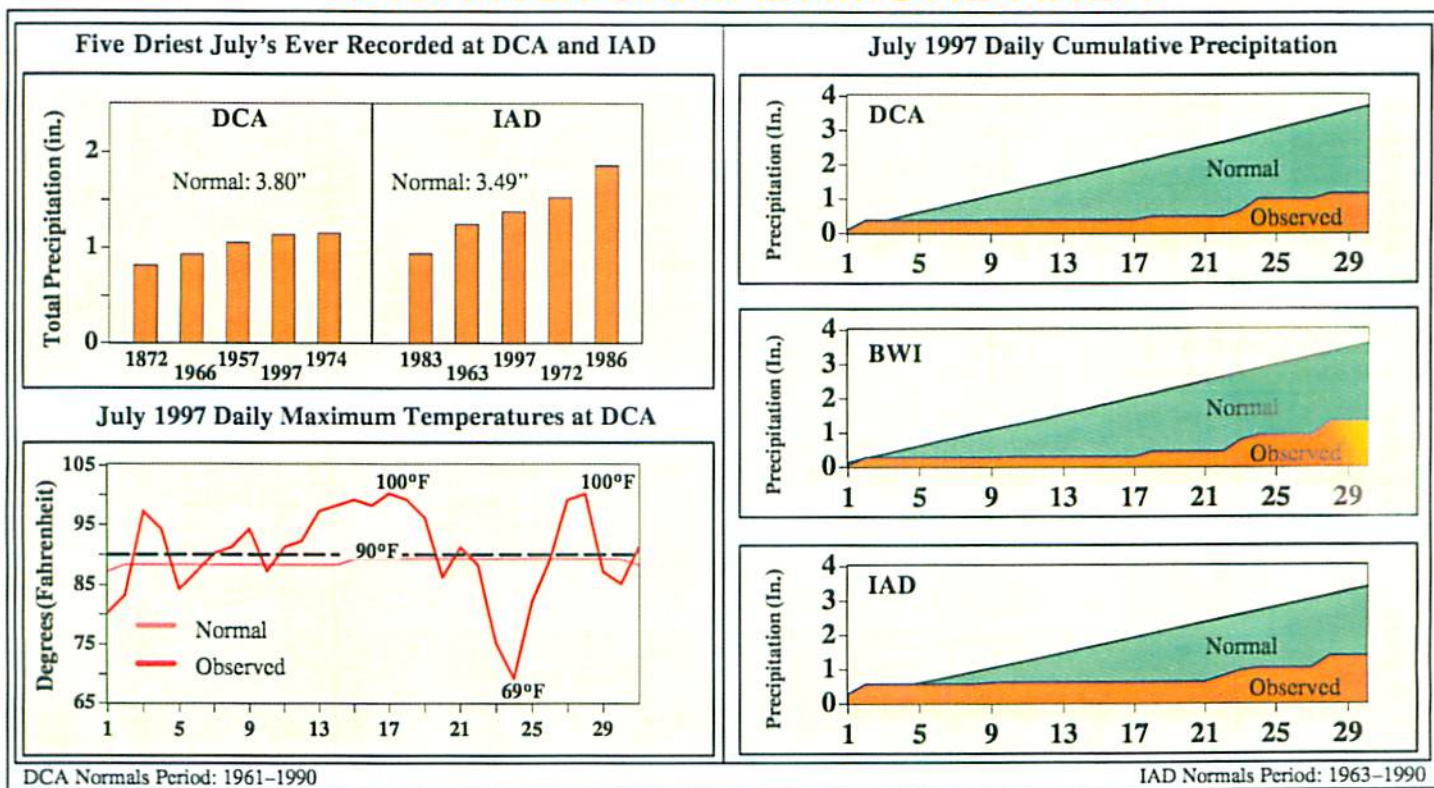




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**JULY 1997**

**DRY WITH PERIODS OF INTENSE HEAT ACROSS THE  
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Near normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation at all five airports;
- Driest July in over 30 years in Washington (4th overall), third driest on record at IAD and sixth at BWI;
- Driest month since August 1995 at DCA, October 1994 at IAD, and January 1992 at BWI;
- Sixth month out of last seven with subnormal precipitation at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- Tenth driest June–July period (4.08") ever recorded in Washington;
- Seven days with measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ ") at DCA, but only two days with amounts  $> 0.25$ ";
- Subnormal precipitation for the January–July 1997 period at the three major airports with deficits of 3.49" at DCA, 3.08" at BWI and 5.99" at IAD;
- 18 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- 18 days with 90°F+ highs (16 at BWI & 15 at IAD), including 9 consecutive such days from the 11th–19th at DCA;
- Two days (17th & 28th) with 100°F highs at DCA, the third such reading in the last two months;
- Record daily low established at IAD (50°F) and tied at BWI (54°F) on the 31st;
- Eight July days with lows in the fifties at IAD, the most such days since 1984.

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