



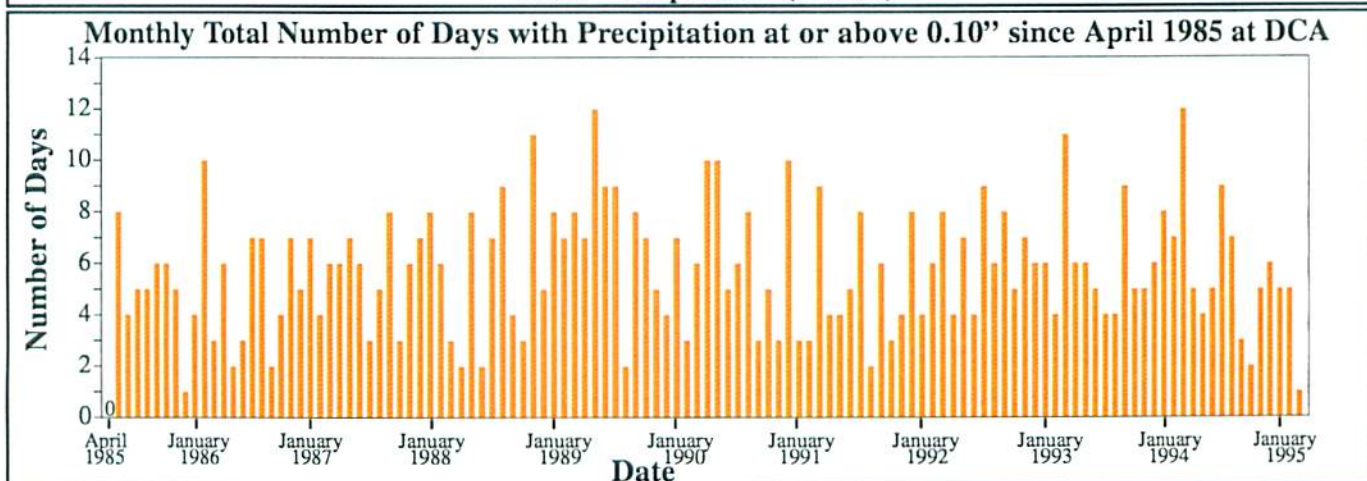
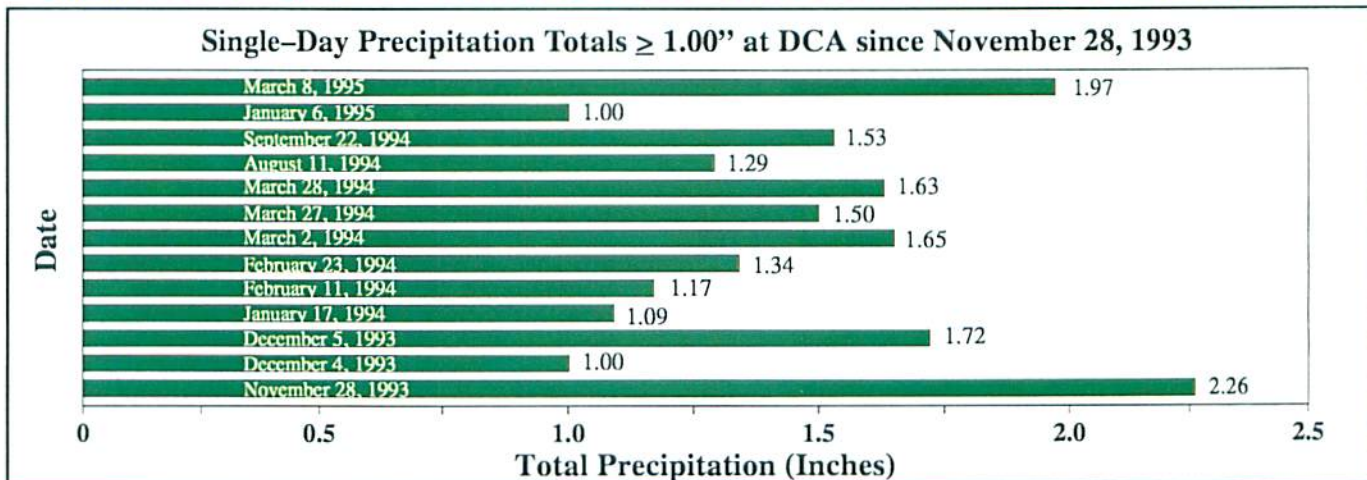
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

MARCH 1995

DRY MONTH DESPITE THE WETTEST CALENDAR DAY IN OVER 15 MONTHS



HIGHLIGHTS

- Above normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation at all five airports;
- Strong storm system generates between 1.5" and 3" of rain locally (1.98" at DCA) on the 8th and 9th before ending as sleet and snow; Up to 4" of snow reported in the extreme northern and western suburbs, but less than a half inch at DCA;
- Heavy rains on the 8th and 9th account for over 90% of the monthly precipitation totals at DCA, IAD, and ADW;
- Most precipitation (1.97") in a calendar day (midnight–midnight) at DCA since November 28, 1993 (see graph above);
- Fewest number of days (1– tied with 12/85) in any month since April 1985 with daily precipitation at or above 0.10" at DCA (see graph above);
- Driest March since 1986 (4th overall) at IAD (1.39"), since 1987 at both DCA (2.14") and BWI (2.12");
- Eleven consecutive precipitation-free days (10th–20th) across the local area and less than 0.25" of rain during the last 23 March days;
- Warmest March since 1979 at BWI and the first warmer than normal March in the Washington/Baltimore area since 1991;
- Eleven consecutive days (12th–22nd) with above normal temperatures throughout the area, including five consecutive days (13th–17th) with highs in the seventies (the most such March days since 1990).

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