

THE SUMMER FORECAST

FOR SOUTHERN MDB REGIONS 2018/19



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A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE 2018 GROWING SEASON

- The tropical northern half of the MDB has been severely affected by drought conditions for most of the last two years.
- Most southern regions in the last growing season have also failed to receive enough rain for most types of farming.
- Only southwest Victoria and most of Tasmania have received sufficient rain to sustain a productive growing season.
- The NSW irrigation season has been a disaster, with near-zero allocation right across the state.
- Victoria’s irrigators have been granted about 85% allocation for this season so far, which leaves zero for next year.
- The southern MDB harvest season started in early October with generally cool dry weather again this year.
- A large percentage of cereal crops have been cut for hay and transported north “ASAP” for desperate farmers.

SEVERE MEGA-DROUGHT WARNING FOR 2019 ONWARDS

After years of studying the eastern Australian climate drivers, I now stand even more strongly by my long-held prediction that the coming year will be a record drought year for most of Australia, and fodder shortages will be extreme.

Five natural dry climate drivers are now working in unison to minimise most rain events during 2019 :

- **lowest lunar cycle forces** combined with the **lowest planetary forces** (producing a 297-year intense drought force)
- **lowest sunspot cycle** forces for 200 years bringing on global cooling trends, including **growing sea ice cycles**.
- an **El Nino peak** forecast for next year

It appears we have now entered the beginning of the next Mega-Drought cycle, which I have been forecasting was due to start impacting eastern Australia as of the start of 2018.

RAIN MARKERS FOR 2019

- Nov-Dec 2018 will most likely deliver the best rains for the MDB in the next 16 months, due to the Northeast Air Tides.
- Early 2019 will be impacted by the drier “transition phase” of the Air Tide Cycle. This will minimise the monsoon rain events for the Top End.
- Mid-Autumn to July 2019 is forecast to deliver the best rains of the season to the southern half of Australia. This main rain producing period of 2019 will be reliant on the peak forces of the Southern Air Tides and a short positive planetary force driven by Jupiter and Saturn.
- Mid-Winter and the early Spring will be impacted by El Nino and the drier Air Tide Transition Phase - resulting in another failed growing season for the lower regions of the MDB.

GLOBAL SEA ICE REBOUNDS

After recording only a weak Antarctic sea ice growth trend during most of 2018, recent weeks have recorded rapid growth in the Arctic, as well as slower-than normal melt rates the Antarctic. This has driven the global sea ice rapidly back to average levels once more. Above-average Antarctic sea ice is forecast to provide a dry climate force to southern Australia during the next two years. Rapid sea ice growth is due to occur once again, while El Nino forces are building.

THE SUMMER FORECAST **IN BRIEF: Some thunder storms. Near average rain for the rest of 2018.**

The strongest Northeast Air Tides are over until mid-Spring 2019.

The dryer “transition phase” of the Air Tide Cycle will reduce monthly rainfall totals for the first three months of 2019. February is again forecast to be the driest month of summer, bringing on the highest fire risk period of this Summer.

Sea Surface Temperatures off QLD have shown a recent small warming trend, so the window is open for early season tropical storms to benefit the entire east coastal regions of Australia

Eastern regions of Australia should expect rain fall totals in 2019 to be similar to the 1982 “record dry” period.

2019 is likely to be the driest year since the days of the First Fleet, with most MDB areas receiving 40% average rain.

I wish you all the best for the New Year. Kind regards, Kevin.

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