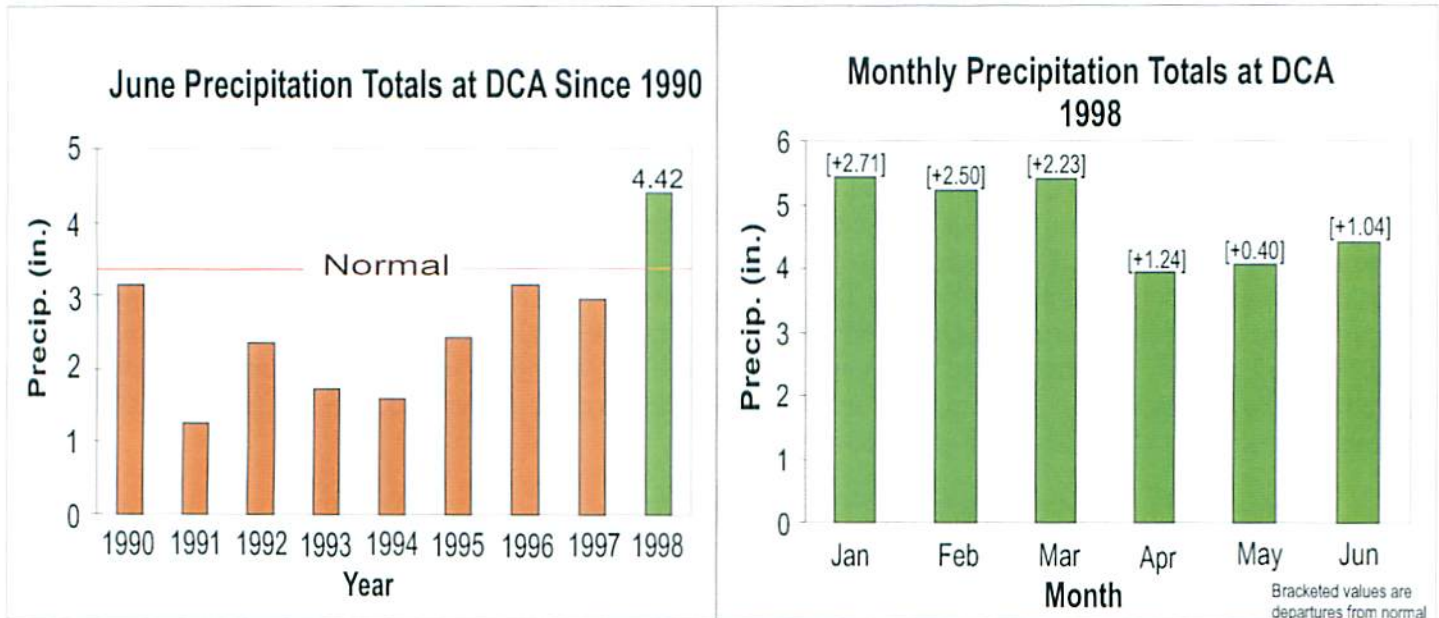




PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

JUNE 1998

**FIRST WETTER THAN NORMAL JUNE THIS DECADE & SIXTH
CONSECUTIVE WETTER THAN NORMAL MONTH AT DCA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Subnormal temperatures and above normal precipitation across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 20 days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- Only 3 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA (the fewest since 1992), 6 at BWI and 2 at IAD;
- Second consecutive June with monthly temperature departures below -2°F at DCA;
- Sixth consecutive month with wetter than normal conditions at DCA, tying (Feb.-Jul. 1989 & Mar.-Aug 1948) the longest such period ever recorded at the airport;
- First wetter than normal June since 1989 at DCA;
- Measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") observed on 18 days at DCA, 19 at IAD and 20 at BWI;
- Only the third time since records began in Washington with first six months of year all wetter than normal;
- Strongest tornado ever recorded in Maryland (F4 - winds in excess of 200 mph) touched down in Frostburg, causing extensive property damage but fortunately no fatalities due in large part to early warning by the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Sterling, VA;
- Wettest June since 1972 at Fort Belvoir, VA (7.18");
- January-June 1998 precipitation totals were more than 150% of normal at both DCA (28.48") & IAD (30.16") and more than 135% at BWI (27.33").

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