

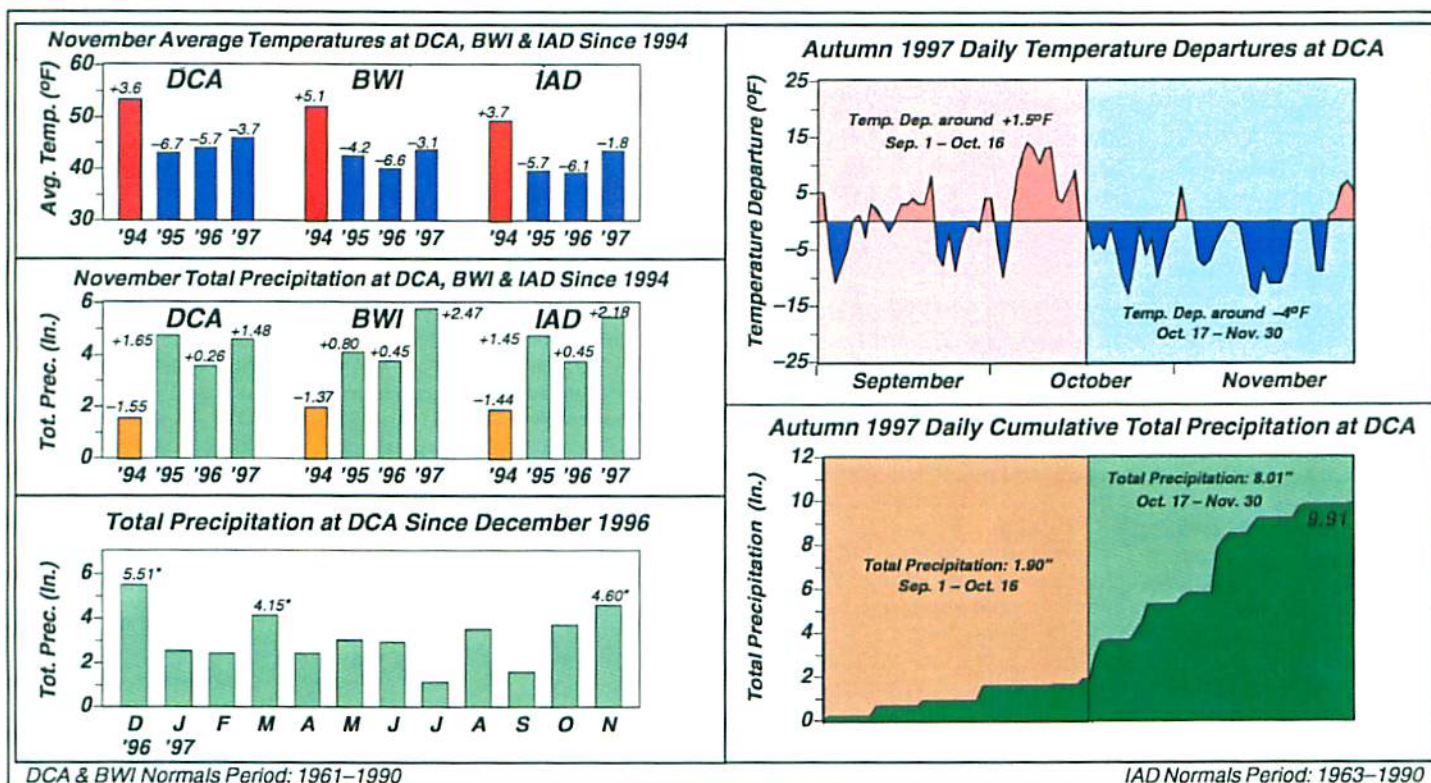


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

NOVEMBER 1997 & AUTUMN REVIEW

NOVEMBER: UNUSUALLY COOL AND WET

AUTUMN: WARM & DRY FIRST HALF, COOL & WET SECOND HALF



**HIGHLIGHTS
MONTHLY**

- Third consecutive cooler and wetter than normal November at DCA, BWI and IAD (see graphics above);
- 24 days (2nd–25th) with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- First November without a 70°F+ reading at DCA since 1988;
- Tenth coolest November on record at both BWI and IAD;
- First 32°F or lower reading (31°F) of the season at DCA on the 16th;
- Wettest November since 1986 (5.79") at BWI (7th overall);
- Fifth wettest November (5.79") ever recorded at IAD;
- Wettest month since December 1996 at both DCA (see graphic above) and BWI, since September 1996 at IAD;
- Measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") recorded on 4 of the 5 weekends at DCA (5 of 5 at both BWI and IAD);
- Only the third month of 1997 with wetter than normal conditions at DCA;
- First snowflakes of the season in Washington on the morning of the 22nd;

SEASONAL (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- Subnormal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Third consecutive cooler and wetter than normal Autumn at DCA and IAD;
- Seventh season out of last eight with cooler than normal temperatures at DCA;
- 61 (67%) Autumn days (22 first half; 39 second half) with at or below normal temperatures at DCA; In addition, temperature departures of about +1.5°F during first half of Autumn and -4°F during second half (see graphic above);
- 81% (8.01") of Autumn precipitation total (9.91") at DCA fell during last half of Autumn (see graphic above);
- Latest 90°F+ reading (90°F on October 6th) ever recorded at DCA;
- Measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 ") on 6 of last 7 Autumn weekends at DCA (last 7 at both BWI and IAD);

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