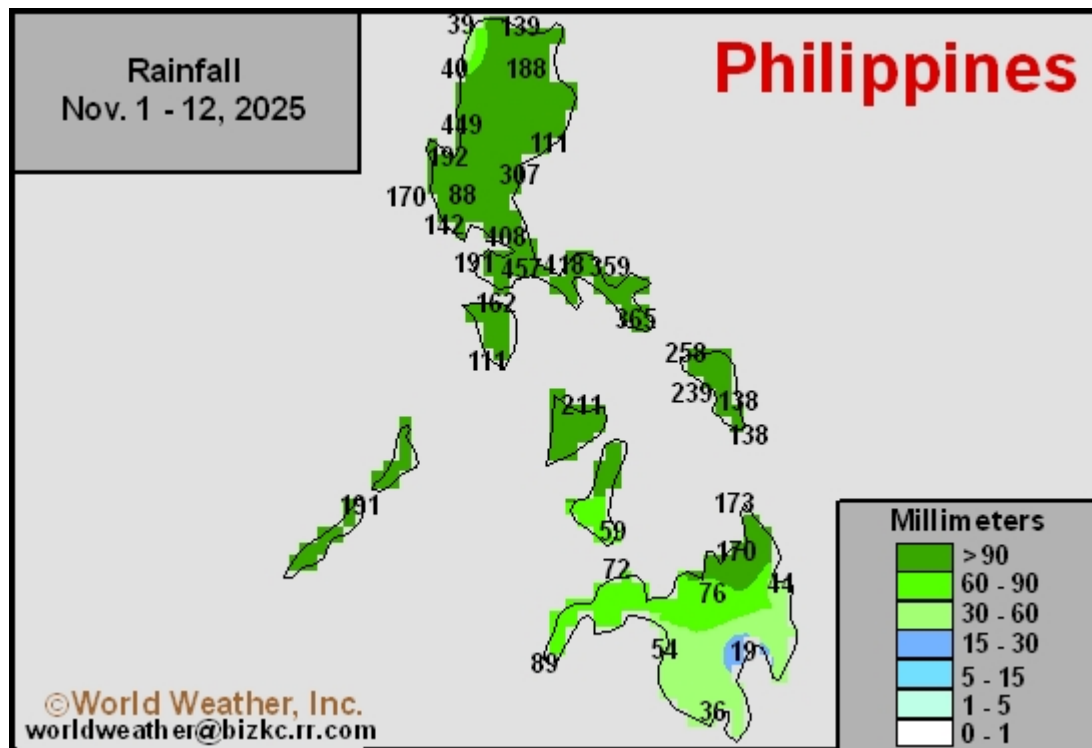


Philippines, Vietnam Excessively Wet Ahead Of Additional Rain

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Kansas City, November 12 (World Weather Inc.) – Portions of Southeast Asia have been impacted by excessive rain events in recent weeks resulting in numerous flood events causing extensive property and agricultural damage. The Philippines were impacted by nine different tropical weather systems since June and three typhoons since early October. The ground is excessively wet and additional waves of rain are likely through the middle of next week. In the meantime, portions of Vietnam, Laos and Thailand have also been impacted by excessive rain events and some tropical cyclones resulting in damage as well. A new round of frequent excessive rain is slated to impact Vietnam this weekend through all of next week resulting in the potential for more than 20.00 inches of additional rain and more flooding.

In the Philippines, Typhoon Fung-Wong brought heavy rain and damaging wind to portions of Luzon Island this past weekend. Typhoon Kalmaegi also promoted torrential rain and damaging winds in portions of the Visayan Islands earlier this month as well. Much of Luzon and the Visayan Islands reported 4.00 to 12.00 inches of rain with local amounts up to 18.00 inches in Luzon from November 1 – 12.



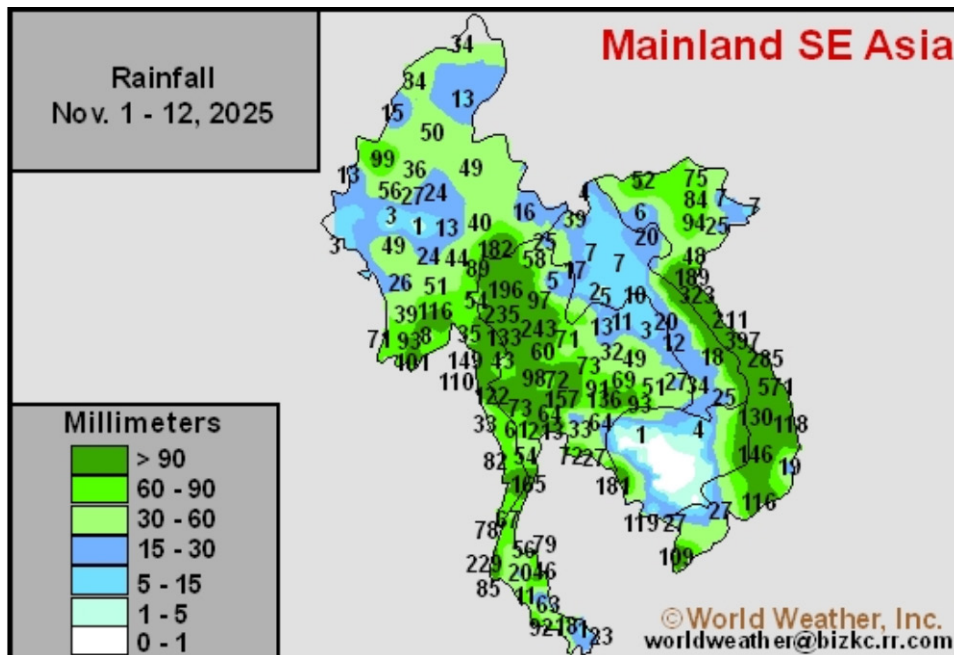
The periods of torrential rain promoted severe flooding and landslides for portions of northern and central Philippines in recent days. The flooding, combined with damaging wind with gusts up to 185 mph, promoted significant structural damage. Standing corn, rice, and tree crops may have also been damaged or destroyed in areas that received the most rain or experienced the strongest winds. Drier weather is needed to reduce standing water and to support better clean-up conditions and damage assessments.

