



# SPRING FORECAST

## SOUTHERN MDB REGIONS 2019

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### A GOOD WINTER FOR SOUTH WEST VIC ... EASTERN AUS ON TRACK FOR RECORD DRY

Spring greetings to all! As I start writing this report, a frosty but beautiful sunny morning greets me and the birds around me are well into their breeding activities, indicating that an early Spring has already commenced.

This is due to the dryer "transition phase" of the Lunar Air Tide dominating our late Winter climate. Once again it is set to reduce the next couple of month's rainfall averages to very low levels for the majority of the MDB.

The best rains for the southern Winter growing season occurred during the strongest periods of the Southern Air Tides back in May and June. Since then, general rain intensity has been dropping away.

### THE DRIVERS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER RAINFALL

As I have been warning my clients for many years, the eastern Australian climate is now progressing through a very strong drought cycle - something that only reaches this intensity for a short period once every 297 years.

Very low rain fall should be expected during this Spring period, as Australia is currently ringed by cooler-than-average seas and is being exposed to low cosmic forces (including planets and the dryer Lunar Air Tide cycle).

- ◆ The dry "transition phase" of the Lunar Air Tide will likely continue now until early October.
- ◆ By late Spring, the present slowly-building La Nina cycle is forecast to assist these Lunar Air Tides, to a point where some reasonable small rain events will be wide-spread across most regions of the MDB.
- ◆ By November, the next rain driver (the Northeast Air Tide system) will again be enhancing the incoming northern rain systems. Hence the best of these rains will be focused in the northern half of the MDB during late Spring / early Summer.
- ◆ Very late Spring is also forecast to bring an early start to the Summer monsoon season for the northern half of the MDB. Please note that - unlike last year - the Top End monsoon system will peak in early Summer, not late Summer, and therefore dry climate conditions will dominate the first five months of 2020.

### THE SPRING FORECAST IN BRIEF: **Best Spring rains during early-Oct and early-Nov.**

I predict an early start to the thunderstorm season during early Oct and early Nov, just after each new moon. These storms will be result from combination of weak Northeast Air Tide surges and some Pacific moisture being driven into our system by a rising SOI as the next La Nina cycle gains a little strength.

These storm events should initially be most productive along the QLD and NSW coastal regions. They will then move into inland northern NSW and finally produce some localised storm rain events on the northern side of the Great Dividing Range of Victoria, before Christmas.

- Very low soil moisture especially across inland NSW
- Dry-land crops will be almost totally reliant on patchy early-Spring rains for survival.
- Frost damage will be a very high risk for many crops due to low general humidity.

Very little hay will be grown this year generally, except for an early hay season in the central and the western half of Victoria. Again most of this hay will need to be trucked north to sustain the NSW farmers during this mega-drought cycle period.

### EXTENDED RECORD DRY CONDITIONS (similar to 1982) are likely across most of eastern Australia.

I stand by my forecast made in late 2018 that the MDB will generally only receive about 30% of average rainfall and produce very little runoff during 2019.

I wish you all the best for the 2019 growing season. Kind regards, Kevin.

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