

# **OKLAHOMA MONTHLY SUMMARY APRIL 1995**

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## MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1995

The capriciousness of springtime weather in Oklahoma was very evident during April as tornadoes, snow, a hard freeze and temperatures in the high 90s all were reported during one three-day period. Overall, the state was cooler and wetter than normal during the month, although many areas of the northwest received much less than normal precipitation. Based on preliminary data, the average temperature for the month was 58.3 degrees (2.4 degrees below normal), the 24th coolest April since 1893. The statewide averaged monthly precipitation of 4.39 inches was 1.30 inches greater than normal, the state's 22nd greatest April precipitation. The average temperature through the four months of 1995 is 48.7 degrees (1.3 degrees greater than normal). The year-to-date precipitation total of 9.93 inches is 1.03 inches above normal.

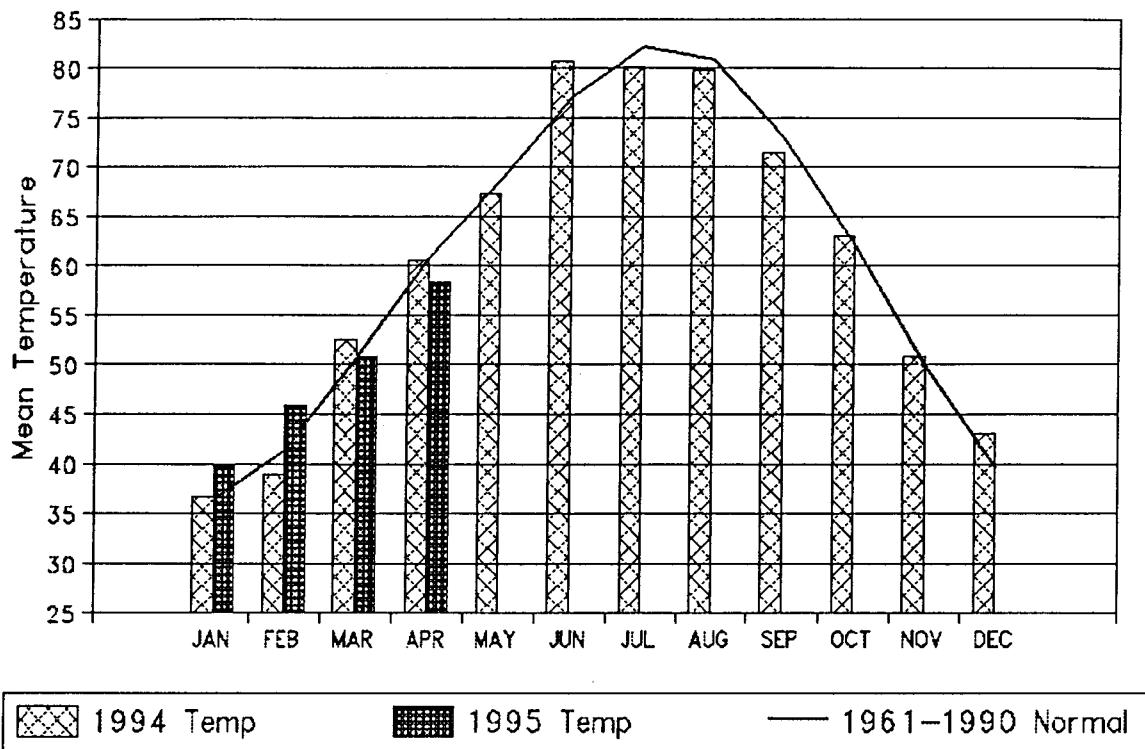
Thunderstorms developed on the 3rd in southwestern Oklahoma and moved across southern portions of the state. Large hail was reported at Temple (Cotton County) and several observers reported over two inches of rain. Afternoon temperatures in the 90s were reported over much of western Oklahoma from the 7th to the 10th, peaking at 98 degrees in Chattanooga (Comanche) on the 10th. A cold front entered northwestern Oklahoma on the 8th, bringing significantly lower temperatures and an inch of snow to Boise City (Cimarron). The front stayed in the state for two days before it moved through on the 10th. Large hail and strong thunderstorm winds were reported in many areas in central and eastern Oklahoma on the 10th. Boynton (Muskogee) reported 4.05 inches of rain and street flooding was reported in Tahlequah. Very cold air moved into northwestern Oklahoma behind the system. Temperatures in the Panhandle dropped into the teens by the morning of the 11th. The Oklahoma Mesonet site at Hooker (Texas) recorded a low of 15 degrees and the temperature at Guymon (Texas) fell to 19 degrees. The cold weather extensively damaged the wheat crop in Texas and Cimarron counties.

Beginning on the 16th, a series of storm systems moved through the state, keeping the weather unsettled for the remainder of the month. Small tornadoes struck near Avant (Osage) and Tipton (Tillman) on the 16th. A supercell thunderstorm moved from the Red River southwest of Grandfield (Tillman) through south central Oklahoma on the 17th, maintaining its structure well into northeastern Oklahoma. A number of tornadoes were reported ,including southeast of Devol (Cotton), north of Temple (Cotton), near Corum (Stephens), south of Comanche (Stephens) and northwest of Joy near the Garvin/Murray county line. Other tornadoes were reported near Wewoka (Seminole), Henryetta (Okmulgee), Council Hill (Muskogee), Okay (Wagoner) and Peggs (Cherokee). Street flooding was reported in Comanche, which received 3.66 inches of rain. Hominy (Osage) and Pauls Valley (Garvin) each reported over 3 inches of rain. Local flooding, large hail and damaging winds were reported at numerous locations in the storm's path. Meanwhile, Kenton received a three inch snow between midnight and 8 AM on the 18th. Tornadoes were reported near Colcord (Delaware) and Stilwell (Sequoyah) on the 18th and near Fox (Stephens) and Healdton (Carter) on the 19th.

