

WFO Midland, Texas

MONTHLY REPORT OF HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS

REPORT FOR:

MONTH

March

YEAR

2012

TO: Hydrometeorological Information Center, W/OH2
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When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts, and hydrologic products issued (NWS Instruction 10-924)

An X inside this box indicates that no river flooding occurred within this hydrologic service area.

March was fairly uneventful for the Midland/Odessa HSA, and no major hydrologic events were noted.

Precipitation amounts from area ASOS's:

City	ASOS ID	March	February
Carlsbad, NM	CNM	0.02"	T
Fort Stockton	FST	0.56"	0.12"
Guadalupe Pass	GDP	0.40"	0.09"
Midland Int'l	MAF	0.11"	0.19"
Odessa	ODO	0.30"	0.16"
Terrell County	6R6	1.55"	0.75"
Wink	INK	0.19"	0.05"

Precipitation amounts from area AWOS's:

City	ASOS ID	March	February
Alpine	E38	0.08"	0.13"
Artesia, NM	ATS	0.09"	0.09"
Big Spring	BGP	0.39"	0.47"
Gaines County	GNC	0.62"	0.22"
Marfa	MRF	0.18"	0.18"
Midland Airpark	MDD	0.17"	0.10"
Pecos	PEQ	0.01"	0.06"
Snyder	SNK	0.56"	0.72"

Some other locations in the HSA that received notable amounts of precipitation for March were:

Seminole, Gaines County 0.88"
 Sanderson, Terrell County 1.02"
 Pine Springs, Culberson County 1.08"

104 locations reported rainfall for the month of March, for an average of 0.37".

Normal March precipitation for Midland International Airport is 0.42". Total precipitation for Midland International Airport for the year ending April 1st was 1.30", or 0.57" below normal.

Due to March's scant precipitation, the drought continues. As of March 27, in Southeast New Mexico, most of Eddy and Lea Counties were in exceptional drought. In West Texas, most or all of Andrews, Brewster, Culberson, Dawson, Gaines, Jeff Davis, Martin, Presidio, Reeves, and Terrel Counties were in exceptional drought. The rest of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico was in extreme or severe drought.

Reservoir levels across the HSA averaged 30% of conservation capacity as of April 1st:

Reservoir (County, State)	March Conserv Cap (%)	February Conserv Cap (%)
JB Thomas (Scurry, TX)	1	1
Colorado City (Mitchell, TX)	33	33
Champion Creek (Mitchell, TX)	14	14
Natural Dam Salt Lake (Howard, TX)	49	49
Moss Creek (Howard, TX)	41	42
Brantley (Eddy, NM)	54	37
Avalon (Eddy, NM)	36	36
Red Bluff (Reeves, TX)	12	12

Non-Routine Products Issued for March:

Flash Flood Watches (FFA): 0
Flash Flood Warnings (FFW): 0
Flash Flood Statements (FFS): 0
Flood Warnings (FLW): 0
Flood Statements (FLS): 6

Total Non-Routine Products Issued: 6

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