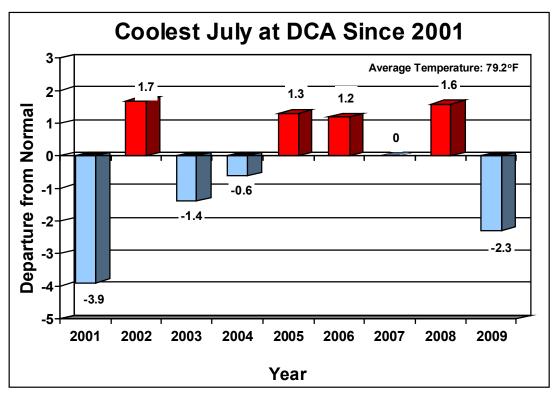




JULY 2009: Coolest in Washington Since 2001; Driest at DCA Since 1999



July Highlights

- Subnormal temperatures at all three major airports with the following departures: DCA, -2.3°F; BWI, -1.9°F; IAD, -0.8°F
- Coolest July at all three major airports since 2001
- Highs at or above 90°F on 7 days at DCA, 4 at BWI and IAD
- Only 25th-26th observed consecutive highs at or above 90°F at DCA and BWI
- July 12th was latest initial July 90°F reading since 1979 at BWI and since 1998 at DCA and IAD
- Fifth driest July in Washington and driest July since 1999
- IAD measured just .09" rainfall July 1-22; driest period on record
- On 23rd, portions of Montgomery and Fairfax counties measured 2"-4" of rainfall in torrential downpours
- Thunderstorm wind gusts to 70 mph in New Market, VA, on the 25th cause tree and property damage
- FIGURE 1 tornado with wind speeds to 100 mph struck parts of Allegany County, MD on the 29th
- Three tornadoes reported on 31st in northern Maryland caused one injury as well as tree and property damage: two EF-1 tornadoes struck near Ijamsville (Frederick County) with winds up to 110 and 100 mph respectively; an EF-0 tornado hit Gamber (Carroll County) with 85 mph estimated maximum winds