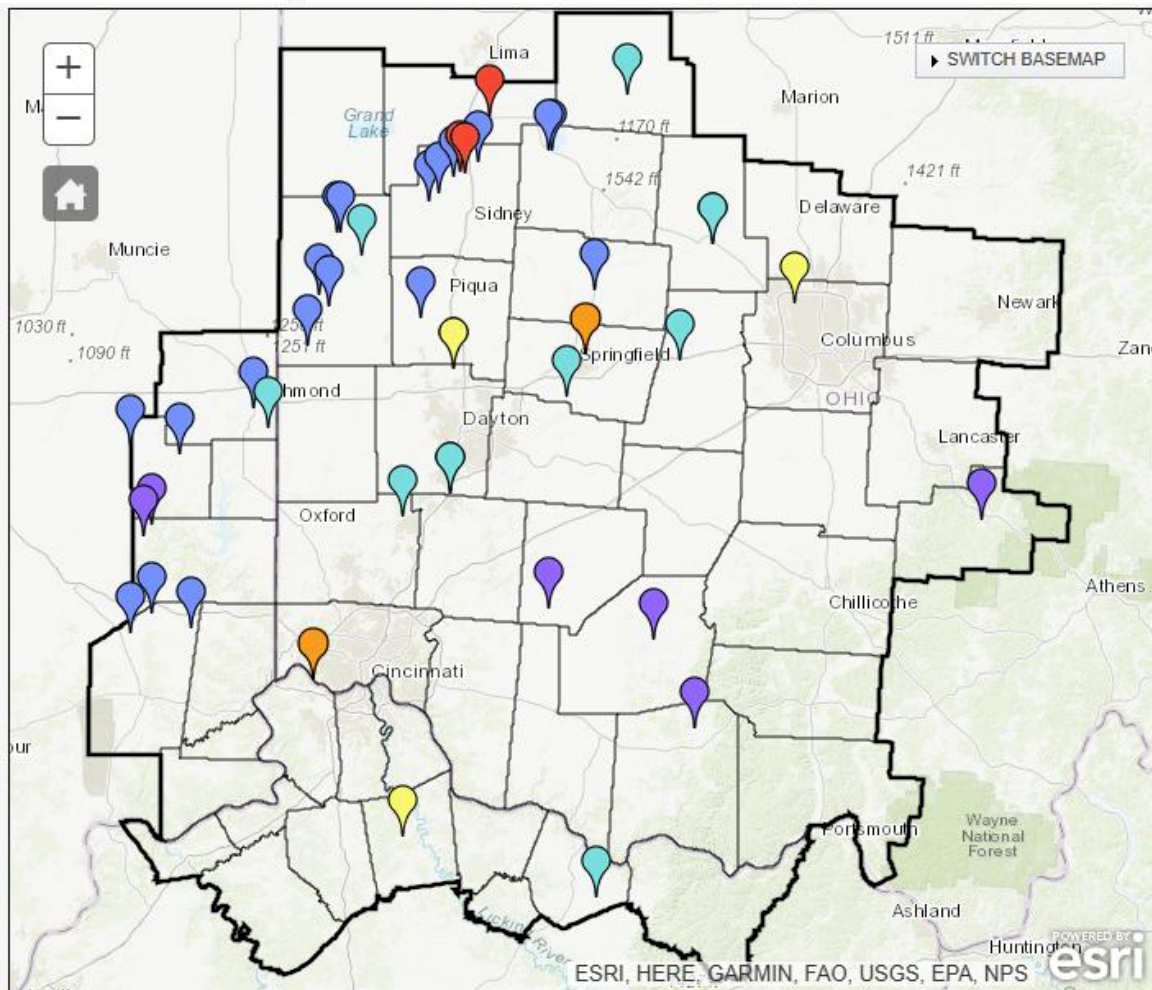
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EF0

