

Spring 2010

The following represents an assessment of the weather experienced across the UK during Spring 2010 (March, April and May) and how it compares with the 1971 to 2000 averages.

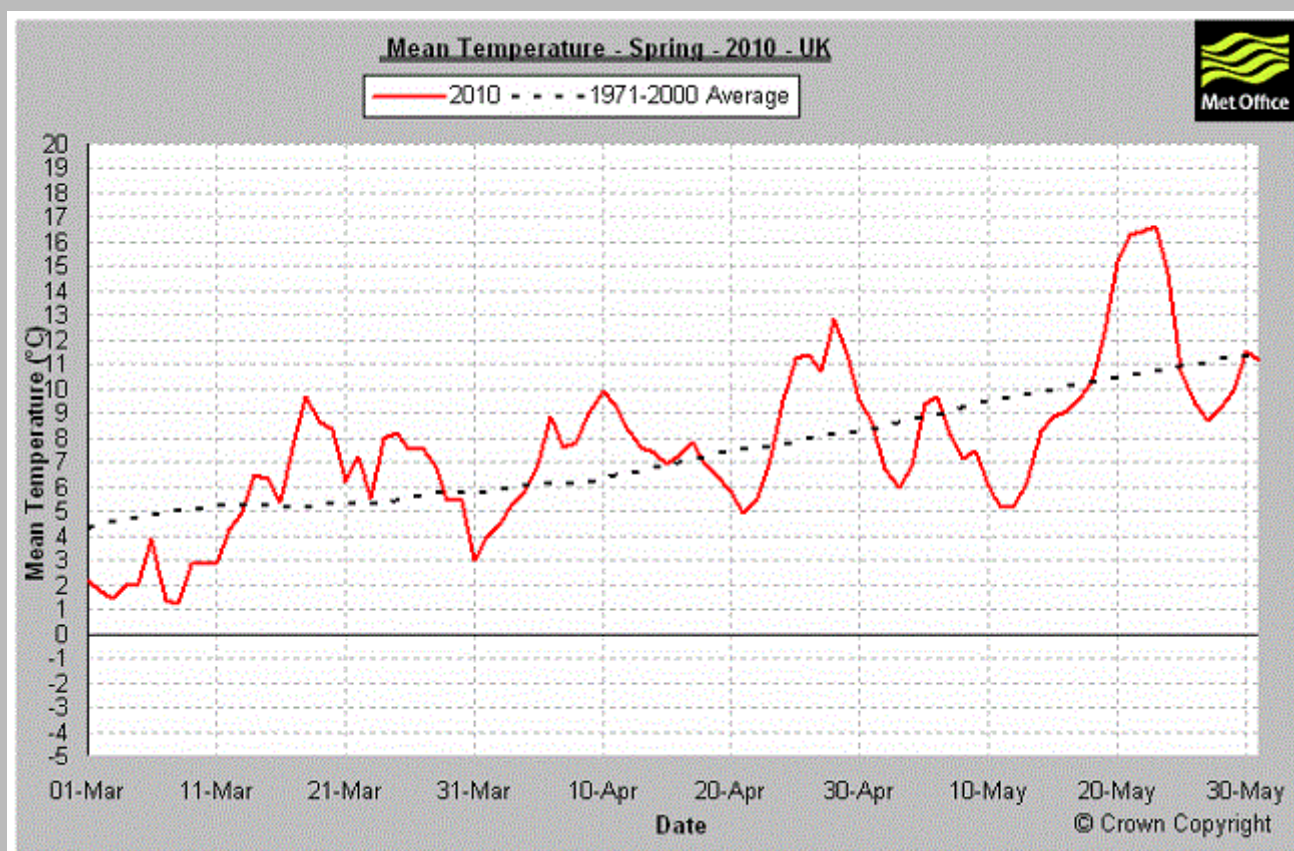
The UK mean temperature for spring was 7.6 °C, which is 0.2 °C above the 1971-2000 average. Mean temperatures over the UK were 0.1 °C below average during March, 1.0 °C above during April and 0.2 °C below in May.

Spring rainfall was below normal over almost the whole UK and it was especially dry across East Anglia, the north Midlands and Lancashire, where less than 60% of average was recorded. It was the driest spring since 1984 and ranks equal-eleventh-driest in the UK series from 1910. April and May were particularly dry months, with less than 50% of the monthly average rainfall recorded in April over much of England and Wales and in May over parts of western Scotland, central southern England and a broad swathe from East Anglia to Cumbria.

