

## Spring 2013

The following represents an assessment of the weather experienced across the UK during Spring 2013 (March, April and May) and how it compares with the 1981 to 2010 average.

The mean temperature over the UK for spring was 6.0 °C, which is 1.7 °C below the long-term average. March was 3.3 °C below the long-term average for the month, April was 1.1 °C below, and May was 0.8 °C below. March was colder than any of the winter months and the coldest for the UK since 1962. Any spells of warm weather through the season were very short-lived. Overall this was the coldest spring for the UK since 1962 (marginally colder than spring 1979), and the fifth coldest in a series since 1910.

Spring overall for the UK was a little drier than the long-term average with 93%, and north-west England was driest relative to average while the south-east of Northern Ireland was rather wetter. March was a dry month in the north and west while April was rather dry across much of England and Wales. May was wetter than average for the UK overall. There were notable instances of late-season snowfall in certain areas during late March and early April.

Sunshine totals for the UK were very close to normal for the season with 98% of the long-term average. March was rather dull with 80%, April was sunnier with 113%, and May was close to average with 95%. The season ended a run of six consecutive sunny springs from 2007 to 2012.

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### UK statistical summary

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#### Mean temperature

The mean value is 6.0 °C, which is 1.7 °C below the 1981-2010 average.

#### Rainfall

The total is 220 mm, which is 93% of the 1981-2010 average.

#### Sunshine

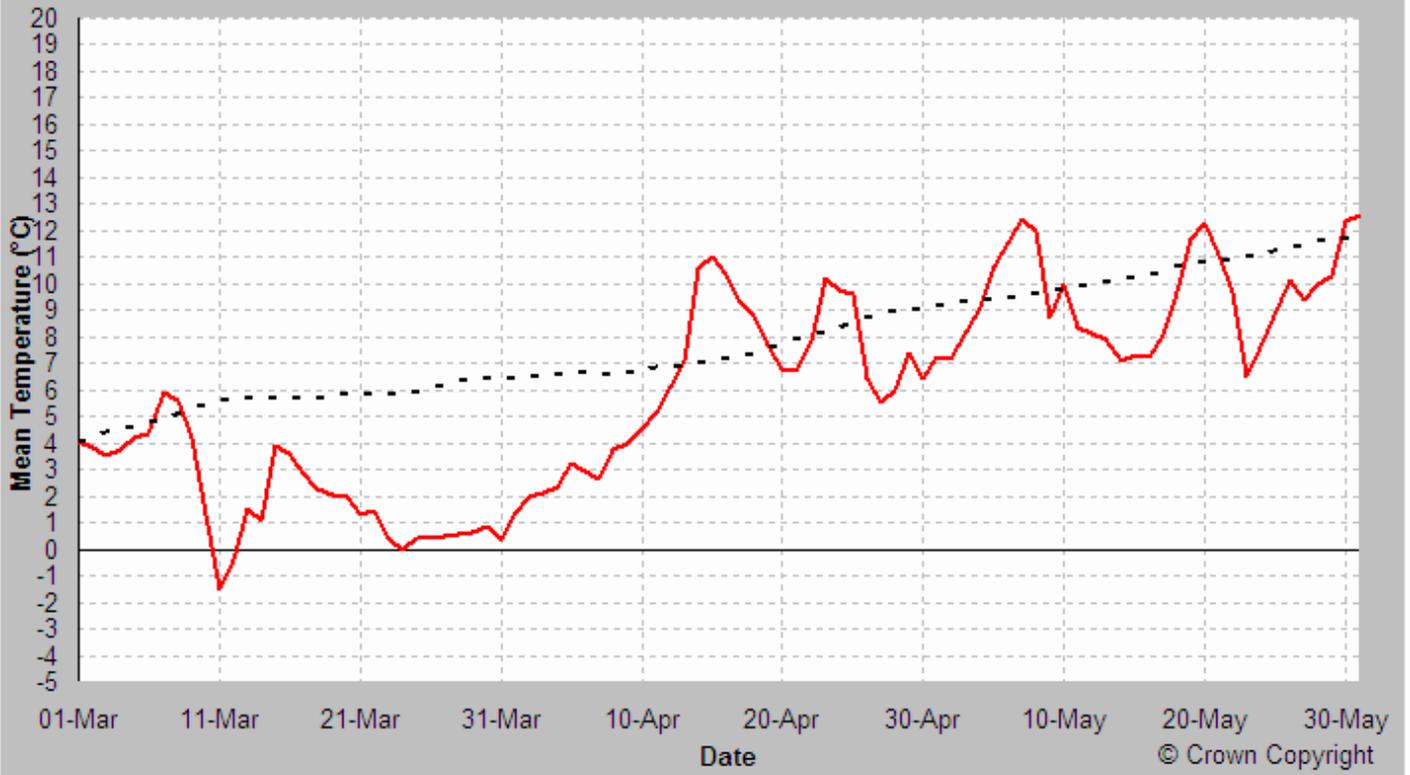
The total is 426 hours, which is 98% of the 1981-2010 average.

