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## India

### Agricultural Situation

#### Monsoon Update (7)

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**Report Highlights:**

India experienced further improvement in rainfall distribution during the week ended August 13, with most parts of India receiving normal or above normal rainfall, bolstering hopes of a normal crop harvest this fall. Concern about an emerging drought situation in peninsular India has largely abated.

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The rainfall situation improved further during the week that ended August 13, with most parts of the country receiving normal or above normal rainfall. The only exceptions were Tamil Nadu, West Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Lakshadweep. All-India weighted rainfall during the week was 36 percent above normal at 85.5 mm. Most of peninsular India, which was experiencing significant rainfall deficiency until the third week of July, continued to receive excellent rains for the third consecutive week (Figure 1). Excessive rains in parts of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat have caused localized floods, submerging vast areas of paddy land mostly in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. However, this is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on the overall rice production in the country.

Cumulative rainfall during June 1 to August 13 also became normal or above normal in 32 of the 36 weather subdivisions compared with 29 substations a week ago (Figure 2). The only exceptions were Marathwada, Kerala, Assam and Meghalaya, and Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. The All-India weighted cumulative rainfall also turned 2 percent above normal at 588.1 mm.

Recent excellent rains should benefit standing crops and encourage additional plantings, albeit late, of crops such as paddy, cotton, pulses, and some oilseeds. Replenished soil moisture and water levels in irrigation dams and wells should prove beneficial for the planting of the mostly irrigated winter season crops such as wheat and rapeseed.

Figure 1: Spatial and Temporal Distribution of 2008 Monsoon Rains

Weather Zones	June				July					August				September				
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	30
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Excess	Deficient	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Arunachal Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Assam & Meghalaya	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Nagaland, Manipur & Mizo	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Sub Himalayan West Bengal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Gangetic West Bengal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Orissa	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Jharkhand	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Bihar	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
East Uttar Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Plains of W. Uttar Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Uttaranchal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Punjab	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Himachal Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Jammu & Kashmir	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
West Rajasthan	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
East Rajasthan	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
West Madhya Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
East MP	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Chhattisgarh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Gujarat Region	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Saurashtra & Kutch	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Konkan & Goa	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Madhya Maharashtra	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Marathwada	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Vidarbha	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Coastal Andhra Pradesh	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Telangana	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Raylaseema	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Tamil Nadu	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Coastal Karnataka	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
North Interior Karnataka	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
South Interior Karnataka	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Kerala	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Lakshadweep	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
<b>Excess (&gt;20%)</b>	Excess (>20%)				Deficient (-20% to -59%)					Deficient (-20% to -59%)				Deficient (-20% to -59%)				
<b>Normal (+19% to -19%)</b>	Normal (+19% to -19%)				Scanty (-60% to -100%)					Scanty (-60% to -100%)				Scanty (-60% to -100%)				

Figure 2: Cumulative Rainfall up to August 13

