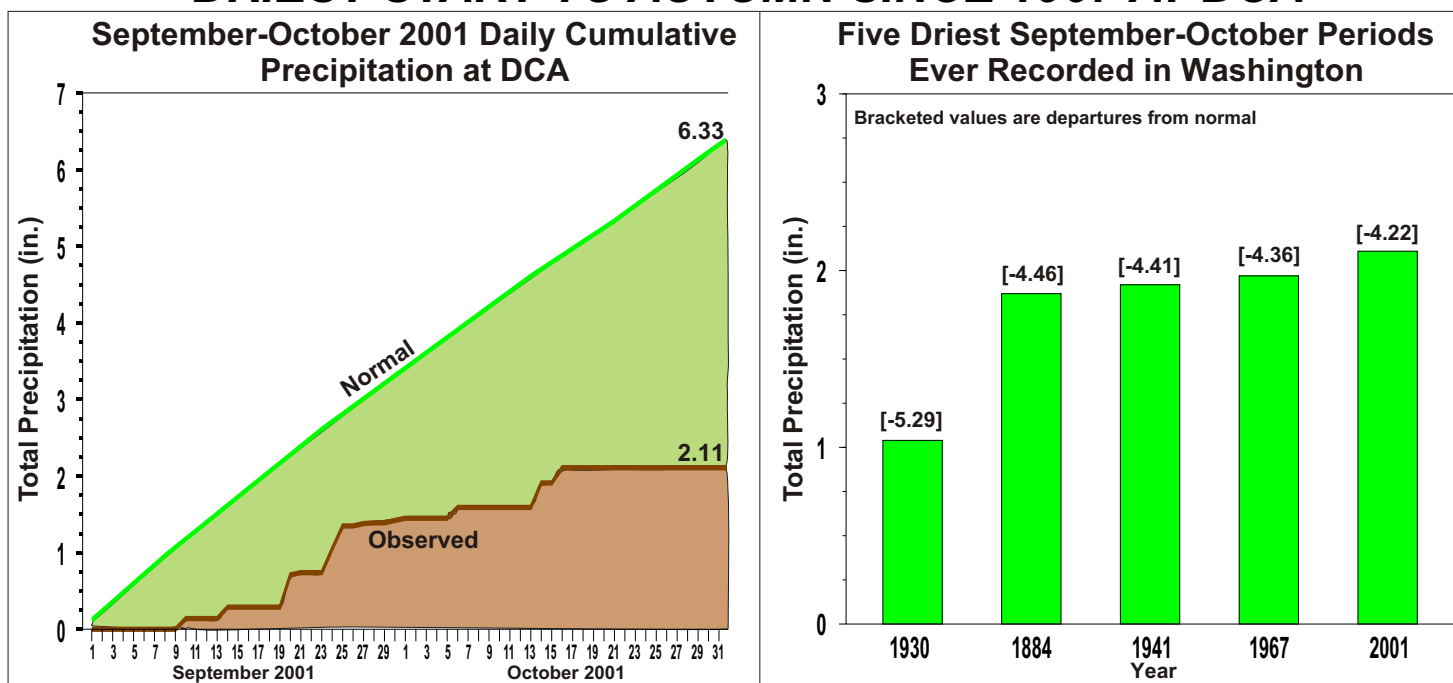




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

OCTOBER 2001

DRIEST START TO AUTUMN SINCE 1967 AT DCA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Near-normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Fourth consecutive October with subnormal precipitation at both DCA & BWI and fifth at IAD;
- Monthly precipitation deficits of more than 2" at both DCA and BWI;
- Only 4 days with measurable precipitation at DCA & BWI and only 3 such days at IAD;
- No days with precipitation totals exceeding 0.50", the second consecutive such month at DCA;
- Fifth driest October on record at BWI (0.76"), 9th at IAD (1.43") and 14th at DCA (0.69");
- Driest start to Autumn since 1967 at DCA (see graphic), since 1978 at BWI;
- 18 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- First 32°F or lower reading of the season at both BWI (31°F) and IAD (30°F) on the 8th;
- 18 days with highs at or above 70°F, including 6 days with readings at or above 80°F at DCA;
- Daily record highs at DCA (84°F), BWI (82°F) and IAD (84°F) on the 24th.