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Mean Temperature - Spring - 2013 - UK

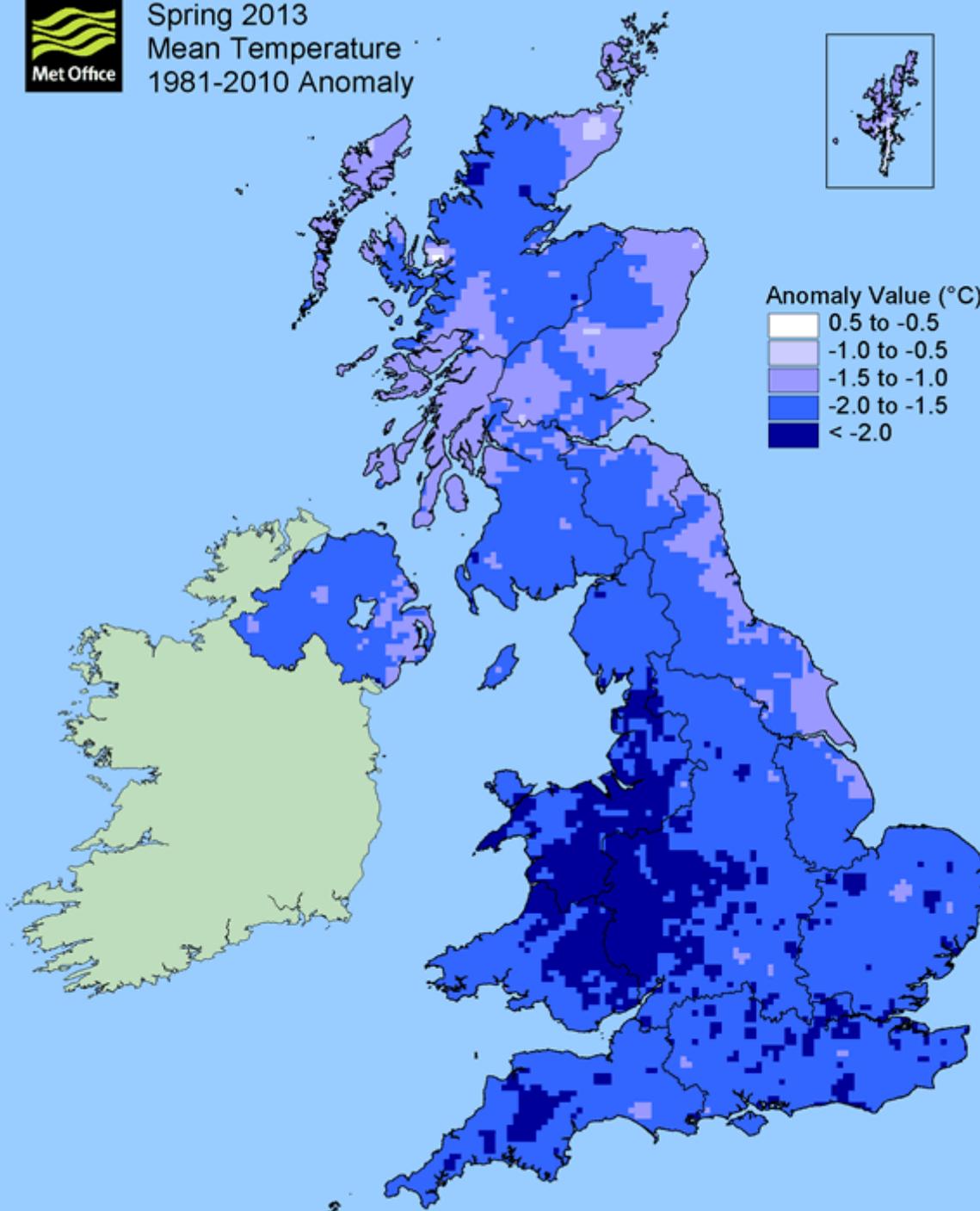
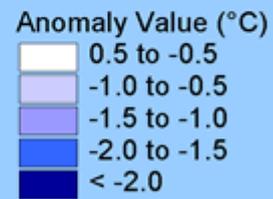
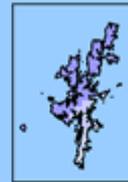


