

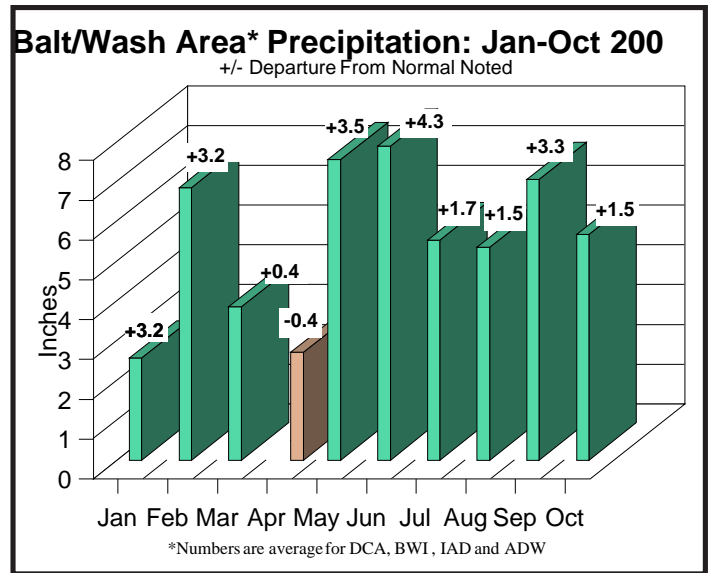
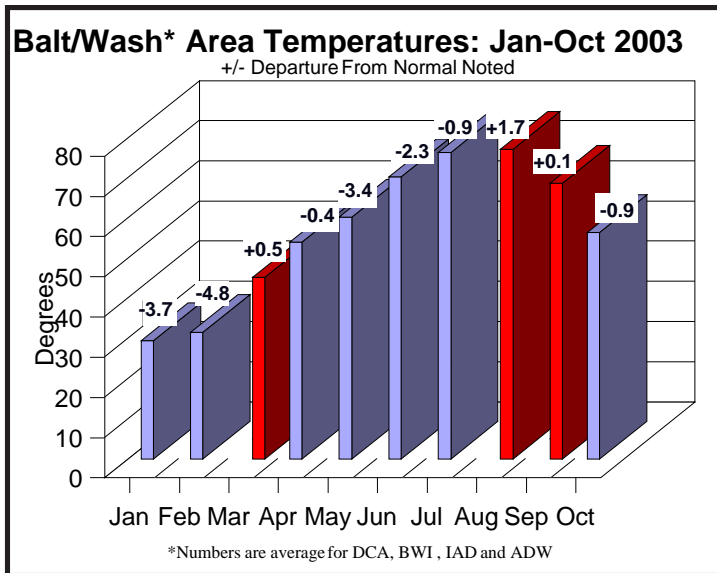


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



OCTOBER 2003: More of the Same Wet and Cool Across the Washington/Baltimore Area



Highlights

- ◆ Sub-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ◆ Consecutive wetter than normal Octobers in Baltimore for first time since 1976-77 and at DCA and IAD since 1989-90
- ◆ Sixth consecutive month with above normal rainfall and 8th month in 2003 at the three major airports
- ◆ Two storm systems soak area with over four inches of rain in some areas (BWI, 4.18") from 26th-29th
- ◆ Showers and thunderstorms lash area on 14th with over an inch of rain and gusty winds knocking out power to thousands of customers across region, according to press reports
- ◆ Gusty winds to 50 mph following day (15th) lead to additional power outages and hamper clean-up efforts
- ◆ Month's warm spell 7th-13th with majority of daytime highs into 70s
- ◆ First freeze in many suburban locations on 23rd-25th including minimum temperatures of 28°F at IAD and 29°F at BWI on 24th
- ◆ Eighth month in 2003 with subnormal temperatures at DCA
- ◆ Second wettest January-October in Washington (wettest since 1889) and third wettest at BWI (wettest since 1979)