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ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CAMI interim report, regional and national products can be viewed at CAMI website www.cimh.edu.bb/cami...E-discussion of issues related to weather and climate influences on agriculture in the Caribbean is ongoing at http://mail2.cimh.edu.bb/camionlineforum/ Visit the National Hurricane Center at www.nhc.noaa.gov for official weather information... The Atlantic Hurricane Season from June 1 to November 30 peaks between mid- August to late October....Be prepared!!!

Weather Summary- August 2012



Figure 1. E.T. Joshua Airport rainfall and temperature distribution

Total rainfall recorded at E.T. Joshua Airport-Arnos Vale for August 2012 was 242.2mm (9.54 inches); 5.2 mm more than the long-term average of 237.0mm for August. The highest daily rainfall recorded was 45.9mm on the 6th (1.8 inches; See figure 1). There were 8 days with rainfall less than 1.0mm. On 3rd August tropical storm Ernesto passed North of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and on 22nd August, tropical storm Isaac passed North-North East of the islands, both produced cloudy skies, thunderstorms, occasional gusty winds and periods of continuous light showers which contributed to significant amounts of rainfall. (14.9mm and 28.7mm respectively). Maximum and Minimum temperatures recorded for August were higher than the 30-year averages by 0.4°C and 0.6°C respectively; (See Table 1).

Table 1. Temperatures and Relative Humidity for August 2012

	Average Temperature	Extreme Temp.	Humidity
Max	30.9 ° C	32.3°C	92%
Min	25.3 ° C	23.5°C	59%

(Using 1981-2010 as a thirty year average.).

September History

Average rainfall for September is 243.9mm with 18 raindays. The 30-year average maximum temperature is 32.3°C, and average minimum temperature is 23.0°C. An average of 3 storms per year, with 2 major hurricanes on average is seen by 28th September (though these might not necessarily make land fall.)

Rainfall Outlook - Eastern half of the Caribbean can expect below normal rainfall during the late rainy season, i.e. September to November.

Temperature Outlook - September to November 2m Air Temperature....up to 0.5°C above normal Sea Surface Temperature....normal to above normal

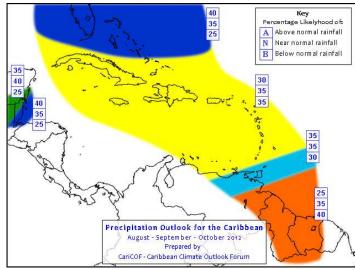


Figure 2. Precipitation Outlook August-September-October

Extreme northern Caribbean, Southern and Costal areas of Belize...above normal

Trinidad and Tobago... and the Gulf of Parianormal to above normal

Western Caribbean and Northern, Western and Central Belize... normal

Cuba, Jamaica and Hispaniola...Eastern Caribbean... normal to below normal

Republic of Guyana and Suriname... below normal (See figure 2)

Moon Phases

New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter September15 September22 September29 September8 October 15 October 21 October 29 October 8