Assessment of rainfall received over the last month and 3-month period

The rainfall received during September 2020 was near-normal to above-normal in most parts of the country. Below-normal rainfall was received over southwestern parts of KwaZulu-Natal extending to adjacent areas of the Eastern Cape as well as in small isolated areas in other parts of the country.

Assessment of Rainfall for September 2020

![Map showing rainfall distribution](image-url)
During the 3-month period from July to September 2020, large parts of the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal received below-normal rainfall extending to isolated areas of the Northern and Western Cape, the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and North-West. The remainder of the country received near-normal to above-normal rainfall in isolated areas.

**Assessment of Rainfall for July 2020 to September 2020**
Indications of Drought - Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI)

During September 2020, moderate to severely dry conditions were experienced in isolated areas of KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape. The remainder of the country experienced somewhat dry conditions in isolated areas.
During the three-month period from July to September 2020, moderate to severely dry conditions were experienced in large parts over the eastern-half of the Eastern Cape and in small parts of KwaZulu-Natal. The remainder of the country experienced somewhat dry conditions in isolated areas.
During the six-month period from April to September 2020, moderate to severely dry conditions were experienced in isolated areas over the Northern and Eastern Cape. Extremely dry conditions were only experienced in small isolated parts of the Eastern Cape. The remainder of the country experienced somewhat dry conditions in isolated areas.
The 12-month (October 2019 to September 2020) as well as 24-month (October 2018 to September 2020) SPI maps give an indication of areas where prolonged droughts exist, in other words, where below-normal rainfall occurred over a period of one year or longer. On the 12-month SPI map, severely dry to extremely dry conditions are most noticeable in isolated areas of the Northern and Eastern Cape. On the 24-month SPI map, extremely dry conditions are most noticeable in large parts of the Northern Cape and in parts of the Eastern Cape.
Standardised Precipitation Index for October 2018 to September 2020

Legend
- Extremely Dry
- Severely Dry
- Moderately Dry
- Somewhat Dry