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WHALEYSVILLE	40.1		72	13	9	9	688	0	19		.92	7						9					
WHITE HALL								0		4.06	1.42	7					7						
WOODSTOCK COLLEGE	35.8	2.6	70	13+	7	4	810	0	21	3.07	.08	1.09	7				8	4	3	1	1		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA																							
BRIGHTWOOD DC	38.1		70	14+	10	8			16		2.86		1.50	7	1.5								
DALECARLIA RESERVOIR DC	38.3M		72	13	10	3+	742	0	18			1.02	7				5	3	3	1	1		
NATIONAL ARBORETUM DC	38.6M		73	13	9	8+	734	0	19		2.68		1.03	8			7	3	3	1	1		
U S SOLDIERS HOME DC	36.0		70	14+	8	8+			19		3.09							10	3	3	1	1	
WASHINGTON WB CITY DC	38.9	3.6	73	13	11	8	725	0	15	2.57	-.70	1.30	7	2.1		1	7	7	2	1			
MARYLAND AND D.C.	36.7									3.04							2.6						
DELAWARE																							
BRIDGEVILLE	38.7	3.3	70	13	8	9	731	0	20	1.86	-1.40	.69	17	2.0		1	7+	10	2	0			
DELAWARE CITY REEDY PT	37.0	3.0	66	27	13	3+	779	0	20	4.08	1.36	1.20	7+				8	4	2				
DOVER	37.6	2.1	68	13	7	9	762	0	21	3.25	.05	1.00	7	2.0		1	7+	9	3	1			
GEORGETOWN	39.3		73	13	7	9	716	0	21	2.54	.96	.96	7	.5		T	7+	7	2	0			
LEWES	38.4		73	13	11	4+	737	0	19	2.41	1.05	7	4.0			2	7+	9	2	1			
MILFORD	37.7	1.9	72	13	9	9	757	0	19	3.22	-.23	1.02	7				9	3	1				
MILLSBORO	39.2	3.3	73	13	7	9	715	0	20			2.3											
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	35.6	5.6	67	13	6	9	816	0	20	3.87	.89	1.20	7	1.0		1	7	8	4	1			
WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE	34.8		68	13	9	9	838	0	21	2.96	1.03	21	.7	1		1	7	7	3	1			
WILMINGTON PORTER RES	35.1	2.5	66	13	8	9	831	0	18	2.76	-.21	1.07	7	1.8		2	7	7	3	1			
STATE	37.3	2.7								2.99	-.22						1.8						
SECTION	36.8	3.2								3.04	.09						2.5						

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Table 3—Continued

Station	Day of month																														Total				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
WESTERN PORT	1.50					*				.40						.38		.10	.12	.55												3.07			
WESTMINSTER	.54	T			.15		1.63								T	T		.41	.08	.04	.78										3.48				
WHITEHAVILLE						.92											.41	.13	.01	.04	.02											4.06			
WHITE HALL	.85	T				1.42												.09	.07	.03	.99											3.85			
WILLIAMSPORT	1.50	.05				.27		.68										.33	.02	.20	.73	.07										3.07			
WOODSTOCK COLLEGE	.39						1.09												.12	.57		.05	.06	.78	.01										
DELAWARE																																			
BRIDGEVILLE	.19					.02				.20	.03	T						.69	.04	.04	.02	.59	.04											1.86	
DELWARE CITY REEDY PT	.68	.06				T				1.20									.80	.03	.05	.06	1.20	T										4.08	
DOVER	.12					T				1.00	T								.02	.88	.15	.03	.05	.97	.03										3.25
GEOGETOWN	.31						.96				T								.42	.03	.02	.77	.03										2.54		
LEWES	.25						1.05					.04							.39	.04	.04	.54	.04										2.41		
MILFORD	.27						1.02											.25	.70	.05	.03	.02	.78	.10										3.22	
HILLSBRO	.30					*	1.24				.04								.41	*	.10	*	.41												
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	.75						1.20				.04								.74		.08	.10	.90	.06										3.87	
WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE R	.11							.97											.01	.72		.11	.01	1.03										2.96	
WILMINGTON CITY HALL	.02						1.05				.05								T		.64	*	.11	.86										2.73	
WILMINGTON PORTER RES	.08						1.07											.01		.62		.10	.02	.87										2.76	

