

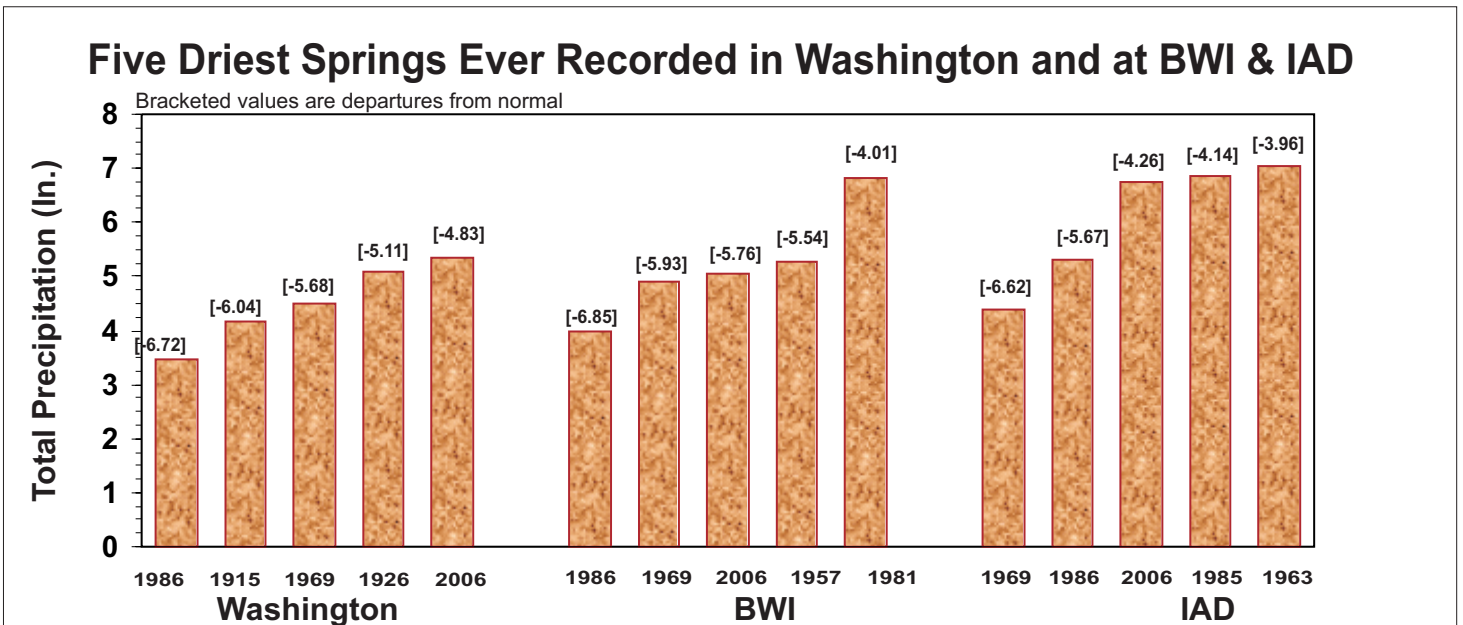


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PRECipitation Summary and Temperature Observations  
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



## MAY 2006: Dry, Near Normal Temperatures SPRING: Excessively Dry, Above Normal Temperatures



### May Highlights

- First month with subnormal readings since December 2005 at DCA
- At or below normal temperatures on 20 days at DCA
- Summer-like warmth from 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>; most locations record first 90°F of year
- Three major airports reach 95°F on 30<sup>th</sup>, along with uncomfortable levels of humidity
- Below normal precipitation for 4<sup>th</sup> month in 2006 with monthly departures of -1.61" at DCA, -2.29" at BWI, & -2.42" at IAD
- Strong to severe thunderstorms lash area on 11<sup>th</sup>, spawn three tornadoes near Fredericksburg, VA, and provide month's greatest rainfall

### Spring Highlights

- At or above normal temperatures on 47 days (51%) at DCA
- Highs at or above 80°F on 12 days at DCA
- All three major airports record 95°F on May 30
- Fifth driest spring in Washington, third driest at BWI and IAD (see graphic)
- Precipitation deficits near or exceeding 5 inches at all three major airports through May
- Driest March on record at all three major airports (DCA 0.05", IAD 0.07", BWI 0.18")
- March is driest month at DCA, BWI and IAD since October 2000
- Maximum readings in March of 85°F at DCA and IAD, 84°F at BWI on 13<sup>th</sup>
- Second warmest April on record at IAD, 5<sup>th</sup> at BWI, 11<sup>th</sup> in Washington
- Strong thunderstorms on April 3 accompanied by brief heavy rains and ¼ inch to ½ inch hail at some locations
- Soaking rains on April 22 prompt flood warnings across many counties with 2"-4" drenching many locations and resulting in flooded roads, according to press reports
- Severe thunderstorms pelt southern suburbs on April 15 with large hail covering Quantico, VA, runway, according to press reports