

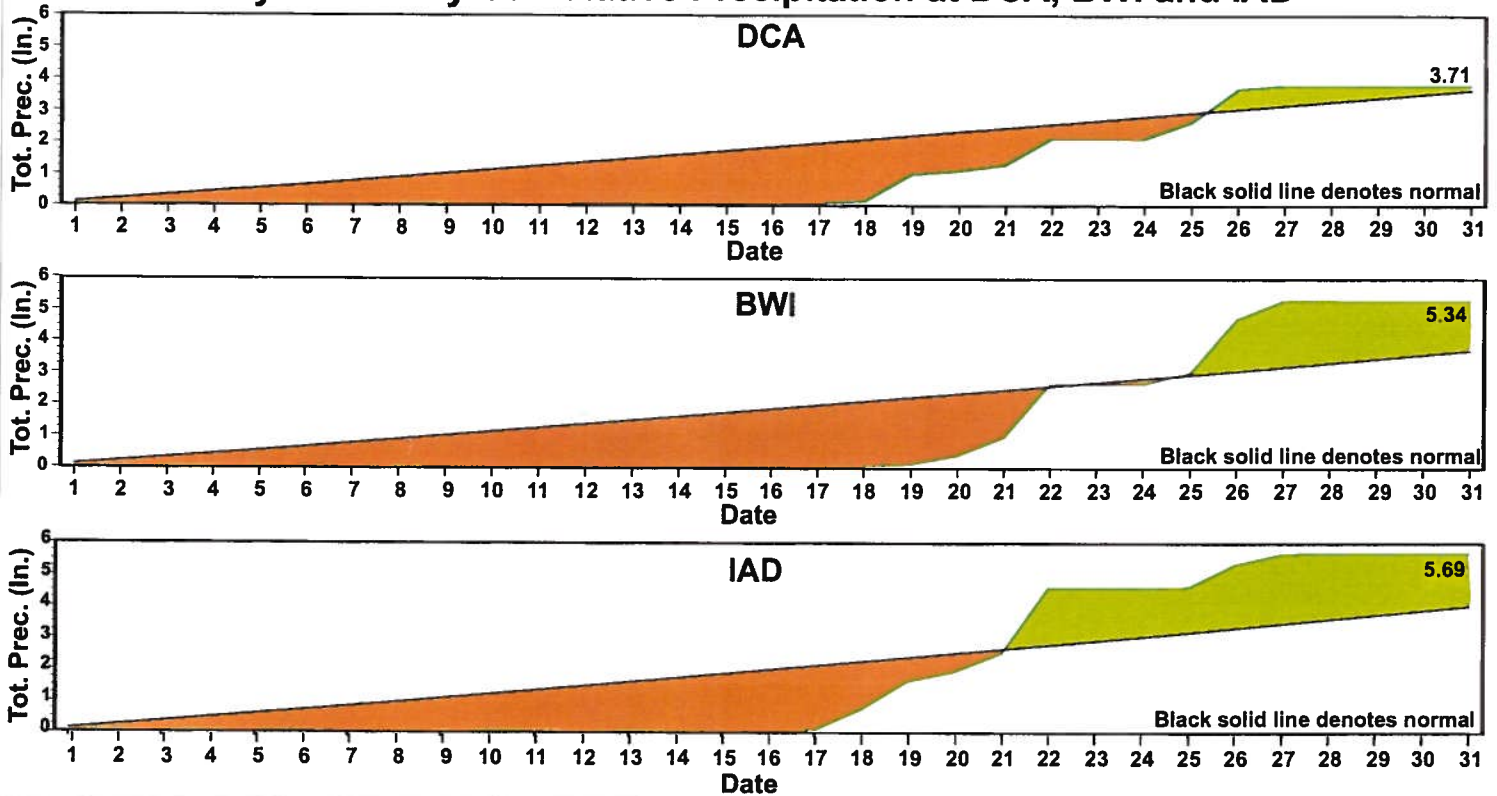


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

MAY 2001 & SPRING REVIEW

**MAY: VERY DRY FIRST HALF OF MONTH, VERY WET LAST HALF
SPRING: NEAR NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND ABOVE-NORMAL PRECIPITATION**

May 2001 Daily Cumulative Precipitation at DCA, BWI and IAD



**HIGHLIGHTS
MONTHLY**

- Near normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 20 days with below-normal temperatures, including 17 out of the last 19 days at DCA;
- First May without a 90°F reading since 1995 at DCA;
- May extreme monthly maximum temperature (88°F) lower than April (89°F) at DCA;
- First 90°F reading of the year at both BWI (90°F on the 3rd) and IAD (90°F on the 4th);
- Wettest May since 1996 at BWI (5.34"), IAD (5.69") and DAA (5.49");
- More than 5 inches of rain recorded at many locations between the 18th and 27th;
- Daily record rainfall (2.07") reported at IAD on the 22nd;
- Nine tornadoes (F0 - wind speeds between 40-72 mph or F1 - wind speeds between 73-112 mph) reported across the local area (7 in Maryland and 2 in Virginia).

SEASONAL

- Near-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across most of the local area;
- 56 days (61%) with below-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Last freeze of season observed on March 26th at DCA and April 26th at both BWI and IAD;
- Coldest March at DCA, BWI and IAD since 1996;
- First March since 1993 without a 70°F+ high at DCA;
- Eleven March days with at or below freezing lows at DCA, the most such March days since 1993;
- Warmest April since 1994 at the three major airports;
- Sixth consecutive March with above-normal precipitation at DCA, BWI & IAD;
- Driest April since 1985 at BWI (1.32"), since 1994 at DCA (1.68") and 1995 at IAD (2.14").