

The storm of the Century-March 1993

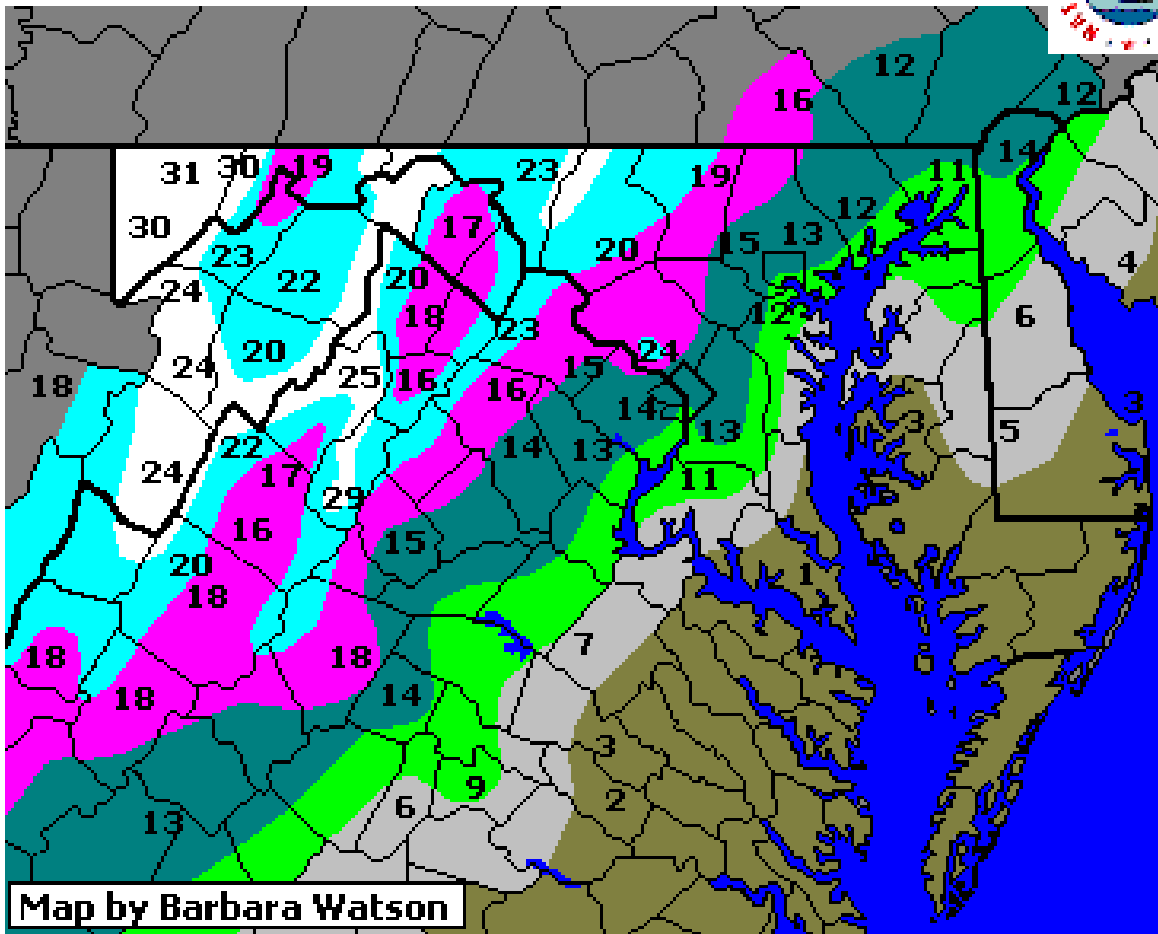
The Richmond International Airport Had Only 3.5 Inches of Snow in This Storm

The "Super Storm" of March 13, 1993 will go down in history as one of the largest winter storms on record. Heavy snow and a blizzard conditions extended from the Gulf States to New England and from the Ohio Valley to the East Coast. The storm was so large that its effects were felt from Cuba, where high winds and rain damage the sugar crop, to Chicago where 250 flights at O'Hare International Airport were grounded due to snow squalls. Approximately 270 deaths were attributed to the storm; three times that of the death toll from hurricane Andrew and Hugo combined. The storm originated as a cluster of thunderstorms over Texas on the morning of March 12th and that night hit Florida with a cluster of tornadoes. The highest recorded wind gust associated this storm occurred on Mt. Washington, where winds were clocked at 144 m.p.h.

Incredible snow totals occurred with the storm, including 50 inches at Mt. Mitchell, North Carolina; 43 inches at Syracuse, New York; 30 inches at Beckley, West Virginia; 25 inches in Pittsburgh, Pa.; 20 inches at Chattanooga, Tennessee; 15 inches at Birmingham, Alabama; and 14 inches at Washington Dulles Airport.

All-time record low pressures including 28.38 inches at White Plains, New York; 28.54 inches at Washington; 28.64 inches at Columbia South Carolina; and 28.86 inches in Tallahassee, Florida. The snowfall total at National Airport was only 6.6 inches because of periods of mixed precipitation in Washington but the liquid water equivalent for the storm was in the 2 to 3 inches range.

Storm Totals Mar. 13-14, 1993



Snowfall is in inches

