



12 October 2018

Stormy weather expected for parts of South Africa: 12 and 13 October 2018

The South African Weather Service hereby alerts the public at large regarding the possibility of some extreme weather conditions expected to affect the central and eastern portions of the country on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 October 2018. This extreme weather will be in the form of severe thunderstorms.

For today, Friday, 12 October, isolated thunderstorms are expected to develop over central and eastern South Africa, but will be scattered over western parts of KwaZulu-Natal and as well as Mpumalanga, where in places they may become severe in places, producing hail and strong damaging winds this afternoon and evening.

On Saturday, thunderstorm activities are expected to persist over the similar area as Friday, with a further risk of severe storms over eastern parts of North West, north and eastern Free State, Gauteng and western Mpumalanga. In addition to potential for hail and damaging winds, there is also a likelihood for localised heavy downpours leading to incidents of flash flooding for the abovementioned areas. The public in these areas are advised to exercise extreme caution.

Conditions will improve somewhat on Sunday, but there still remains a risk of isolated storms in places.

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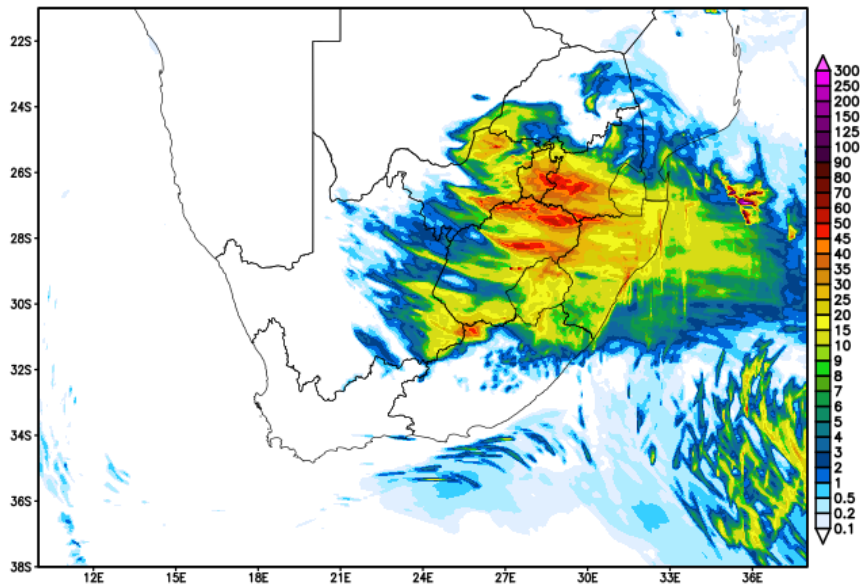


Figure 1: Predicted 24 hours accumulation of rain (mm) for Saturday 13 October 2018. Source: SAWS.

Elsewhere, cooler conditions experienced today over the Western and Eastern Cape will improve somewhat on Saturday, but spreading to the east.

The South African Weather Service will continue to monitor any further developments relating to this weather system and will issue subsequent updates as required. Furthermore, the public are urged to regularly follow weather forecasts on television and radio.

Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at www.weathersa.co.za as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account **@SAWeatherServic**

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