

# Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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## wet days and wet spells outlooks

### November 2015 to January 2016

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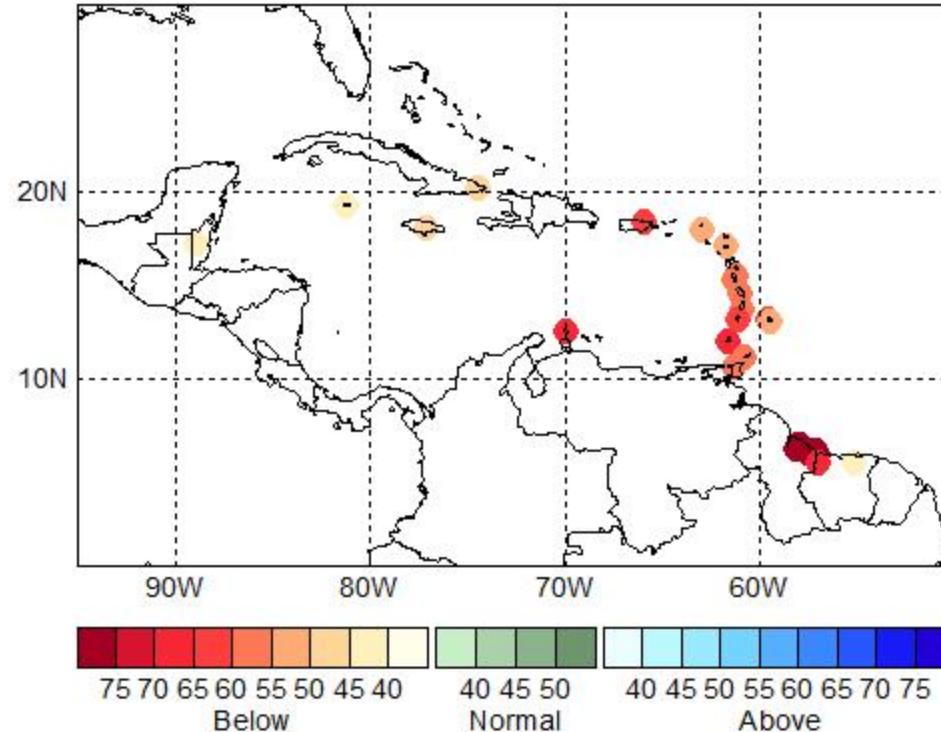
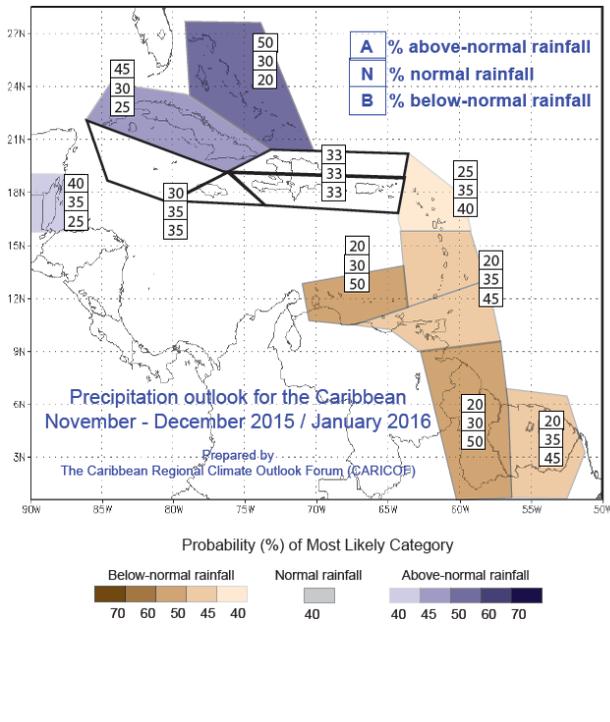
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# Wet day frequency shifts

