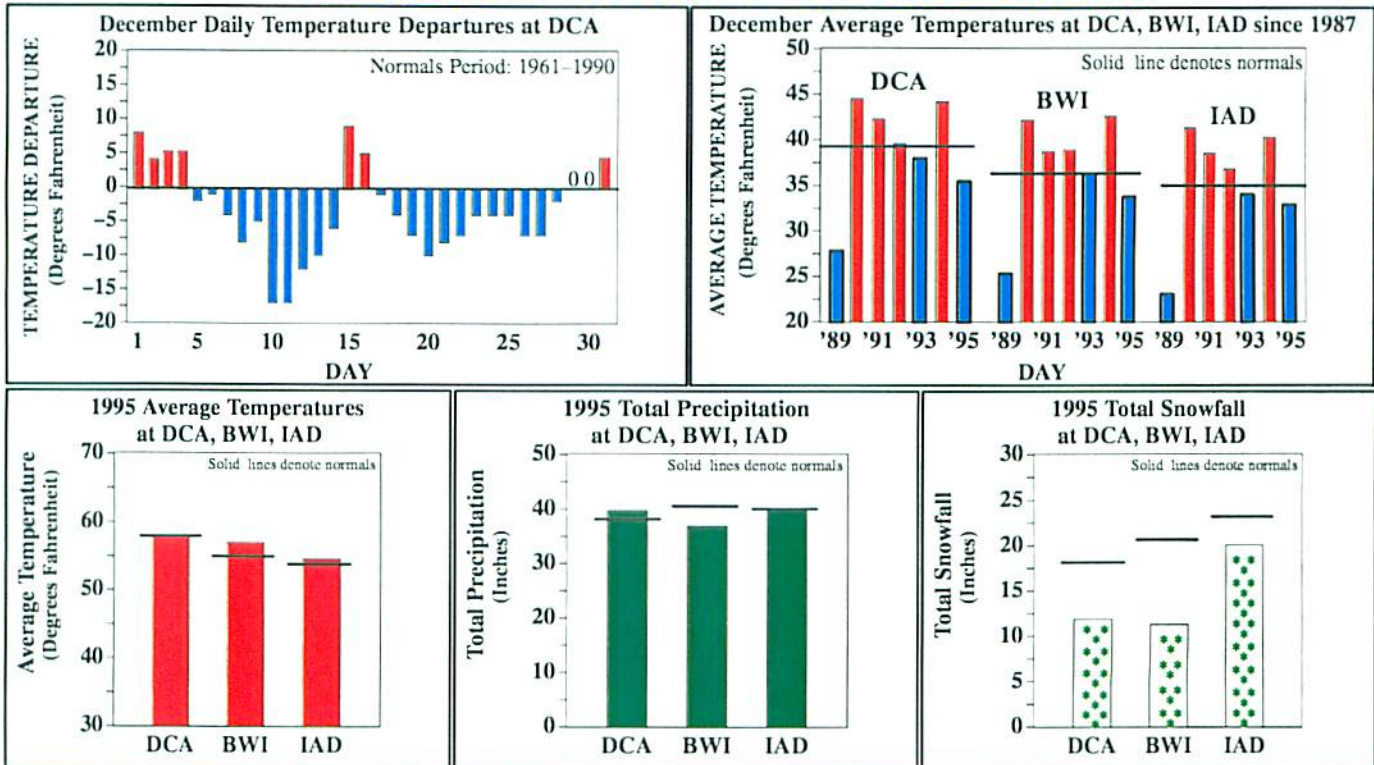




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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA DECEMBER 1995 & ANNUAL REVIEW 1995 ENDS WITH A COLD DECEMBER



HIGHLIGHTS

- Coldest December since 1989 across the Washington/Baltimore area, with departures between -2°F and -4°F at 4 of the 5 airports;
 - 24 December days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA, including 11 consecutive December days (18th-28th) with highs below 40°F (the longest such stretch since December 1989);
 - 23 December days with lows at or below freezing temperatures at DCA, the most since 1989;
 - Subnormal December precipitation at all five airports, with monthly deficits of about an inch;
 - First inch of snow of the season recorded at DCA (1.1" on the 9th);
 - Sixth consecutive December with subnormal snowfall (Dec. Total: 1.3"; Average: 3.1") at DCA;
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- Near normal annual temperatures and precipitation, but subnormal snowfall across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
 - Second warmest January on record at BWI and third at IAD;
 - Latest first inch of snowfall (January 28th) at DCA since 1976 (February 2nd);
 - Earliest 90°F + reading (April 19th) since 1977 and the latest 32°F or lower temperature (April 5th) since 1990 at DCA;
 - Worst flooding in decades in central and western Virginia during the last ten days of June with up to 2 feet of rain across portions of Madison County, VA.
 - Warmest July on record at BWI (Avg. Temp.: 81.5°F ; Dep. Nml.: $+4.5^{\circ}\text{F}$), third warmest at IAD (Avg. Temp.: 78.2°F ; Dep. Nml.: $+2.6^{\circ}\text{F}$), and seventh warmest at DCA (tied w/ 1991) (Avg. Temp.: 81.4°F ; Dep. Nml.: $+1.4^{\circ}\text{F}$);
 - 20 July days with 90°F + highs at DCA (22 such days in 1994 and 24 in 1993), 21 at BWI, and 17 at IAD;
 - The longest consecutive August period (August 7 - 31; 25 days) without measurable precipitation in Washington;
 - Only 2 August days (5th and 6th) with measurable precipitation at DCA;
 - Hottest August on record at BWI, second warmest at DCA (tied w/ 1978), and third at IAD;
 - Warmest summer on record at BWI; fifth warmest at both DCA (tied w/ 1983) and IAD;
 - Most consecutive days with 90°F + highs (25; July 12 - August 5) ever recorded at BWI;
 - Most consecutive days (33) without measurable precipitation ($\geq 0.01"$) ever recorded in Washington (August 7th - September 8th);
 - Third wettest October ever recorded in Washington and at BWI, fifth at IAD, including a daily record rainfall (3.36") on October 14th at DCA (normal October precipitation: 3.02");
 - 12 tornadoes touched down across the local area in October, with the strongest (F2) causing extensive damage in Camp Springs, MD on the 5th;
 - Coldest November since 1976 at DCA (second coldest on record at the airport), BWI (5th overall) and IAD (2nd overall);
 - Strong coastal storm on November 14th and 15th produced more than an inch of rain across most of the local area, 1-2 inches of snow in the northern and western suburbs and up to 2 feet in the mountains;
 - Fourth wettest Autumn on record in Washington (17.15"), sixth wettest at IAD (14.00"), and seventh at BWI (13.65").

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