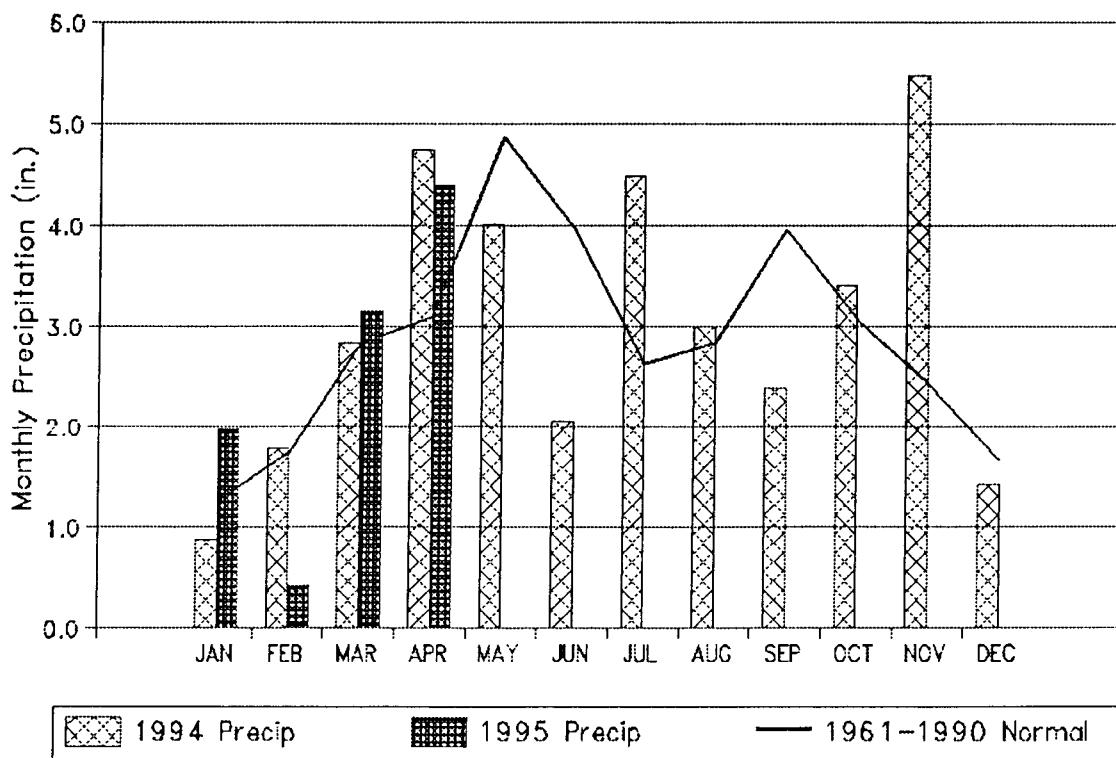
Sleet mixed with rain fell at Kenton and Arnett (Ellis) on the 22nd while thunderstorms rolled over much of southern Oklahoma. A thunderstorm produced damaging winds in Vinita (Craig) on the 24th. Other thunderstorms struck in McIntosh, Bryan and Choctaw counties on the 26th. Braman (Kay) reported 4.82 inches of rain from midnight through the morning of the 29th. That storm system also produced large hail in Kay, Osage and Mayes counties and strong winds in Grant, Washington and Rogers counties. Ponca City, (Kay), Ralston (Pawnee), Bartlesville (near Washington/Osage county line) and Keystone Dam (Tulsa) each reported over three inches of rain. Another round of thunderstorms on the 30th produced large hail in many areas of southern and eastern Oklahoma, including hailstones up to two and three-fourths inches in diameter near Talihina in LeFlore County.

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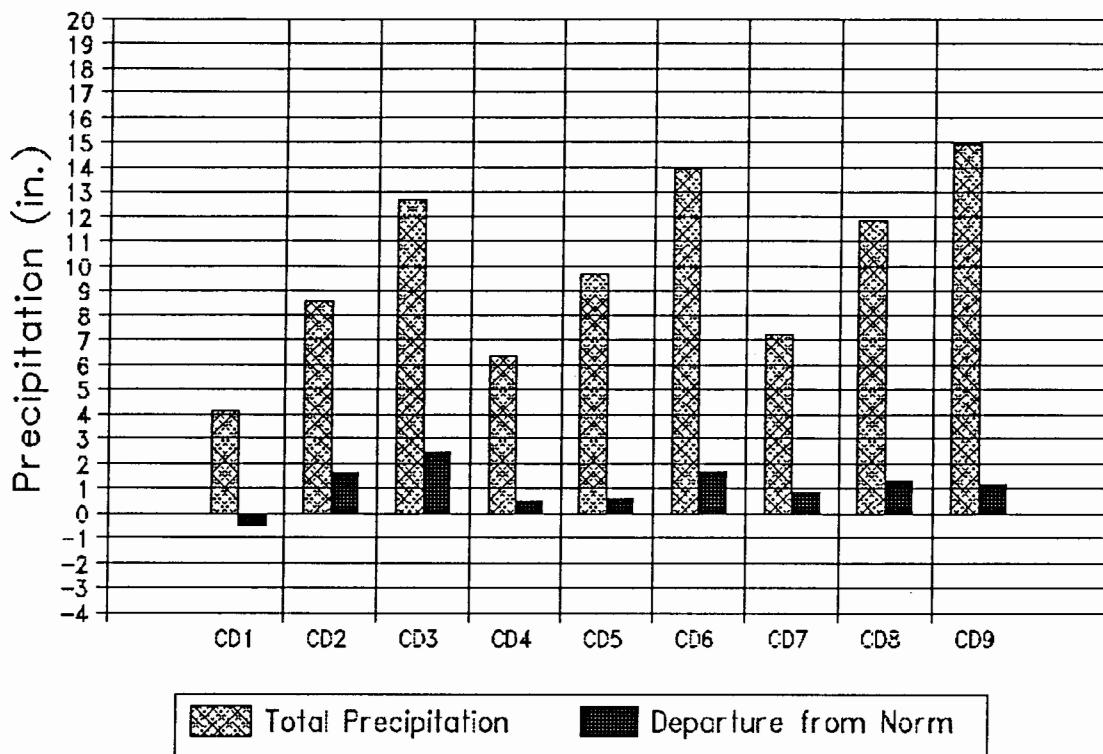
### 1994 and 1995 STATEWIDE TEMPERATURES Monthly Averages