## Forecast for: Nov-Jan 2015-6

NDJ 2015-6 Wet days frequency shifts



**USUALLY:** Number of wet days decreases from November to January, except the Guianas where it increases.

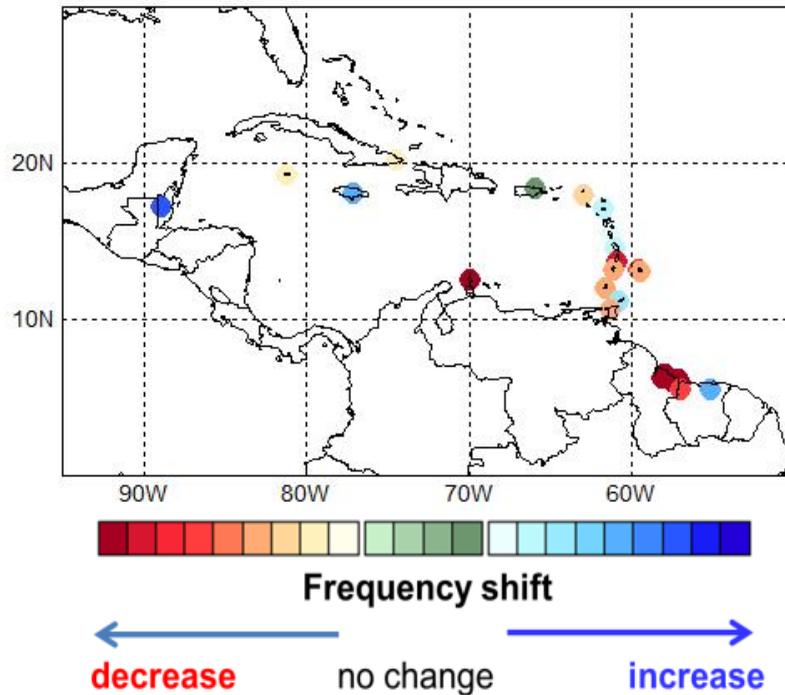
**FORECAST:** November to January rainfall expected to be below- to normal in eastern and Southern Caribbean with fewer wet days (*high confidence*), but above- to normal in Bahamas, Belize, Cuba.

**IMPLICATION:**  
Fewer disruptions of outdoor activities.  
Increasing surface dryness.

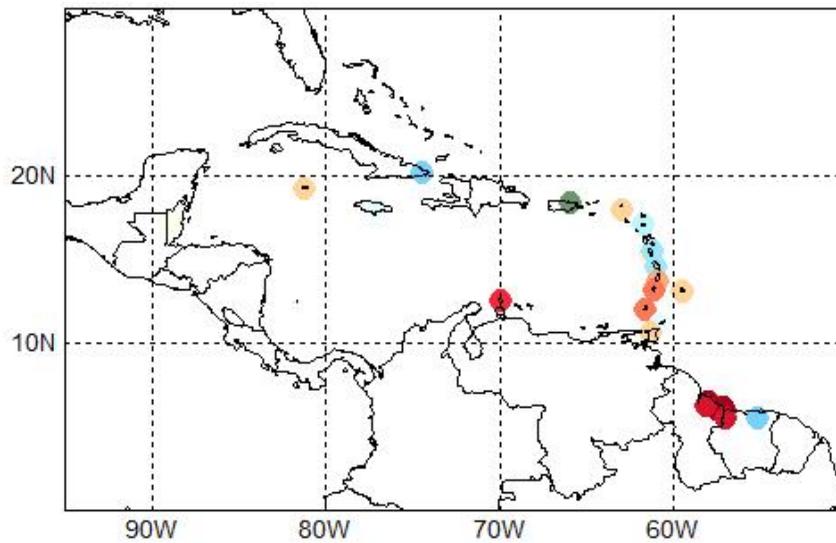
# Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: Nov-Jan 2015-6

NDJ 2015-6 frequency of 7-day wet spells



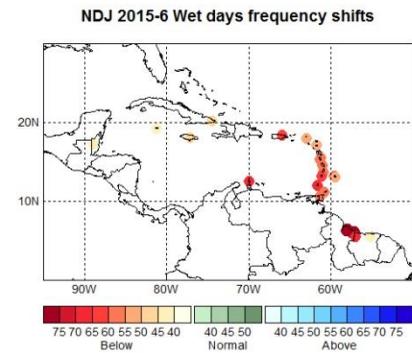
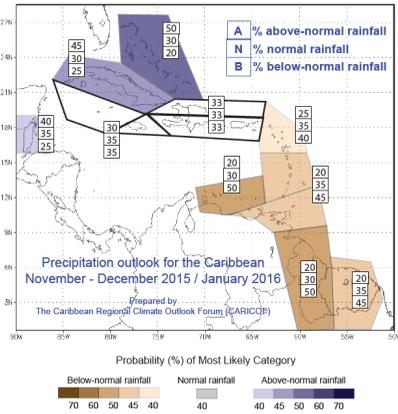
NDJ 2015-6 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



**USUALLY:** Number of wet spells decreases from November to January, except the Guianas where it increases.

**FORECAST:** November to January rainfall expected to be below- to normal in eastern and Southern Caribbean with fewer wet days (*high confidence*) and wet spells (*medium confidence*), but above- to normal in Bahamas, Belize, Cuba.

