



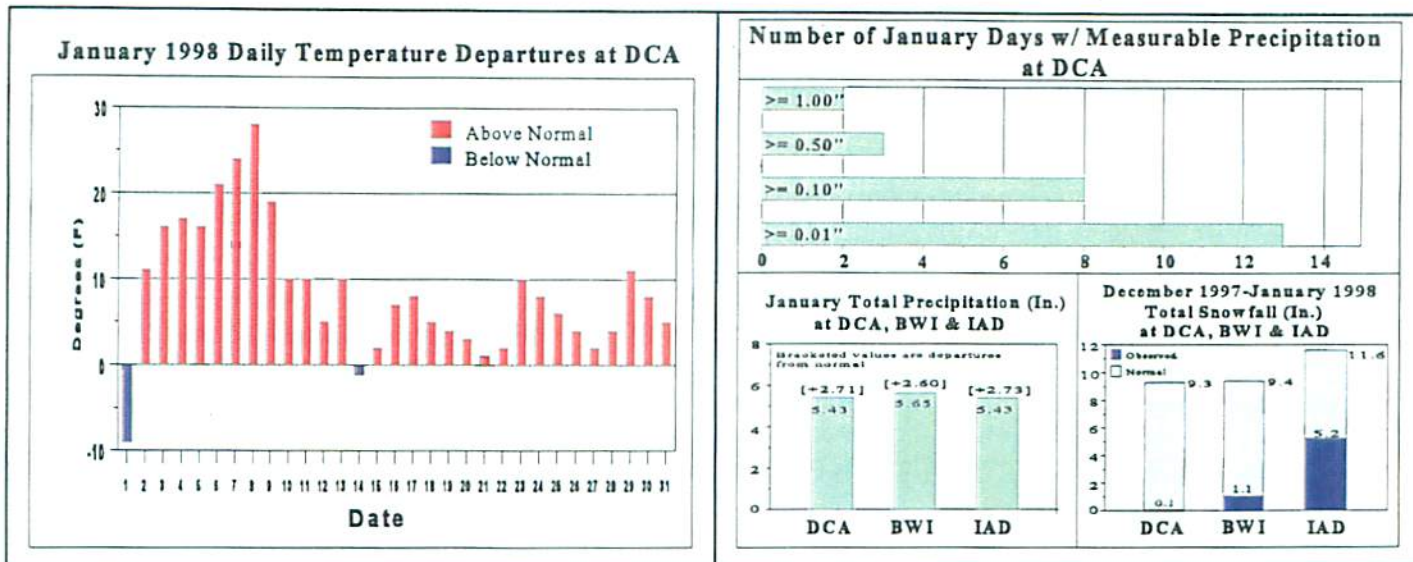
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

JANUARY 1998

UNUSUALLY **WARM** AND **WET** WITH VERY LITTLE SNOWFALL



HIGHLIGHTS

- Above normal temperatures and precipitation with little snowfall recorded across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Seventh warmest January ever recorded at DCA (Temp. Dep.: +8.4° F) and second at both BWI (Temp. Dep.: +9.1° F) & IAD (Temp. Dep.: +9.5° F);
- January 1998 average temperatures were more than 2° F higher than December 1997 average temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 29 days (94%) with above normal temperatures at DCA;
- Eight consecutive January days (2nd-9th) with 60° F+ highs, the longest such stretch ever recorded in Washington and the most such January days since 1974;
- No days with highs at or below freezing during the first two months of meteorological Winter at DCA, the first such occurrence since December 1949-January 1950;
- Only 8 January days with lows of 32° F or lower at DCA the fewest such days since 1937 and the third lowest total ever recorded in Washington;
- Four consecutive daily record highs observed at IAD (6th-9th); Record daily highs tied or established at BWI on the 4th, 8th & 9th and at DCA on the 8th;
- Wettest January (5.43") since 1979 at DCA (eleventh wettest overall) and 5th wettest on record at both BWI (5.65") & IAD (5.43");
- Only a trace of snow reported at DCA in January and only 0.1" for the Winter thus far, the lowest December-January total since 1972-73;
- A powerful Nor'easter produced more than 2" of rain across most of the local area from the 27th-28th, but dumped over 3 feet of snow on portions of the Appalachians.

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