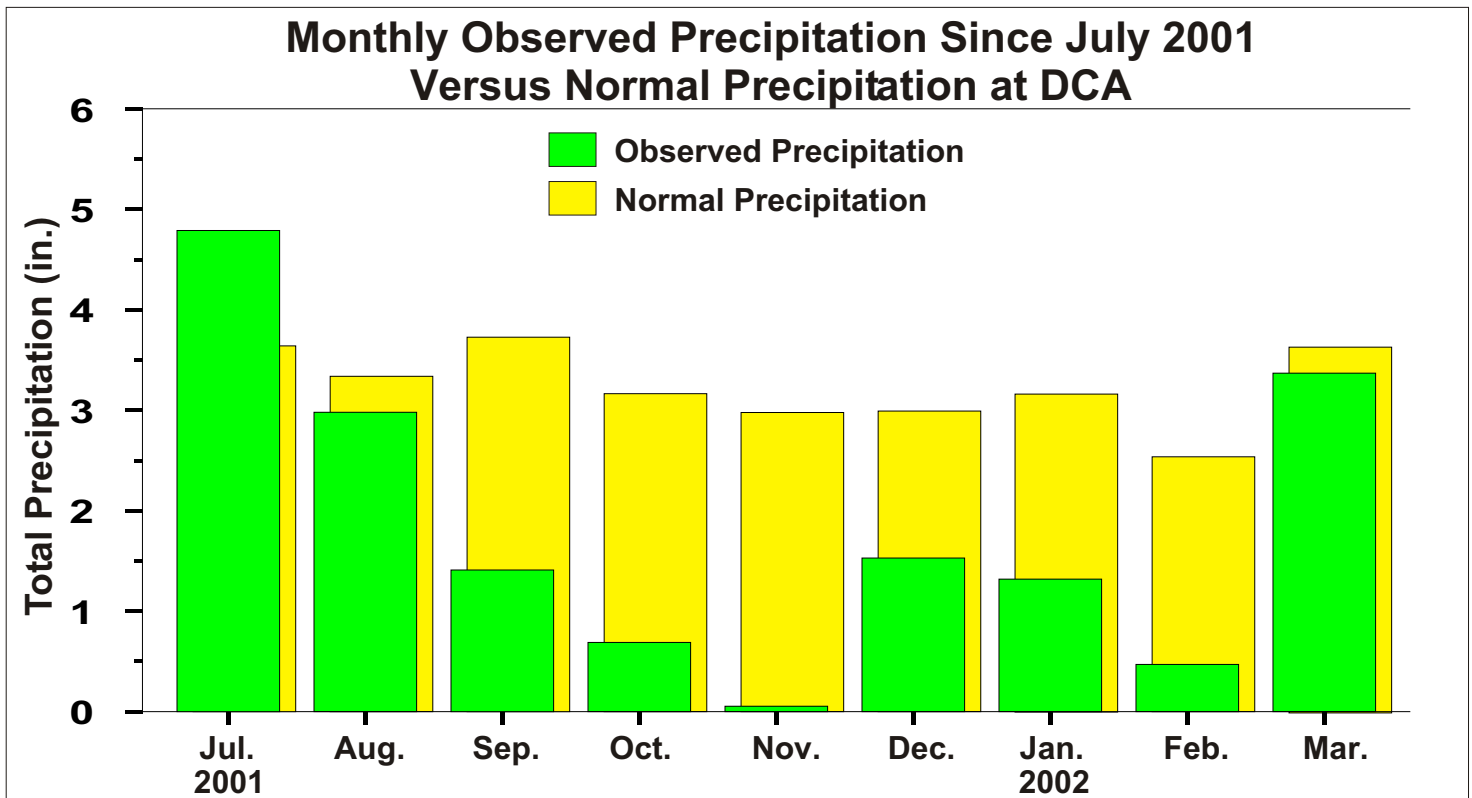


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

MARCH 2002

**WETTEST MONTH SINCE JULY 2001 AT DCA, BUT STILL SLIGHTLY
BELOW-NORMAL MONTHLY PRECIPITATION TOTALS OBSERVED
AT MOST LOCATIONS**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Above-normal temperatures and slightly below-normal precipitation across the local area;
- 18 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- Unusually cold on the 4th and 22nd with highs only in the thirties across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Six days with at or below freezing lows at DCA;
- Lowest minimum temperature at DCA (19°F on the 5th) since December 26, 2000 at DCA;
- Wettest month since July 2001 at DCA (see graphic), since August 2001 at both BWI and IAD;
- Eighth consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at DCA, 7th at BWI and 6th at IAD;
- More precipitation in March than in the three previous months (Dec. 2001-Feb. 2002) combined at DCA;
- 13 days with measurable precipitation at both DCA and IAD, 12 such days at BWI;
- First March since 1995 with subnormal precipitation at DCA;
- No measurable snowfall at the three major airports;
- Precipitation deficits of more than 4 inches for the first three months of 2002 and more than 13 inches for the August 2001-March 2002 period at DCA.