



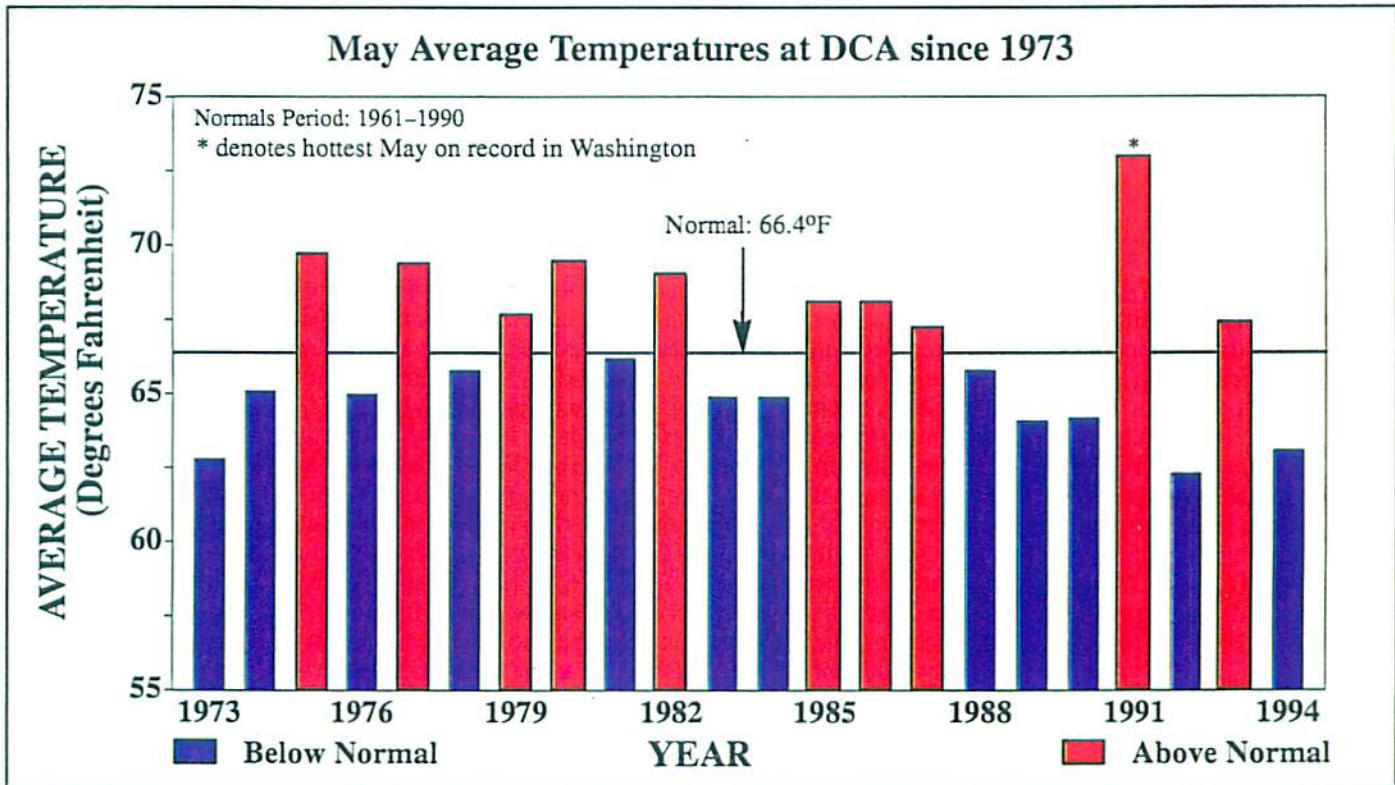
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

MAY 1994 & SPRING REVIEW

SECOND COOLEST MAY SINCE 1973 AT DCA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cooler and drier than normal conditions observed during May at all five airports;
- Driest May since 1986 at DCA (13th driest overall), with only 0.34" of precipitation measured during the last 23 days of the month;
- Coolest May since 1973 at BWI (5th coolest overall);
- Smallest difference ever recorded between April (62.0°F) and May (63.1°F) average temperatures (1.1°F) in Washington;
- Thunderstorms generate over an inch of rain across portions of Fairfax County, VA and Montgomery County, MD on the 24th;
- Near to above normal Spring temperatures and above normal seasonal precipitation at all five airports;
- Sixth wettest Spring on record at BWI (14.19");
- Above normal Spring snowfall at both DCA and IAD for the 2nd consecutive year;
- Second wettest March in Washington with 8.45" of precipitation observed at DCA; Wettest such month at BWI (8.64"), DAA (8.29"), & ADW (8.83") and second wettest at IAD (6.71");
- Second warmest April on record at DCA and warmest such month ever observed at both BWI and IAD;
- First 90°F or greater reading of 1994 observed at DCA, BWI, and IAD in late April; last year it took until June 9th to reach 90°F at DCA;
- Above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures for the January–May period at DCA, BWI, and IAD.

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