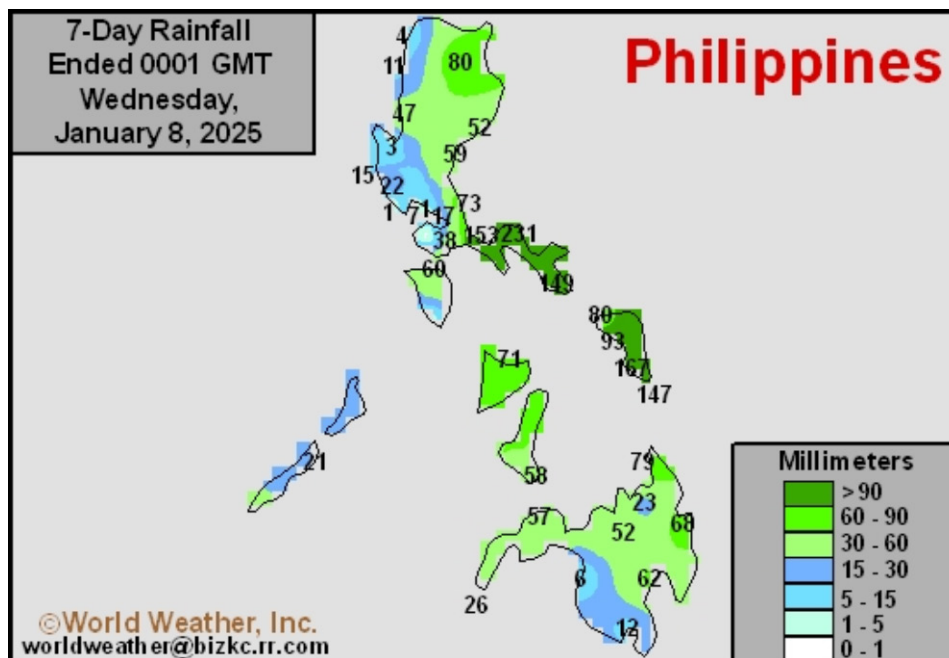


Southern Luzon Island Flood Potentials Remain High

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Kansas City, January 8 (World Weather Inc.) – Excessive rainfall was noted in parts of southern Luzon Island, Samar Island, and neighboring locations in the Philippines in recent days. Flooding and landslides resulted which may have damaged some infrastructure, rice, corn, sugarcane and a host of other crops. Waves of rain will persist through the middle of next week for southern Luzon and portions of the Visayan Islands. Additional flooding is likely and may promote further crop and infrastructural damage. Other areas in the Philippines will receive enough rain to keep soil moisture at adequate or excessive levels, though flooding should be minimal.

Southeastern Luzon Island and Samar Island received some of the most significant rain in the Philippines during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 3.15 to 6.57 inches with local amounts up to 9.09 inches. Other areas in the Philippines generally received 0.50 to 3.15 inches of rain during this time with drier pockets in western Luzon Island.

