

AGROMET BULLETIN



HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

- ✚ Stations in all thirteen parishes received above-normal rainfall.
- ✚ No parish experienced meteorological drought conditions.
- ✚ Above-normal rainfall is forecast for December to February.
- ✚ Near-normal temperatures are expected for the next three months

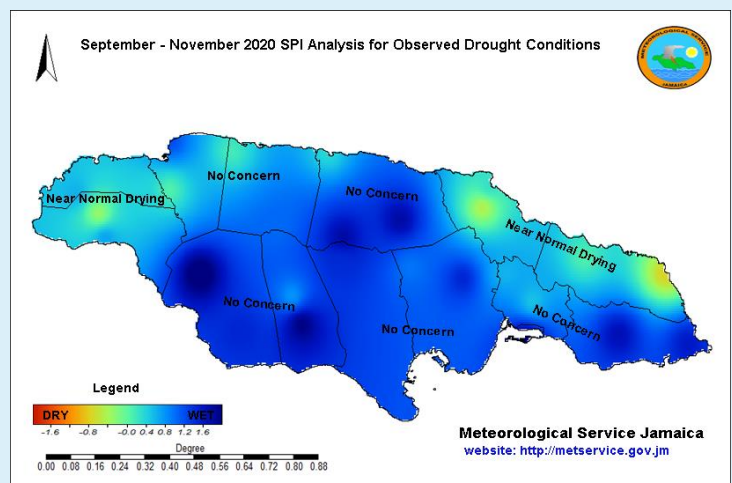
What Happened: September – November 2020

Based on analysis done (image to the right) farming communities in most parishes have experienced varying levels of wetness, with the exception being for sections of Westmoreland, Hanover, Portland and St. Mary where mild dryness prevailed. Wet conditions continued in most southern parishes, along with St. Ann and Trelawny. No parish experienced meteorological drought conditions in the October/November bi-monthly period.

The rainfall during November would have exacerbated the misery of farmers by keeping some farm lands water logged and therefore, more crop losses.

Temperatures, ranging from 1-3°C cooler, were recorded in some areas across the island for the month of November 2020, when compared to November 2019.

Wet and Dry Conditions, September - November 2020



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This report provides short term precipitation forecasts, as well as drought monitoring products that will assist in making critical decisions about the growing season for crops, as well as irrigation scheduling and water management.

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Seasonal Forecast: December 2020 – February 2021

For the three-month period of December to February, rainfall amounts for Jamaica are likely to be above-normal. Based on this projection, varying levels of wetness should prevail in farming communities in Trelawny, St. Ann, St. Elizabeth, Manchester, Clarendon, St. Catherine and St. Thomas. In contrast, mildly dry conditions could continue in Westmoreland, Hanover and St. James and return to KSA. Farmers in Portland and St. Mary should have no concerns about rainfall over the next 3 months.

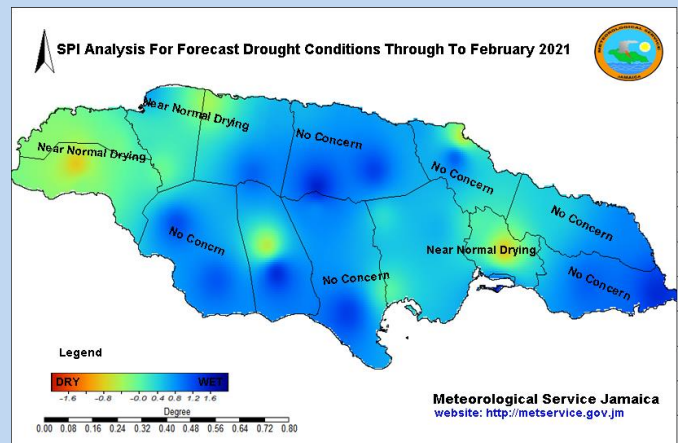
Temperatures for the December 2020 to February 2021 period are likely to be near-normal.

Possible Impacts

The forecast for above-normal rainfall should, ensure the availability of water for irrigation in many rain-dependent farming communities, during the early months of the dry season. Farmers, especially those in the south who suffered significant crop losses should, restart their planting schedules and still hope that no further flooding will occur over the next 3 months.

As the Meteorological Service continues to monitor conditions across the island, the advice is for stakeholders, in particular farmers, to manage pests and diseases that have increased during this rainfall season. The temperature forecast of near-normal should make conditions tolerable especially during the day time.

Wet and Dry Conditions, November 2020 – January 2021



Seasonal Outlook, December 2020 – February 2021

JAMAICA	Below-Normal (%)	Normal (%)	Above-Normal (%)
Rainfall Outlook	25	30	45
Temperature Outlook	33	33	33

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