

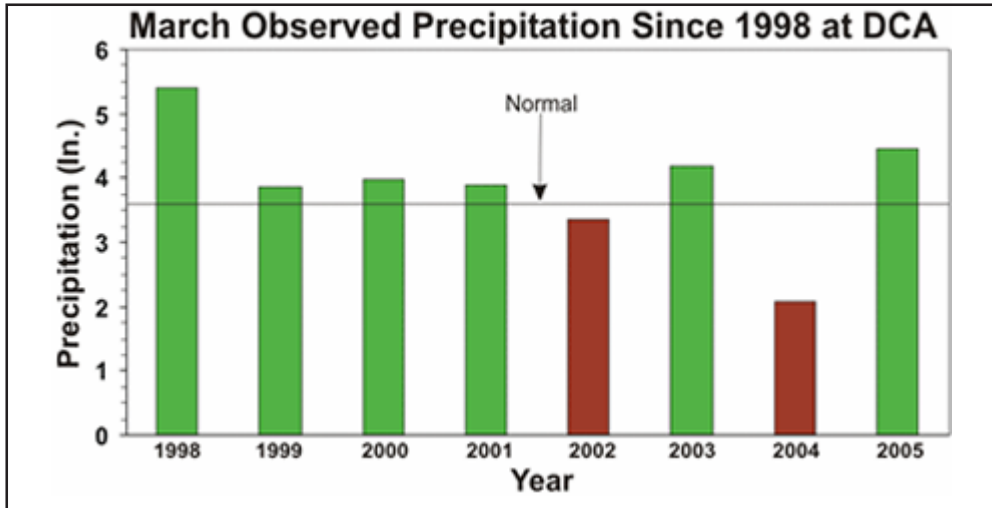
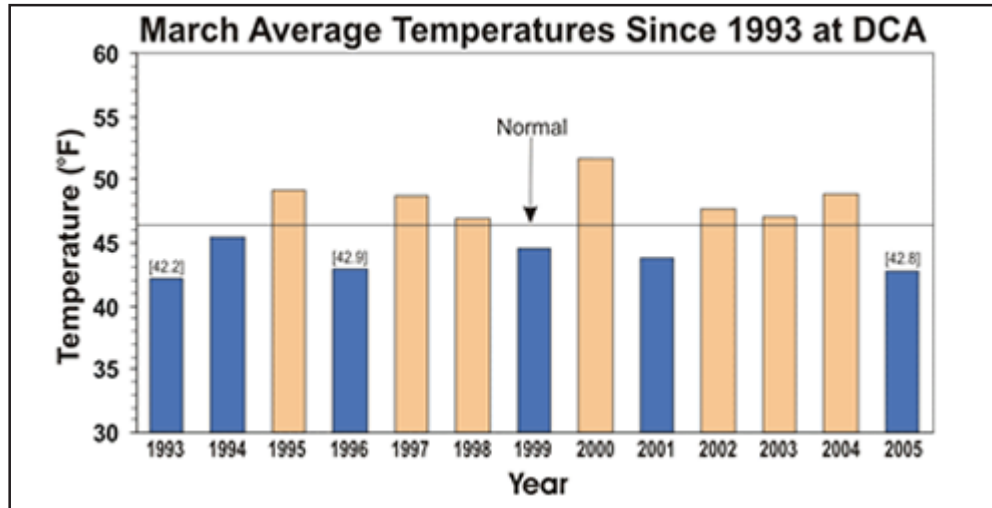


# PRESTO

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



## MARCH: Cool, Wet Start to Spring



### Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Subnormal temperatures with above normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ◆ At or below normal temperatures at DCA on 26 days (84%) resulting in coolest March since 1993 in Washington, since 1996 at BWI and IAD
- ◆ Highs below 50°F on 18 days at BWI, 17 at DCA, and 16 at IAD
- ◆ Lows at or below 32°F on 18 days at IAD, 17 at BWI, 12 at DCA
- ◆ First month since October 2004 with subnormal temperatures at DCA and BWI; since August 2004 at IAD
- ◆ On the 8th, strong cold front caused temperatures to plummet from near 60°F early morning to near 20°F at midnight, accompanied by winds to 45 mph; Front also brought rain changing to wet snow, accumulating to 3 inches on grassy areas, well north and west of Washington/Baltimore
- ◆ On 20th, pea to nickel size hail fell on parts of Northern Virginia and Prince Georges County, MD
- ◆ Soaking rains on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> drenched area with combined totals of more than 3 inches in most locations, resulting in street flooding, swollen creeks and rivers. DCA recorded new rainfall daily record on 23<sup>rd</sup> (1.85"); BWI set daily and monthly record on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (2.56") and daily record on the 28<sup>th</sup>