

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

## JUNE 2002

## WETTEST MONTH SINCE JULY 2001, BUT DRIEST JANUARY-JUNE PERIOD SINCE 1991 AT DCA



Cumulative January-June 2002 Precipitation at DCA \& BWI



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Above-normal temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 17 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- 10 days with $90^{\circ} F+$ readings (8 at BWI, 6 at IAD), the most such days since 1994 at DCA;
- Daily record highs established on the 12th (95 ${ }^{\circ}$ ) at DCA and on the 5th at IAD (90 ${ }^{\circ}$ );
- Warmest June since 1996 at DCA;
- Fourth consecutive warmer than normal June at DCA, third at both BWI and IAD;
- A brief heat wave from the 23rd-27th, with 3 consecutive days (24th-26th) with $95^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ highs observed at BWI;
- Fifth month of 2002 with above normal temperatures at DCA;
- Above-normal precipitation at DCA, but below-normal rainfall at both BWI and IAD;
- Wettest month (3.81") at DCA since July 2001 (see graphic above), but only second month of 2002 with above normal precipitation;
- Nine days with measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ ") at DCA;
- Powerful thunderstorms on 5th \& 6th caused numerous power outages, generated lightning that struck the Maryland State House \& strong winds that toppled the Wye Oak (over 450 years old), and over an inch of rain at IAD (1.02" on the 5th) \& BWI (1.19" on the 6th);
- Soaking rains in Washington, D.C. and across portions of northern VA on 13th yield nearly two inches of precipitation (1.92") at DCA;
- Only 0.08" of rain at BWI during the last half of the month;
- Driest January-June period since 1991 at DCA (see graphic above).