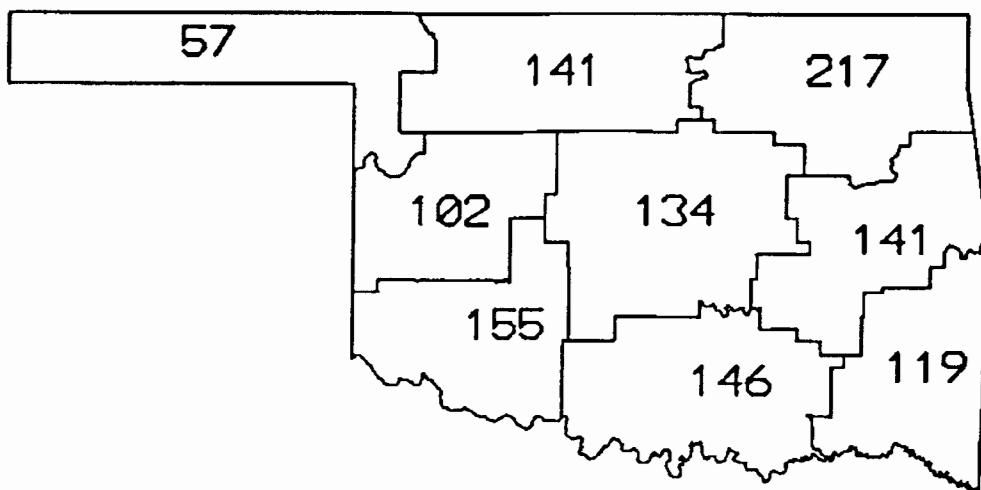
### 1994 and 1995 STATEWIDE PRECIPITATION Monthly Totals



CD Averaged Precipitation  
January through April 1995



CD PERCENT OF NORMAL PRECIPITATION



APRIL 1995

EXTREME VALUES OF TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION IN EACH CLIMATE DIVISION  
April 1995

CD	MAX TEMP	DATE	LOCATION	MIN TEMP	DATE	LOCATION	24-HOUR PRECIP	DATE	LOCATION	MONTHLY PRECIP	LOCATION
1	92 92	15 8	BEAVER GOODWELL	17	12	HOOKER	.89	23	FARGO	1.53	BOISE CITY
2	93 93	9 8	FREEDOM WAYNOKA	25	11	FT SUPPLY DAM	4.35	29	BRAMAN	7.47	BRAMAN
3	88	8	MANNFORD	31 31 31 31	11 5 13 11	CLEVELAND HULAH DAM HULAH DAM MANNFORD	3.50	29	RALSTON	10.85	SKIATOOK
4	93	8	ERICK	26 26 26	11 11 11	CANTON DAM CLINTON REYDON	1.10	18	CANTON DAM	3.25	TALOGA
5	90 90	8 9	GUTHRIE GUTHRIE	28	11	KINGFISHER	2.40	18	WEWOKA	6.44	CUSHING
6	88	10	LAKE EUFAULA	25	12	LAKE EUFAULA	4.05	11	BOYNTON	11.74	BOYNTON
7	95	8	HOLLIS	25	11	MANGUM	2.97	17	FREDERICK	5.93	FORT SILL
8	90	8	WAURIKA	30 30	11 1	MARLOW MCGEE CREEK	3.66	17	COMANCHE	9.60	COMANCHE
9	87	9	HUGO	29	1	SMITHVILLE	2.23	20	BENGAL	7.27	HEAVENER

TABLE OF 1995/1996 COMPARISONS

Station	April Temperature (°F)		April Precipitation (in.)	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
Arnett	55.4	51.7	3.26	0.91
Enid	59.4	57.7	7.62	5.18
Mutual	57.8	52.8	3.25	2.07
Tulsa	59.8	59.0	6.41	5.49
Oklahoma City	59.4	56.8	3.38	3.76
McAlester	62.9	62.0	4.32	3.40
Altus Irr Sta	62.4	60.5	4.06	3.48
Ada	61.7	59.9	4.10	5.56
Hugo	64.6	65.1	5.52	4.68

EXTREMES

Variable	Station	Division	Observation	Date
Minimum temperature (°F)	Hooker	1	17	12
Maximum temperature (°F)	Hollis	7	95	8
Maximum 24-hour precipitation	Braman	2	4.35"	29





