

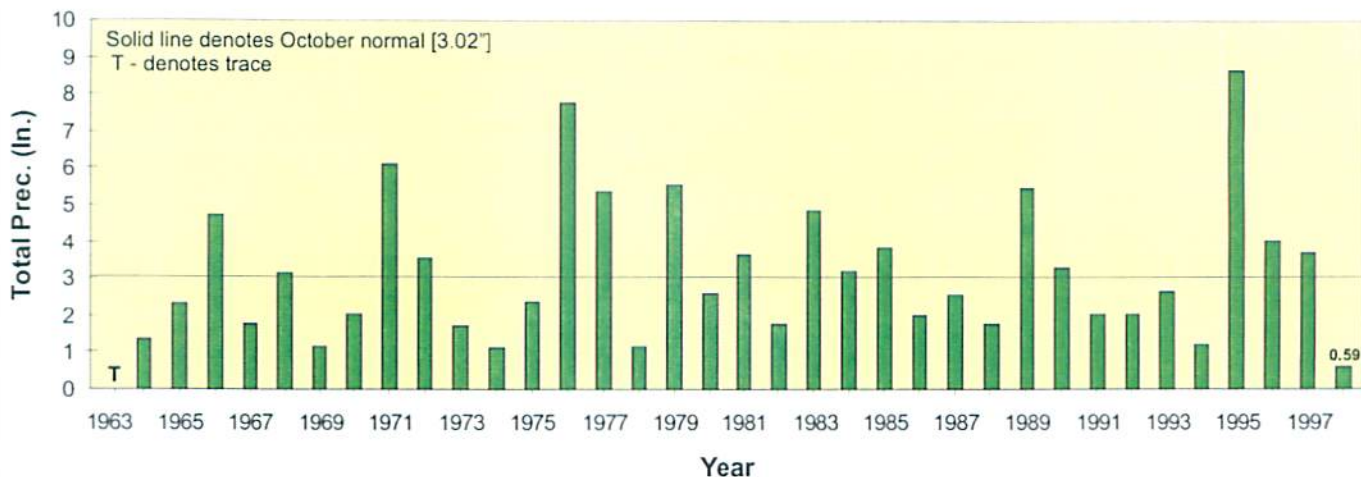


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

OCTOBER 1998

***DRIEST* OCTOBER SINCE 1963 AT DCA**

October Total Precipitation at DCA since 1963



HIGHLIGHTS

- Near normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Second driest October on record at DCA (9th overall in Washington), 4th at BWI and 8th at IAD;
- Only 5 days with measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") at DCA, 4 such days at IAD and 7 at BWI;
- 18 consecutive days (14th-31st) without measurable precipitation at IAD & 17 (11th-27th) at BWI;
- Only 1 day (8th) with more than 0.50" of precipitation observed at all of the local airports;
- Most of the monthly precipitation (97% at DCA, 99% at both BWI & IAD) fell during the first 10 days;
- Fourth consecutive month with less than 2 inches of precipitation at DCA, the longest such period (tied with 4 other occurrences) in Washington;
- Driest month since April 1985 (0.59"; tied with August 1998);
- Driest July-October period ever recorded at DCA (2nd overall in Washington);
- Nineteen days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- First 32°F or lower reading of the season at IAD (32°F) on the 2nd and at BWI (31°F) on the 31st;
- January-October 1998 precipitation total (33.28") at DCA is still slightly above normal (Jan.-Jun. Dep.Nml.: +10.12" ; Jul.-Oct. Dep. Nml.: -9.24").