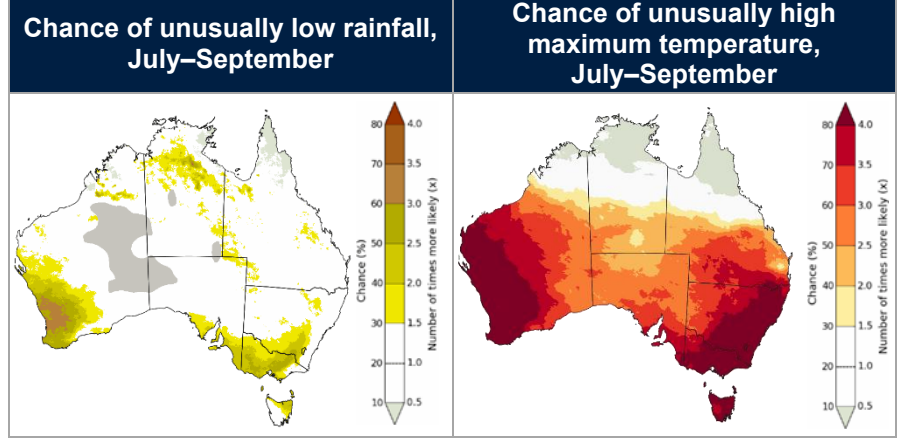
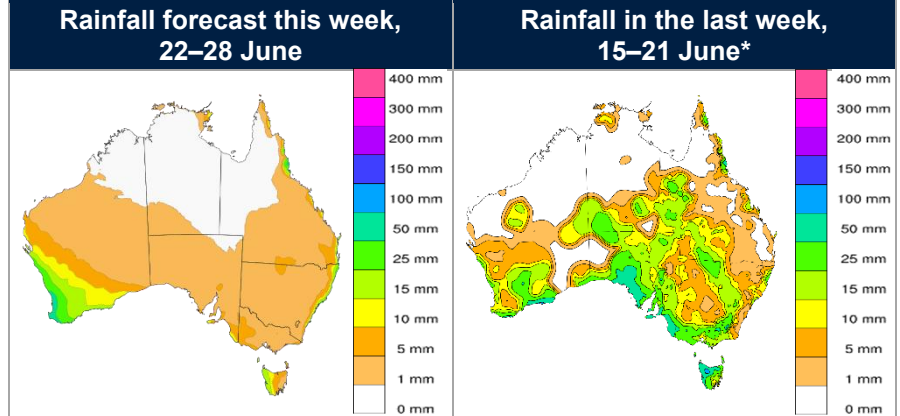
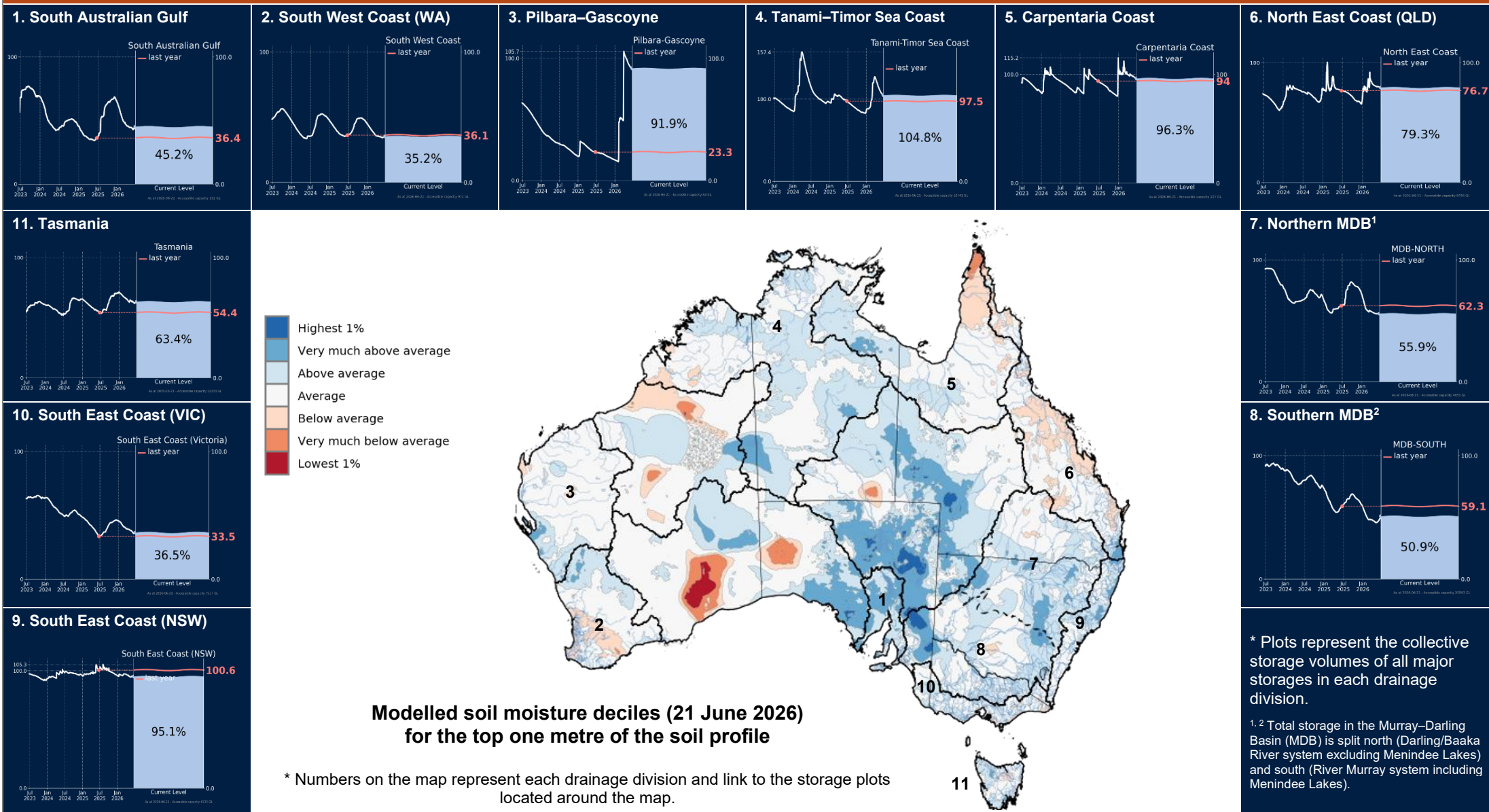