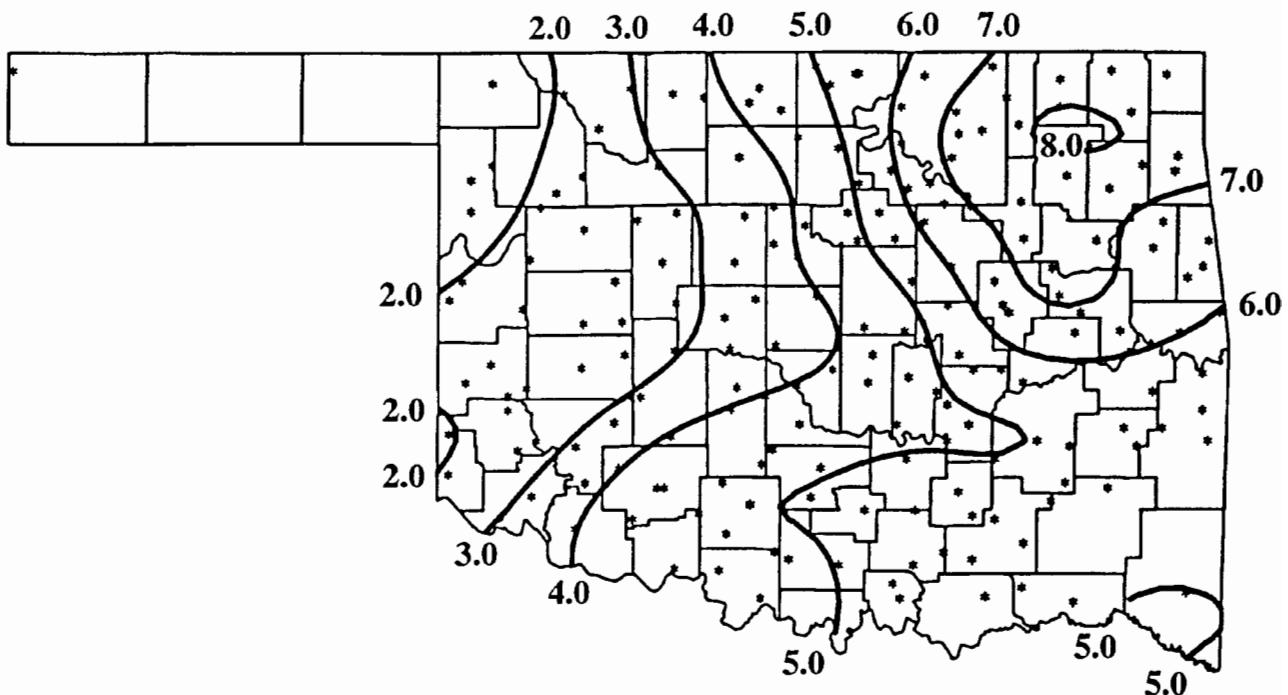




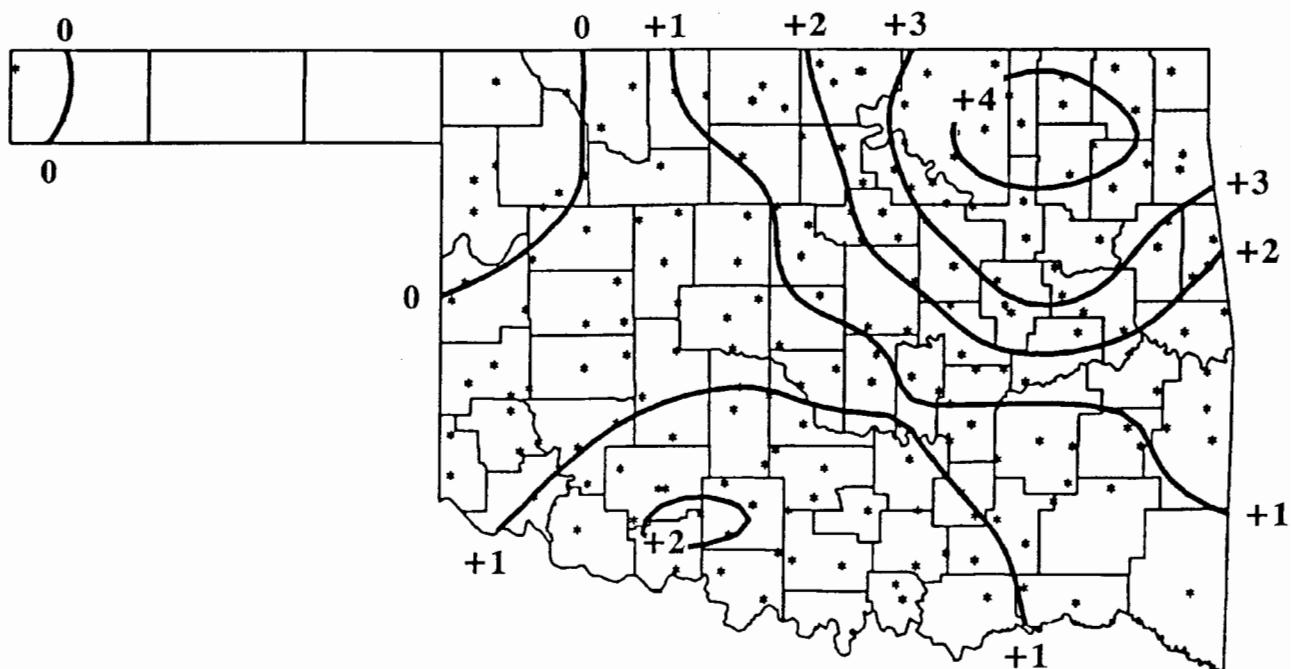


**APRIL 1995 CLIMATE DIVISION SUMMARY**

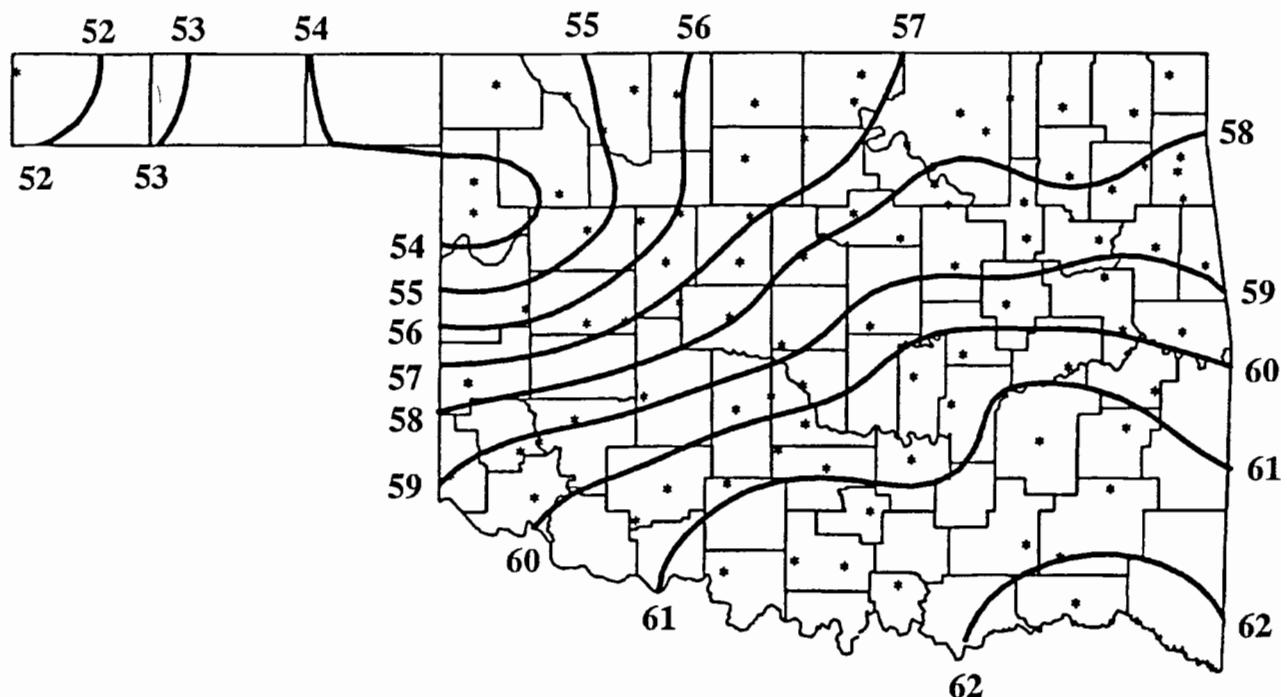
CLIMATE DIV	MEAN TEMP	NUM STA	FROM NORM	DEV		HEAT		DEV		COOL		DEV		DEV		
				MAX TEMP	MIN DAY	DEGREE TEMP	DAY	DAYS	FROM NORM	DEGREE DAYS	FROM NORM	TOT PPT	NUM STA	FROM NORM	24-HR	MAX DAY
1	52.1	9	-4.3	92.0	8	17.0	12	391.8	112.6	7.1	-15.5	1.12	12	-.47	.89	23
2	55.4	13	-3.7	93.0	8	25.0	11	300.5	86.3	13.0	-23.0	3.65	22	1.05	4.35	29
3	58.0	18	-2.3	88.0	8	31.0	11	230.7	52.8	22.5	-15.2	7.65	29	4.13	3.50	29
4	56.4	10	-3.4	93.0	8	26.0	11	270.8	75.0	13.3	-26.3	2.24	20	.05	1.10	18
5	59.0	16	-2.5	90.0	9	28.0	11	206.0	53.3	28.0	-22.0	4.26	35	1.06	2.40	18
6	60.0	10	-1.8	88.0	10	25.0	12	181.7	38.7	31.9	-12.7	5.89	25	1.70	4.05	11
7	59.9	10	-2.3	95.0	8	25.0	11	187.3	43.8	34.9	-22.7	3.41	21	1.14	2.97	17
8	61.3	14	-1.7	90.0	8	30.0	1	150.5	27.9	38.9	-22.0	5.39	30	1.72	3.66	17
9	60.4	8	-2.0	87.0	9	29.0	1	163.7	40.6	26.8	-19.6	5.21	19	.69	2.23	20



