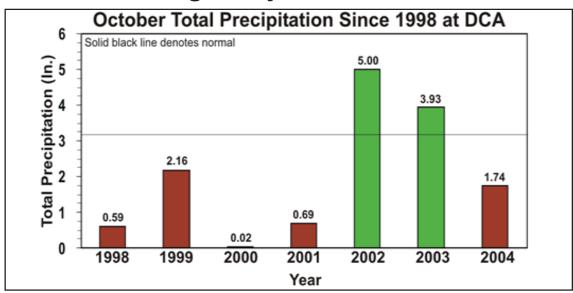
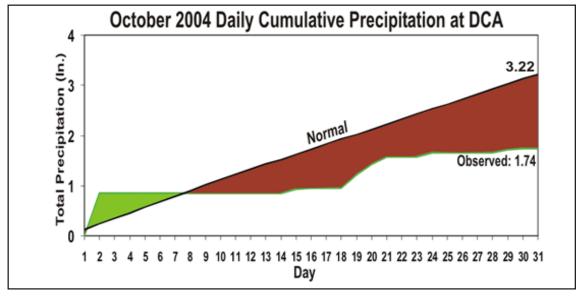




OCTOBER 2004: Drier Than Normal Across Area With Frightfully Warm Halloween





Monthly Highlights

- Below normal rainfall and near normal temperatures across the area
- High temperatures at or below normal at DCA on 17 days
- ♦ Highs at or above 70°F at DCA on 11 days; 10 days at BWI, and 10 at IAD
- ♦ High of 81°F at IAD on 31st, tying daily record
- DCA high of 79°F on Halloween marks warmest since 1974
- ♦ Seasons first freeze at IAD on 18th with minimum reading of 31°F
- ♦ Monthly rainfall totals between 1" and 2" at most locations with monthly precipitation departures of -2.32" at IAD
- Driest month at most locations since February 2002