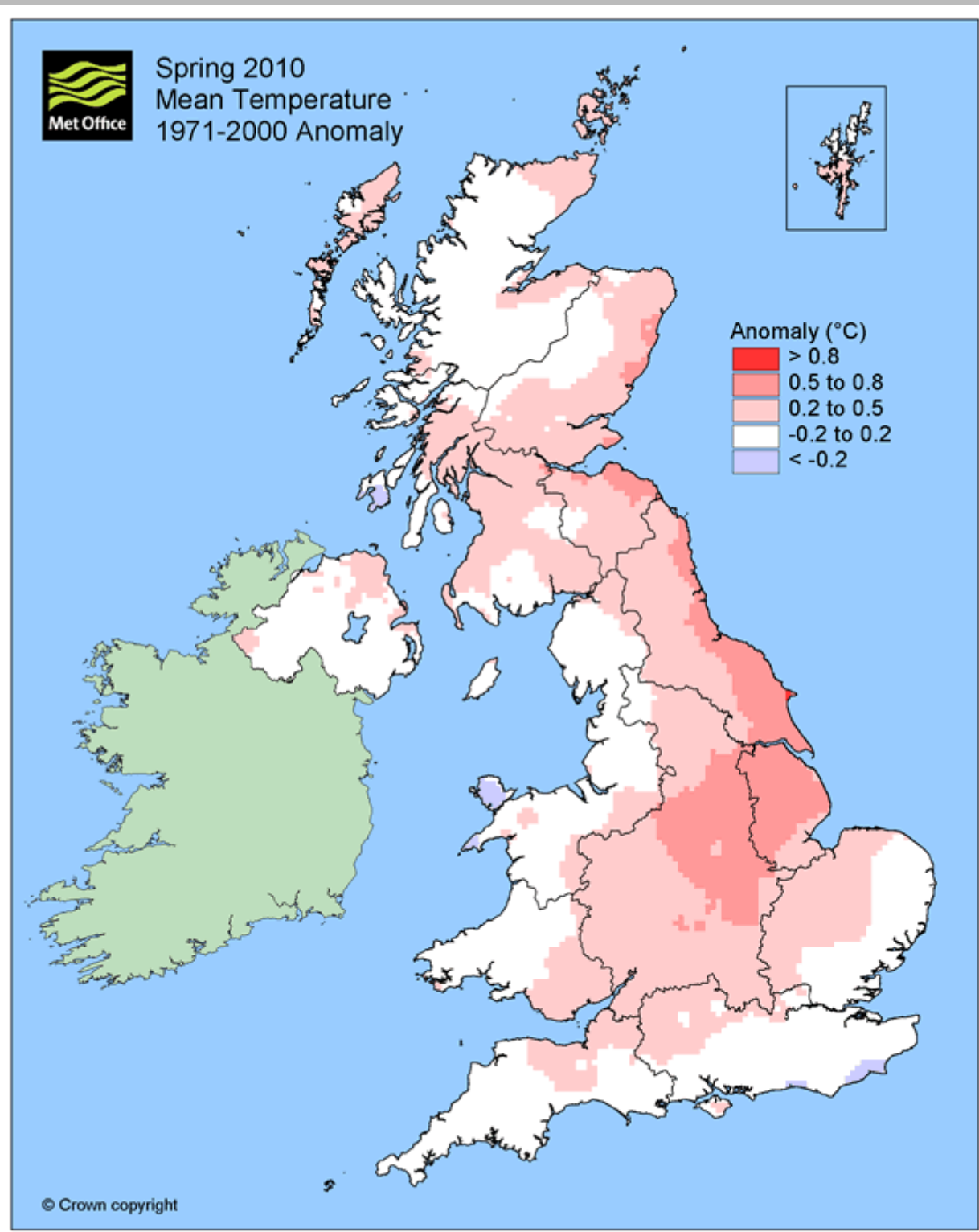
Sunshine totals for the Spring were above the 1971-2000 average generally across the UK. April was a particularly sunny month with 129% of normal sunshine and it was the fifth-sunniest April over England and Wales in a series that begins in 1929. Spring 2010 was the ninth-sunniest over England and Wales (comparable to Spring 2009) and the third-sunniest over Wales.

