



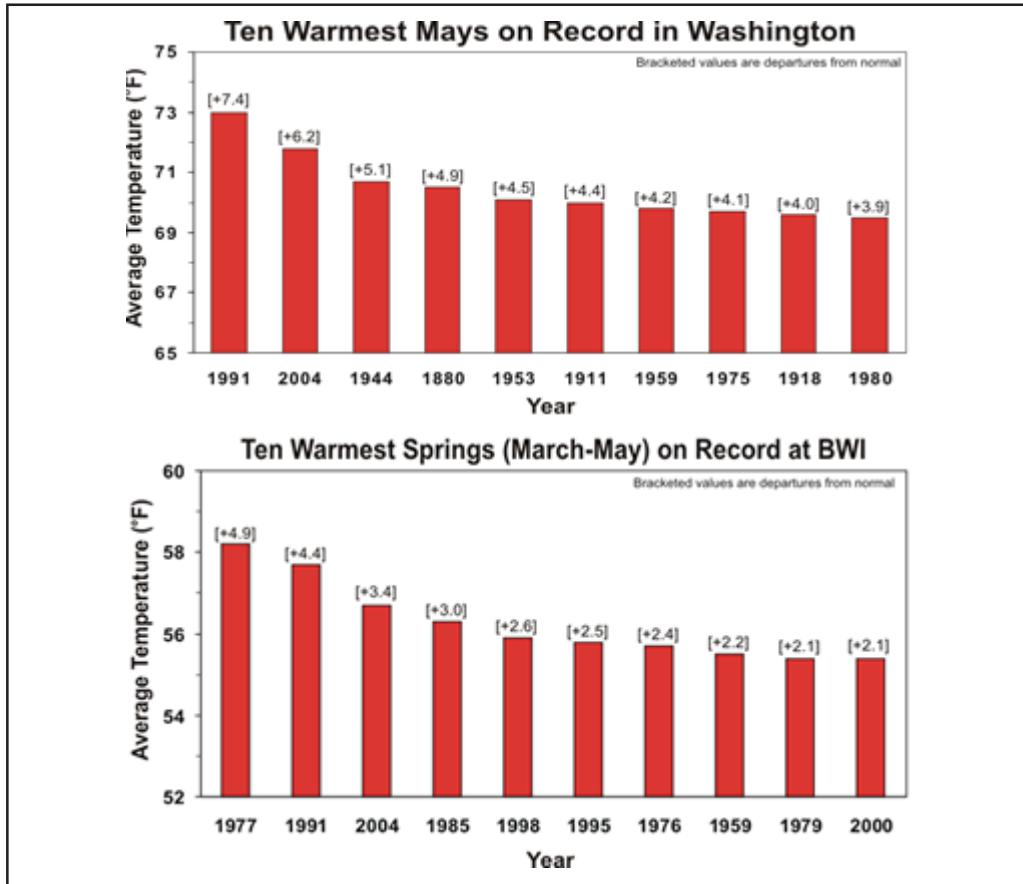
# PRESTO

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



## MAY: Second Warmest in Washington

## SPRING: Third Warmest in Washington and at BWI



### Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Exceptionally warm with monthly temperature departures of +6.2F at DCA, +6.9F at BWI, +7.5 at IAD
- ◆ DCA and IAD record 20 days with highs at or above 80°F, BWI, 19
- ◆ Hottest weather on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> as highs topped 90°F at many locations
- ◆ Numerous warm nights with 22 days with lows at or above 60°F at DCA, including low of 74°F on 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ DCA records 18 days with measurable precipitation, including many days with thunderstorms
- ◆ Severe weather on 25<sup>th</sup> with three tornadoes, one F1 (winds between 73 & 112 mph) and two F0 (winds between 40 & 72 mph) reported in the local area
- ◆ Severe thunderstorms hit southern suburbs of Washington on 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, generating large hail and high winds that toppled trees and knocked out power to thousands of customers, according to press reports

### Spring Highlights

- ◆ Third warmest Spring (March-May) ever recorded in Washington and at BWI (second warmest at IAD)
- ◆ First Spring with above-normal temperatures, each of the three months, since 2000 at DCA
- ◆ Fourth consecutive month with above-normal temperatures at DCA, the longest (tied with 6/02-9/02) since 10/01-4/02
- ◆ DCA recorded 54 days (59%) with at or above-normal temperatures
- ◆ DCA observed 26 days with highs at or above 80°F, BWI, 24; IAD, 27
- ◆ Subnormal rainfall at both DCA and IAD and above-normal rainfall at BWI
- ◆ Sudden severe thunderstorms swept across Maryland on afternoon of March 6<sup>th</sup> with wind gusts to 60 mph, capsizing a shuttle boat in Baltimore's Inner Harbor which led to four fatalities and numerous injuries, according to press reports
- ◆ Driest March since 1987 at DCA and since 1995 at BWI & IAD
- ◆ Season's final freeze on April 5 at DCA (31°F); April 6 at BWI (29°F) and April 16 at IAD (30°F)
- ◆ Two lengthy rainstorms, April 1-4, and April 12-14, soaked most of local area with 3.5" to 4" of rain