



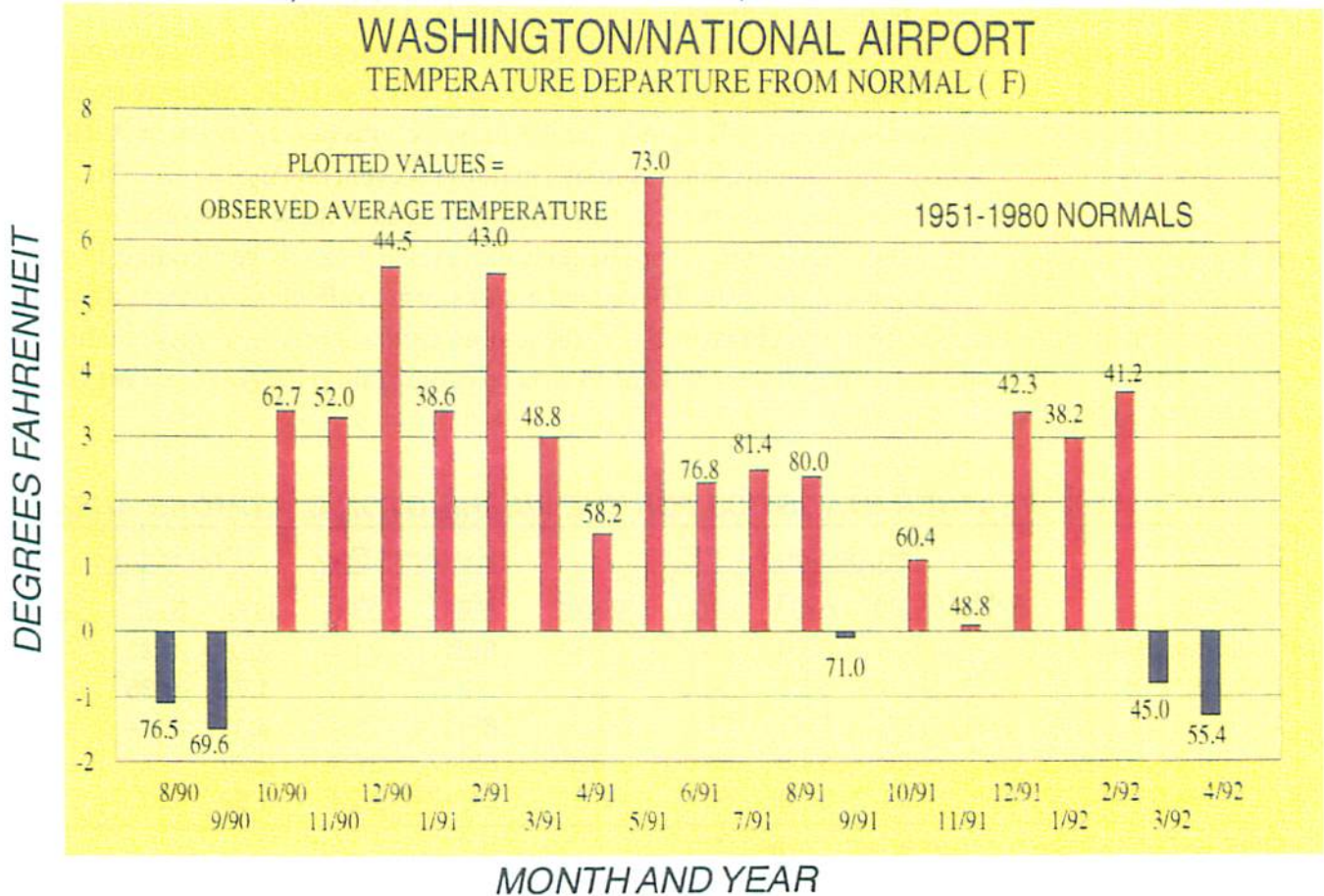
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

APRIL 1992

FIRST CONSECUTIVE MONTHS WITH SUBNORMAL TEMPERATURES AT DCA,
BWI, AND IAD SINCE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1990



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- First successive colder than normal March and April at DCA, BWI, and IAD since 1984;
- Daily temperatures averaged at or below normal during 25 of 27 days at DCA (March 11 to April 6; only March 30 and 31 above normal). Last such comparable subnormal temperature stretch occurred in December 1989.
- Very dry first half of April (DCA: 4/1 – 4/15 total precipitation = 0.15"); frequent rains April 16 - 26 (2.38" at National Airport, 3.06" at Dulles— only one rainfree day).
- Significant flooding in the central Appalachians (4–8" of rain) on April 21 – 22; over 2 inches in western suburbs.

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