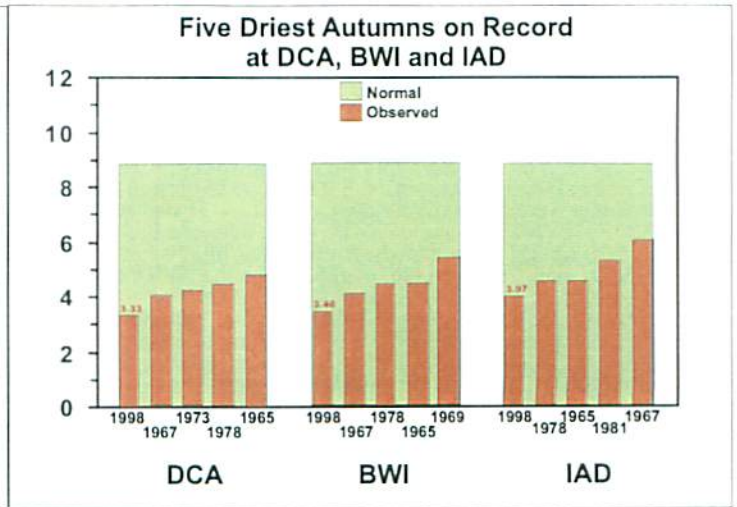
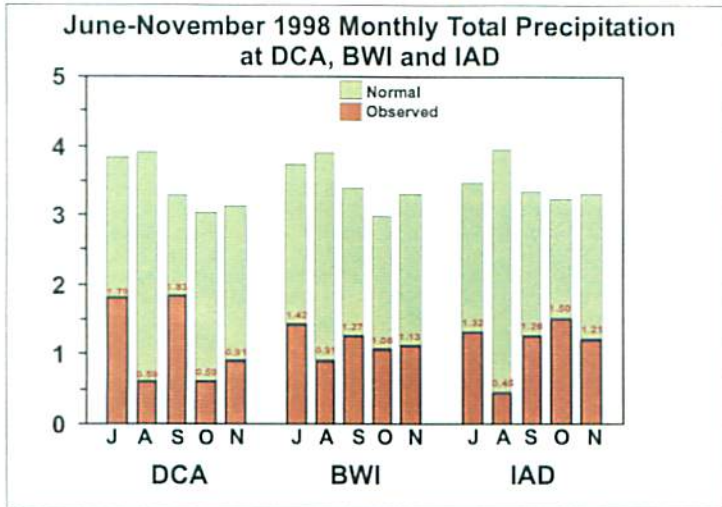




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**NOVEMBER 1998 & AUTUMN REVIEW**  
**NOVEMBER: FIFTH CONSECUTIVE DRY MONTH ACROSS  
THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**  
**AUTUMN: DRIEST ON RECORD AT DCA, BWI & IAD**



**HIGHLIGHTS  
MONTHLY**

- Near-normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Fifth consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at DCA, BWI & IAD and 3rd month of last 4 with less than 1" of rain at DCA;
- Driest 5-month period (July-November 1998; Tot. Prec: 5.71") ever observed at DCA (4th overall in Washington);
- Driest July-November on record at DCA (second overall in Washington), BWI (5.79") and IAD (5.74");
- Only 7 days with measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01"$ ) at DCA (5 at BWI and 8 at IAD), and only one day with amounts exceeding 0.25";
- Unusually cool start to month (Nov. 1st-9th temperature departure at DCA: -6.2°F), but abnormal warmth at month's end as highs soared above 60°F on 6 of last 8 days, including one day (29th) with maximum temperatures above 70°F at DCA;
- Daily record highs established or tied at IAD on the 28th & 29th with readings of 71°F & 73°F respectively, and at BWI on the 29th (73°F);

**SEASONAL**

- Slightly above normal temperatures and well below normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Driest Autumn on record at DCA [3rd overall in Washington] (3.33"; 35% of normal), BWI (3.46"; 36% of normal) & IAD (3.97"; 40% of normal);
- 20 days with measurable precipitation at DCA, but only 2 days with precipitation amounts above 0.50";
- 59 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA, including 10 days with 90°F+ highs (all occurring in September);
- Warmest Autumn (Temp. Dep.: +1.7°F) since 1985 at DCA and third warmest (Temp. Dep.: +2.2°F) on record at IAD;
- First 32°F or lower reading of Autumn observed on October 2nd at IAD, October 31st at BWI and November 5th at DCA;

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