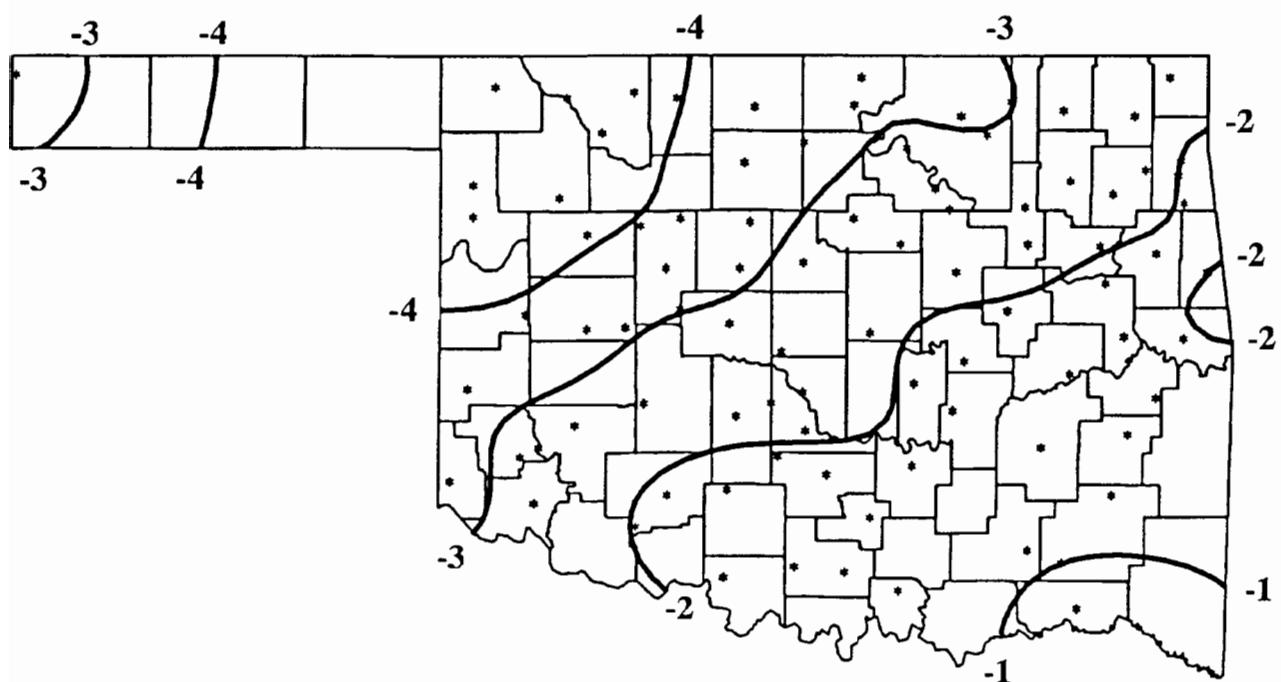
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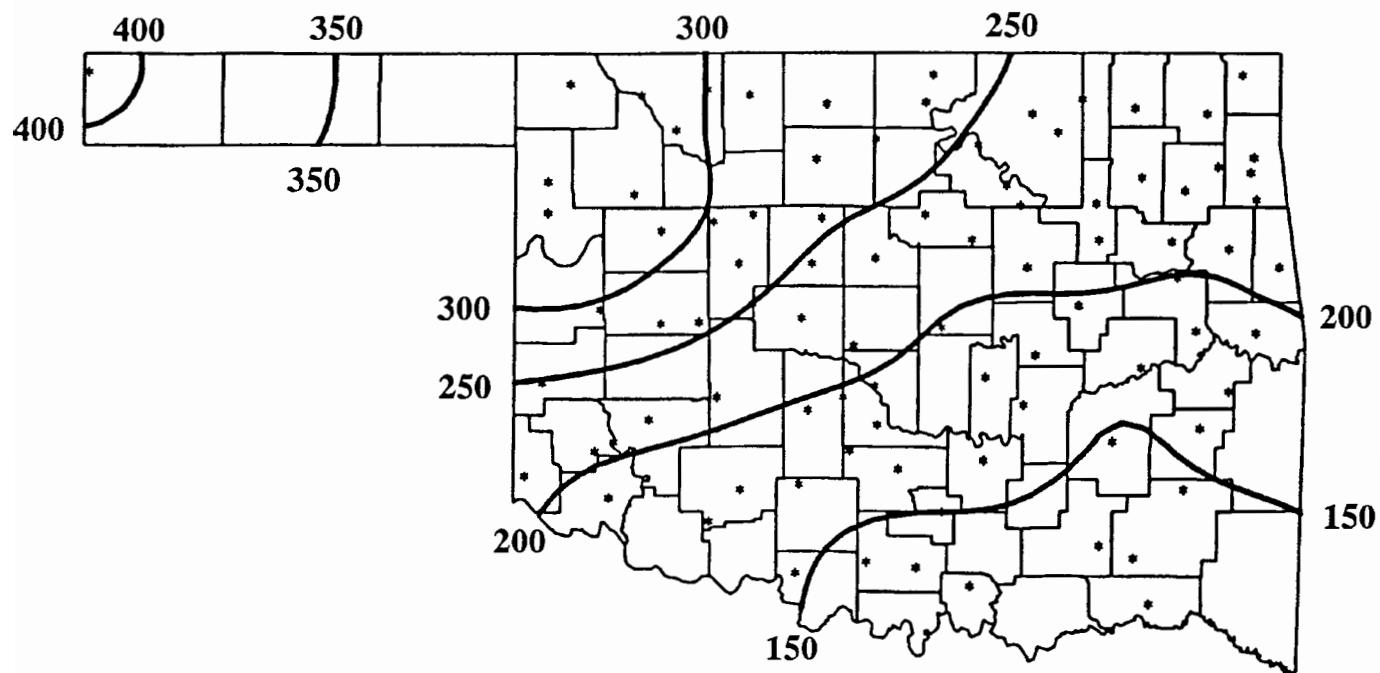
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(Inches)



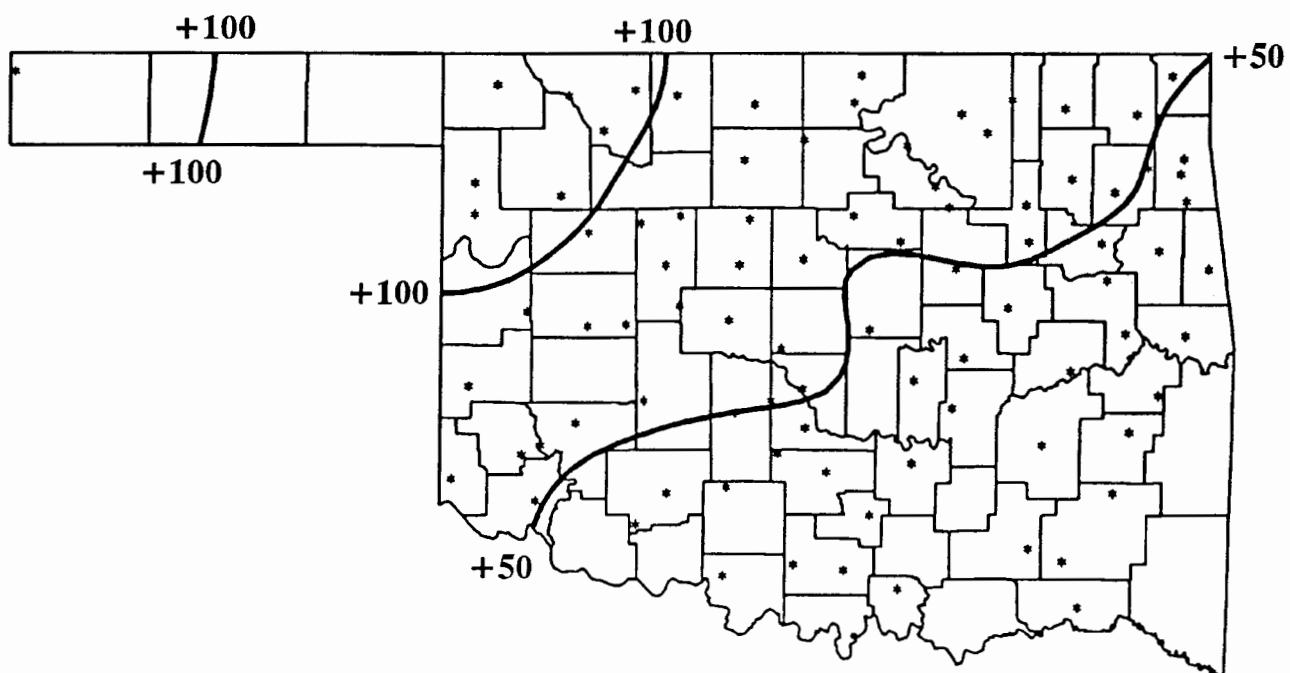
APRIL 1995 AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES  
(Degrees F)