UK statistical summary		
Mean temperature	Rainfall	Sunshine
The mean value is 7.6 °C, which is 0.2 °C above the 1971-2000 average.	The total is 166 mm, which is 72% of the 1971-2000 average.	The total is 500 hours, which is 118% of the 1971-2000 average.

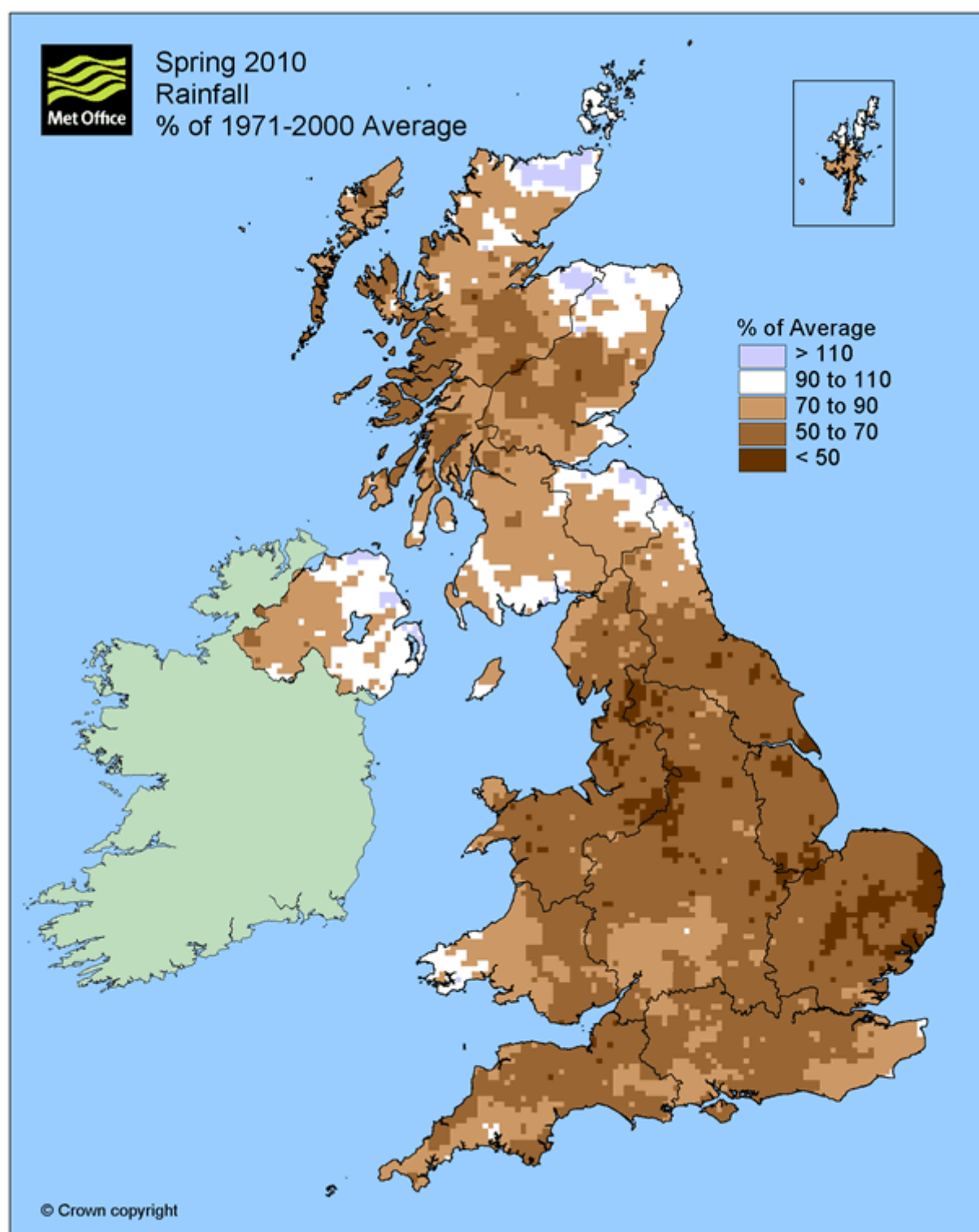
Provisional graph of UK daily mean temperature for Spring 2010 (March, April and May)



Mean temperature anomaly (difference from average) map for Spring 2010 (March, April and May)



Rainfall percent of average map for Spring 2010 (March, April and May)



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