

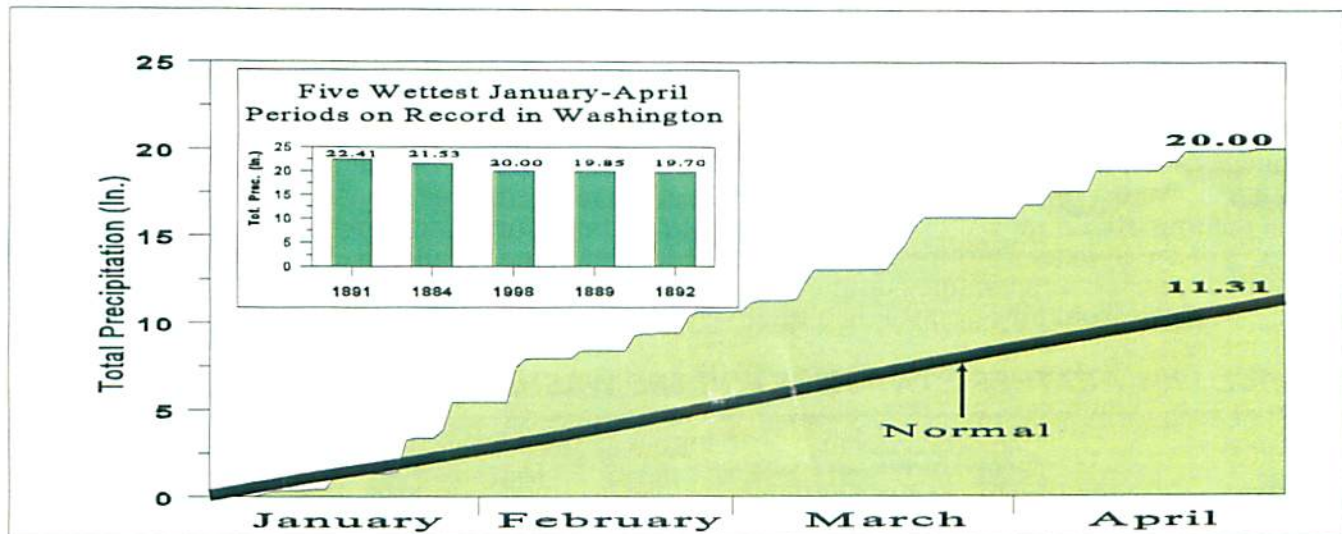


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**APRIL 1998**

**FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WETTER THAN NORMAL MONTH AT DCA  
YIELDS WETTEST JANUARY-APRIL PERIOD IN OVER 100 YEARS IN  
WASHINGTON**

**January-April 1998 Cumulative Precipitation at DCA**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Slightly above normal temperatures across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 19 days with subnormal temperatures at DCA;
- Second consecutive April without an 80°F+ reading at DCA;
- Five days with lows of 32°F or lower at IAD, 3 such days at BWI;
- Last freeze of the season at BWI on the 12<sup>th</sup> and at IAD on the 13<sup>th</sup>;
- A thirty degree temperature drop during the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> with the passage of a strong cold front (temperature at DCA fell from 80°F to 50°F);
- Above normal precipitation at DCA, DAA & ADW and near normal at both BWI and IAD;
- Wettest January-April period ever recorded at DCA (Tot. Prec.: 20.00"; Dep. Nml.: +8.69"), BWI (Tot. Prec.: 20.64"; Dep. Nml. +8.00") and IAD (Tot. Prec.: 19.76"; Dep. Nml. +7.97");
- As in March, most of the monthly precipitation across the local area (96% at DCA) fell during the first three weeks;
- Precipitation totals for the first third of 1998 were more than 160% of normal and about 50% of the annual normal at the three major airports.

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