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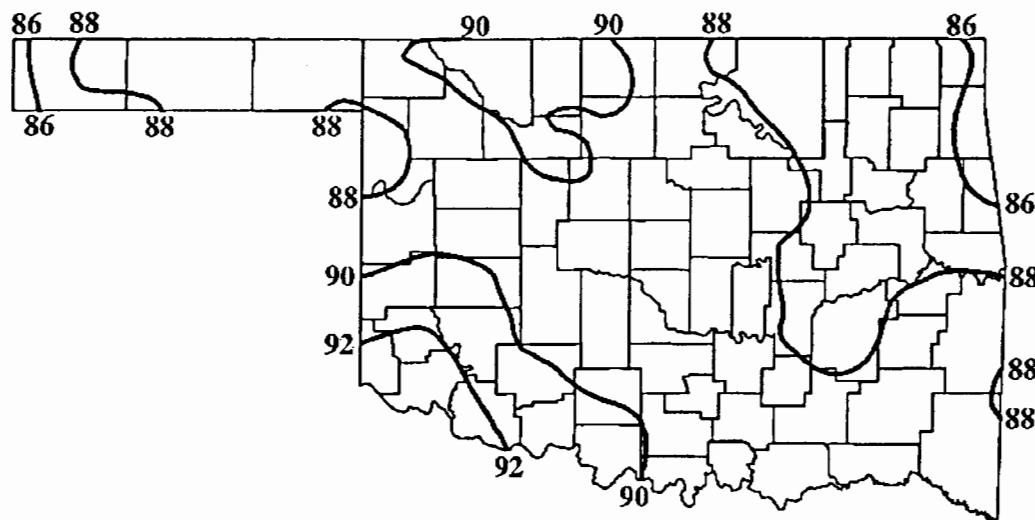


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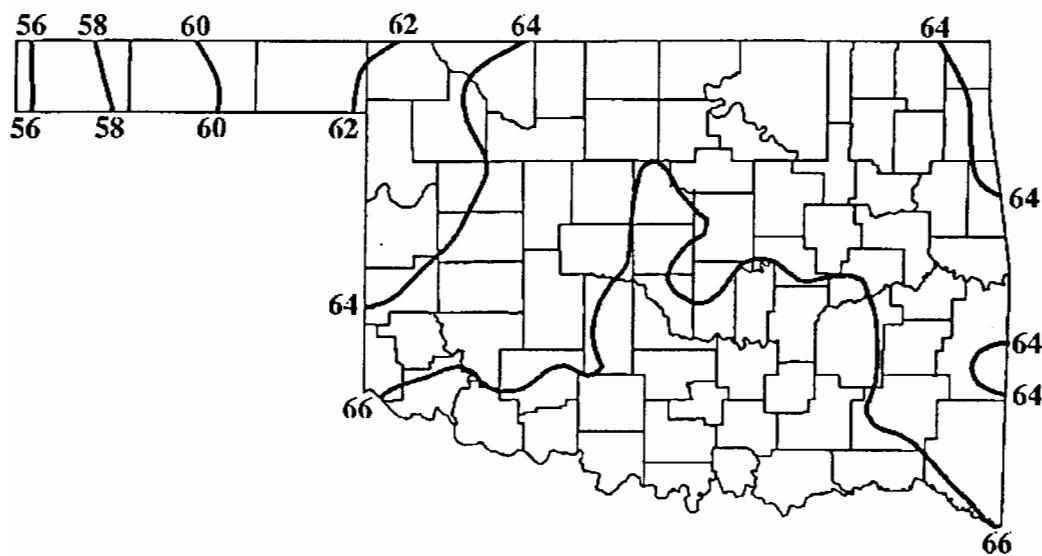


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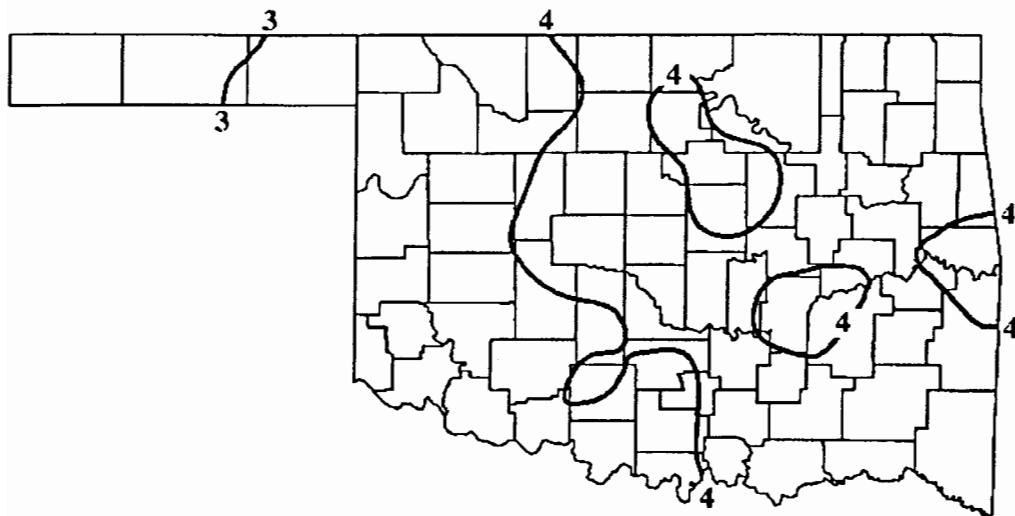




