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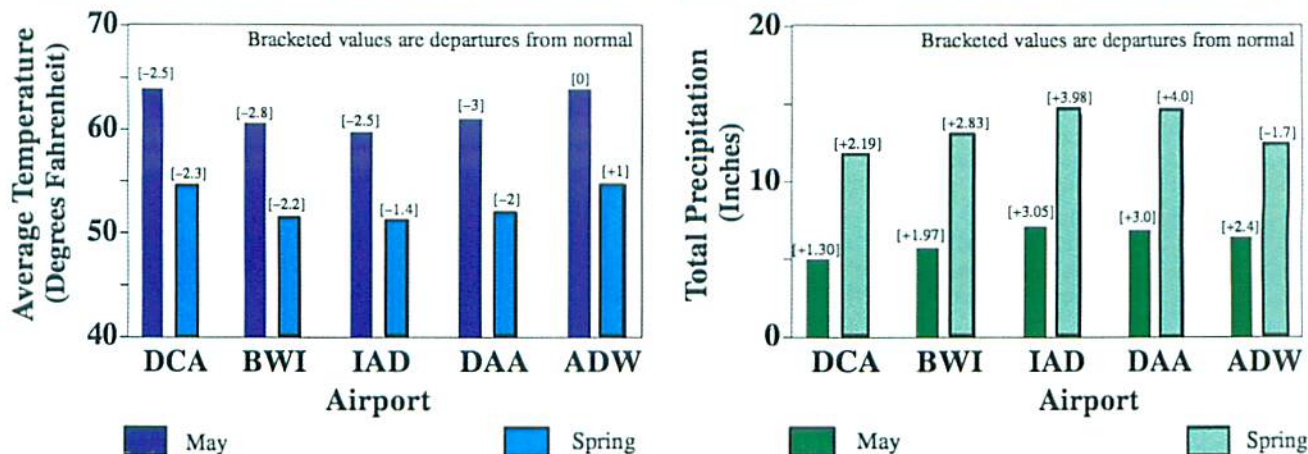


## PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

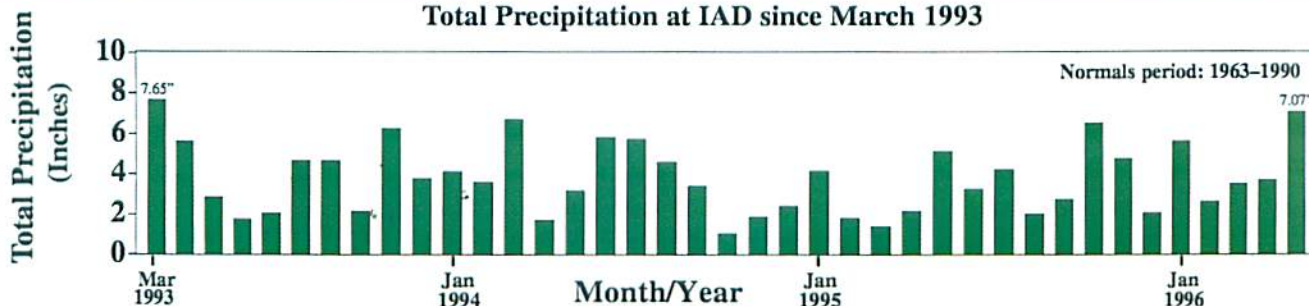
### MAY 1996 & SPRING REVIEW

A COLD, WET MAY AND SPRING ACROSS MOST OF THE  
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA

May and Spring 1996 Average Temperatures and Total Precipitation at DCA, BWI, IAD, DAA, and ADW



Total Precipitation at IAD since March 1993



## HIGHLIGHTS

### MONTHLY

- Below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation at four of the five airports (see graph);
- Subnormal temperatures for the sixth month out of the last seven at DCA;
- Latest freeze on record (32°F on 14th) at IAD and the lowest May reading since May 10, 1983 (31°F);
- Brief but intense hot spell across the local area during 19th–21st, with highs each day exceeding 90°F;
- Wettest May since 1989 at both BWI (5.69") and IAD (7.07"; fourth wettest overall), and since 1990 at DCA (4.96");
- Wettest month since March 1993 at IAD (see graph);
- 20 days with at least a trace of precipitation at DCA.

### SEASONAL

- Cooler and wetter than normal across most of the local area (see graph);
- 52 days (57%) with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- Third consecutive season with subnormal temperatures and above normal precipitation for most of the local area;
- Very cold March with monthly departures of -3°F or lower at the three major airports;
- Record snow-season (Oct.–Apr.) totals at DCA (46.0"); second largest total in Washington, BWI (62.5"), and IAD (61.9");
- Only one month (April 1996) with above normal temperatures at DCA since October 1995.

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