

Seasonal Update for December 2016

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Northern Territory Seasonal Outlook as at December 2016

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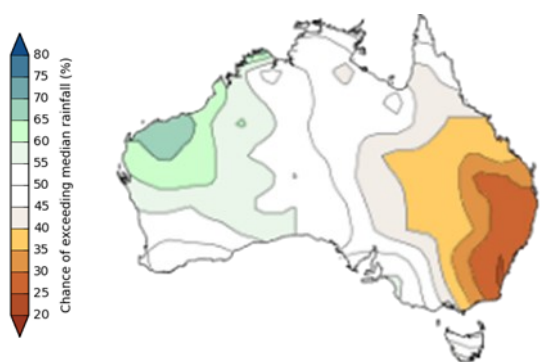
The national outlook for December 2016 to February 2017 period indicates that:

Drier than average conditions expected across the majority of the NT, in December.

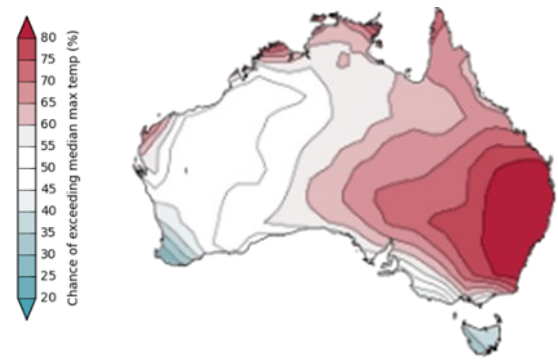
Average rainfall generally expected across the majority of the NT over the next three months period.

Warmer than normal days and nights more likely across the northern and eastern NT.

This outlook is strongly influenced by a climate driver called the Southern Annular Mode (also known as SAM). It is expected to be in a negative phase in December. When this happens in summertime, weather systems are further north than usual, meaning Australia experiences higher pressures than normal. This is typically associated with reduced rainfall and higher temperatures.



Chance of exceeding the median rainfall
December 2016 to February 2017



Chance of exceeding the median max. temp.
December 2016 to February 2017

Summary of current situation & trends - all districts - December 2016

KEY	Green = low risk	Orange = watch	Red = high risk
KEY	↑ = increasing trend	↓ = decreasing trend	↔ = steady

Indicator	Northern Territory Pastoral Districts											Comments
	Darwin	Katherine	VRD	Sturt Plateau	Roper	Gulf	Barkly	Tennant Creek	Northern Alice Springs	Plenty	Southern Alice Springs	
2016/17 total pasture growth	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	Arrows indicate trend compared to the long-term median.
Current estimated standing biomass	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	Arrows indicate trend since previous quarter.
Current seasonal outlook	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↔	↑	Arrows indicate the trend since previous quarter and taking into account the forecasted model predictions.
Current fire risk	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	Arrows indicate the trend since previous quarter.

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