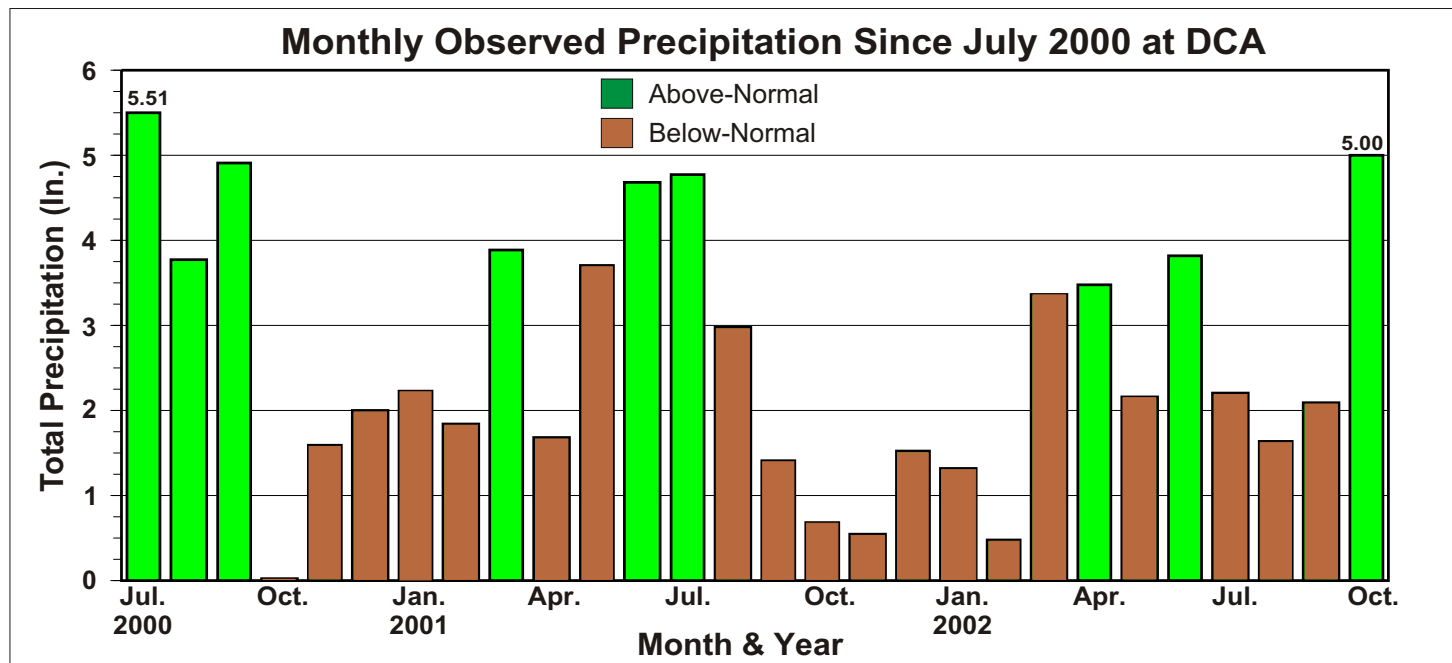




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**OCTOBER 2002**

**WETTEST MONTH SINCE JULY 2000 AT DCA**



***HIGHLIGHTS***

- *Near-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;*
- *Wettest month since July 2000 at DCA (see graphic), since September 1999 at BWI and May 2001 at IAD;*
- *Only the second month of 2002 with wetter than normal conditions at BWI, third at both DCA and IAD;*
- *Four storm systems (9th-11th, 15th-16th, 25th-26th & 29th-30th) provided beneficial rains and trimmed long-term precipitation deficits across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;*
- *13 days with measurable precipitation at both DCA & IAD, 12 at BWI;*
- *Wettest October since 1995 and first such month with above-normal precipitation since 1997 at DCA;*
- *Only the second month of 2002 with subnormal temperatures at DCA;*
- *18 days with subnormal temperatures at DCA, including 16 of the last 18 days;*
- *First 90°F+ reading and the latest such reading (5th) in October since 1997 at DCA;*
- *First 32°F or lower reading of the season at IAD (30°F) on the 18th.*

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