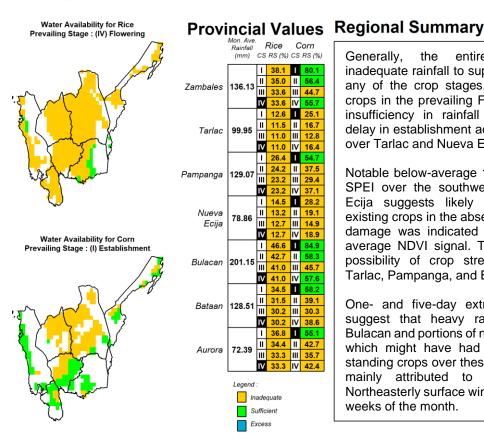
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Generally, the entire region received inadequate rainfall to support the rice crops in any of the crop stages, particularly the rice crops in the prevailing Flowering stage. This insufficiency in rainfall might have caused delay in establishment activities for corn crops over Tarlac and Nueva Ecija.

Notable below-average 1-month and 3-month SPEI over the southwestern part of Nueva Ecija suggests likely adverse impacts to existing crops in the absence of irrigation. This damage was indicated in the slightly below average NDVI signal. There is also a slight possibility of crop stress over portions of Tarlac, Pampanga, and Bulacan.

One- and five-day extreme rainfall indices suggest that heavy rainfall occurred over Bulacan and portions of neighboring provinces, which might have had adverse impacts on standing crops over these areas. This event is mainly attributed to the Shearline and Northeasterly surface windflow during the early weeks of the month.

