

# Easterwood Field

# College Station, Texas

## Monthly Summary for March 2009

Day	TEMPERATURE			PRECIP.
	Maximum	Minimum	*Depart.	Total
1	59	32	-13	
2	66	<b>31</b>	-10	
3	71	42	-3	
4	80	50	+6	
5	85	57	+12	
6	85	64	+16	
7	81	68	+15	
8	82	69	+16	
9	85	67	+16	
10	<b>86</b>	69	+18	
11	70	47	-3	T
12	47	43	-16	1.37
13	43	41	-19	1.02
14	50	41	-16	0.02
15	57	45	-10	T
16	80	43	-1	
17	76	50	+1	
18	79	51	+3	
19	79	54	+5	
20	81	50	+3	
21	80	54	+4	
22	81	58	+7	
23	81	67	+11	
24	77	64	+8	0.05
25	75	54	+1	<b>1.55</b>
26	73	56	+1	T
27	76	43	-5	1.00
28	65	37	-13	
29	72	36	-10	
30	76	51	-2	
31	71	51	-4	0.06

TEMPERATURE		
MEANS	ACTUAL	DEPART.
Maximum	<b>73.2</b>	+0.6
Minimum	<b>51.1</b>	+0.6
Monthly	<b>62.2</b>	+0.6
EXTREMES		DATE
Highest	<b>86</b>	10th
Lowest	<b>31</b>	2nd

DEGREE DAYS	TOTAL	DEPART.
Heating	<b>165</b>	+16
Cooling	<b>86</b>	+44

PRECIPITATION	AMOUNT	DEPART.
Total Monthly	<b>5.07</b>	+2.23
Total for YEAR	<b>6.45</b>	-2.09
Precipitation Days	<b>7</b>	0
EXTREMES	AMOUNT	DATE
24-hour Maximum	<b>1.59</b>	24th-25th
Maximum Wind Gust	<b>45</b>	11th

NUMBER OF DAYS TEMP:	AMOUNT	DEPART.
Maximum 90 or higher	<b>0</b>	0
Maximum 32 or lower	<b>0</b>	0
Minimum 32 or lower	<b>2</b>	0

RECORD BOOK FOR MARCH		
Highest Temperature	96	1949
Lowest Temperature	17	2002
Highest Minimum	72	1985
Lowest Maximum	30	1932
Wettest Month	8.03	1926
Driest Month	0.29	1971
Wettest 24 Hours	4.20	1980

Temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit

Precipitation in inches

"T" denotes less than or equal to 0.005"

**BOLDFACE** indicates extreme values for the month

*ITALICS* indicate a record was set or tied

\* Departure of the daily mean temperature, as calculated from the average of the maximum and minimum temperatures, from the 1971-2000 normals.

### New Records Set\*

DAY	PARAMETER	VALUE	OLD RECORD	YEAR
7th	Highest Minimum Temperature	68	67	2000
8th	Highest Minimum Temperature	68	68	1990
12th	Most Daily Precipitation	1.37	1.33	1997
13th	Lowest Maximum Temperature	43	44	1956
14th	Lowest Maximum Temperature	50	51	1976
25th	Most Daily Precipitation	1.55	0.54	2003

### Near Records\*

DAY	PARAMETER	VALUE	RECORD	YEAR
2nd	Tied 4th Lowest Minimum Temperature	31	19	1980
4th	Tied 2nd Highest Maximum Temperature	80	82	1976
5th	2nd Highest Maximum Temperature	85	89	1991
6th	Tied 3rd Highest Minimum Temperature	64	69	1956
6th	2nd Highest Maximum Temperature	85	89	1991
8th	Tied 2nd Highest Maximum Temperature	82	87	2000
9th	3rd Highest Minimum Temperature	67	70	1974
9th	3rd Highest Maximum Temperature	86	88	1980
10th	2nd Highest Minimum Temperature	69	70	1974
12th	Tied 2nd Lowest Maximum Temperature	47	42	1970
23rd	2nd Highest Minimum Temperature	67	68	1995
23rd	Tied 4th Highest Maximum Temperature	81	91	1995
28th	Tied 2nd Lowest Minimum Temperature	37	30	1955
29th	Tied 2nd Lowest Minimum Temperature	36	35	1975

*\*NOTE: All records are based on observations taken at Easterwood Field (1952-present)*

## Monthly Review

Remarkably, College Station remained relatively close to normal temperature throughout March. With an extensive range of high temperatures, from 43°F to 86°F, March has been a month of transition for the area. The first part of the month was cooled from a remnant cold front from late February. Temperatures then remained very high, peaking on the 10th when average temperatures were almost 18°F above normal. A strong cold front then dropped high temperatures to the lower 40s to lower 50s for several days. Temperatures remained slightly above average following this period and increased until a few weaker cold fronts (and rainy days) kept temperatures below average. For the first time since August of 2008, College Station has recorded above normal monthly precipitation. In fact, College Station has received over 2" more than usual for March. Although this cannot break the drought in College Station, this rainfall has given needed moisture to local farmers. Though College Station still remains more than two inches below average for the year, the area has gained (and greened) lost ground.

### April Normals for College Station

	Temperature	
Beginning of the month:	76 / 54	Monthly precipitation: 3.20
Middle of the month:	79 / 57	Precipitation days: 7
End of the month:	82 / 61	Days ≥ 90°F: 1

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