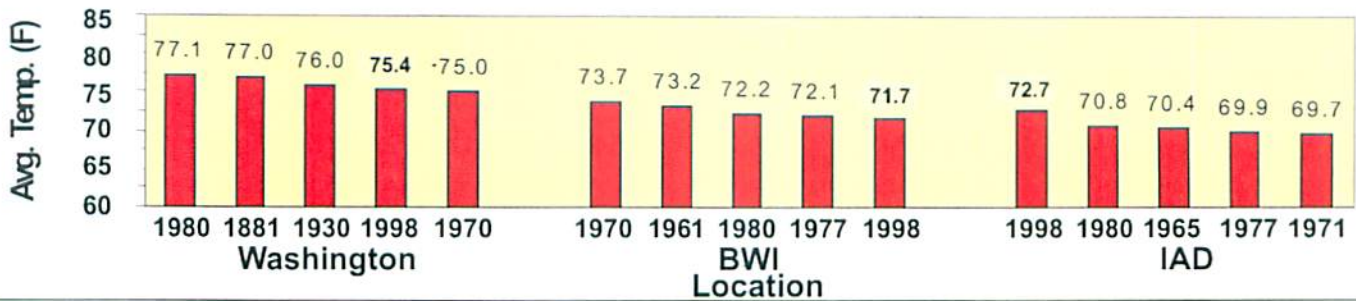




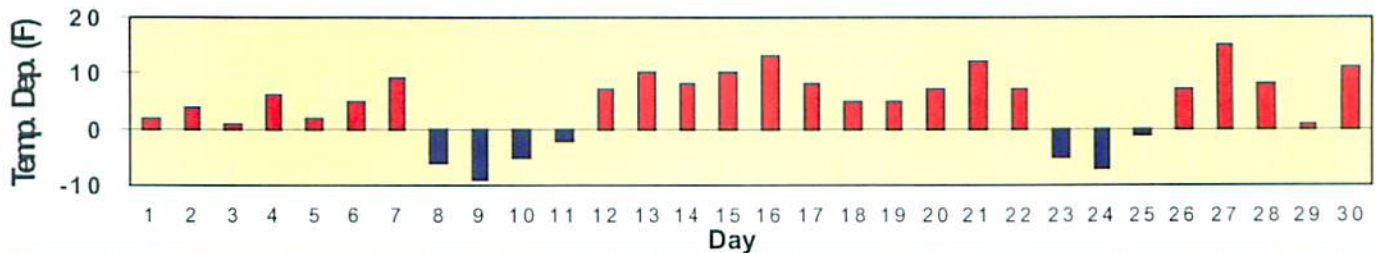
**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**SEPTEMBER 1998
ABNORMAL WARMTH AND DRYNESS ACROSS THE
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**

Five Warmest Septembers on Record at DCA, BWI and IAD



September 1998 Daily Temperature Departures from Normal at DCA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Warmer and drier than normal across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Warmest September on record at IAD, fourth at DCA and fifth at BWI;
- First warmer than normal September at DCA since 1989;
- 23 days with above normal temperatures at DCA;
- 10 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA (1 more than in July), the most such September days since 1980 and the first time since 1906 with more 90°F+ days in September than in July (5th such occurrence in Washington);
- Daily record highs observed on the 27th at DCA, on the 21st (tie) and 27th at BWI; and on the 12th, 14th, 15th (tied), 21st (tied) and 27th at IAD;
- Third consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at all three major airports;
- Only 7 days with measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") at DCA (6 at BWI & IAD) and only 1 day with more than an inch of rain;
- Only 4.21" of precipitation at DCA since July 1, 1998 (38% of normal), 3.60" at BWI (33% of normal) and 3.03" at IAD (28% of normal);
- Driest September since 1986 at IAD (1.26") and since 1990 at BWI (1.27");
- Showers on the 7th end 20 straight days (Aug. 18-Sep. 6) without measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") at DCA.