June Normal Daily Maximum Temperatures (°F)



June Normal Daily Minimum Temperatures (°F)



**June Normal Monthly Precipitation (inches)**

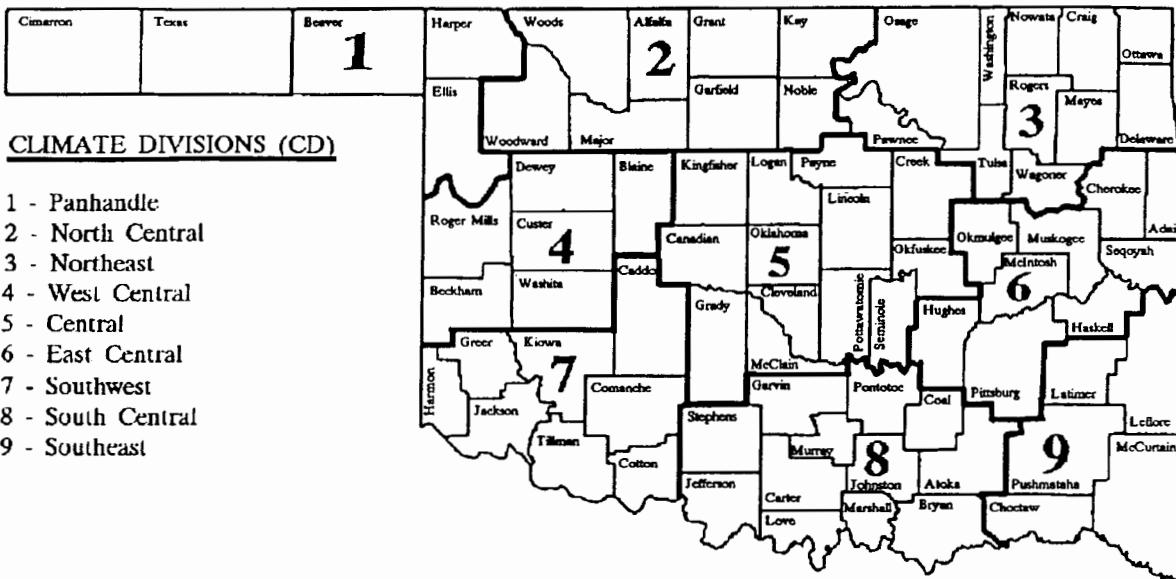
**SEASONAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OUTLOOK**

**(June through August 1995)**

**Precipitation - Near Normal Statewide**

**Temperature - Above Normal Southeast  
Near Normal Elsewhere**

# OKLAHOMA



## CLIMATE DIVISIONS (CD)

- 1 - Panhandle
- 2 - North Central
- 3 - Northeast
- 4 - West Central
- 5 - Central
- 6 - East Central
- 7 - Southwest
- 8 - South Central
- 9 - Southeast

## EXPLANATION OF TABLES

Two kinds of tables appear in this summary. The first is a set of tables containing all reporting stations grouped by climate division. The figure above shows the locations of the climate divisions. Each table contains the following information for each station:

### Station Name:

Station Identification Number: These are usually assigned by the National Climatic Data Center.

### Climate Division: See the figure above.

Number of Temperature Observations: These are the actual number of temperature reports recorded at the station during the current month. Missing observations may result in artificially high or low mean monthly temperatures.

Deviation from Normal: The deviation of the observed mean monthly temperature from the monthly station normal. A positive value indicates the month was warmer than normal. A negative value indicates the month was cooler than normal. Normal monthly temperatures may be calculated by subtracting the deviation from the observed temperature.

Maximum Daily Maximum: The maximum daily maximum temperature observed during the current month and year and the day which it occurred.

Minimum Daily Minimum: The minimum daily minimum temperature observed during the current month and year and the day which it occurred.

Heating Degree Days: HDD are calculated each day of the month for which there is a temperature report and the average temperature for the day is less than 65 degrees. Daily values are summed to arrive at a monthly total. They are a qualitative measure of how much heat was required to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. Missing observations may result in an artificially high or low value. For February 1984 HDD would be calculated as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{29} 65 - ((TMAX_i + TMIN_i) / 2)$$

Deviation from Normal Heating Degree Days: A positive value indicates higher than normal heating requirements for the month as a whole. A negative value indicates lower than normal heating requirements for the month as a whole. Normal HDD may be calculated by subtracting the deviation from observed HDD.

Cooling Degree Days: CDD are calculated each day of the month for which there is a temperature report and the average temperature for the day exceeds 65 degrees. Daily values are summed to give a monthly total. They are a proxy measure of how much cooling was required to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. Missing observations may result in an artificially high or low value. For June, CDD would be calculated as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{30} ((TMAX_i + TMIN_i) / 2) - 65$$

Deviation from Normal Cooling Degree Days: A positive value indicates higher than normal cooling requirements for the month as a whole. A negative value indicates lower than normal cooling requirements for the month as a whole. Normal cooling degree days may be found by subtracting the deviation from the observed cooling degree days.

Total Precipitation: Often incorrectly referred to as mean precipitation, this value is the sum of all precipitation reported during the month at a station. If snow occurred, it is to be melted and its water equivalent recorded.

Number of Precipitation Observations: The number of days a rain or no-rain observation was reported. Missing observations frequently result in artificially low total precipitation values.

Deviation from Normal Precipitation: A positive value indicates more rain than normal was received. A negative value indicates less than was expected rainfall was received. Normal rainfall may be calculated by subtracting the deviation from monthly total.

Maximum 24-Hour Report and Day: The maximum amount of precipitation recorded during the station's 24-hour observation period for the current month and year and the day on which it was recorded.

The second set of tables contain similar information but are the average or extreme over all the stations reporting in each climate division.





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