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Frequent excessive heat

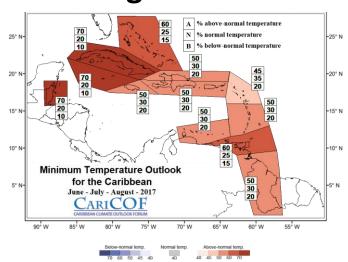
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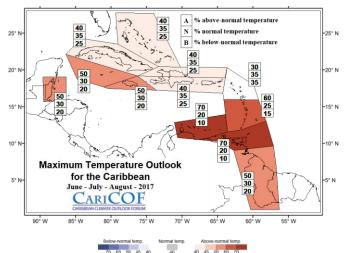


How hot will the next three to six months be?

Night time



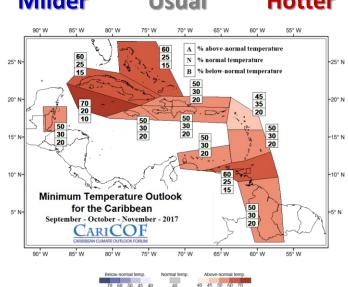
Day time



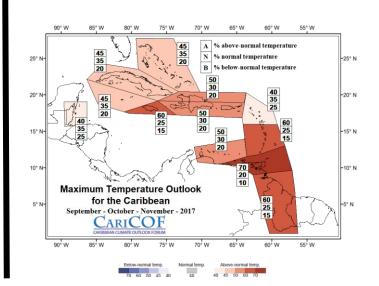
FORECAST:

- temperatures from July to November during both night & day likely warmer than usual.
- 2) The **hottest part of the year** (Aug. to Sep.) will be warmer than usual.

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IMPLICATIONS:

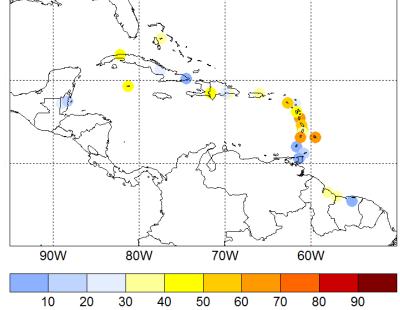
- Elevated heat stress in the vulnerable population.
- Elevated heat stress in small livestock is possible.
- Increased cooling need.

How many heatwave days from June to November 2017?

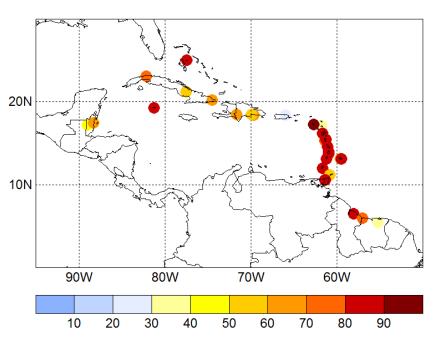
June to November		No. of heatwave days	
	Climatology	2017 Forecast	
Antigua_VCBird	0-26	0-53	8
Bahamas_LPIA	11-46	9-122	45
Barbados_CIMH	0-26	0-46	17
Barbados_GAIA	4-53	10-143	55
Belize_Cfarm	0-11	0-28	9
Belize_PGIA	1-21	1-45	16
Cayman	5-45	6-112	40
Cuba_Camagüey	2-26	0-46	14
Cuba_Casablanca	7-29	8-70	29
Cuba_Punta_Maisi	4-39	3-59	23
Dominica_Canefield	2-36	4-70	26
Dominica_Douglas_Charles	5-54	8-149	56
Dominican_Republic_Jimani	10-31	3-95	27
Dominican_Rep_Las_Americas	7-33	3-61	22
Dominican_Rep_Santo_Domingo	2-20	1-30	11
Grenada_MBIA	4-31	4-70	28
Guadeloupe_Petit-bourg	5-39	1-173	56
Guyana_Georgetown	5-47	6-183	66
Martinique_FDF_Desaix	4-30	12-76	36
Puerto_Rico_SAN_JUAN	1-11	0-45	11
St_Kitts_National_AgriStation	12-29	16-78	40
St_Lucia_GFL_Charles	2-30	6-102	39
St_Lucia_Hewanorra	3-34	1-107	37
St_Vincent_ET_Joshua	8-50	10-135	54
Suriname_Nickerie	7-41	1-102	30
Suriname_Zanderij	1-35	0-77	11
Tobago_ANR_Rob	0-23	0-39	14
Trinidad_Piarco	3-29	4-59	26
Trinidad_St_Augustine	0-24	6-54	25

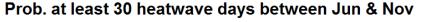
red is an increase in frequency; blue a decrease; grey none are expected

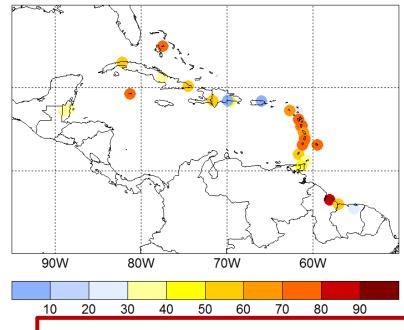
Prob. at least 60 heatwave days between Jun & Nov



Prob. at least 14 heatwave days between Jun & Nov







FORECAST:

- More than 50% chance of having at least 30 heatwave days in many places.
- Lesser Antilles (except Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago): 80% and 50% chance for at least 14 and 60 heatwave days, resp.

How many heatwave days from June to November 2017?

USUALLY:

- 1) At least a few heatwave days are counted in most locations between June and November.
- 2) Most heatwave days during this time tend to occur between August and October

FORECAST:

There is an increase in heatwave days forecast for JJASON 2017, with some locations possibly experiencing heatwaves 1/3 of the time.

IMPLICATIONS:

- Very likely increase in heat stress from heatwaves in human populations or livestock.
- Much more discomfort related to very warm temperatures than in recent months.

Thank you

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