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Rain will often be scattered across the Philippines through the middle of next week. A few locations in the Visayan Islands will receive significant rain late Thursday and Friday as a weak disturbance passes over the region. Portions of Luzon Island will also see rainfall increase at the beginning of next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 1.50 to 5.00 inches with local amounts of 8.00 inches or more in northeastern Luzon Island and the Visayan Islands.

Additional rain will keep the ground saturated across the Philippines. Localized flooding will be possible in the Visayan Islands during the next few days and again in northeastern Luzon Island at the beginning of next week. Crop and structural damage should be minimal. However, damage assessments, flood clean-up, and general fieldwork may again advance slowly.

MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA



After battering central sections of the Philippines, Typhoon Kalmaegi slammed into Vietnam earlier this month. Southern and central Vietnam received anywhere from 4.50 to 12.75 inches of rain with local amounts up to 22.50 inches in central Vietnam from November 1 – 12. Thailand and several areas in Cambodia and northern Vietnam also received rain on a frequent basis since early November. These areas received 2.00 to 6.00 inches of rain with local amounts up to 9.60 inches in western Thailand.

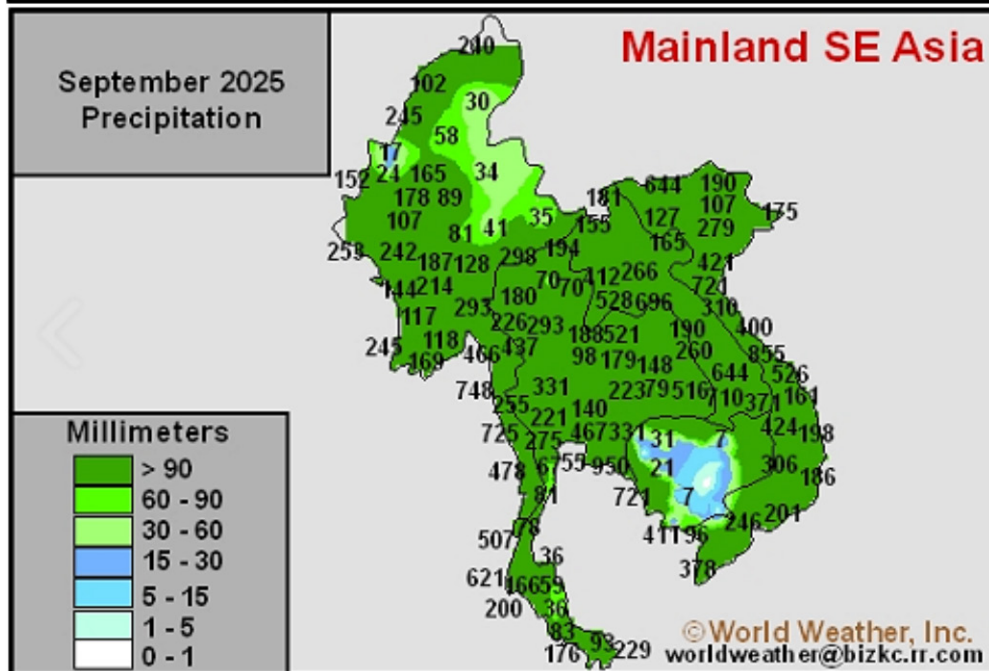
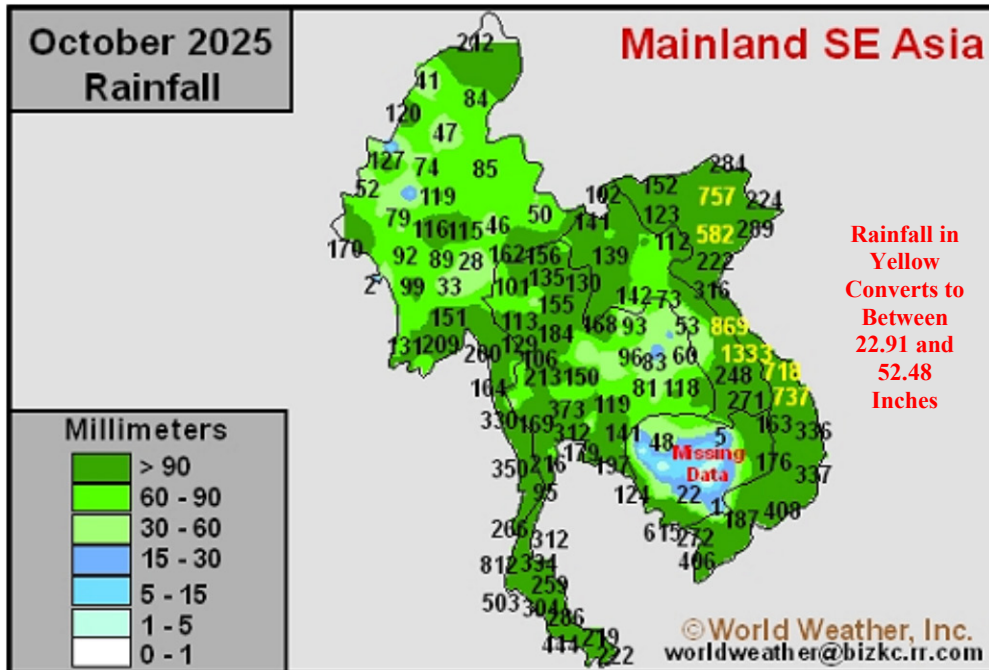
Flooding and damaging wind caused structural damage in portions of Vietnam due to Typhoon Kalmaegi. Trees were uprooted as well. Some damage to row and tree crops was possible, though the extent of the damage was not known. Harvesting and general fieldwork likely advanced slowly in the wetter areas of mainland Southeast Asia as well.

