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Agricultural Situation

Monsoon Arrives

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Report Highlights:

The Indian monsoon season is on track.

Includes PSD changes: No

Includes Trade Matrix: No

Unscheduled Report

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The southwest monsoon, critical to the development of Indian crops officially arrived at the southern tip of India on June 1st. The monsoon's progress was generally satisfactory covering most parts of southern, eastern and central India by June 9, a few days ahead of the normal schedule. However, since June 9 the progress of the monsoon has stalled and it has yet to cover north and northwestern states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir. Nevertheless, some of these regions, including the drought-stricken Gujarat and Rajasthan have been receiving pre-monsoon rains.

For the week ending June 7, 28 of the 35 weather subdivisions received normal or above normal rainfall compared with 12 during the corresponding period last year. The all India weighted average rainfall up to June 7 was 42.2 mm, 70 percent above normal.

Planting of the largely rainfed kharif (monsoon season) crops, which include rice, sorghum, corn, millet, peanut, soybean and cotton will start after the monsoon firmly establishes itself over the major producing states and will continue through July and early August. Farmers in the northern rice surplus states of Punjab and Haryana, where irrigation is available, have mostly completed rice transplanting. Early season rains in central, south and east India should provide a favorable early season planting conditions for rice, soybeans, sorghum and corn.

The following tables show actual and normal rainfall during the week ending June 7 and the relative share (area) of major monsoon crops by weather subdivisions.

Table - 1						
Rainfall (in mm) during the week of						
Weather	June 7, 2000		Deviation	June 1 - June 7		Deviation
Zone #	Actual	Normal	%	Actual	Normal	%
1	90	107	-16	90	107	-16
2	57	103	-45	57	103	-45
3	67	115	-42	67	115	-42
4	45	80	-44	45	80	-44
5	83	97	-14	83	97	-14
6	67	41	63	67	41	63
7	71	27	163	71	27	163
8	32	25	28	32	25	28
9	6	23	-74	6	23	-74
10	11	11	0	11	11	0
11	17	8	112	17	8	112
12	42	20	110	42	20	110
13	17	7	143	17	7	143
14	24	5	380	24	5	380
15	42	20	110	42	20	110
16	11	11	0	11	11	0
17	2	3	-33	2	3	-33
18	9	5	80	9	5	80
19	30	9	233	30	9	233
20	35	13	169	35	13	169
21	37	13	185	37	13	185
22	4	6	-33	4	6	-33
23	203	61	233	203	61	233
24	86	18	378	86	18	378
25	106	22	382	106	22	382
26	64	14	357	64	14	357
27	90	19	374	90	19	374
28	75	20	275	75	20	275
29	26	17	53	26	17	53
30	9	14	-36	9	14	-36
31	327	133	146	327	133	146
32	37	21	76	37	21	76
33	43	27	59	43	27	59
34	202	134	51	202	134	51
35	74	75	-1	74	75	-1

Excess rains (>20% of normal)				
Normal rains (+19% to -19% of normal)				
Deficient rains (-20% to -59% of normal)				
Little or no rains (<60% of normal)				

WZ#	Name of Weather Zone	Rice	Peanut	Corn	Sorghum	Millet	Cotton
-	-						
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam & Meghalaya	6	0	1	0	0	0
4	Nagaland & Manipur	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	Sub Himalayan West Bengal	3	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gangetic West Bengal	10	0	0	0	0	0
7	Orissa	11	2	3	0	0	0
8	Bihar Plateau	2	0	2	0	0	0
9	Bihar Plain	11	0	10	0	0	0
10	East Uttar Pradesh	9	3	10	5	2	0
11	West Uttar Pradesh	5	2	10	1	5	0
12	Hills of West Uttar Pradesh	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	1	0	1	1	7	7
14	Punjab	4	1	4	0	0	9
15	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	5	0	0	0
16	Jammu & Kashmir	1	0	5	0	0	0
17	West Rajasthan	0	0	1	0	19	7
18	East Rajasthan	0	2	14	10	29	0
19	West Madhya Pradesh	2	4	10	17	1	7
20	East Madhya Pradesh	10	0	5	5	0	0
21	Gujarat Region	1	3	6	2	7	13
22	Saurashtra & Kutch	0	29	0	3	6	3
23	Konkan & Goa	1	0	0	0	0	0
24	Madhya Maharashtra	1	7	2	21	16	0
25	Marathwada	0	1	0	8	0	10
26	Vidarbha	2	2	0	3	0	26
27	Coastal Andhra Pradesh	5	2	0	1	1	6
28	Telangana	2	2	5	6	1	2
29	Rayalseema	1	15	0	2	1	2
30	Tamil Nadu	6	13	1	7	2	4
31	Coastal Karnataka	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	North Interior Karnataka	1	8	3	7	4	4
33	South Interior Karnataka	1	3	1	1	0	3
34	Kerala	2	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0