



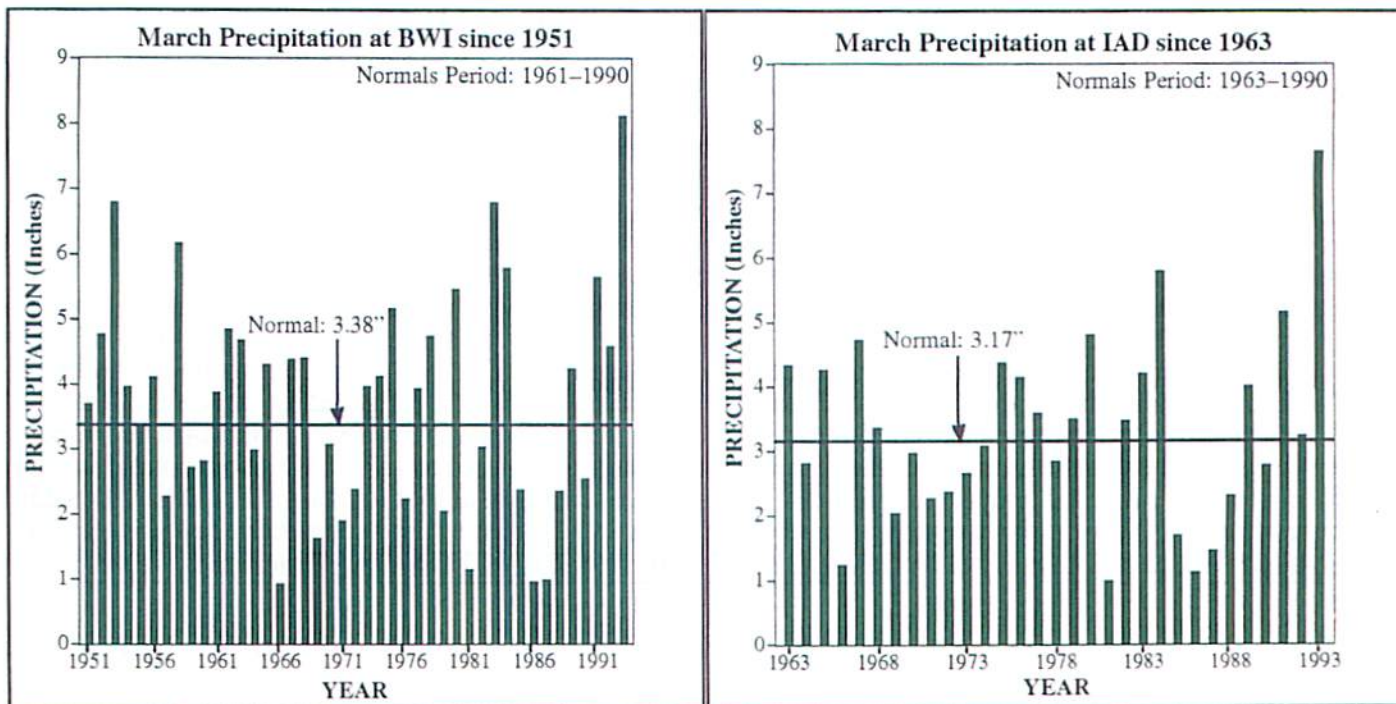
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

MARCH 1993

ANOMALOUSLY WET, SNOWY, AND COLD THROUGHOUT REGION



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth wettest March on record at DCA and wettest since 1953;
- Snowiest March on record at IAD (15.5"), at BWI since 1964 (12.7"), and at DCA since 1978 (6.6");
- Snowiest month at DCA since December 1989 (since January 1988 at BWI and January 1987 at IAD);
- "Storm of the Century" produces blizzard conditions across the Washington/Baltimore area on the 13th, an all-time record low barometric pressure at DCA (28.54"), a single-storm state snowfall record at Grantsville, MD (47"), and hurricane-force wind gusts along the mid-Atlantic coast;
- Powerful storm system batters mid-Atlantic on the 3rd-5th, producing up to 3 inches of rain across portions of the Washington/Baltimore area, wind gusts up to 60 mph, and urban flooding;
- Wettest month at DCA, BWI, and IAD since May 1989;
- Wettest start to a year at DCA since 1979;
- Measurable precipitation recorded on 16 days and on 3 of the 4 weekends at DCA;
- Coldest March since 1984 at the three major airports (DCA, BWI, and IAD);
- Longest stretch of subnormal daily temperatures (14 days: March 10th-23rd) at DCA since December 1989;
- First subzero reading at IAD (-1°F on the 15th) since December 25, 1989;
- 22 cloudy days (71%) observed at DCA in March and 57 days (thru March) in 1993 (63%).

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