

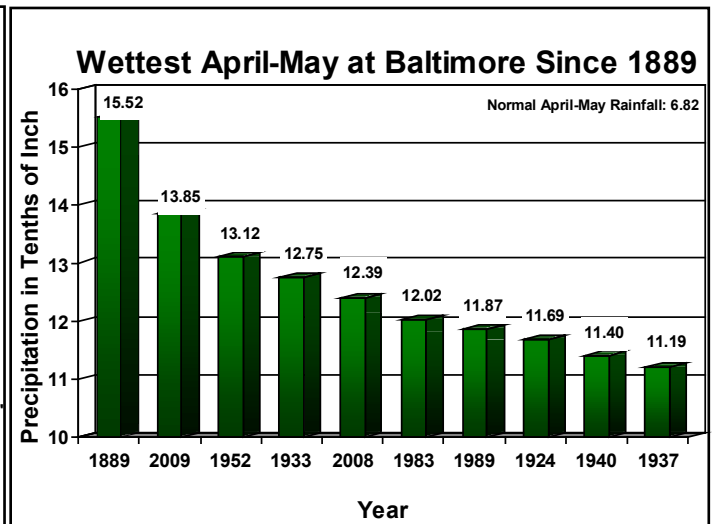
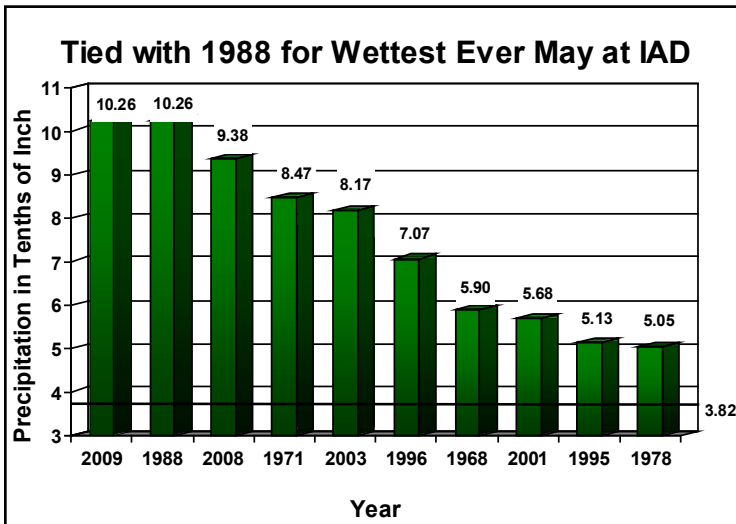


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PRECipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



MAY AND SPRING 2009: Very Wet Across Washington/Baltimore Area



May Highlights

- ✦ Near to above normal temperatures at major airports: DCA (-0.1°F), BWI (+0.8°F), IAD (+2.7°F)
- ✦ Highs at or above 80°F on 12 days at IAD, 9 at DCA, 8 at BWI
- ✦ Minimum readings in upper 30s on 19th, including record low of 38°F at BWI
- ✦ Well above normal rainfall for 2nd consecutive May: DCA, 8.05"; BWI, 8.42"; IAD, 10.26"
- ✦ Sixth wettest May ever in Washington and 2nd wettest ever at BWI
- ✦ Greatest monthly precipitation at BWI since October 2005 and at IAD since June 2006
- ✦ Measurable rain on 18 days at IAD and BWI, 16 at DCA
- ✦ Area deluged with 1.5" to more than 4" of rain on 25th-26th, resulting in water rescues, impacts to transportation and power outages. Daily precipitation records established at IAD (3.59") and at BWI (2.28")
- ✦ Most of area measured 3"-4" total rainfall from 3rd to 7th with road closures due to high water

Spring Highlights

- ✦ Well above normal precipitation across area: DCA, 15.87" (+5.67); BWI, 16.29" (+5.47); IAD 16.79" (+5.80")
- ✦ Bitter cold temperature across area on March 2-3; record low of 10°F at BWI on 3rd; 8°F on 4th equaled 3rd coldest ever in March and coldest March temperature since 1965; DCA's 14°F on the 3rd was lowest March reading since 1986; 8°F at IAD on 4th was lowest March temp since 1996
- ✦ Highs reached 70°F or greater in March on 4 days at the three major airports
- ✦ The year's first first heat wave occurred from April 25-28; maximum readings at or above 90°F recorded at all three major airports including 92°F at DCA (26th); and 91°F at BWI (26th-27th).
- ✦ First ever occurrence in April of three consecutive maximum readings at or above 90°F at IAD and first at BWI since 1976
- ✦ Major snowfall on March 2 with more than a foot in portions of Southern Maryland and 5"-8" in metro areas resulting in dangerous road conditions and some power outages; event represented most snowfall in March across area since 1999
- ✦ Sixth consecutive year with above normal April rainfall at all three major airports