EF-Rating

Date	Time	Location	EF-Scale	Length (miles)
Mar 11, 2026	10:17 - 10:20 AM	Botkins	EF0	1.8
Mar 11, 2026	10:18 - 10:22 AM	Anna	EF0	3
Mar 11, 2026	10:22 - 10:23 AM	St Johns	EF0	0.6



Flood
3 WSW Logan, OH
03/11/26 0751 PM

Flood
4 E Hillsboro, OH
03/11/26 0747 PM

Flood
1 SSE Midland, OH
03/11/26 0723 PM

Flood
2 N Peebles, OH
03/11/26 0645 PM

Tstm Wnd Gst (47 MPH)
1 ESE Lewisburg, KY
03/11/26 0635 PM

Non-Tstm Wnd Dmg
2 SSE Addyston, OH
03/11/26 0610 PM

Flood
4 WSW Laurel, IN
03/11/26 0555 PM

Flood
2 W Laurel, IN
03/11/26 0555 PM

Non-Tstm Wnd Gst (49 MPH)
2 NW Vandalia, OH
03/11/26 0525 PM

Non-Tstm Wnd Gst (46

- Tornado
- Hail
- Thunderstorm Wind Gust
- Thunderstorm Wind Damage
- Flood
- Flash Flood
- Non-Thunderstorm Wind Gust
- Non-Thunderstorm Wind Damage
- Other Report



High Wind Event (March 13, 2026)

Public Information Statement
 National Weather Service Wilmington OH
 800 PM EDT Fri Mar 13 2026

...HIGHEST WIND REPORTS...

Location	Speed	Time/Date	Lat/Lon
...Indiana...			
...Franklin County...			
Laurel	45 MPH	0400 PM 03/13	39.50N/85.19W
...Ripley County...			
Penntown	58 MPH	0217 PM 03/13	39.28N/85.10W
...Switzerland County...			
Vevay	49 MPH	0415 PM 03/13	38.78N/85.03W
...Wayne County...			
Richmond Municipal Airport	59 MPH	1155 AM 03/13	39.76N/84.84W
Economy	47 MPH	0200 PM 03/13	39.99N/85.08W
...Kentucky...			
...Boone County...			
CVG Airport	54 MPH	1002 AM 03/13	39.04N/84.67W
...Bracken County...			
Brooksville	46 MPH	0315 PM 03/13	38.70N/84.05W
...Gallatin County...			
Sanders	48 MPH	0238 PM 03/13	38.68N/84.94W
...Mason County...			
Maysville 3 SW (KY Mesonet)	49 MPH	1255 PM 03/13	38.62N/83.81W
Fleming-Mason Airport	47 MPH	0115 PM 03/13	38.54N/83.74W
...Owen County...			
Owenton 5 E (KY Mesonet)	49 MPH	1215 PM 03/13	38.55N/84.74W
...Pendleton County...			
Falmouth Gene Snyder Apt	45 MPH	0229 PM 03/13	38.70N/84.39W
...Ohio...			
...Auglaize County...			
Auglaize County Airport	67 MPH	0215 PM 03/13	40.49N/84.30W
New Bremen	56 MPH	0302 PM 03/13	40.47N/84.35W
New Knoxville	52 MPH	0120 PM 03/13	40.49N/84.25W
Wapakoneta	52 MPH	0130 PM 03/13	40.60N/84.00W
Minster	48 MPH	1057 AM 03/13	40.39N/84.36W
...Butler County...			
Butler County Airport	57 MPH	0450 PM 03/13	39.36N/84.52W
Oxford Miami Univ Apt	56 MPH	0350 PM 03/13	39.50N/84.78W
Middletown Hook Field	54 MPH	0355 PM 03/13	39.53N/84.39W