Weekly Agriculture, Climate and Water Update – Monday 22 June 2026

Root zone soil moisture (map) and water storage levels (charts) as of 21 June 2026



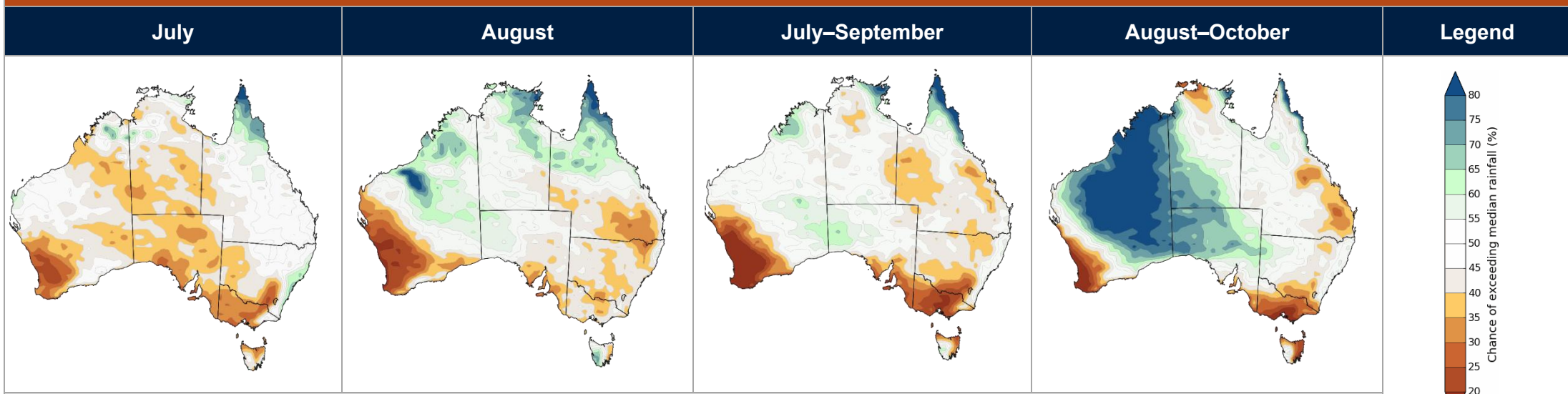
* Includes the seven days of rainfall to 9:00am on Sunday.

