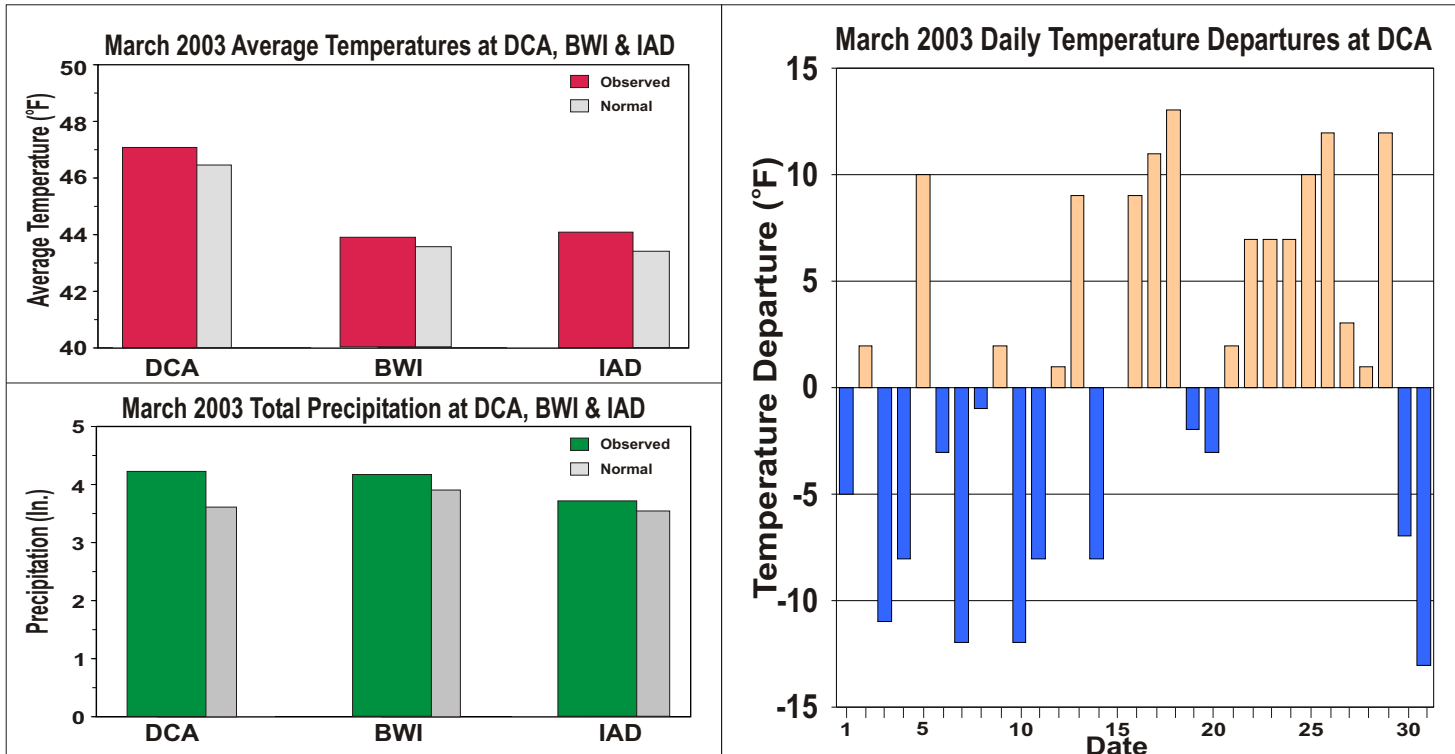




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

MARCH 2003

**SLIGHTLY ABOVE-NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
ACROSS THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Slightly above-normal temperatures and precipitation across the local area;
- 17 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- 12 days with at or below freezing temperatures at DCA, the most such days since 1993;
- Unusually cold on the 1st, 7th and 10th with highs in the thirties across most of the local area;
- Temperatures averaged nearly 3°F below normal during first half of month and more than 4°F above normal during last half of month at DCA;
- Four days with highs at or above 70°F at DCA, including a high of 76°F on the 26th;
- First 70°F+ reading (on the 18th) since November 11, 2002 at DCA;
- Fifth month out of the last six with above-normal precipitation at the three major airports;
- Eighth consecutive March with above-normal precipitation at BWI;
- Measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") recorded on 13 days at DCA;
- Record daily precipitation at DCA (1.95"), BWI (1.83") and IAD (1.81") on the 20th;
- A wet snow on the 31st produced between 1 and 3 inches of snow locally and higher amounts in the higher elevations;
- Record daily snowfall at BWI (2.6") on the 31st;
- 2002-03 seasonal snowfall totals of 40.4" at DCA, 58.2" at BWI and 50.1" at IAD.

Andrew H. Horvitz, Office of Climate, Water & Weather Services/NWS, (301) 713-1792 (ext. 150)
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