...Champaign County...			
Urbana	56 MPH	0245 PM 03/13	40.03N/83.67W
...Clark County...			
Springfield-Beckley Airport	63 MPH	0405 PM 03/13	39.84N/83.84W
Springfield	49 MPH	0337 PM 03/13	39.97N/83.87W
...Clermont County...			
Goshen	49 MPH	1225 PM 03/13	39.24N/84.10W
...Clinton County...			
Wilmington Air Park	61 MPH	1213 PM 03/13	39.43N/83.78W
NWS Wilmington Ohio	53 MPH	0508 PM 03/13	39.42N/83.82W
Clinton County Airport I66	48 MPH	0457 PM 03/13	39.50N/83.86W
...Darke County...			
Versailles Darke County Apt	58 MPH	0352 PM 03/13	40.20N/84.53W
Union City	55 MPH	1236 PM 03/13	40.19N/84.77W
...Delaware County...			
Delaware Municipal Airport	60 MPH	0426 PM 03/13	40.28N/83.11W
Ostrander	45 MPH	0400 PM 03/13	40.31N/83.21W
...Fairfield County...			
Fairfield County Airport	62 MPH	0428 PM 03/13	39.76N/82.66W
...Fayette County...			
Fayette County Ohio Airport	58 MPH	0446 PM 03/13	39.57N/83.42W
Leesburg	46 MPH	0200 PM 03/13	39.43N/83.55W
...Franklin County...			
Columbus OSU Airport	71 MPH	0403 PM 03/13	40.08N/83.08W
CMH Airport	69 MPH	0427 PM 03/13	39.99N/82.88W
Grove City	55 MPH	0305 PM 03/13	39.84N/83.11W
Columbus Bolton Field	53 MPH	0450 PM 03/13	39.90N/83.14W
0.7 NE New Albany	51 MPH	0510 PM 03/13	40.09N/82.80W
Columbus Rickenbacker Apt	63 MPH	0343 PM 03/13	39.82N/82.93W
Columbus Academy	48 MPH	0510 PM 03/13	40.05N/82.87W
New Albany	45 MPH	0500 PM 03/13	40.05N/82.82W
...Greene County...			
Wright-Patterson AFB	59 MPH	0403 PM 03/13	39.82N/84.06W
Xenia Greene County Apt	58 MPH	0140 PM 03/13	39.69N/83.99W
Xenia	50 MPH	0255 PM 03/13	39.68N/83.87W
...Hamilton County...			
Cincinnati Lunken Field	57 MPH	1232 PM 03/13	39.11N/84.42W
Glendale	48 MPH	0400 PM 03/13	39.10N/84.51W
...Hardin County...			
Hardin County Airport	62 MPH	0255 PM 03/13	40.61N/83.64W
...Highland County...			
Highland County Airport	46 MPH	1025 AM 03/13	39.19N 83.54W
...Licking County...			
Newark-Heath Airport	69 MPH	0509 PM 03/13	40.03N/82.46W
Summit Road Stem Elementary	60 MPH	0547 PM 03/13	39.97N/82.75W



