



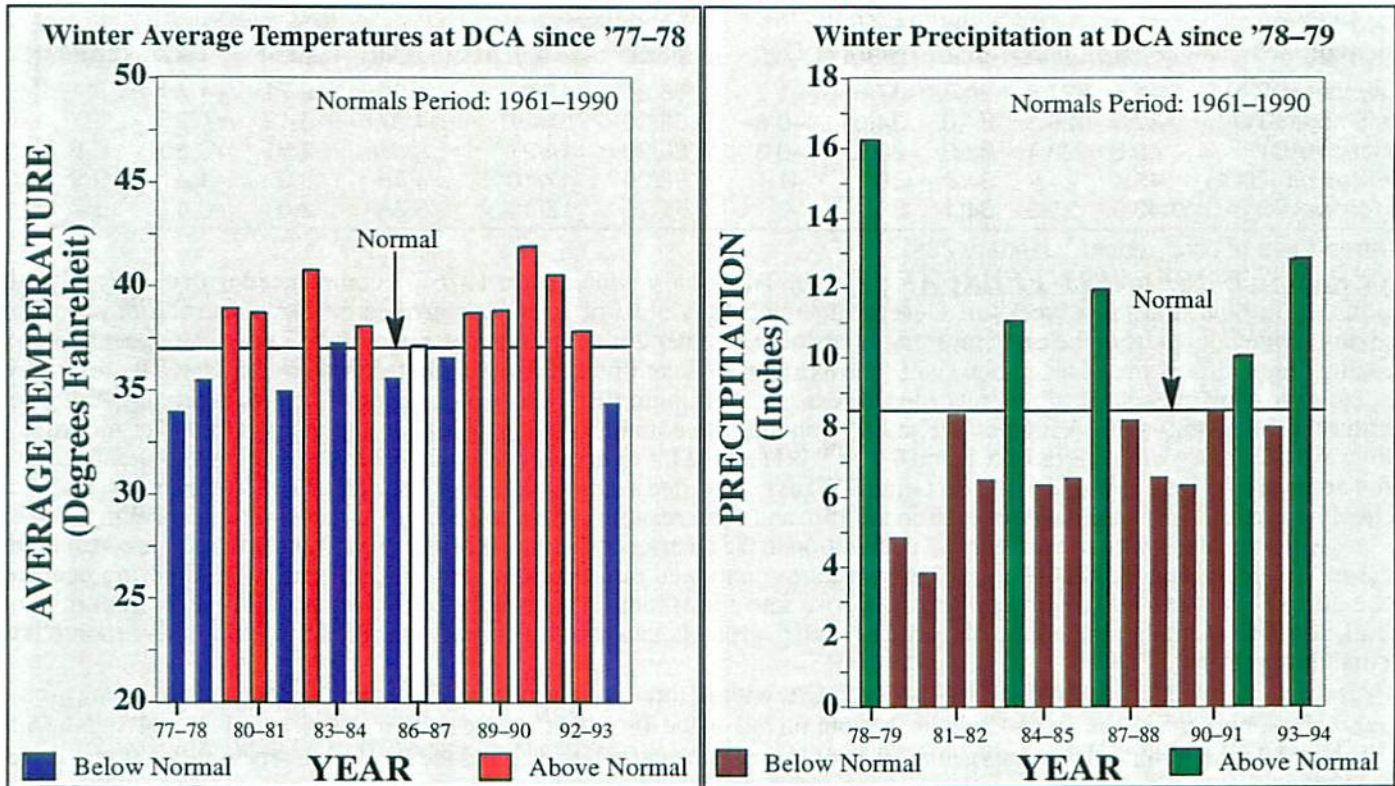
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## PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

### FEBRUARY 1994 & '93-94 WINTER REVIEW

COLDEST AND WETTEST WINTER (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY) AT DCA IN MORE THAN 15 YEARS



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Below normal monthly temperatures and above normal precipitation at all five airports;
- Sixth consecutive month with subnormal temperatures at DCA;
- Fourth consecutive month with more than 4 inches of precipitation at DCA;
- Four significant ice storms (Jan. 17, Jan. 27-28, Feb. 8-9, and Feb. 10-11) created dangerous traveling conditions, coated trees and power lines, with the latter storm causing significant property damage in southern Maryland and the Northern Neck region of Virginia;
- Lowest minimum temperature (-4°F on Jan. 19th tied w/ 1-21-85) recorded at DCA since January 17, 1982 (since January 21, 1985 at BWI and January 27, 1987 at IAD) and a tie for the lowest maximum reading (8°F on Jan. 19th) recorded in Washington this century; Also, the lowest maximum temperature ever recorded at both IAD (6°F) and BWI (5°F) on Jan. 19th and the first single-digit high ever observed at BWI;
- Subzero lows throughout the Washington/Baltimore area (-4°F at DCA, -5°F at BWI & -6°F at IAD) on January 19th and at 4 of the 5 airports (BWI, IAD, DAA and ADW) on January 21st;
- 50 of 90 Winter days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- 65 Winter days with minimum temperatures at or below freezing at DCA, the most since the winter of '76-77 (Normal=56.3);
- Above normal number of days with highs ≤ 32°F this Winter (DCA 17, BWI 19, IAD 19; Normal=9.4, 13.8, and 14.0 days, respectively);
- Seventh consecutive winter with subnormal frozen precipitation at DCA, despite one of the most severe sleet storms ever observed in Washington (2.5" at DCA on February 11th);
- 49 cloudy days during Winter at DCA;
- Four Winter days with 60°F+ readings at DCA (Jan. 24 and Feb. 18-20);
- Surface of both the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River freeze for the first time since Winter of 1976-77.

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