

# Regional Climate Summary

May 2018

The headline for this May was increased drought and hot weather throughout the region. The Permian Basin and upper Trans-Pecos were much warmer than normal with many days in a row exceeding 100°F. Both Midland and Seminole, TX recorded their hottest May and many other locations were in the top five for warmth. Rainfall was hit-and-miss due to most storms remaining isolated. Severe hail over one inch and winds over 60 mph occurred in the eastern Permian Basin and Big Bend Region on the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in southeast New Mexico and far west Texas. Damage to homes and vehicles was reported.

## Midland Int'l Airport May Statistics:

- Warmest Day: 107°F on the 30<sup>th</sup>
- Coldest Night: 52°F on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- Average Temperature: 82.1°F
- Precipitation Total: 0.68" (Normal: 1.74")
- Highest Wind Gust: 51 mph on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

May	Precip Ranking	Temp Ranking
Alpine (1930-2018)	(1.73") 25 <sup>th</sup> Wettest	(76.4°F) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Warmest
Carlsbad (1950-2018)	(0.12") 7 <sup>th</sup> Driest	(76.8°F) 4 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Chisos Basin (1943-2018)	(1.53") Not Significant	(75.7°F) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Warmest
Fort Stockton (1940-2018)	(0.50") 22 <sup>nd</sup> Driest	(80.8°F) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Warmest
Hobbs (1940-2018)	(0.09") 11 <sup>th</sup> Driest	(76.2°F) 4 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Midland (1930-2018)	(0.68") 23 <sup>rd</sup> Driest	(82.1°F) 1 <sup>st</sup> Warmest
Seminole (1930-2018)	(0.63") 20 <sup>th</sup> Driest	(77.5°F) 1 <sup>st</sup> Warmest

