

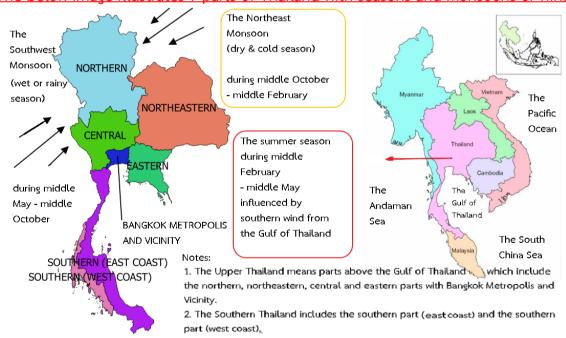
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The 2019 rainy season overview

The rainy season of Thailand this year is expected to total rain of the whole country this year will be 5-10% below normal and less than that of last year which was 3% below normal. The rainy season is expected will finish at around middle October.

During August and September as being the most densely abundant rainfall months, they favor a high chance to meet tropical cyclones passing through the Upper Thailand. As a result, heavy to very heavy rain amount will occur at many areas. Furthermore, flash and forest flood with overflow may inundate at some areas.

The below Image illustrates 7 parts of Thailand with seasons and Monsoons or wind:



<u>Tropical cyclones (depressions, tropical storms and typhoons):</u> For the rainy season of this year, 1 tropical cyclone is expected to move toward Thailand. It favors a high chance to move pass the northeastern and northern parts in August or September.

Seasonal Outlook

During the first half of July, the amount and distribution of rainfall will reduce. Thus, dry spell may occur causing water shortage for agricultural usage at many areas, specifically at repeated drought areas outside irrigation zones. The reason is that the Southwest Monsoon prevailing over the Andaman Sea and Thailand will weaken whereas the monsoon trough is about to move up to prevail over the southern portion of China.

Then during middle July until September, densely abundant rainfall will come back. The rainfall will be mostly 60-80% of the area along with heavy rain amount at many areas and very heavy rain amount at some areas, especially in August and September. Consequently, flash and forest flood together with overflow would feasibly appear at many areas. The reason is that the Southwest Monsoon prevailing over the Andaman Sea and Thailand comes back actively and continuously. The Monsoon will become active periodically while the monsoon trough is to prevail over the Upper Thailand occasionally.

And in October, the northern and northeastern parts will meet less rainfall and start to meet morning chilly weather, especially at the upper portion of these parts. Nevertheless, the central and eastern parts and the Southern Thailand will still meet densely abundant rainfall further together with heavy rain amount at many areas and very heavy rain amount at some areas. The reason is that high-pressure air mass areas from China will begin to prevail over the upper portion of both of the northern and northeastern parts. In addition, the Southwest Monsoon trough will move downward to prevail over the lower portion of the central part, the upper portion of the Southern Thailand and the eastern part. Moreover, the former prevailing Southwest Monsoon over Thailand will transform to become the prevailing Northeast Monsoon instead.

Details for each part are as the following:

The Northern part: For July, August and October. The total rain amount is expected to be near normal (normal: 176, 223 and 124 mm consecutively). While in September total rain amount will be below normal 5% (normal: 218 mm).

The Northeastern part: For July, the total rain amount is expected to be 5% above normal (normal: 211 mm). Then August and October, the total rain amount is to be near normal (normal: 226 and 117 mm consecutively). While in September total rain amount will be below normal 5% (normal: 242 mm).

<u>The central part:</u> For July and September, the total rain amount is expected to be 5% below normal (normal: 156 and 257 mm). While in August and October total rain amount will be near normal (normal: 181 and 187 mm respectively).

<u>The eastern part</u> For July and September, the total rain amount is expected to be 5% below normal (normal: 278 and 330 mm). While in August and October total rain amount will be near normal (normal: 303 and 225 mm respectively).

The Southern Thailand (east coast: The Gulf of Thailand): For July, August and October. The total rain amount is expected to be near normal (normal: 119, 124 and 255 mm consecutively). While in September total rain amount will be below normal 5% (normal: 150 mm).).

The Southern Thailand (west coast: The Andaman Sea): During July to September, the total rain amount is expected to be 5% above normal (normal: 337, 399 and 424 mm consecutively). While in October total rain amount will be near normal (normal: 376 mm).).

<u>Bangkok Metropolis and Vicinity:</u> For July and September, the total rain amount is expected to be 5% below normal (normal: 175 and 334 mm). While in August and October total rain amount will be near normal (normal: 219 and 292 mm respectively).

Caution:

- 1. Sometimes, heavy to very heavy rain amounts occur continuously for many days. As a result, flash with overflow may inundate, specifically during August until September. Thus, the public should follow the daily weather forecast news closely further.
- 2. During the period of tropical cyclones moving near or pass Thailand, gusty wind and raining at extra hugh areas with heavy to very heavy rain amount will occur at many areas. Furthermore, gusty wind waves will appear at coastal areas; wave height may reach 3 4 meters at some periods. Thus, the public and mariners should be cautious of these natural hazards and follow the news attentively during the tropical cyclone periods further.

The 2019 rain prediction comparing with normal

Part	July	August	September	October
Northern	Near	Near	5% Below	Near
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Northeastern	5% Above	Near	5% Below	Near
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Central	5% Below	Near	5% Below	Near
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Eastern	5% Below	Near	5% Below	Near
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Southern (The Gulf	Near	Near	5% Above	Near
of Thailand)	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Southern (The	5% Above	5% Above	5% Above	Near
Andaman Sea)	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Bangkok Metropolis	5% Below	Near	5% Below	Near
and Vicinity	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal

Rain amount (millimeters) prediction for the 2019 rainy season

Part	July	August	September	October
Northern	160-200	200-250	190-230	100-140
Northeastern	190-230	240-290	200-250	100-140
Central	120-160	160-200	220-270	160-200
Eastern	240-290	280-330	290-340	200-250
Southern (The Gulf of Thailand)	100-140	100-140	140-180	230-280
Southern (The Andaman Sea)	320-370	350-450	400-500	340-390
Bangkok Metropolis and Vicinity	140-180	190-230	300-350	270-320

Remarks:

- Normal means average during the 30-year period (A.D. 1981 2010 or B.E. 2524 2553).
- This long-range climate forecast is created by applying some climate models and statistical methods, please follow daily weather forecast for more accuracy.
- The next updated seasonal forecast may be published online before the end of July 2019.
- Further enquiry of monthly climate, 3-month climate and seasonal forecasts can be preceded at Tel: (662)-398-9929 or Fax: (662)-383-8827 and www.tmd.go.th/en, climate tab.