

Regional Climate Summary

October 2019

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October was summarized by wild temperature swings and drought-busting rainfall across southeast New Mexico. The month began with remnant moisture from a Pacific storm system which brought periods of heavy rain and flooding to Carlsbad, Artesia, and northern Lea County. Some weather stations received over 3.00" in a 24 hr period on the 1st. Other areas were not as fortunate including the Permian Basin and lower Trans Pecos which received less than 5% of normal October precipitation and worsening drought conditions. Most of the region finished the month with below normal temperatures. In fact, multiple record cold low temperatures were set around the region including an early season hard freeze which occurred on the 31st. This freeze was accompanied by some of the coldest October temperatures ever registered in some locations including a bone-chilling 16°F at Midland International Airport!

Midland Int'l Airport October Statistics:

- Warmest Day: 96°F on the 6th *record high
- Coldest Night: 16°F on the 31st *all-time record low
- Average Temperature: 64.6°F (Normal: 64.8°F)
- Precipitation Total: 0.01" (Normal: 1.73")
- Average Wind Speed: 11.4 mph
- Highest Wind Gust: 43 mph on the 6th

October	Precip Ranking	Temp Ranking
Alpine (1930-2019)	(0.26") 19 th Driest	(62.4°F) T-22 nd Coolest
Carlsbad (1900-2019)	(1.91") 18 th Wettest	(63.1°F) 25 th Coolest
Fort Stockton (1940-2019)	(0.22") 20 th Driest	(65.6°F) Outside Top 25
Hobbs (1940-2019)	(0.61") Outside Top 25	(59.9°F) 8 th Coolest
Midland (1930-2019)	(0.01") 5 th Driest	(64.5°F) Outside Top 25
Seminole (1930-2019)	(0.14") 14 th Driest	(59.5°F) 9 th Coolest
Snyder (1910-2019)	(0.04") 6 th Driest	(62.0°F) Outside Top 25