**IMPLICATION:**  
Reduced recharge of water reservoirs.



# Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

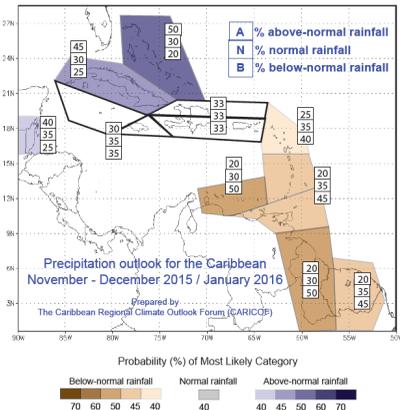
Forecast for: Nov-Jan 2015-6

**USUALLY:** Few wet spells occur after November, except in the Guianas.

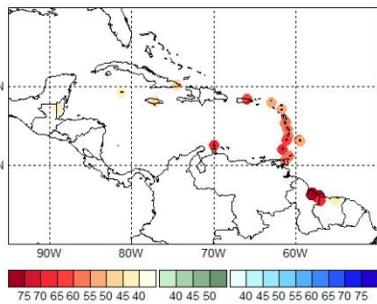
**NDJ 2015 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells**

**FORECAST:** November to January rainfall expected to be below- to normal in eastern and Southern Caribbean with fewer wet days (*high confidence*), wet spells (*medium confidence*) and extreme wet spells (*low confidence*), but above- to normal in Bahamas, Belize, Cuba.

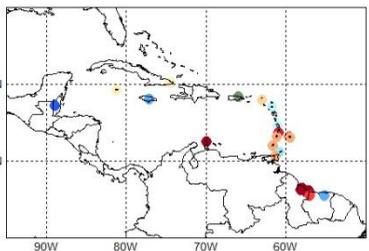
**IMPLICATION:**  
**Limited flash flood potential.**



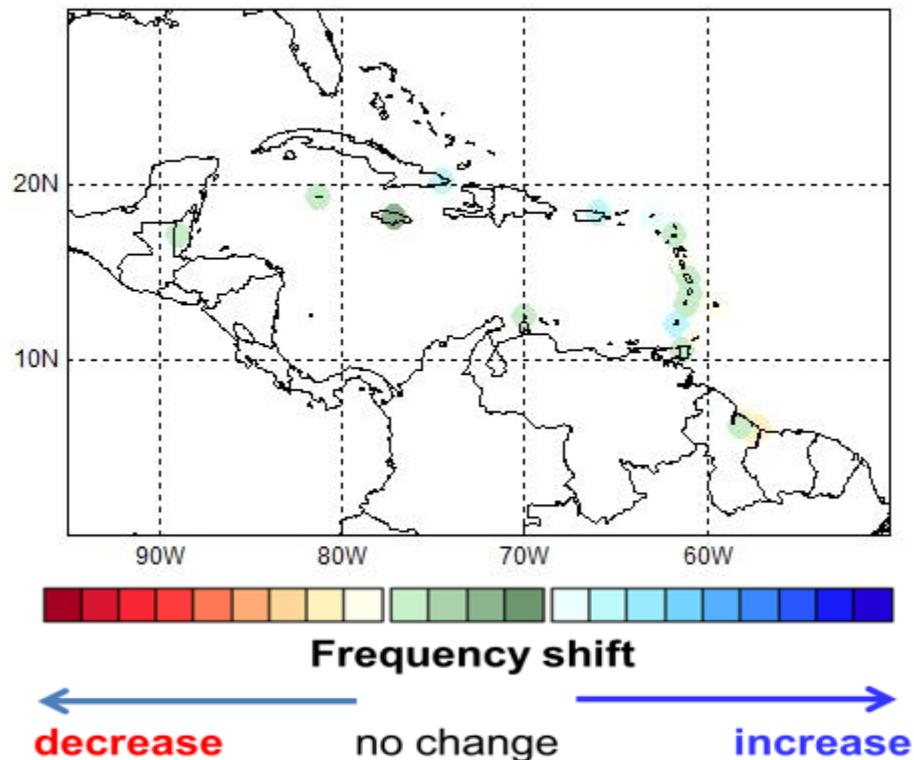
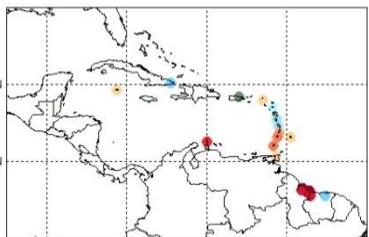
NDJ 2015-6 Wet days frequency shifts



