

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

DECEMBER 1989

SECOND COLDEST DECEMBER (TIED WITH 1917) AT WASHINGTON SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1871.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA) DECEMBER 1989 TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL SNOW **AMOUNTS** 3.6 2.42.1 5 0 -5 DEGREES -10 -15 Coldest December at DCA: 26.5°F in 1876 -20 Daily Average Temperatures: Avg Max Temp: 34.7°F DepNml MaxT: -11.9°F -2527 days BELOW normal Avg Min Temp: 21.0°F DepNml MinT: -10.2°F 2 days ABOVE normal Average Temp: 27.9°F DepNml AvgT: -11.0°F 2 days normal -302 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 DATE

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER:

- First known white Thanksgiving and Christmas in Washington;
- Most consecutive days with December snow cover in Washington (22 days with ≥ 0.1 ", and 20 days with ≥ 1.0 ", and 11 days with ≥ 3.0 ");
- Most snow in Washington (9.0") since 1973 when 11.0" fell;
- First above normal November AND December snowfall at DCA since 1967;
- Temperature in Washington below 32°F on all but 3 days;
- Temperature at National Airport completely below freezing on 12 days, including a stretch of 252 hours (11 pm on Dec. 15 to 11 am on Dec. 26);
- Several record low daily minimum and maximum temperatures at Dulles and Baltimore-Washington airports, including the earliest sub-zero reading at IAD during the winter season (-2°F on Dec. 19).



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