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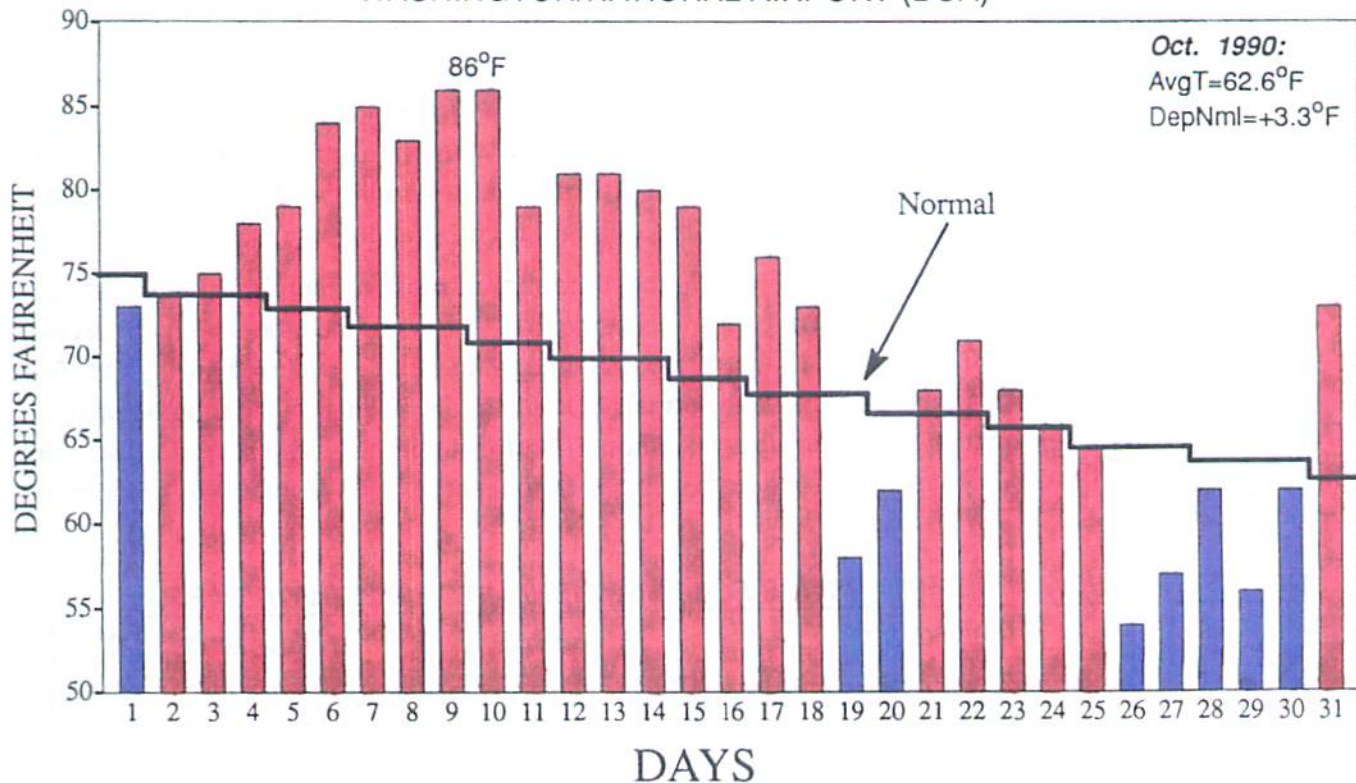


PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

OCTOBER 1990

**SUMMER-LIKE WARM SPELL EARLY IN MONTH
LEADS TO TENTH WARMEST OCTOBER AT DCA**

OCTOBER 1990 MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES (F)
WASHINGTON/NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA)



NORMALLY PLACID OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTED BY THREE EVENTS:

- Violent October thunderstorms spawned 5 tornadoes that struck Kensington, MD, Reisterstown, MD, Remington, VA, Orange and King William counties in VA on Oct. 18. Winds gusted to 54 mph at DCA with 1.67" rain at DCA, 1.66" at IAD, and 2.44" at Ft. Belvoir;
- Strong NW winds gusted to 45 mph on Oct. 25 – 26 as an intense East Coast storm caused 92 mph winds at Norfolk – much beach erosion along mid-Atlantic Coast;
- Torrential rains fell across western and southern sections on Oct. 22 – 23, with nearly 3" at Dulles and over 4" at Ft. Belvoir. Stafford, Prince William, Fairfax (VA), and Montgomery (MD) counties were issued flood warnings. More than 6" of rain unofficially fell during this event, resulting in widespread small stream and urban flooding.

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