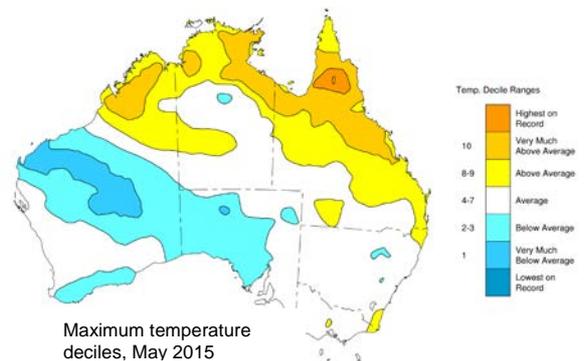
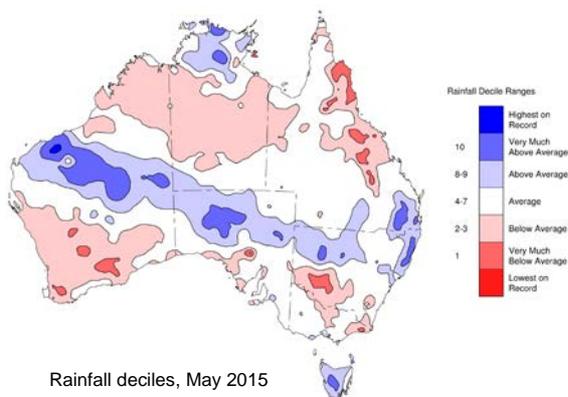


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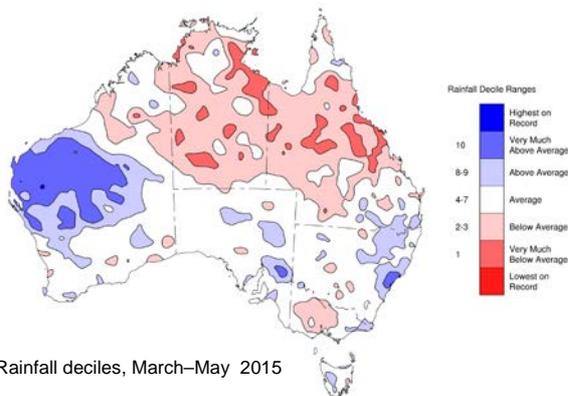
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While El Niño is expected to push the eastern states toward drier than normal conditions, other climate drivers, such as the warm Indian Ocean and variations in southern hemisphere wind patterns are providing variability to Australia's autumn and winter climate patterns.

Recent conditions



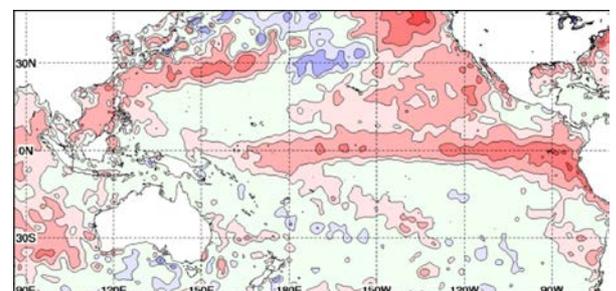
- Southwest saw generally cooler conditions while the northeast experienced warmer days. Minimum temperatures were nearly half a degree below average for Australia in May, maximum temperatures were near the long term average.



- Nationally-averaged rainfall during May was 23% below the long-term mean. Key rainfall events included an east coast low and northwest cloudbands. Average rainfall for three months March to May was 20% below normal.

Climate Drivers

- Large scale climate influences include a warmer-than-normal Indian Ocean and an El Niño pattern in the Pacific.

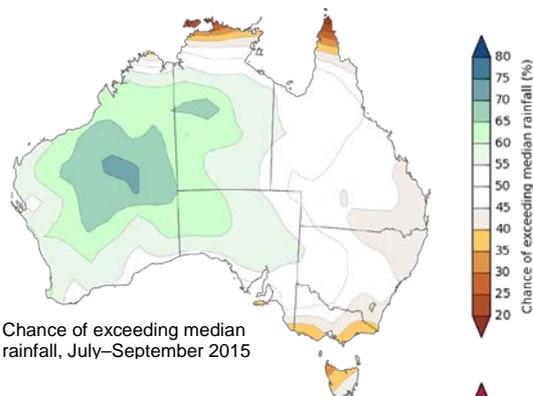


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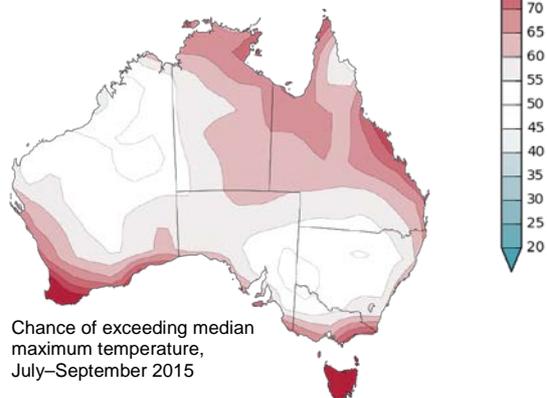
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Climate outlook July–September 2015

- Wetter season more likely for most of Western Australia.
- Drier than average conditions are likely for north coastal regions and the far southeast coast.



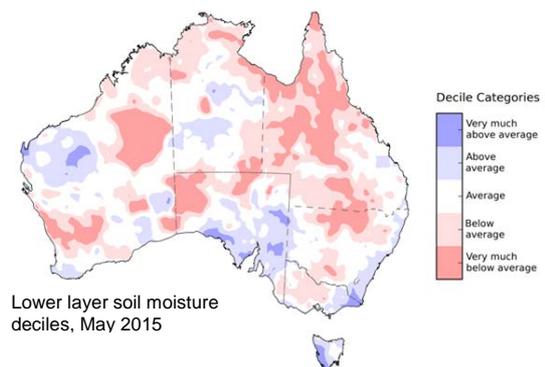
Chance of exceeding median rainfall, July–September 2015



Chance of exceeding median maximum temperature, July–September 2015

- Warmer days likely for the northeast, the far south and Tasmania.
- Nights likely to be warmer for most of Australia.

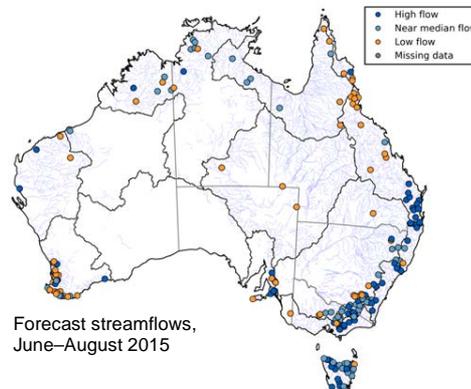
Streamflows and soil moisture Soil moisture May 2015



Lower layer soil moisture deciles, May 2015

- Deep soil moisture remains below average for much of the country.

Streamflow forecast June–August 2015



Forecast streamflows, June–August 2015

- High flow forecast at 74 locations; near median flow at 59 locations; low flow more likely at 64 locations.

More information

Rainfall and temperature outlook
www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks

Seasonal streamflow forecasts and water storage
www.bom.gov.au/water

Severe weather warnings
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