

Drought in South India may hit cashew crop prospects

Weather Forecast across Major Cashew Growing Regions (Jan-01 to 16, 2017)

Vietnam

In Binh Phuoc weather is forecasted mostly cloudy with mild rains to the tune of not more than 10 mm, which is good for the crop to progress. Max temperature is ideal, well within 33 DC during last week and for this week it may average 30 DC. Last week moderate rains were seen to the tune of 30 mm in Da Nanag, Tay Ninh and Quang ngai provinces.

This week in most places of Vietnam cloudy weather is forecasted with chances of rains not exceeding 10 mm, which is unlikely to impact the standing crop. Moreover weather is ideal and maximum weather not exceeding 35 DC. Overall weather pattern is considerably good in the first half of January when compared with second half of December. If it doesn't rain heavily, in the second half of January then things may turn better for Vietnam cashew crop.

Vietnam							
	Da Nang	Tay Ninh	Quang Ngai	Dong Hoi	Binh Phuoc	Phu yen	Long An
Avg Min Temp (DC)	23.54	23.81	22	17	24	17.1	24.1
Avg Max Temp (DC)	26	31.73	26	22	32.73	27.72	32.64
	34	33	30		5.5	4.7	7.6

Cote d Ivoire

In Cote d'ivoire maximum temperature is well above 35 DC since the beginning of December-2016 in most of the growing regions. But the overall average temperature is well within the threshold limit, providing the comfort for the cashew crop. Overall dry weather prevails.

Ivory Coast -IVC								
	Odienne	Touba	Yamoussoukro	Bongouanou	Daoukro	Tengrela	Bouake	Bondoukou
Min Temp (DC)	18.91	17.91	22	21.72	21.18	18	19.55	19.54
Max Temp (DC)	35.91	35.73	35.54	37.36	38.1	38	33.91	35.45

Nigeria

In Nigeria dry weather prevails in the major cashew growing districts. In some places maximum temperature reported slightly above 35 DC. Rains are not forecasted during this week.

Nigeria								
	Abuja	Oyo	Ondo	Lagos	Eket	Nassawara	Enugu	Sokoto
Avg Min Temp (DC)	19.73	20.36	19.45	25.18	24	18.73	21.18	15.63
Avg Max Temp (DC)	35.54	36.36	36.27	30.91	32.18	36.55	34.91	33.64

India

In the major cashew growing regions of Goa and Maharashtra weather is observed good and this season good harvest is anticipated.

North-east monsoon deficit was as high as 60-70% in all the regions with Tamil Nadu—the state which receives the bulk of the rainfall during this season, reporting a deficit of 62%. Definitely, it's not a good news for cashew crop in Panruti and other parts of Tamil Nadu.

In Tamil Nadu North East Monsoon is over. In the last two weeks weather is dry in the key cashew growing districts of Cuddalore, sivaganga, pudukottai, Villupuram and Kanyakumari districts. Moderate rains are forecasted during Jan 20-26 in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu.

In Kerala North East rainfall from Oct to Dec-2016 was mostly deficient by more than 60 percent expect few districts such as Pathanamthitta (-32%), kollam (-36%), Ernakulam (-40%) and Kottayam(-53%).

The same is the case with Karnataka and Coastal Andhra. So this year the picture is not that much rosy in southern parts of Tamil Nadu, which produces about 300000 tonnes of RCN (roughly 45% of 2015/16 total production).

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