



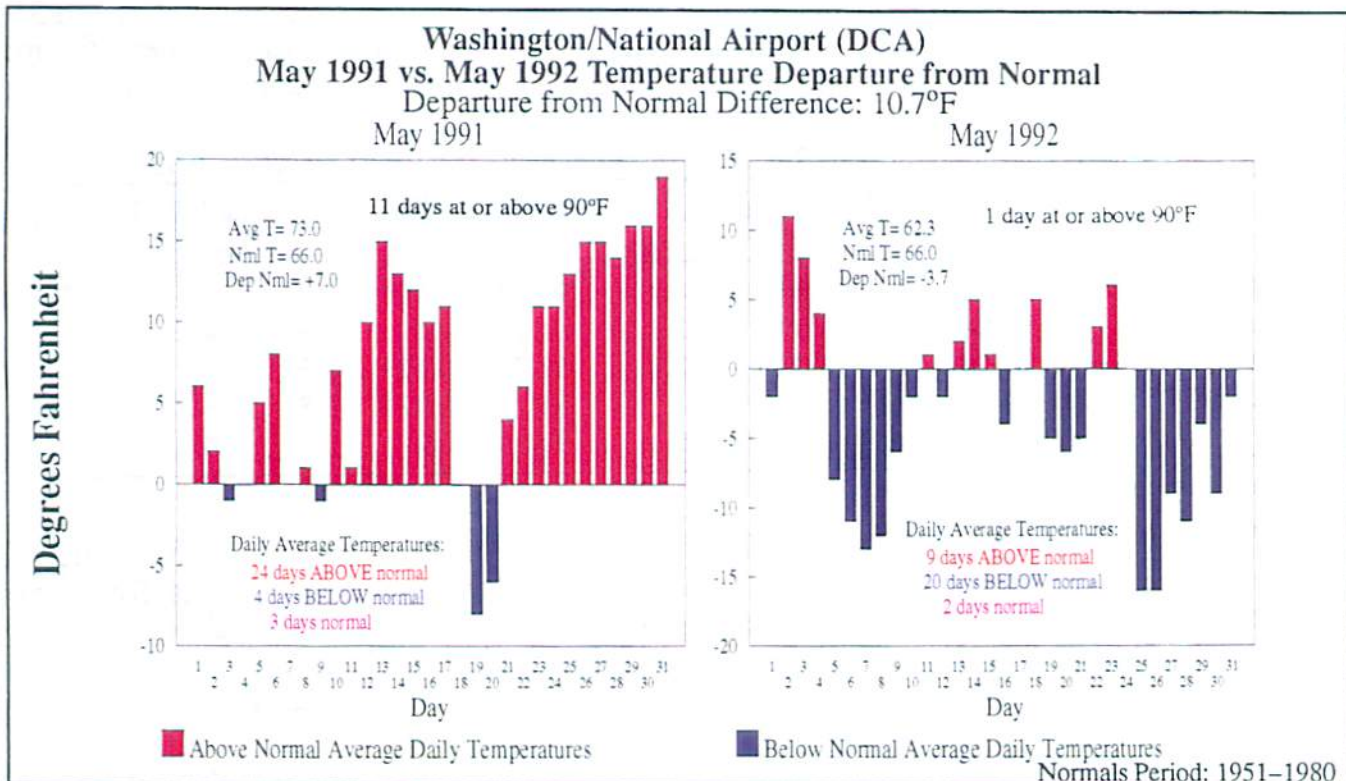
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

MAY 1992 & SPRING REVIEW

COOLEST MAY AT DCA IN 25 YEARS FOLLOWS HOTTEST
MAY (1991) EVER RECORDED



HIGHLIGHTS:

- First time since 1984 that all three major airports recorded below normal temperatures for three consecutive months (March – May);
- Coldest May since 1967 at DCA, 1973 at BWI and 1983 at IAD;
- Coolest spring season at all three airports since 1984;
- More than 10°F average temperature difference between May 1991 and May 1992 (see graph above);
- Only one 90°F or greater maximum temperature at both DCA & BWI so far this year (1991 had recorded 11 through 5/31);
- Nearly 50% of May rainfall recorded from 24-hour rain event on May 30–31st at DCA;
- Wet Spring weekends at DCA: Nearly 50% (6 of 13) of the full weekends recorded measurable rainfall, while a trace or more fell on at least one weekend day during 11 of the 13 Saturdays and Sundays.

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