



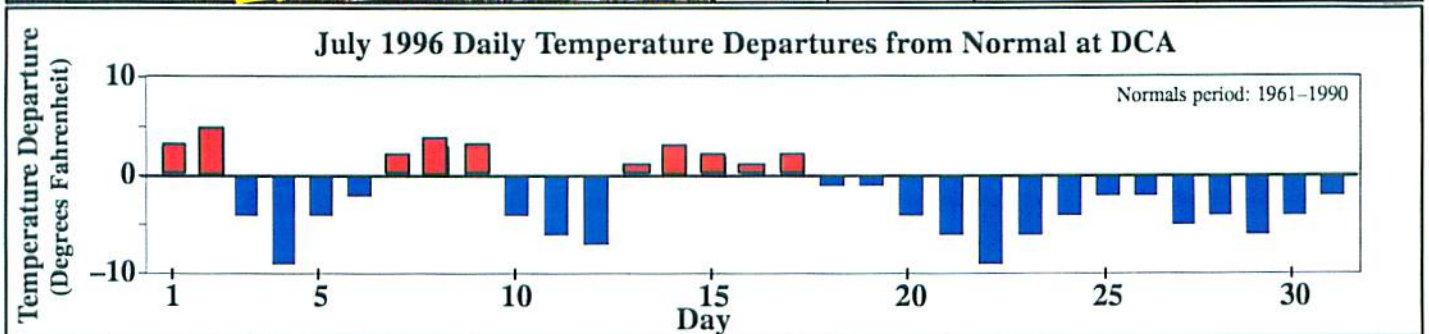
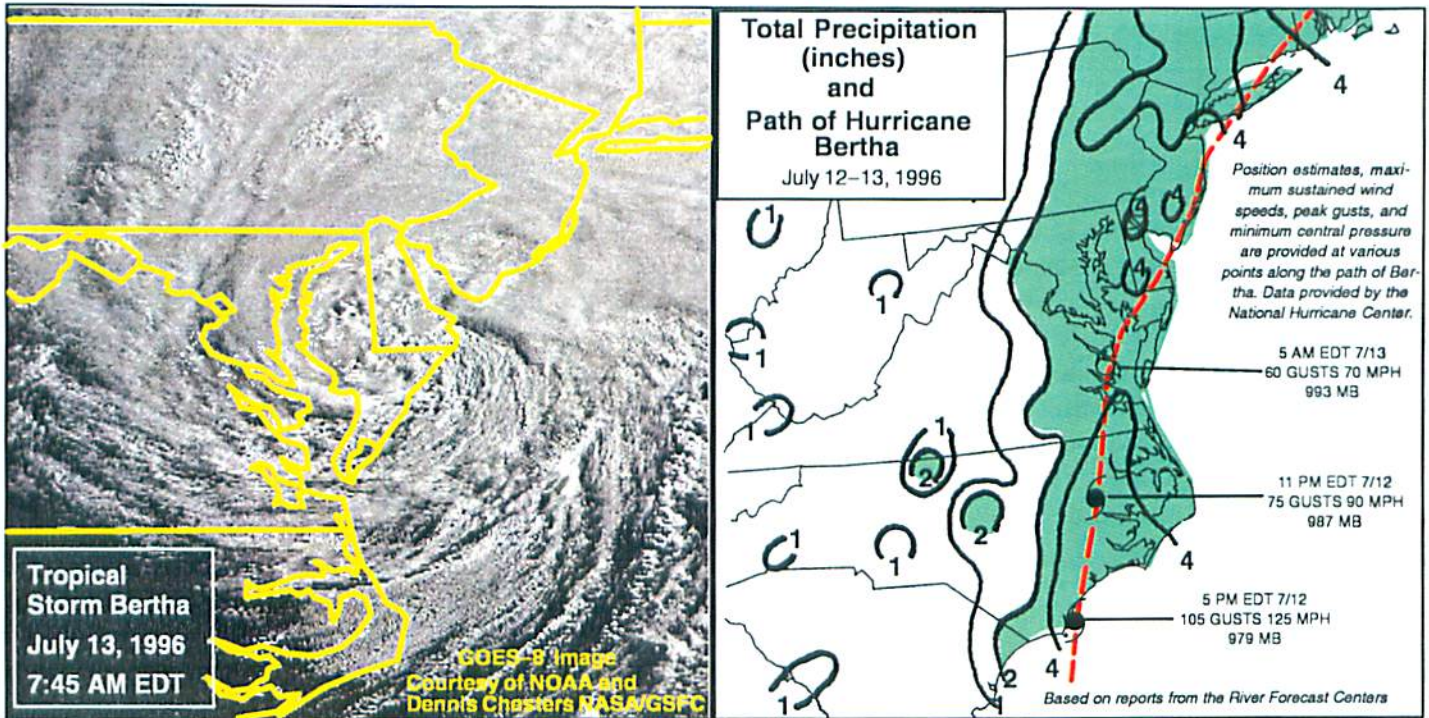
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

JULY 1996

COOL AND WET



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cooler and wetter than normal conditions at the three major airports;
- Coolest July since 1984 at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- Third wettest July on record at BWI (7.38") and wettest since 1960;
- Only 9 July days with 90°F+ readings at DCA, the fewest (tied w/ 1989) since 1984;
- No July days with highs at or above 95°F+ at DCA, the first such occurrence since 1984;
- 21 July days with below normal temperatures at DCA (see graph above);
- Bertha dumped up to 6 inches of rain across portions of the mid-Atlantic region and 2 to 3 inches locally from July 12th-13th (see graphic above);
- Severe thunderstorms spawned a tornado (F3 - winds up to 206 mph) in Gambers, MD (Carroll County), causing extensive damage to dozens of homes on the 19th;
- Subnormal temperatures (departures of about -1°F) and above normal precipitation (surpluses between 5 and 10 inches) for the January-July period at DCA, BWI and IAD.

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