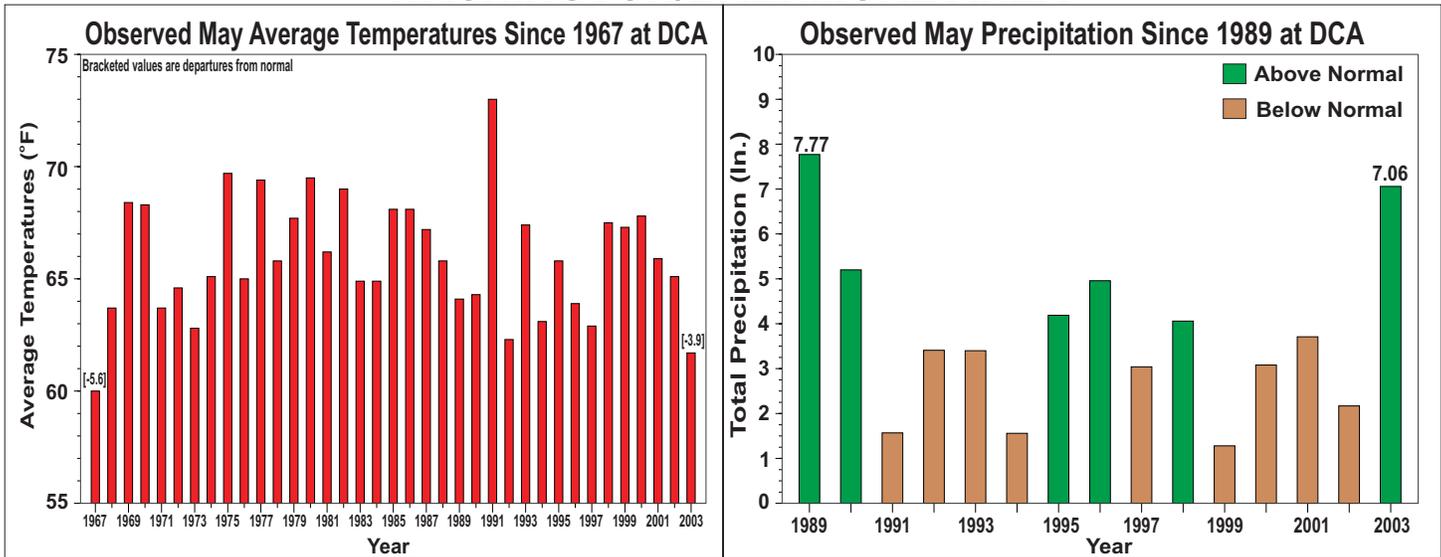


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**MAY 2003 & SPRING REVIEW**

**MAY: COOLEST SINCE 1967 & WETTEST SINCE 1989 AT DCA  
SPRING: COOL AND WET ACROSS THE  
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



**HIGHLIGHTS  
MONTHLY**

- Subnormal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
- Coolest May since 1967 at both DCA (11th overall) and BWI (2nd overall) and since 1996 at IAD (6th overall)
- 24 days with at or below-normal temperatures at DCA, including 19 consecutive such days (13th-31st)
- Only 4 days with 80°F+ highs and no 90°F+ readings observed at DCA
- Daily highs averaged more than 7°F below normal at DCA
- Second wettest May on record at IAD (8.74"), 3rd at BWI (6.81") and 7th at DCA (7.06")
- Wettest month at DCA since September 1999
- 20 days with measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ " ) at DCA, tying July 1904 as the most such days in any month since records began in Washington
- Daily record rainfall reported on the 26th at DCA (1.49")
- 27 cloudy and only 4 partly cloudy days at DCA.

**SEASONAL**

- Cooler and wetter than normal across the Washington/Baltimore area
- Seasonal temperature departures between -0.5°F and -1.5°F observed at the three major airports
- 56 (61%) days with at or below-normal temperatures at DCA
- No days with 90°F+ highs and only 8 days with 80°F+ highs at DCA
- Last freeze of season recorded on April 1st at both DCA and IAD, and April 24th at BWI
- Second wettest spring on record at IAD (15.16"), 8th wettest at BWI (13.38") and wettest at DCA (13.81") since 1993
- Seasonal precipitation surpluses of 3.62" at DCA, 2.56" at BWI and at 4.17" at IAD
- 43 days (47%) with measurable precipitation at DCA
- 53 (58%) cloudy days observed at DCA
- Measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ " ) recorded on more than half of the weekends
- Eleventh wettest (23.20") January-May period on record at DCA.

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