



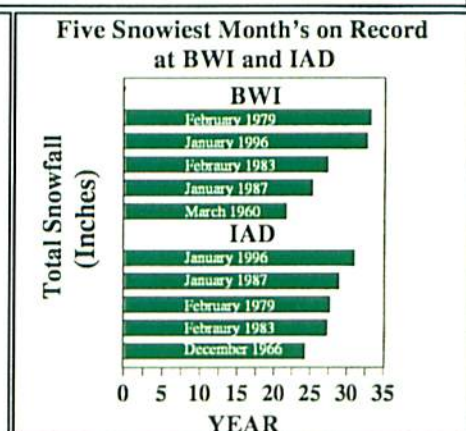
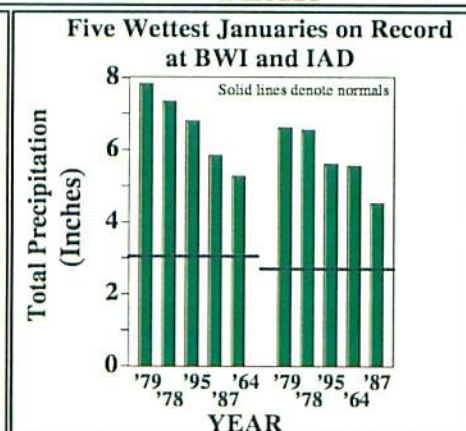
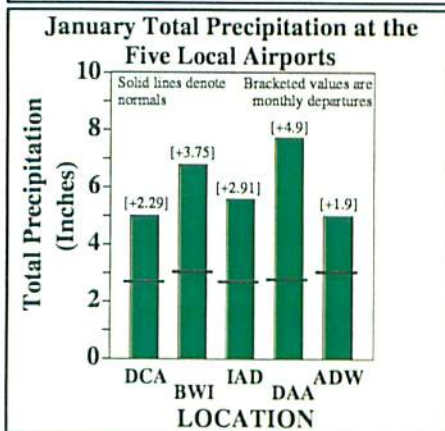
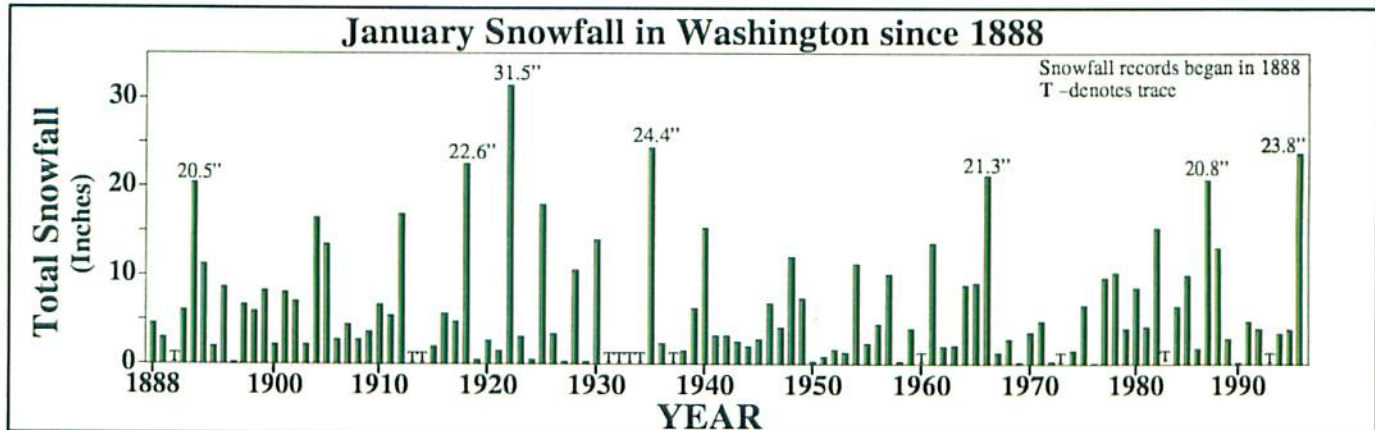
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

JANUARY 1996

FROM "BLIZZARD OF 1996" TO NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC FLOODING



HIGHLIGHTS

- The "Blizzard of 1996" (6th–8th) produced the largest single–storm snowfall total on record at IAD (24.5"), second at BWI (22.5"), and the fourth largest snowfall in Washington with 17.1" at DCA;
- Largest single–storm snowfall at DCA since February 1979 ("President's Day" snowstorm: 18.7"), since February 11, 1983 at BWI (22.8");
- Snowiest month ever recorded at IAD (30.9"), second at BWI (32.6") and fifth at DCA (23.8");
- A 24–hour record snowfall of 19.8" at IAD on the 7th;
- Third wettest January on record at both BWI (6.80") and IAD (5.61");
- A brief warm spell coupled with soaking rains on the 18th and 19th generated severe flooding from the Shenandoah Valley to the local area; It was the worst flooding since June 1972 (Hurricane Agnes) along portions of the Potomac with large sections of the berms and towpath along the C&O Canal washed away by floodwaters;
- Near to slightly below normal temperatures recorded at all five airports;
- First subzero low (–2°F) of the Winter observed at IAD on the 9th;
- 26 days with at or below freezing lows at DCA;
- Subnormal temperatures and above normal precipitation at all five airports for the December 1995–January 1996 period.

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