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Station	A. M. Hour ending												P. M. Hour ending												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FLD LUKE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.02	

-28th-

Table 7 - Continued

SNOWFALL AND SNOW ON GROUND

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
ROYAL OAK	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	T						2.0 2	1	T 1	1	T T	T T																							
SALISBURY	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				.3			.5 T																												
SNOW HILL 1 NE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND		T	1.0 1		T	T	T																												
SOLOMONS	SNOWFALL SN ON GND									1.5 1	1	1	T T	T T																						
TAKOMA PARK MISS AVE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	.5 2	T	T	T	T	T	2.0 2	2	2	2	1	T T																							
UNIONVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	-	-					2.0 2	2	2	2	-	-	-	T T																					
VIENNA	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				T			-	-			T -																								
WESTMINSTER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	2	2	2	2	1	T	6.0 6	5	5	4	3	2	T T																						
WHALEYSVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				1.5 T			2.0 2	-	-	-																									
WASHINGTON WB CITY DC	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	T	T	T	T			2.0 1	T	.1	T T	T T																								
DELAWARE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND																																			
BRIDGEVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				1.0			1.0 1	1	1	T 1																									
DOVER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							2.0 1	T	1	T T																									
LEWES	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				.9 T			2.1 2	2	1	1.0 2	1	T T																							
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							1.0 1	T																											
WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	1	T	T				.7 T	T	T	T																									
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DELaware CITY REEDY PT	.68	.06				T				1.20									.80	.03	.05	.06	1.20	T										4.08	
DOVER	.12					T				1.00	T								.02	.88	.15	.03	.05	.97	.03										3.25
GEOGETOWN	.31						.96				T								.42	.03	.02	.77	.03										2.54		
LEWES	.25						1.05					.04							.39	.04	.04	.54	.04										2.41		
MILFORD	.27						1.02											.25	.70	.05	.03	.02	.78	.10										3.22	
HILLSBRO	.30					*	1.24				.04								.41	*	.10	*	.41												
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	.75						1.20				.04								.74		.08	.10	.90	.06										3.87	
WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE R	.11							.97											.01	.72		.11	.01	1.03										2.96	
WILMINGTON CITY HALL	.02						1.05				.05								T		.64	*	.11	.86										2.73	
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Station	A. M. Hour ending												P. M. Hour ending												Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
MARYLAND ABERDEEN PHILLIPS FLD LUKE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.02	

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Table 7 - Continued

SNOWFALL AND SNOW ON GROUND

MARYLAND AND DELAWARE
FEBRUARY 1951

Station		Day of month																																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
ROYAL OAK	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	T						2.0 2	1	T 1	1	T T	T T																							
SALISBURY	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				.3			.5 T																												
SNOW HILL 1 NE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND		T	1.0 1		T	T	T																												
SOLOMONS	SNOWFALL SN ON GND									1.5 1	1	1	T T	T T																						
TAKOMA PARK MISS AVE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	.5 2	T	T	T	T	T	2.0 2	2	2	2	1	T T																							
UNIONVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	-	-					2.0 2	2	2	2	-	-	-	T T																					
VIENNA	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				T			-	-			T -																								
WESTMINSTER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	2	2	2	2	1	T	6.0 6	5	5	4	3	2	T T																						
WHALEYSVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					1.5 T		2.0 2	-	-	-																									
WASHINGTON WB CITY DC	SNOWFALL SN ON GND		T	T	T	T		2.0 1	T	.1	T T	T T																								
DELAWARE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND																																			
BRIDGEVILLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND				1.0			1.0 1	1	1	T 1																									
DOVER	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							2.0 1	T	1	T 1																									
LEWES	SNOWFALL SN ON GND					.9 T		2.1 2	2	1	1.0 2	1	T T																							
NEWARK COLLEGE FARM	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							1.0 1	T																											
WILMINGTON WB N CASTLE	SNOWFALL SN ON GND	1	T	T					.7 T	T	T	T																								
WILMINGTON PORTER RES	SNOWFALL SN ON GND							1.8 2	1																											

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