

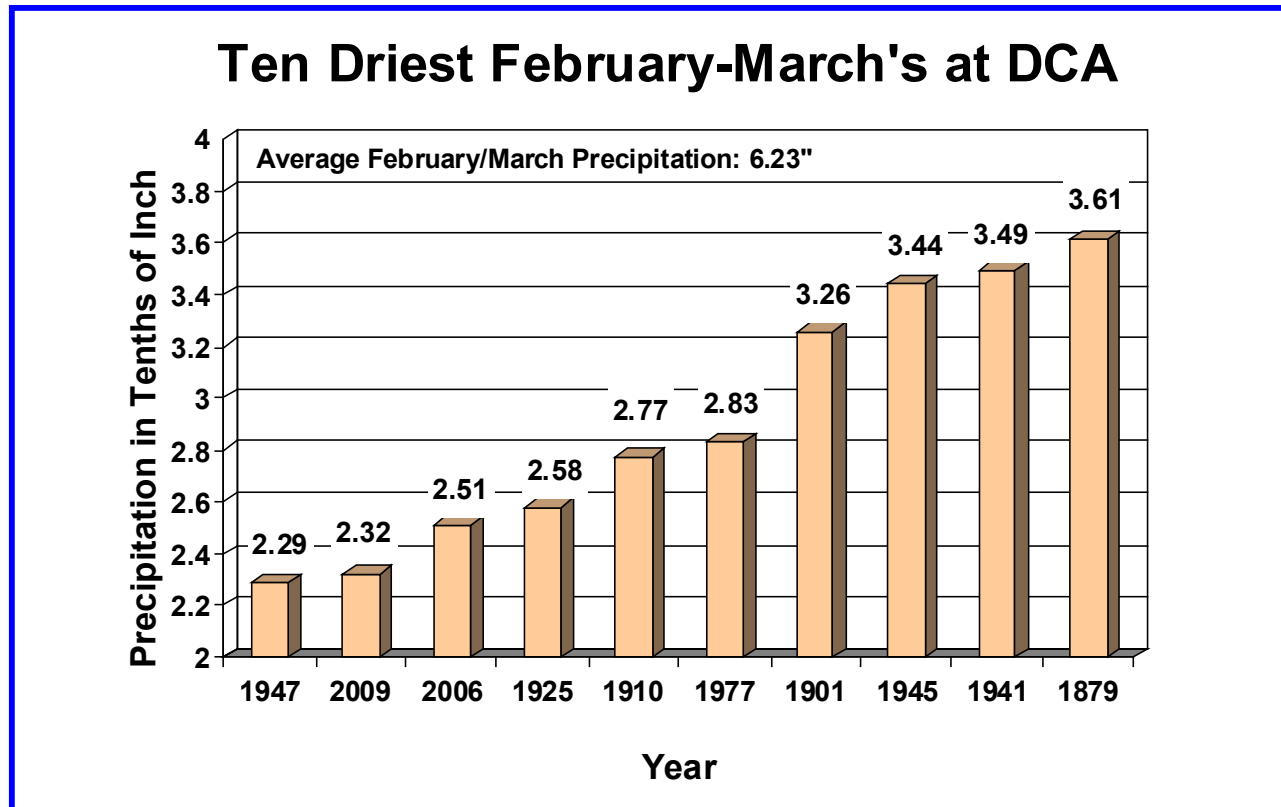


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



MARCH 2009: Another Dry Month; Significant Cold And Snowfall at Beginning of Month



March Highlights

- Subnormal temperatures at DCA (-1.3°F) and BWI (-0.6°F) and slightly above normal temps at IAD (+0.3°F)
- Bitter cold temperature across area on 2nd and 3rd; record low of 10°F at BWI on 3rd; 8°F on 4th equaled 3rd coldest ever in March and coldest March temp since 1965; DCA's 14°F on the 3rd was lowest March reading since 1986; 8°F at IAD on 4th was lowest March temp since 1996
- Highs reached 70°F or greater on 4 days at the three major airports
- Major snowfall on 2nd with over a foot in portions of Southern Maryland and 5"-8" in metro areas resulted in dangerous road conditions and some power outages; event represented most snowfall in March across area since 1999
- Monthly precipitation departures 1"-2" across area; 6th consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at DCA, BWI and IAD
- Rainfall only 50 percent of normal for 1st quarter of 2009 (through March 31st): 5.0" at DCA; 5.06" at BWI and 5.40" at IAD