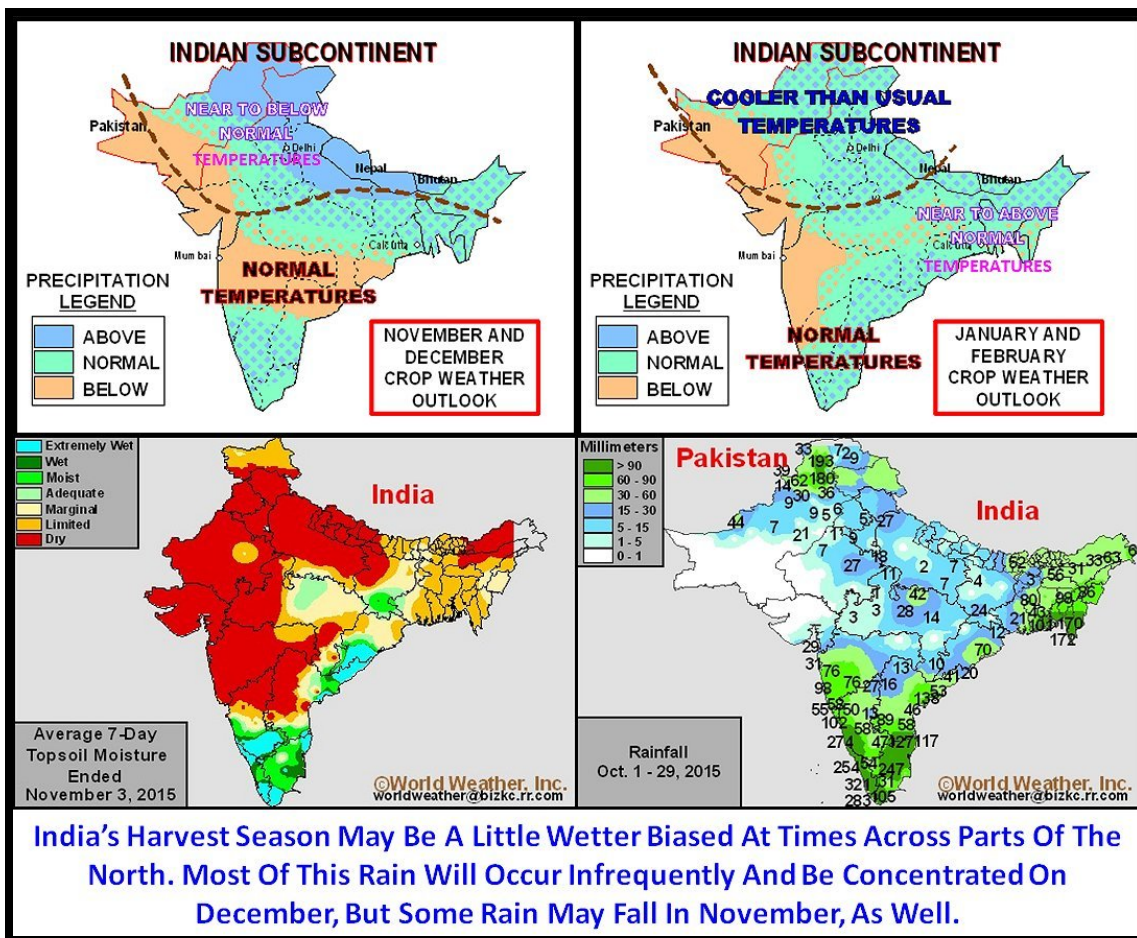


# Indian Winter Weather To Favor Crop Production

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Kansas City, November 3 (World Weather Inc.) – *Weather conditions will vary across the Indian subcontinent in coming weeks favoring winter crops in many locations. Northern India is expected to see cooler and wetter than normal conditions most often in the late autumn and winter months.* These conditions will potentially carry over into the beginning of next year as well. No excessively wet conditions will evolve. The environment will actually be quite favorable for winter crop production. Southern India will also see periods of above average precipitation in coming weeks that will likely impact summer crop maturation and harvesting. Portions of central and western India will trend drier than normal.



Summer crop maturation and harvesting advanced swiftly in much of northern and central India in recent weeks. This year's monsoon came to an end early in some of these locations, although there was enough moisture in the water supply to get irrigated crops through development. Dryness in parts of India this summer hurt production and puts more pressure on winter crop production to help make up for the shortfalls. Southern India received timely rain in recent weeks that promoted good development conditions. A drier bias would be more beneficial into next month as maturation and harvesting get under full

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swing. The ground may be a little too wet to promote the best fieldwork conditions in some locations.

*A trough of low pressure drifted over northern India last week that produced unusual rain for this time of year in central and some eastern parts of the nation.* None of the precipitation was excessive or had much of an impact on crop quality. *Similar troughs of low pressure will move through the nation this late autumn and winter producing other bouts of greater than usual rainfall and dipping temperatures a little below average at times.*

The main crops that will be impacted by the wetter and cooler bias will be winter wheat, rapeseed, millet, sorghum, groundnuts and sugarcane. Areas from northern Rajasthan, Punjab, and Haryana, through Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and northern fringes of Madhya Pradesh will receive the most beneficial precipitation. Central and southern Rajasthan will be too far away from the trough pattern to see much of an impact.

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