

MONTHLY WEATHER BULLETIN



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ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CAMI regional and national products can be viewed at 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/... According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Authority(NOAA) www.noaanews.noaa.gov; Atlantic Hurricane Season-2012 produced 19 storms, including 10 hurricanes and one major hurricane... Climatologically, records show that the period December to May is our dry season... USE WATER WISELY!!!

Weather Summary-November 2012

Total rainfall for November 2012, at E.T. Joshua Airport-Arnos Vale was 173.8 mm (7 inches); about 4 inches less than the November 30 year average. (Using 1981-2010 as the 30 year average) There were only four days with rainfall totals near to or more than 25.44mm (1 inch). There was a five-day dry spell from the 19th to the 23rd (See figure 1). Average wind speeds increased slightly during the last week, and there was a general decrease in relative humidity.



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

The extreme maximum temperature recorded for was 0.8°C higher than average while the extreme minimum temperature was 0.5°C higher than average. The mean relative humidity was 1.1% below average. (See Table 1)

Table 1. E.T. Joshua Airport Temperatures and Relative Humidity

Nov. 2012	Average Temperature	Extreme Temperature	Extreme Humidity
Max.	31.3°C	32.3 ° C	95%
Min.	25.3°C	23.0 ° C	57 %

December History

The '30-year averages'; rainfall 173mm with 18 raindays, mean R.H is 75%, max. temperature is 30.9°C while min. temperature is 21.3°C. Brisk surface winds, lower R.H and less rainfall sets in; careful monitoring of water resources and soil water availability should be in place for upcoming months.

Rainfall Outlook

There are increasing chances of normal to below normal rainfall towards the southernmost islands.

Temperature Outlook

2m Air Temperature.... above normal
Sea Surface Temperature...normal to above normal

A combination of neutral to borderline El Niño conditions combined with above normal tropical and sub-tropical North Atlantic SSTs exist. Models predict El Niño disappearance by early 2013.

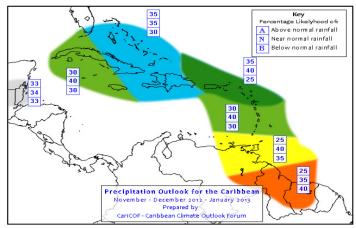


Figure 2. Precipitation Outlook November-December -January 2013

- Bahamas, Eastern Cuba, Hispaniola... normal to above normal
- Leeward Islands... normal to above normal
- Western Cuba, Jamaica and Windward Islands...
- Trinidad, Guyana and Suriname (with a north to south trend)... normal to below normal (See figure 2)

Moon Phases

New MoonFirst QuarterFull MoonLast QuarterDecember 13December 20December 28December 6January 11January 18January 26January 4