

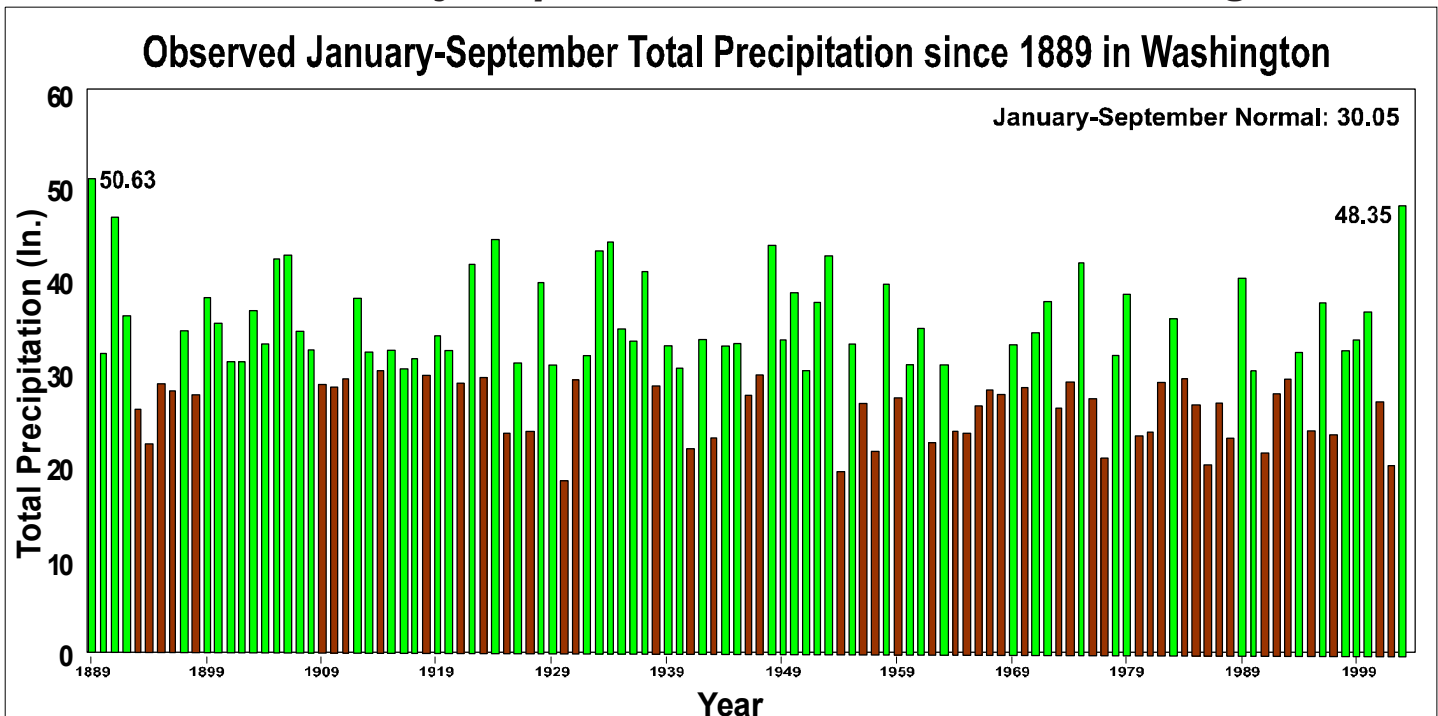


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations  
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area

## SEPTEMBER 2003: Tropical Storm Isabel Batters Region; Wettest January-September Since 1889 in Washington



### Highlights

- ◆ Wettest January-September in Washington since 1889 with many areas exceeding 50" for 2003
- ◆ Fourth wettest September on record at BWI (7.47") and seventh at IAD (7.27")
- ◆ Tropical Storm Isabel lashed area on 18th-19th with winds in excess of 50 mph, more than 2" of rain, record storm surge of 7.5 feet in Chesapeake Bay, 4.3 feet on the Potomac, record flooding in Annapolis, worst flooding in Baltimore in decades, two fatalities according to press reports and over 500,000 lost power
- ◆ Remnants of Tropical Storm Henri caused torrential downpours from the on 22-23 produced between 2.5" to over 6" of rain across area resulting in flash flooding, evacuation of seven people from flooded homes in Loudoun County, VA, and causing 110 foot sinkhole south of Frederick, MD
- ◆ Tropical Storm Henri remnants brought more than an inch of rain causing localized flooding on 12th-13th
- ◆ Fourth month in 2003 with greater than 7" of rain and monthly precipitation surpluses over 3"
- ◆ Fifth consecutive month with above normal rainfall and 8th month in 2003 with surplus precipitation
- ◆ No days with 90°F+ highs and only 10 days with maximum temperatures at or above 80°F at DCA
- ◆ Near-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the local area
- ◆ DCA recorded 17 days with at or above normal temperatures
- ◆ Minimum temperatures fell into 40s on 30th and as low as 40°F at IAD
- ◆ Three days with highs only the 60s (12th, 29th, 30th)
- ◆ Seventh month in 2003 with subnormal temperatures in Washington