

Are You Ready for A Record Hurricane Season?

March 2024 Weather Analysis

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Rainfall & Temperature Data:

Rainfall for month:	1.90 in.
Rainfall year-to-date:	7.53 in.
23 yr. monthly rainfall average:	2.21 in.
Average high temperature:	84.6 F (normal: 79.0 F)
Above normal temperature days:	28
Record-high temperature days:	3

In the first 2024 national hurricane forecast, “Accu Weather predicts ‘explosive’ 2024 hurricane season that could break record”. With the start of hurricane season just one month away, it’s time to make our annual preparations. And, because this season has all the ingredients for a record number of storms, we need to maximize our preparations now to protect our property and assure our personal safety.

Summary: As reported last month, a strong El Nino event – which began in mid-June 2023 – continues globally, and in Southwest Florida. The result is that much of the U.S. including the greater Sarasota area is experiencing warmer temperatures with less than normal rainfall.

Temperature Analysis: Repeating a pattern begun last year, March average temperature was well above normal (84.6 vs 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit). This is typical of El Nino weather conditions.

Other March temperature statistics include twenty-eight above normal temperature-days and three record high-temperature days.

Rainfall Analysis: Typically, March is one of our drier months. Yet this month was even drier than normal -- despite El Nino’s presence. Rainfall was 15% below normal – thus worsening the on-going severe drought in Southwest Florida.

Monthly temperature and rainfall data are presented in the graph.

Pre- Hurricane Season Analysis: February’s analysis has not changed, and it is bolstered by Accu Weather’s latest forecast calling for: an “explosive” hurricane season that has the potential to break the record of 30 named storms in a season.

This is the time for all Meadows residents to take heed and begin serious preparations aimed at protecting our property and lives.

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