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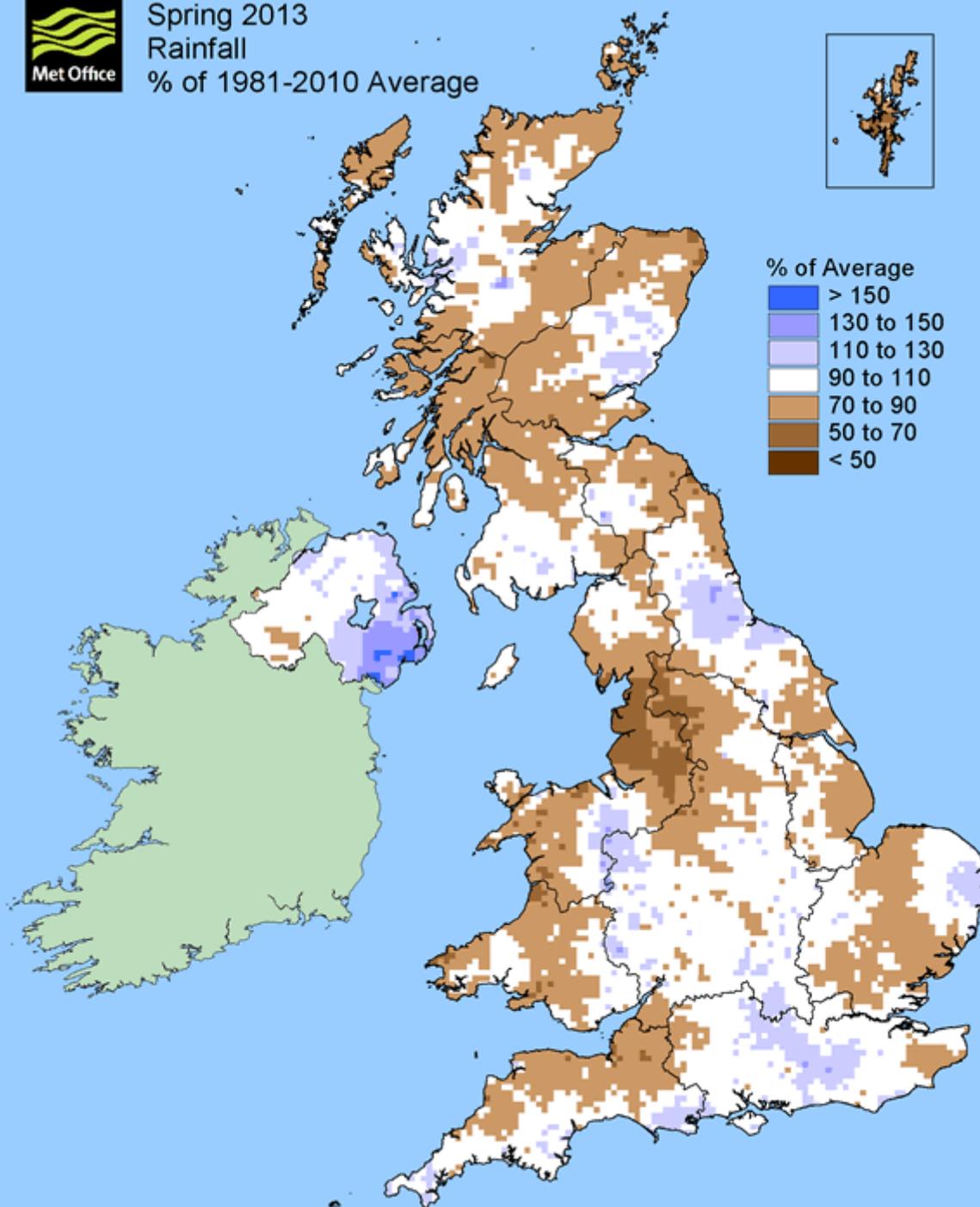
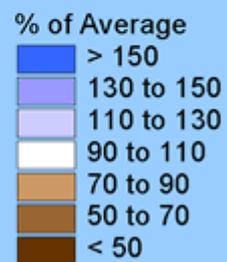
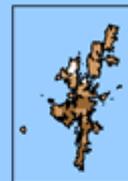


Spring 2013  
Mean Temperature  
1981-2010 Anomaly





Spring 2013  
Rainfall  
% of 1981-2010 Average



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