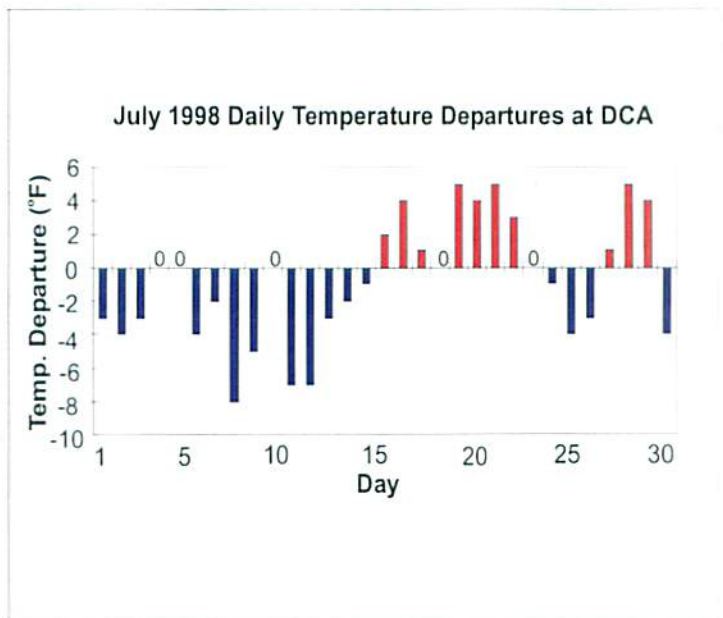
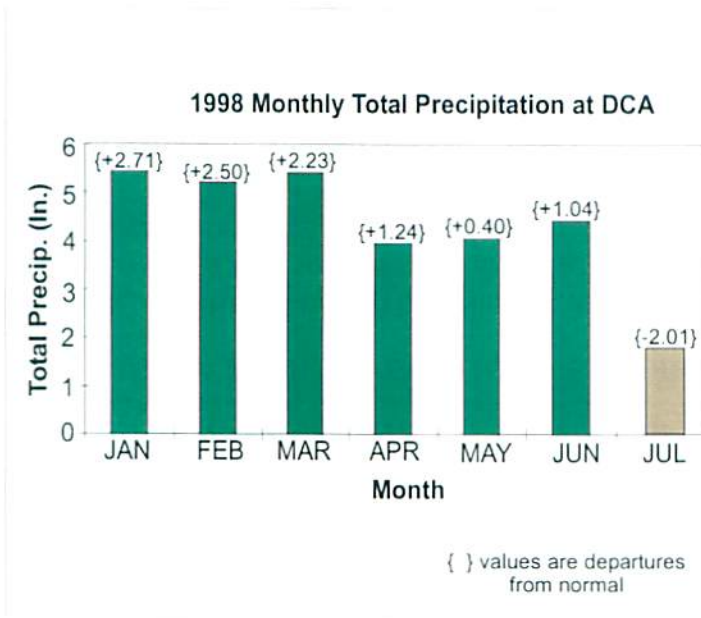




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**JULY 1998**

**A DRY JULY ENDS SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF WETTER  
THAN NORMAL CONDITIONS AT DCA**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Near normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- First drier than normal month of 1998 at DCA and the driest month since October 1994 at IAD;
- Second consecutive July with less than 2 inches of precipitation across most of the local area;
- Only 4 days with measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ " ) at BWI, 5 at IAD and 7 at DCA;
- Third driest July on record at IAD (1.32") and 8th at BWI (1.42");
- 21 consecutive days (9<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>) without measurable precipitation at BWI;
- Only 0.53" of rain at BWI during last 23 July days, 0.70" at IAD and 0.94" at DCA;
- Brief, but intense thunderstorms on the 16th and 30th generated rain, frequent lightning & strong wind gusts, downing trees and power lines and causing numerous power outages across parts of local area;
- 21 days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA, including the first 15 July days (see graphic above);
- No prolonged periods of intense heat during the month, but 3 consecutive days (20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) with 95°F+ highs at DCA;
- Only 9 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA, the fewest (tied w/ 1996 & 1989) since 1984, 11 such days at BWI & 10 at IAD.

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