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The Weather and Climate Authority

PAYONG PAGASA

ENSO ADVISORY

El Niño Advisory no. 5

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OVERVIEW

A strong to very strong El Niño is present in the Tropical Pacific. Forecasts predict that El Niño will continue until the first half of 2027 and may reach its peak before the end of 2026.

El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall, which may lead to adverse impacts, including dry spells and droughts in some areas of the country. However, above-normal rainfall conditions may still occur during the passage of tropical cyclones and other rain-bearing weather systems.

Assessment in September 2026

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTRY

LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM
Warm Isolated heavy and dense dark clouds with one or more sudden electric discharges manifested by lightning and thunder often accompanied by showers of rains.

SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT)
Warm moist winds from the southwest caused rains over the western portion of the country from May to September

LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)
Areas of lowest pressure characterized by cloudiness and rainshowers; areas where a tropical cyclone can form

EASTERLIES
Warm winds blowing from the east may bring cloudiness over the eastern part of the country

INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ)
Series of low pressure areas brought about by converging Northeast (NE) and Southeast (SE) winds that cause thunderstorms and rainshowers

PASSAGE OF 2 TROPICAL CYCLONES OR BAGYO

- *TS Pilandok (KROVANH): Aug 30 – Sep 03*
- *TY Queenie (SURIGAE): Sep 24-27*

RAINFALL CONDITION

ABOVE NORMAL
120% to 160% than normal

Benguet, La Union, Pangasinan, Bataan, Zambales, and Cavite

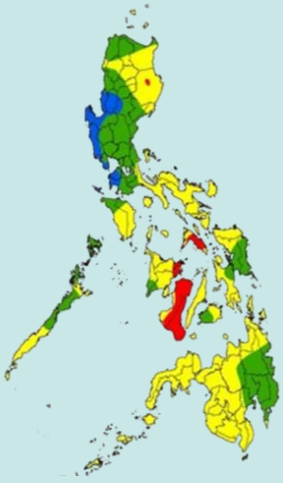
BELOW NORMAL
20%-60% reduction from the normal

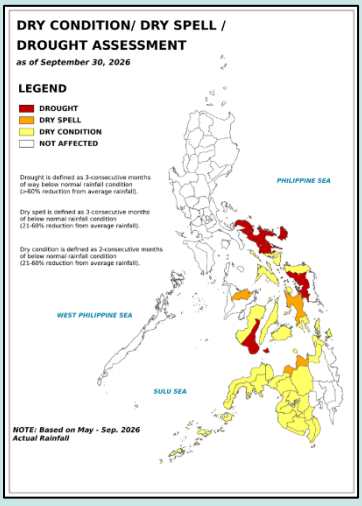
NEAR NORMAL
+20% or -20% from the normal

The rest of the country

WAY BELOW NORMAL
*Greater than 60% reduction from the normal**

Negros Provinces





In addition, seven (7) provinces experienced meteorological drought; three (3) provinces were under dry spell; and thirty (30) provinces experienced dry conditions.

TEMPERATURE

Slightly above- to above-average mean surface air temperatures were observed over most of the country during the month, except for select areas in Luzon, including Baguio, Camarines Sur, and Northern Palawan, where cooler-than-average temperatures were recorded.

Mountainous Luzon
13.4°C – 25.2°C

Metro Manila
23.8°C – 35.1°C

Mountainous Mindanao
17.5°C – 33.5°C

Lowlands Luzon
19.8°C – 36.8°C

Visayas
22.5°C – 37.7°C

Lowlands Mindanao
20.9°C – 37.0°C

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Outlook in October 2026

EXPECTED WEATHER SYSTEMS

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EASTERLIES
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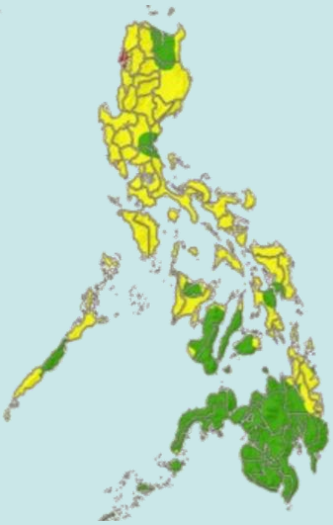
RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE AREA (HPA)
An extension of a high pressure area characterized by a very light wind and clear skies

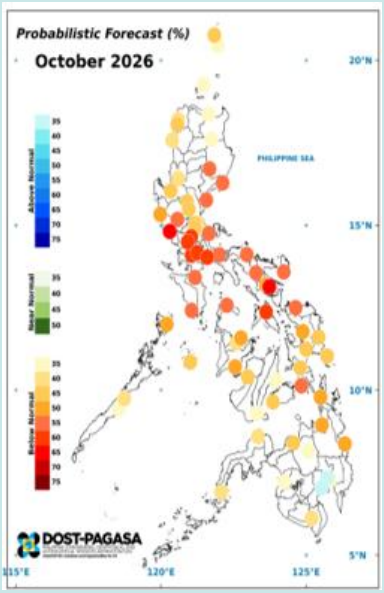
PASSAGE OF 1 or 2 TROPICAL CYCLONES OR BAGYO
"Bagyo"; may refer to tropical depression, tropical storm, severe tropical storm, typhoon, or super typhoon.

RAINFALL CONDITION

BELOW NORMAL
20%-60% reduction from the normal
Most parts of Luzon, Visayas, and Caraga Region

NEAR NORMAL
+20% or -20% from the normal
Batanes, Cagayan, Negros Island Region, Central Visayas, and the rest of Mindanao





TEMPERATURE

Meanwhile, near-average to warmer-than-average mean air temperatures are expected over most parts of the country, while slightly cooler-than-average temperatures over some parts of MIMAROPA and Bohol.

- Mountainous Luzon: 13.1°C – 26.7°C
- Metro Manila: 21.1°C – 36.0°C
- Mountainous Mindanao: 15.9°C – 33.7°C
- Lowlands Luzon: 17.0°C – 37.2°C
- Visayas: 21.2°C – 36.5°C
- Lowlands Mindanao: 20.6°C – 37.7°C

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