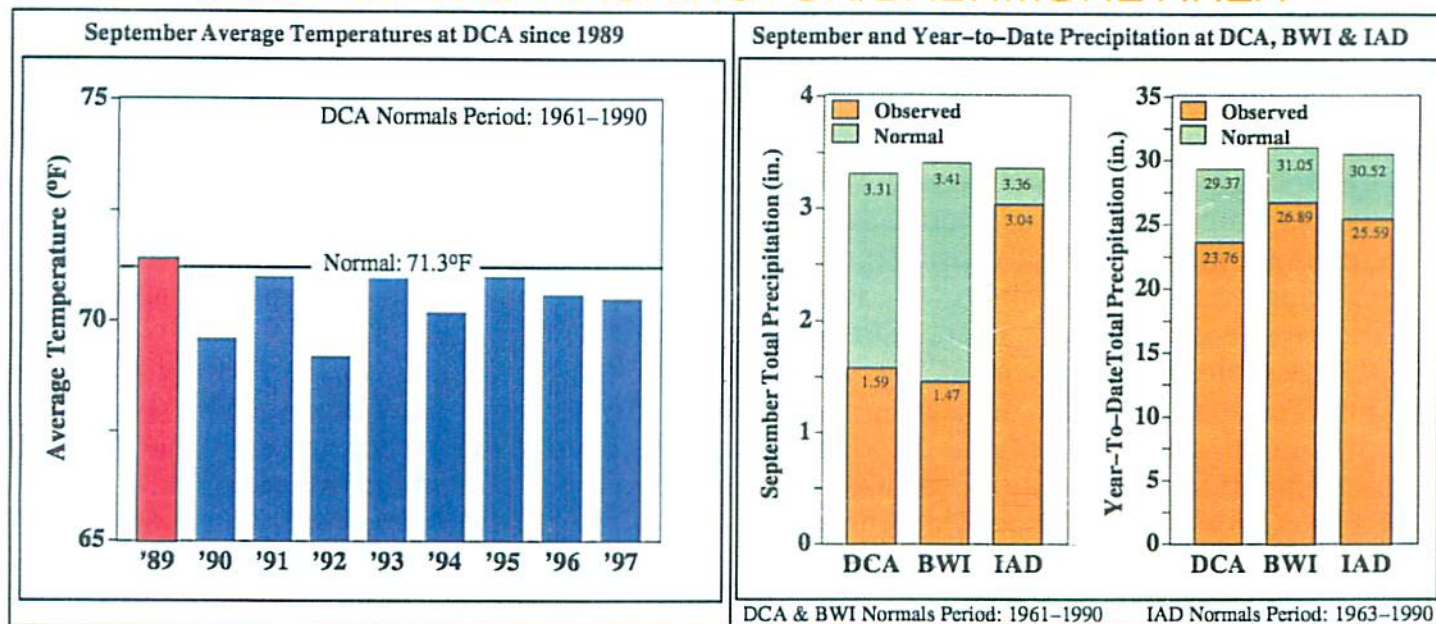




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

SEPTEMBER 1997

**SUBNORMAL TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION ACROSS
MOST OF THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Eighth consecutive cooler than normal September at DCA;
- 17 days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- Daily record lows established at both BWI (47°F) and IAD (42°F) on the 5th and tied at IAD (38°F) on the 22nd;
- 3 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA (41 for 1997), 2 at BWI (34 for 1997), and 1 at IAD (31 for 1997);
- Sixth consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at DCA and eighth such month of 1997;
- Driest September at both DCA (1.59") and BWI (1.47") since 1990;
- Only seven days with measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01) at DCA;
- Precipitation deficits between 4 and 6 inches for the January–September period at DCA (–5.61"), BWI (–4.16") and IAD (–4.93");
- Fifth driest January–September period (25.59") ever recorded at IAD.

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