

JUNE 1995: In sharp contrast to the subnormal June rainfall observed across the local Washington/Baltimore area, Virginia's eastern Blue Ridge region experienced the worst flooding in decades during the last ten days of the month. Torrential rainfall (reaching two feet in some portions of central Virginia) resulted in the overflow of the Rapidan, Rappahannock, Maury, Shenandoah, and James Rivers, and flooding of large areas in central and western Virginia. Eight people lost their lives, and damage was estimated at \$125 million. President Clinton declared eight counties (Albemarle, Augusta, Campbell, Culpeper, Giles, Greene, Madison, and Rockbridge) and four cities (Buena Vista, Lexington, Lynchburg, and Staunton) federal disaster areas. Maryland experienced localized flooding in eastern Prince George's county on the 24th–25th from stationary tropical showers and thunderstorms that generated nearly six inches of rain. During the final ten days of the month, the local region received 1 to 3 inches of rain, producing the majority of June's total rainfall. Even with the extended period of rain, all airports fell short of their normal June precipitation. This resulted in the sixth consecutive drier than normal month at BWI.

Monthly temperatures were dramatically cooler over the region compared to a year ago (June 1994 hottest June ever recorded at DCA), with readings averaging near normal at all five airports. There were only 5 days (versus 17 days in 1994) with highs at or above 90°F at DCA, and an extreme maximum of 92°F versus 101°F in 1994. Many locations recorded minimum temperatures in the fifties at the beginning of the month. In addition, persistently overcast skies during the last third of June resulted in highs climbing only into the 70's and low 80's on many days.

JUNE 1995 WEATHER STATISTICS FOR THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA:

Station	Temperatures (°F)					Extreme/Day		Precipitation (In)			
	AvMx	AvMn	AvgT	NmIT	DepNm	MaxT	MinT	Total	Norm	DepNm	Yr to Date
National (DCA)	83.2	66.0	74.6	75.6	-1.0	93/20	60/1	2.42	3.38	-0.960	15.57
Baltimore (BWI)	83.9	65.2	74.6	72.5	+2.1	96/20	51/1&17	1.80	3.67	-1.87	13.99
Dulles (IAD)	81.7	61.2	71.4	71.0	+0.4	91/20	51/17	3.25	3.92	-0.67	17.89
Ft. Belvoir (DAA)	82	62	72	72	0	92/20	51/17	4.5	3.7	+0.80	19.94
Andrew AFB (ADW)	83	66	74	72	+2	95/20	56/17	3.05	3.7	-0.65	19.70

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY: Cool Summer?

With only 5 days reaching or exceeding 90°F temperatures through June, the question arises as to whether this cooler than normal pattern will continue through the entire summer. Below is a list of the eleven years (and 1995 with the least number of days at or above 90°F in Washington. The most in one year was 67 days in 1980. (Normal: 37 days)

<u>Year</u>	<u># of 90°F or greater days</u>
1871	5
1886	7
1905	7
1891	11
1917	12
1950	13
1903	14
1897, 1904, 1906, 1922, 1972	16
1995	5