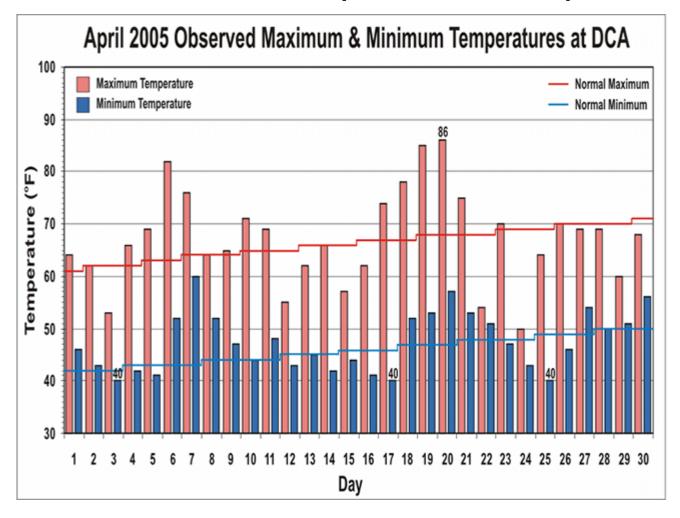






APRIL: Above Normal Temperatures and Precipitation



Monthly Highlights

- Above normal temperatures and rainfall across the Washington/Baltimore area
- DCA records 19 days with at or above normal temperatures
- ♦ Highs reach or top 80°F on 3rd, 19th and 20th, including an extreme monthly maximum of 86°F at all three major airports on 20th
- Lows of 32°F or less on 16th and 17th at IAD (31°F) and at BWI 17th (32°F)
- ♦ Six days with highs dipping below 60°F at IAD, five at DCA and BWI
- ♦ On the 24th, IAD recorded a high of only 48°F, BWI's high was just 49°F
- Major storm on 2nd disrupts Cherry Blossom festivities with more than 2 inches of rain, minor flooding and severe weather with hail and damaging winds; backlash wind gusts to 50 mph on 3rd, resulting in downed trees and loss of power to 10,000 customers in Northern Virginia, according to press reports
- ♦ Severe thunderstorms on 23rd bring large hail (3/4") striking portions of Stafford and Prince William Counties in Virginia and Montgomery County, MD; strong winds lash Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties, MD
- ♦ Soaking rains, bringing more than 1 inch in many areas on 20th, result in third month in 2005 with above normal precipitation at all three major airports