Key Points

- El Niño is underway in the tropical Pacific. Sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the central tropical Pacific are above El Niño thresholds, and atmospheric indicators are also aligning with an El Niño state.
- July to September rainfall is likely to be below average (60% to 80% chance) for the South West Land Division of Western Australia, parts of the eastern mainland west of the Divide including south-east South Australia, and northern and eastern Tasmania.
- There is an increased chance of unusually low rainfall (40% to 60% chance) across parts of south-west Western Australia and south-east Australia.
- For August to October, above average rainfall is likely for parts of the north, large parts of Western Australia, and in central-southern districts, but most of this period falls within the northern Australian dry season, when much of the tropical north, except for east coast Cape York Peninsula, typically receives very little rainfall.
- July to September **maximum temperatures** are likely to be above average (60% to greater than 80% chance) across most of Australia south of the tropics.
- There is an increased chance (over 60% chance) of unusually high maximum temperatures across the southern half of Australia with the highest chances across western parts of Western Australia, eastern New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.
- **Minimum temperatures** are likely (60% to greater than 80% chance) to be above average across most of Australia.

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Rainfall long-range forecasts – Issued 18 June 2026



Static maps showing the chance of exceeding average rainfall. For the latest detailed long-range forecast at your location please view online [here](#).



Agriculture climate and conditions assessment as of 22 June 2026

Summary

- From **July to September**, rainfall is likely to be **below average** across much of the agricultural growing areas of **southern Australia, southern central Queensland and north-eastern Tasmania**, (see maps above).
- There is an **increased chance** of **exceeding median rainfall** in northern parts of **Queensland, Northern Territory and in Western Australia's Kimberley region**.
- **Maximum and minimum temperatures** are **highly likely to be above average** over **most of Australia**, although periods of frost are still possible.
- National planting of winter crops has been impacted by low soil moisture during autumn and high input costs. Despite this, area planted for the 2026–27 crop is expected to remain relatively high at 23.6 million hectares according to the Australian Crop report.
- The Bureau's **long-range forecast** responds to all ongoing changes in our climate systems and is updated regularly.

Recent Conditions

March to May rainfall was below average in **northern New South Wales** and inland **south-east Queensland**. Severe deficiencies that developed in this region since January eased with rain in late May. Parts of the **Western Australia wheatbelt** and **Tasmania** also experienced below average rainfall from March to May. Well above average rainfall was recorded in the Northern Territory and a band extending through **South Australia** into **western Victoria**.

Parts of the **Gascoyne** region have received totals of 25mm and above, providing some relief to livestock producers in the region. Month-to-date rainfall has delivered between 10 to 100 mm or more to the **Western Australian wheatbelt** extending into **South Australia and Victorian** agricultural regions.

March to May maximum temperatures were below average for the **Northern Territory**, and **central Australia** but very much above average in most of **New South Wales** and **Tasmania**.

