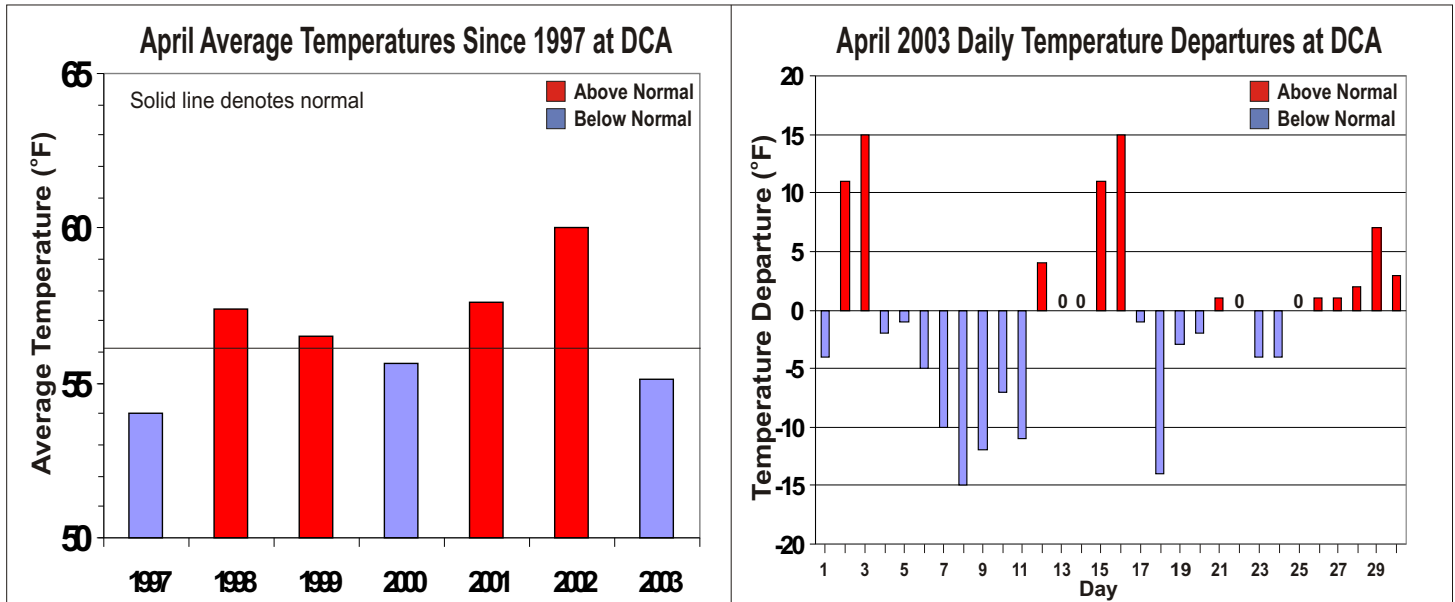




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

APRIL 2003

**SLIGHTLY COOLER AND DRIER THAN NORMAL ACROSS MOST OF
THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Slightly below-normal temperatures and precipitation across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Coolest April since 1997 at both DCA and BWI;
- 19 days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- Abnormally cool weather from the 4th-11th with temperatures averaging nearly 8°F below normal at DCA;
- Last 32°F or lower reading of the season at both DCA and IAD on April 1st and at BWI on the 24th;
- Four days with 80°F+ highs at both DCA and IAD, 3 at BWI;
- Highs of 85°F (nearly 20°F above normal) at all three major airports on the 16th;
- Only second month since September 2002 with subnormal precipitation at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- 10 days with measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") at DCA;
- Precipitation totals of about 1.50" between the 7th & 11th account for more than half of monthly rainfall at most locations ;
- Precipitation surpluses of 0.38" for first two months of Spring and 2.40" for the January-April period at DCA;
- Very high pollen recorded on numerous days with levels periodically exceeding 2000 grains per cubic meter.

Andrew H. Horvitz, Office of Climate, Water & Weather Services/NWS, (301) 713-1792 (ext. 150)
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