



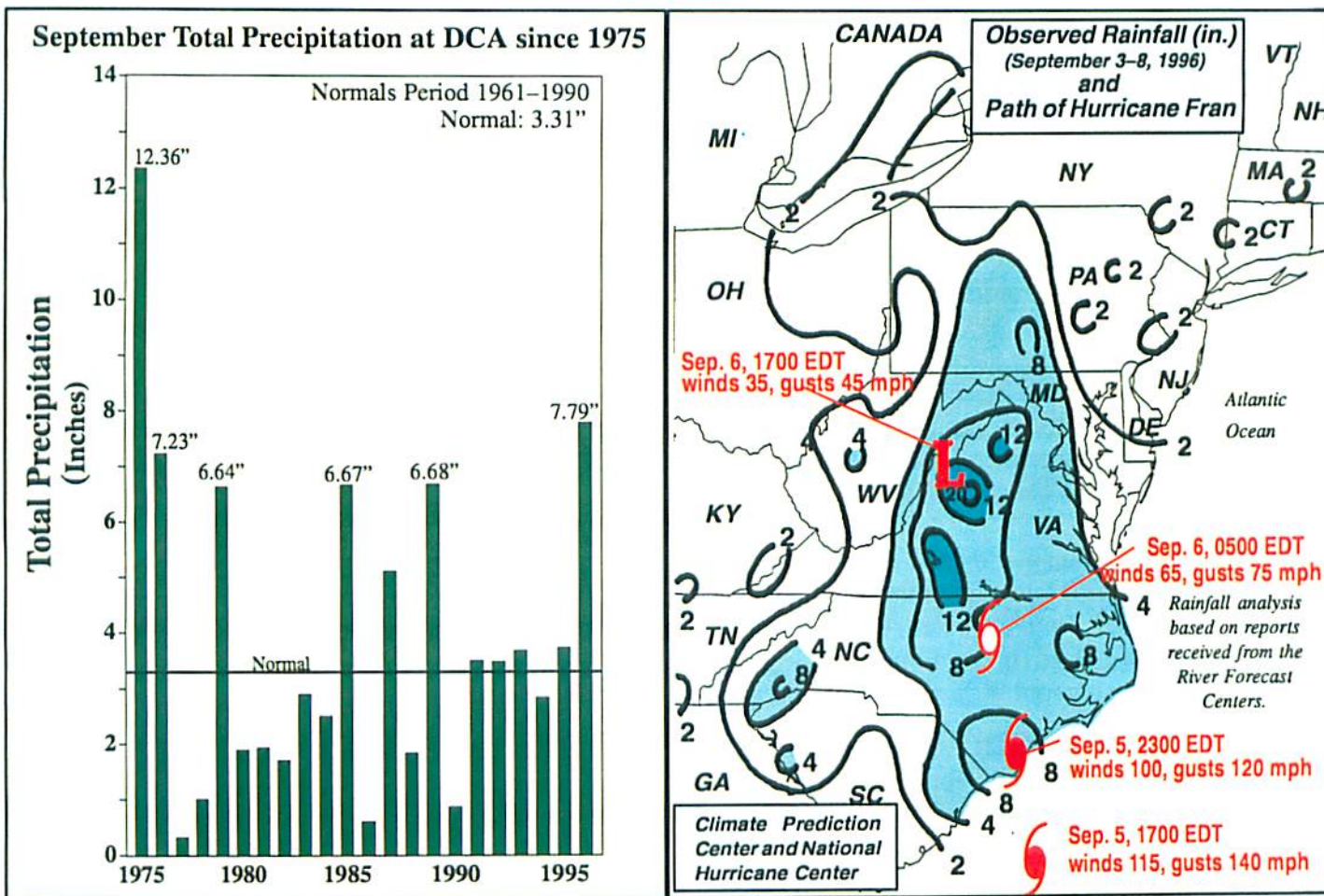
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

SEPTEMBER 1996

WETTEST SEPTEMBER IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS AT DCA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Above normal precipitation recorded at all five airports;
- Second wettest September (7.79") ever recorded at DCA (8th overall) and the wettest month since Oct. 1995;
- Wettest month (7.72") at IAD since May 1988;
- Remnants of Hurricane Fran on the 6th dumped more than 3 inches of rain on parts of the local area (up to 14 inches in the Virginia mountains), generated strong wind gusts and induced severe flooding along numerous streams and rivers;
- 10 days(33%) with measurable precipitation recorded at DCA and 7 days with amounts over 0.50";
- Nearly 5 inches of rain across parts of the local area during the first week of September (see graphic above);
- Near to slightly below normal temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Ninth month in last 11 with subnormal temperatures at DCA;
- Only one September day with highs at or above 90°F at DCA, and only 21 during 1996, the fewest (tied w/ 1992) since 1979;
- Seventh consecutive cooler than normal September at DCA.

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