











DeepLook Forecast: March 19, 2018

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M 3/19	T 3/20	W 3/21	R 3/22	F 3/23	\$ 3/24	S 3/25	M 3/26	T 3/27	W 3/28

Forecast Discussion:

- The good news is this: weather is looking to be dry for the entire week at this point, with the only threat of precipitation being a nor'easter that is currently tracking well south and east and appears poised to miss southwestern New York entirely. The bad news is that temperatures will remain cooler than average throughout; this is the first March I can remember in several years where there hasn't been a notable mid-March warmup. Even so, with the widespread sunshine and daylight increasing by almost three minutes a day, the direct radiation should melt down some of the snowpack still lingering from the storms earlier in the month. High temperatures should recover to closer to seasonal averages by this weekend (yes, I know I said that last week, but this week appears a little more certain in that front).
- What isn't certain is the precipitation situation for next week. The GFS and most of the ensemble model members I've looked at have the beginning of next week dry and with near-average high temperatures. The Canadian model, on the other hand, sends a snowstorm on a path toward a direct hit with southwestern New York at that time, something no other model does and so I don't put much stock in that. The ensemble members do agree that we'll get something next week, but in regard to the timing, intensity or whether it will be snow or rain, the models are all over the place. All in all, the longer-range forecast is not one with a high level of confidence.
- Nor is there much confidence in the forecast beyond 10 days. The historic comparisons (the CPC suggested 1954, 1965 and 1977) suggest generally cooler than average conditions, while most of the models are suggesting some milder conditions toward next week. There's not much agreement or consensus on anything, which doesn't surprise me given that it is a season of change, and the models tend not to do as well during those times.

Normals and Almanac: March 19-28

High temperature: 42...46 — Low temperature: 21...25

 Sunrise: 7:20—7:05^{a.m.} —  Sunset: 7:26—7:37^{p.m.} — Daylight: 12^{hr}:06^{min}—12^{hr}:32^{min} (+2.9^{min}/_{day})

Equinox was March 17, 7:24^{a.m.}/_{p.m.} EDT

Spring Equinox: March 20, 12:15^{p.m.} EDT