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OVERVIEW

La Niña is present in the tropical Pacific. Since June 2020, the sea surface temperatures (SSTs) at the central and equatorial Pacific (CEEP) started to cool and further strengthened in September 2020 reaching La Niña threshold. Based on the latest forecast, weak to moderate La Niña is likely to persist until the first quarter of 2021.



La Niña is usually associated with above normal rainfall conditions across most areas of the country during the last quarter of the year and early months of the following year

Assessment in September 2020

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTRY

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 that may bring cloudiness over the eastern part of the country



Typhoon (TY) "Kristine" (Sep 4-5)
Tropical Storm (TS) "Leon" (Sep 15-17)
Tropical Storm (TS) "Marce" (Sep 20-21)



LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM

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



SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT)

Warm moist winds from the southwest causing rains over the western portion of the country from May to September



INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ)

Series of low pressure areas brought about by converging northeast (NE) and southeast (SE) winds that cause thunderstorms and rainshowers

RAINFALL CONDITION



NEAR Normal

+20% or -20% from the normal



ABOVE NORMAL

120% greater than the normal

most parts of Visayas and Mindanao, Quirino, Nueva Ecija, Aurora, Catanduanes, Masbate and MIMAROPA

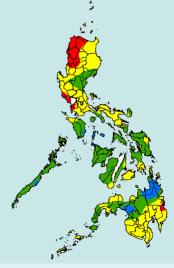


Greater than 60% reduction from the normal*



20%-60% reduction from the normal

Bohol, Siquijor, Southern Leyte, Zamboanga del Norte and Sibugay, Misamis Occidental, Davao region, SOCSARGEN, Dinagat Island, Maguindano and Tawi-tawi



TEMPERATURE

Generally, near to slightly above average surface air temperatures were observed over most parts of the country

Mountainous Luzon
14.0°C – 24.5°C

Metro Manila 23.1°C to 33.8°C

Mountainous Mindanao 17.5°C – 33.5°C

Lowlands Luzon 20.2°C – 35.3°C

Visayas 22.9°C – 36.5°C Lowlands Mindanao 21.3°C – 35.9°C





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Outlook in October 2020

EXPECTED WEATHER SYSTEMS



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(((H RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE AREA (HPA)

An extension of a high pressure area characterized by very light wind and clear skies



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2 or 3 TROPICAL CYCLONES

"Bagyo"; may refer to tropical depression, tropical storm, severe tropical storm, typhoon, or super typhoon.



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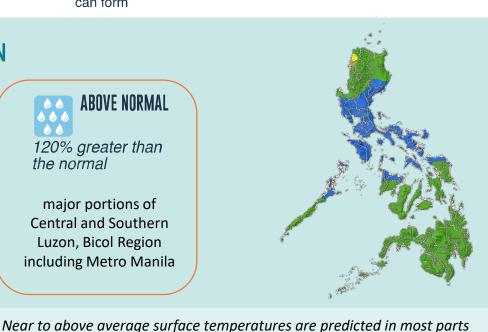
Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR), Ilocos Region, Cagayan Region, most parts of Visayas and Mindanao



ABOVE NORMAL

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major portions of Central and Southern Luzon, Bicol Region including Metro Manila



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