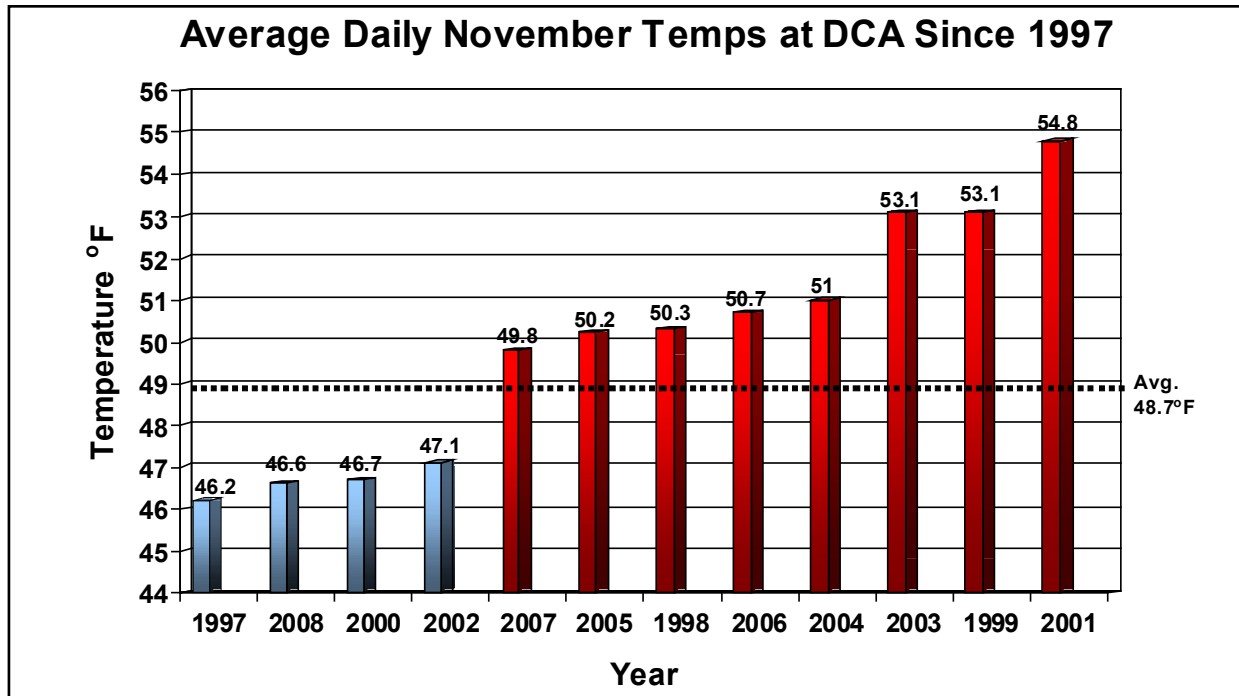# PRESTO

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

NOVEMBER 2008: Coldest Since 1997 in Washington; AUTUMN: Near Normal Temps and Precipitation

Average Daily November Temps at DCA Since 1997

Bar chart of Temperature °F (y-axis, 44 to 56) by Year (x-axis):
- 1997: 46.2
- 2008: 46.6
- 2000: 46.7
- 2002: 47.1
- 2007: 49.8
- 2005: 50.2
- 1998: 50.3
- 2006: 50.7
- 2004: 51
- 2003: 53.1
- 1999: 53.1
- 2001: 54.8

Avg. 48.7°F

November Highlights

- Subnormal temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area for first November since 2002
- At or subfreezing minimums on 15 days at IAD, 11 at BWI and 9 at DCA
- Eighth coldest November 16-30 in Washington since 1872, 5th coldest at Baltimore since 1871
- DCA's first freeze on 18th; IAD minimum 18°F on 23rd
- Highs at or above 70°F at DCA, BWI and IAD on 3 days
- Rainfall totals between 2"-3" across most locations
- Seasons first snow flurries observed at many areas on 18th, 21st, 25th
- Band of light snowfall across portions of MD on 21st with about an inch measured in Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Counties
- Wind gusts to 43 mph at IAD, 41 mph at DCA and 40 mph at BWI midmonth as cold air penetrates into region

Seasonal Highlights

- Near normal autumn temperatures across the Washington-Baltimore area: DCA, +0.4°F; BWI and IAD, +0.6°F
- Normal or near normal seasonal rainfall across the area: DCA, -0.93"; BWI, +0.84" and IAD exactly normal
- Highs at or above 90°F from September 2-5 at DCA, including 95°F on September 3-4
- Wettest September since 2003 at DCA and IAD
- Northern Virginia deluged with from 6" to more than 8" of rain on September 5-6 from Tropical Storm Hanna, resulting in flooded roads and water rescues
- Northern part of metro areas sees 4"-6" rainfall over 3 days (September 25-28) from coastal storm
- Growing season ends on October 20th across many locations when first freeze occurs in most areas, including 29°F at IAD and 32°F at BWI.
- No measurable rainfall from October 2nd-24th across many areas with 2nd longest dry period in October at IAD, 3rd longest in October at DCA and 4th longest in October at BWI
- Coastal storm on October 27th-28th brings strong winds with gusts over 50 mph in some areas, over a half inch of rainfall to many areas east of the I-95 corridor and the season's first snowfall in the mountains of West Virginia and Maryland

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