NDJ 2015-6 7 day wet spell freq. shift



NDJ 2015-6 7-dy very wetspell (90 perc.) freq. shift



# November to January 2015-6 Forecast

	Number of wet days in NDJ 2015-6		Number of 7-day wet spells in NDJ 2015-6 (20% wettest)		Number of 7-day very wet spells in NDJ 2015-6 (10% wettest)		Number of 3-day extremely wet spells in NDJ 2015-6 (1% wettest)	
	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast
Antigua (VC Bird)	28-44	<b>24-41</b>	2-5	<b>2.1-5.5</b>	0-3	<b>0-3.2</b>	0-1	<b>0-0.9</b>
Aruba (Beatrix)	18-46	<b>12-30</b>	2-11	<b>0.8-4.2</b>	0-6.4	<b>0-3.4</b>	0-2.5	<b>0-1.8</b>
Barbados (CIMH)	30-47	<b>26-42</b>	1-6	<b>0.7-3.9</b>	0-3	<b>0-3.1</b>	0-1	<b>0-1</b>
Barbados (GAIA)	31-45	<b>27-42</b>	2-6	<b>1.4-4.9</b>	0-4	<b>0-3.2</b>	0-1.5	<b>0-1.2</b>
Belize (C. Farm)	30-46	24-46	1.7-6.6	<b>3.1-9.2</b>	0.6-4	<b>0-3.6</b>	0-1	<b>0-1</b>
Cayman	18-26	13-29	0-3.4	<b>0-3.4</b>	0-3	<b>0-1.9</b>	0-1.5	<b>0-1.4</b>
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	17-29	<b>14-27</b>	3-5.6	<b>2.2-6.1</b>	1-4	<b>1.3-4.7</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.3</b>
Dominica (Canefield)	40-54	<b>37-51</b>	2-6.5	<b>1.4-5.7</b>	0-3	<b>0-3.2</b>	0-1.1	<b>0-0.1</b>
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	55-67	<b>50-64</b>	1.9-5.5	<b>1.6-5.9</b>	0-3.4	<b>0.7-4.1</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.1</b>
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)								
Grenada (MBIA)	29-43	<b>23-39</b>	2-6.3	<b>0-5.3</b>	0.6-3.7	<b>0-2.6</b>	0-1.2	<b>0-1.8</b>
Guyana (Albion)	26-49	<b>19-35</b>	1-5.4	<b>0-2.1</b>	0-4	<b>0-1.6</b>	0-1	<b>0-1</b>
Guyana (Blairmont)	30-55	<b>23-39</b>	0.7-6	<b>0-2.8</b>	0-3.4	<b>0-1.1</b>	0-2	<b>0-1.5</b>
Guyana (Georgetown)	36-60	<b>30-46</b>	1-7	<b>0-3</b>	1-5.4	<b>0-2.3</b>	0-3	<b>0-1.9</b>
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	30-51	<b>24-39</b>	1.6-6.2	<b>0-3</b>	0-5	<b>0-1.6</b>	0-2	<b>0-1.6</b>
Guyana (Timehri)	40-64	<b>34-49</b>	1-7	<b>0-3.1</b>	0-4	<b>0-1.9</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.2</b>
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	21-28	16-29	5-9	<b>5.2-12</b>	1.7-6	<b>1.9-6.7</b>	0-1	<b>0-0</b>
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	48-62	<b>43-60</b>	1-3	<b>0.8-3.7</b>	0-2	<b>0-1.9</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.2</b>
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	36-51	<b>31-47</b>	13-13	<b>0-0</b>	13-13	<b>0-0</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.3</b>
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	38-52	<b>32-48</b>	13-14	<b>12.4-13.2</b>	13-14	<b>12.6-13.4</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.1</b>
St. Maarten (TNM)	34-52	<b>29-48</b>	13-13.3	<b>11.6-13.8</b>	13-13.4	<b>11.7-13.8</b>	0-1	<b>0-2</b>
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	50-66	<b>44-59</b>	13-14	<b>12-13.9</b>	13-14	<b>12-13.9</b>	0-1.5	<b>0-1.3</b>
Suriname (Zanderij)	38-52	36-53	13-13.3	<b>12.9-13.7</b>	13-13.2	<b>12.9-13.6</b>		
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	35-46	<b>31-44</b>	13-13.3	<b>12.8-13.7</b>	13-13.4	<b>12.7-13.6</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.4</b>
Trinidad (Piarco)	36-51	<b>33-46</b>	13-13.3	<b>12.6-13.4</b>	13-13.4	<b>12.6-13.4</b>	0-1	<b>0-1.3</b>

**brown** is a decrease in frequency, **dark blue** an increase