

SUMMER FORECAST 2019-20

EASTERN AUSTRALIA

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A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE 2019 GROWING SEASON

- The tropical northern half of the MDB has been severely affected by drought conditions for most of the last three years.
- Most southern regions received well below average rainfall, with the majority falling during May-July.
- A cool dry southern Spring enabled the better managed crops to yield better than expected.
- The NSW irrigation season has been a disaster, with near-zero allocation right across the state once again.
- Victoria's irrigators have been granted about 65% 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 2020 ONWARDS

After years of studying the eastern Australian climate drivers, I stand strongly behind by my long-held prediction that the coming year is likely to be another 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 for eastern Australia in 2020:

- lowest **Lunar cycle forces** combined with the lowest **Planetary forces** (producing a 297-year peak drought force)
- lowest **Sunspot cycle** for 200 years bringing on global cooling trends, including growing **Sea Ice cycles**.
- early signs of a move back towards another **El Nino cycle** are starting to take form.

We have well and truly entered the beginning of this next Mega-Drought cycle, which I correctly forecast was due to start impacting eastern Australia at the start of 2018. The next 3-4 years will likely be the driest years of this extended drought.

RAIN MAKERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- Nov-Dec 2019** Will deliver the best Summer season rains for the northern MDB, due to three weak Northeast Air Tide surges (i.e. very early Nov, then late Nov which is the strongest one for this year, then the last one in the final week of Dec.)
- Early 2020** Will be impacted by the drier “transition phase” of the Lunar Air Tide Cycle. This will minimise the monsoon rain events for the Top End.
- Mid-Autumn - July** Will deliver the best of the southern growing season rains. This main rain-producing period of 2020 will initially be reliant on just the peak force of the Southern Air Tides, but then about six weeks later it will be boosted by very weak positive planetary forces (driven by Jupiter and Saturn). However this weak positive rain force will be countered-balanced by the drier transition phase of the Air Tides.
- Mid-Winter - early Spring** Will be impacted by El Nino forces and the drier Air Tide Transition Phase - resulting in another failed growing season for the lower regions of the MDB.

SUMMER FORECAST IN BRIEF: **Very poor general summer rains with many dry lightning storms.**

The beneficial effects of the strongest Northeast Air Tides are over until late-Spring 2020.

The first three months of 2020 will have low rainfall totals due to the dryer “transition phase” of the Air Tide Cycles.

As we have already seen since the start of Spring, any windy period will produce extremely dangerous running fire conditions. Little respite for fire fighters is expected before the mid-Autumn southern rains start falling.

Sea Surface Temperatures around the NT QLD NSW TAS SA and some of WA, remain well below average. Hence we will be very lucky to see any productive tropical storms this Summer. Consequently, extreme drought conditions are forecast to remain and move further south, impacting Central Victoria during this coming year.

Eastern regions of Australia should expect rain fall totals during 2020 to be similar to the 1982 “record dry” period. 2020 is likely to be the driest year since the First Fleet, with most MDB regions receiving only 30% of average rain.

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

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