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Report Highlights:

Dry weather is persisting in all but eastern India, likely reducing yield prospects for oilseeds and coarse grains.

Dry weather persisted in most parts of north, central, and west India during the week ending September 12, as only 7 of the 35 weather subdivisions (mostly in eastern India) receiving normal or above normal rainfall, compared with 8 in the previous week. The all-India weighted rainfall was 57 percent below normal at 20.1 mm. Madhya Pradesh (soybeans), Gujarat (peanuts, cotton, millets), Maharashtra (sorghum, cotton, pulses), Chattisgarh (rice), Telangana (sorghum, corn) and North Interior Karnataka (peanuts, cotton, coarse grains) have been experiencing below normal rainfall for four or more consecutive weeks, likely reducing yields. Rains in eastern India, however, have improved rice production prospects.

Cumulative rainfall since June 1, 2001 has been normal or above normal in 26 of the 35 weather subdivisions, compared with 27 last week and 25 a year ago.

Table 1 shows actual and normal rainfall during the week ending September 12 and cumulative rainfall for June 1 to September 12. Table 2 shows relative share (area) of major monsoon season crops by weather subdivision.

		Rainfall (in mm)	during the week of					
Weather	September 12,2001			Deviation			Deviation	
Zone #		Actual	Normal	%	Actual	Normal	%	
	1	36	91	-60	927	1319	-30	
	2	69	64	8	1293	1771	-27	
	3	54	82	-34	1286	1652	-22	
	4	65	58	12	1090	1175	-7	
	5	123	99	24	1509	1787	-16	
	6	103	65	58	973	964	1	
	7	33	70	-53	1371	1051	30	
	8	17	63	-73	1058	961	10	
	9	116	58	100	957	885	8	
	10	19	55	-65	872	803	9	
	11	3	41	-93	614	803	-24	
	12	13	62	-79	1105	1176	-6	
	13	2	29	-93	475	455	4	
	14	4	28	-86	504	451	12	
	15	10	45	-78	756	839	-10	
	16	7	29	-76	456	427	7	
	17	0	18	-100	247	265	-7	
	18	1	38	-97	514	583	-12	
	19	1	50	-98	684	841	-19	
	20	9	65	-86	1046	1049	-0	
	21	2	57	-96	937	982	-5	
	22	6	31	-81	480	507	-5	
	23	11	93	-88	2059	2630	-22	
	24	5	34	-85	540	648	-17	
	25	8	41	-80	549	618	-11	
	26	9	54	-83	860	875	-2	
	27	32	37	-14	432	502	-14	
	28	25	45	-44	583	670	-13	
	29	15	23	-35	193	282	-32	
	30	23	20	15	188	256	-27	
	31	5	88	-94	2808	3010	-7	
	32	5	23	-78	230	372	-38	
	33	8	23	-65	459	608	-25	
	34	1	60	-98	1643	2003	-18	
	35	11	45	-76	642	857	-25	

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)			

			Share of Kharif Area				
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
	Nagaland & Manipur	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Sub Himalayan West Bengal	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Gangetic West Bengal	10	0	0	0	0	0
	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
	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
	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 Maharshtra	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
	Raylaseema	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