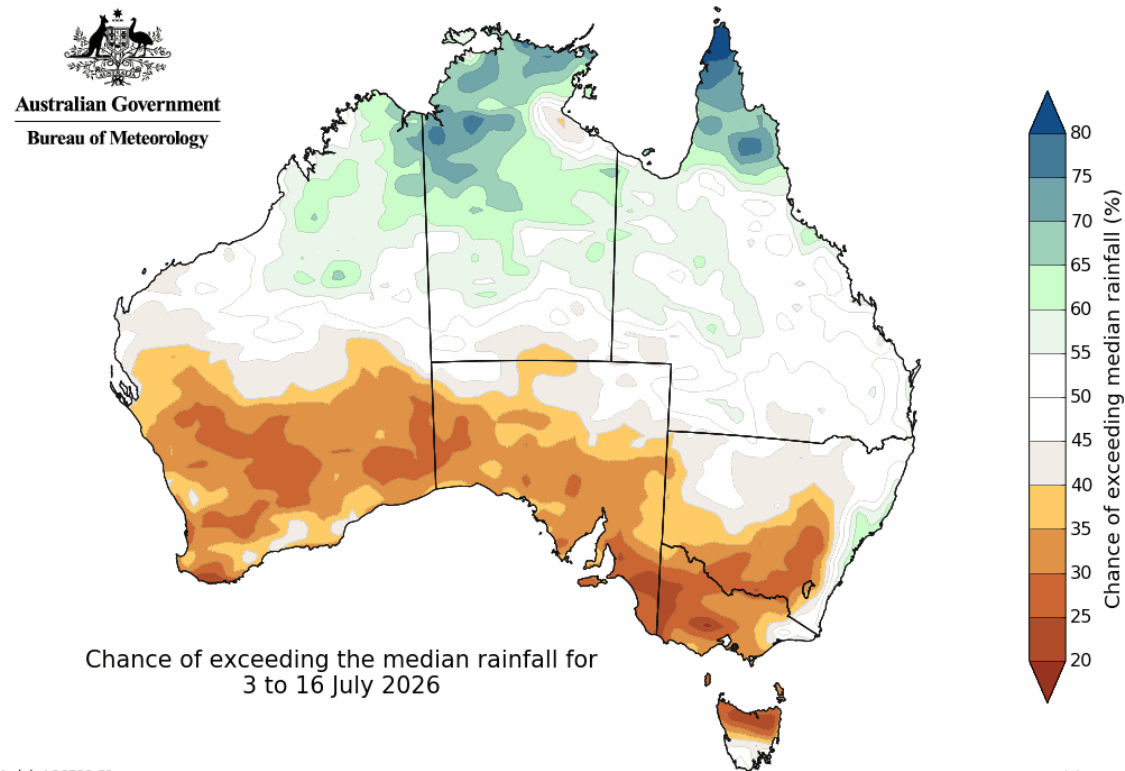
Agriculture Watch Points

		Winter grain crops are progressing well across most of the Western Australia's wheatbelt region due to favourable conditions.
		South Australia is celebrating favourable conditions for both winter grain crops and livestock production.
		Following late rains in southern Queensland and inland New South Wales , growers are opportunistically sowing the final paddocks of late winter crop.
		Rain during late May in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland has prompted producers to restock, driving a rapid increase in cattle prices. However, the long-range forecast indicates that rainfall is likely to be less than average during July to August.
		Pasture growth across most of the northern rangelands of Australia has now ceased as expected with the seasonal dry season established. The wet summer has supported feed availability, and mustering has commenced for live export shipments.
		Recent rainfall across northern Tasmania has somewhat eased widespread soil moisture deficiencies. Unirrigated pasture and crop producers will be cautious with the below average rainfall forecast for July to September.
		Parts of the Gascoyne and Pilbara regions of Western Australia have received rainfall to boost short term soil moisture, while this is an improvement to prior conditions, pasture growth will remain limited without further rainfall.

- Conditions improving
- Conditions unchanged
- Conditions degrading



Fortnight Outlook 3 to 16 July 2026



The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is now in **El Niño** phase. Every El Niño is different and is only one of several factors influencing Australia's climate.

The Bureau's long-range outlook is the best guide to seasonal conditions. It reflects probabilities of rainfall patterns across regions rather than certainty about what will occur at a local level, so **local forecasts should continue to be monitored.**