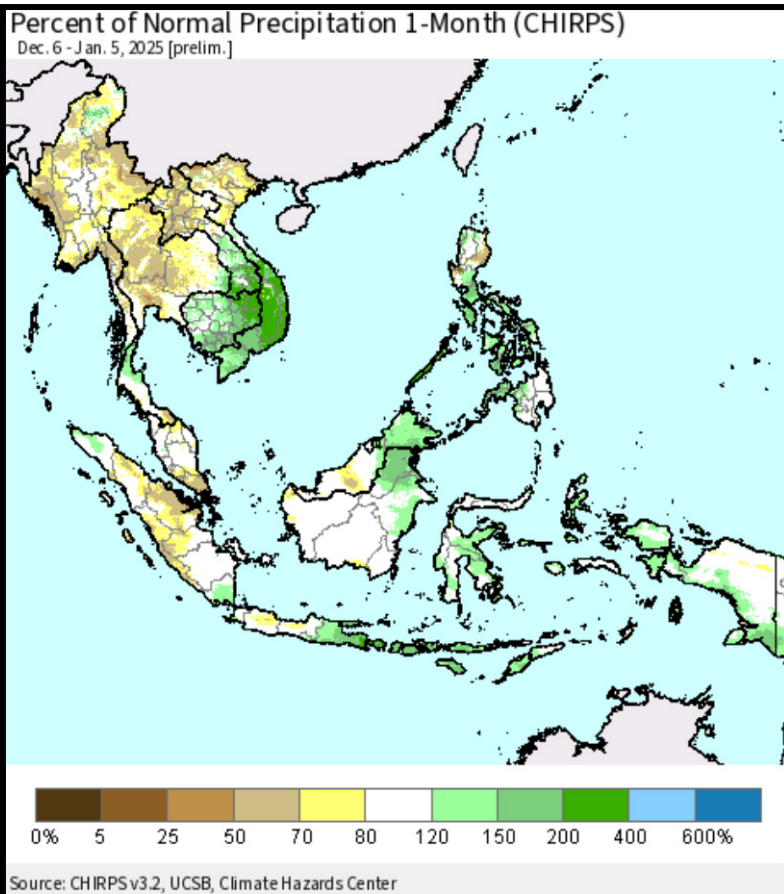


A large section of the Visayan Islands, southern Luzon Island, and western Mindanao were wetter than normal during the past month. Rainfall as a percent of normal for the 30-day period ending this morning ranged from 120-200% in most locations. Northern Luzon Island received near to below normal rainfall while precipitation was near normal in the remaining portions of Mindanao.

Flooding and landslides were noted in pockets of southern Luzon Island in recent days due to the waves of rain. Localized flooding was also possible in Samar Island. These produce rice, corn, sugarcane, tea, coffee, cocoa, coconut, oil palm, rubber, and a host of other crops including herbs and spices. Some damage to crops may have occurred, although the damage potential was much less recently compared to that which occurred

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late in 2024 (see rainfall for December below). These areas are in need of drier weather to firm the ground and reduce flood potentials. Crop conditions in other parts of the



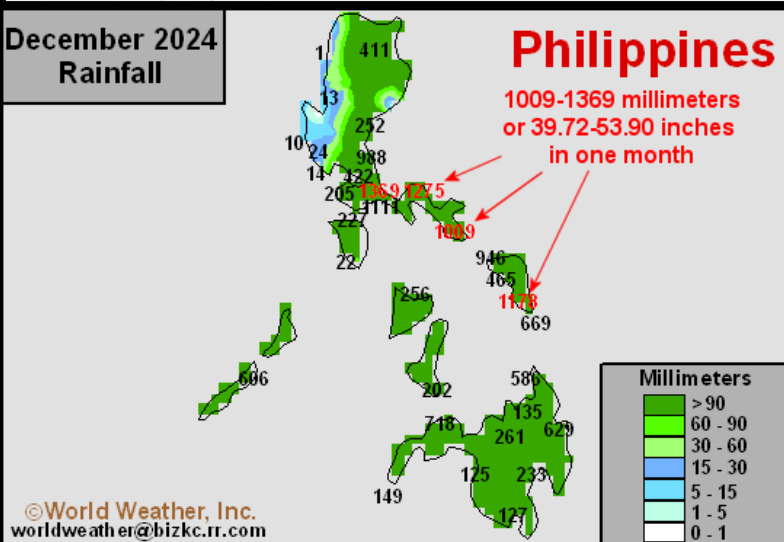
Philippines are more favorable.

Southern Luzon Island and much of the Visayan Islands will remain in a wet weather basis through the middle of next week. Rain will often be scattered across these areas with totals ranging from 4.00 to 8.00 inches and local amounts over 10.00 inches by next Wednesday morning.

Mindanao and other locations in Luzon will see a mix of rain and sunshine with totals ranging from 1.00 to 4.00 inches and local amounts of 7.00 inches or more in northeastern Luzon. Portions of northwestern Luzon will also receive little to no rain. The Philippines will again see a

mix of rain and sunshine January 16 – 22, though rain totals will generally be lower compared to the first week of the outlook.

Additional rain in southern Luzon Island and the Visayan Islands will increase the moisture profile significantly in coming days. Flooding and landslides are likely for several locations and could damage some crops and infrastructure. Several locations in the



Philippines have already experienced flooding impacting agriculture and personal property and damage may be expanded by the additional rain coming in the next week.

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