



### Heat Outlook for August till November 2017

## **Frequent excessive heat**

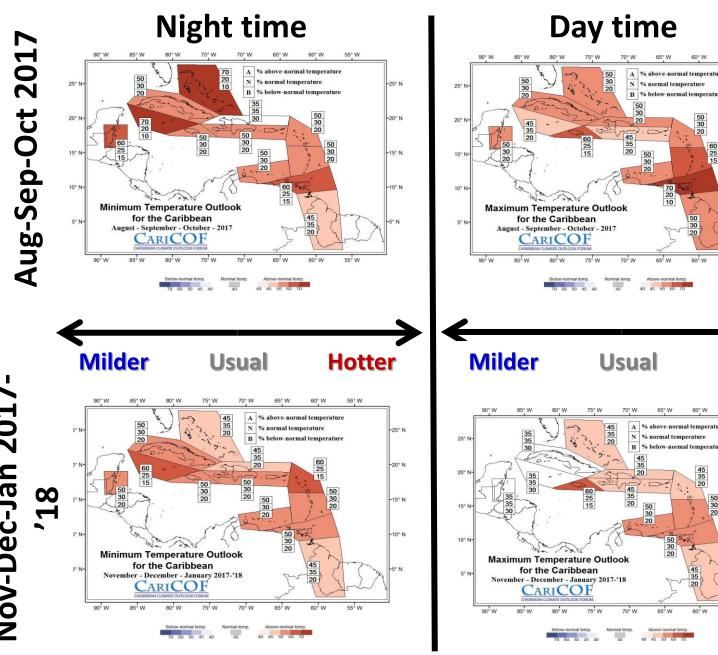
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## How hot will the next three to six months be?



#### FORECAST:

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

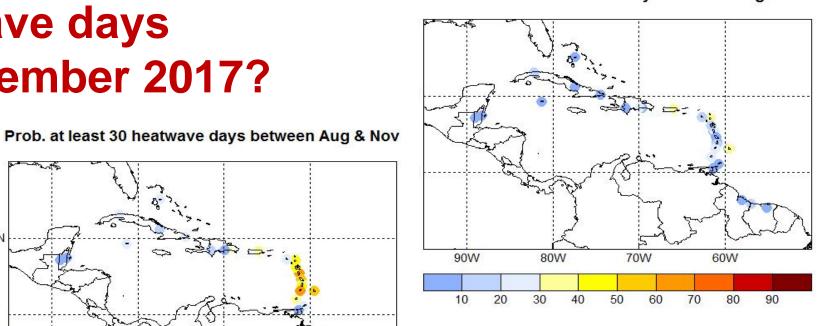
#### IMPLICATIONS:

Hotter

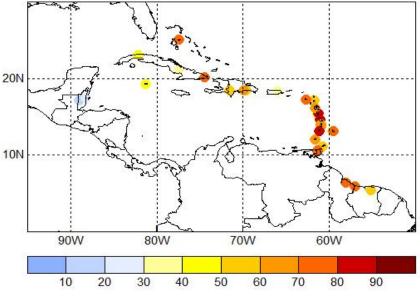
- Elevated heat stress between August and October in the vulnerable population and small livestock.
- Increased cooling need.

## What's the chance of having at least ... heatwave days from August to November 2017?

Prob. at least 60 heatwave days between Aug & Nov

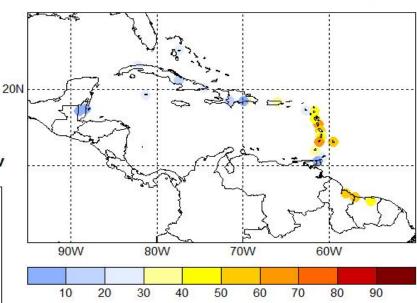


Prob. at least 14 heatwave days between Aug & Nov



#### **FORECAST:**

- 60-90% chance for at least 14 heatwave days except Belize, Cayman and parts of Cuba.
- More than 40% chance of having at least 30 heatwave days in • many places in the Lesser Antilles and coastal Guianas.



## How many heatwave days from August to November 2017?

#### **USUALLY:**

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

#### FORECAST:

There is an increase in heatwave days forecast for ASON 2017. Some locations may experience heatwaves 25% of the time.

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

- Very likely increase in heat stress from heatwaves in human populations or livestock.
- More discomfort related to very warm temperatures until the end of October than in recent months.



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