April Outlook

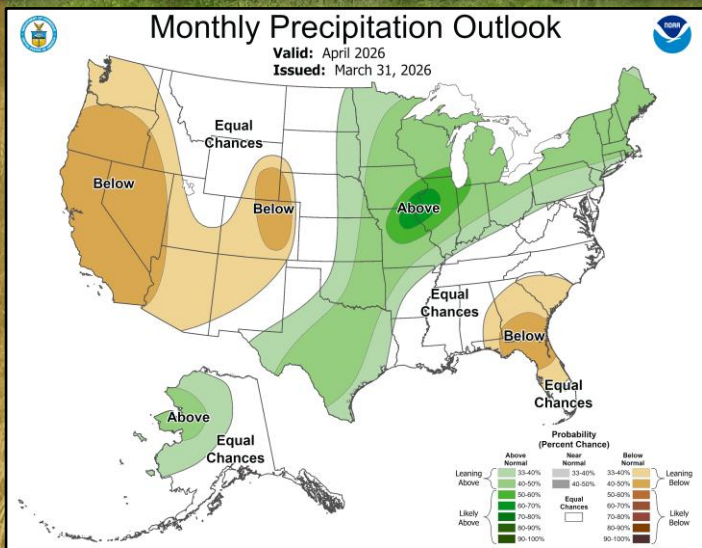
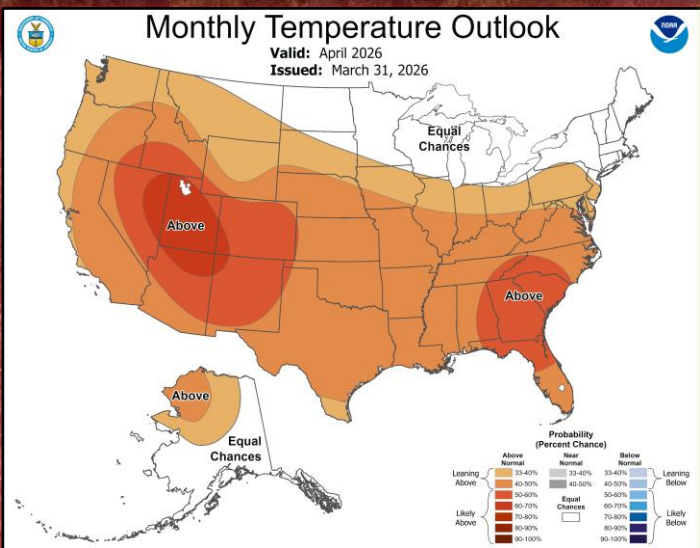
The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center favors warmer and wetter than normal conditions across the Ohio Valley for the month of April.

Site	Normal Avg Temp (°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	54.6	65.5	43.7
Columbus (CMH)	53.2	64.1	42.2
Dayton (DAY)	53.7	64.5	42.9

Site	Normal Precipitation (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)
Cincinnati (CVG)	4.53	0.4
Columbus (CMH)	3.85	0.5
Dayton (DAY)	4.46	0.4

Upcoming Temperature Outlook

Upcoming Precipitation Outlook

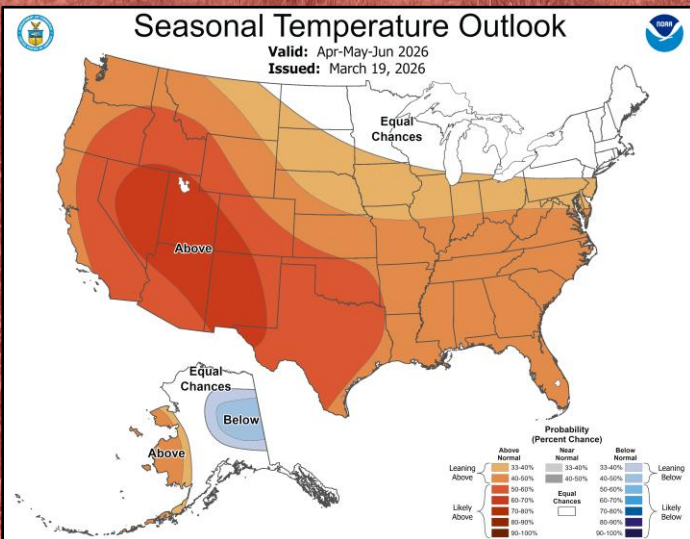


April-June Outlook

A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral conditions is expected to occur this month, with ENSO-neutral favored through May-July 2026 (55% chance). This is a result of rapid warming that is expected to occur in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean.

Across the Ohio Valley, there is a favorable signal for warmer than normal temperatures from April-June. Meanwhile, the precipitation signal is weaker, with portions of central OH up to the Great Lakes leaning to above normal precipitation values, whereas the Tristate area has equal chances for below, near normal or above normal precipitation.

Three-Month (AMJ) Temp. Outlook



Three-Month (AMJ) Precip. Outlook