Central Vietnam will again see periods of heavy rain through the middle of next week. The most significant rain will occur this weekend and the first part of next week as disturbances slam into the country. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range

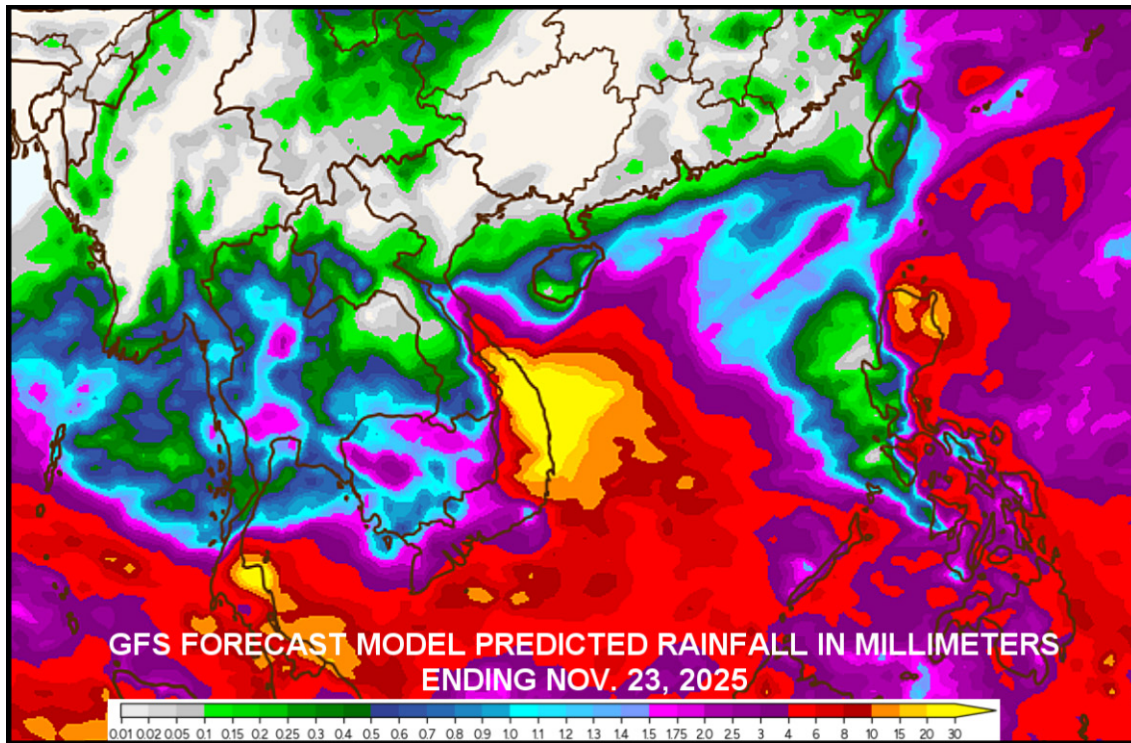
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from 6.00 to 12.00 inches with local amounts over 15.00 inches in the higher elevated areas. Southern Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand will also see a mix of rain and sunshine. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.75 to 4.00 inches with locally greater amounts in eastern Cambodia. Laos and northern Vietnam will either be dry or only receive light rain.

Additional rain in central Vietnam will again promote flooding and landslides over the weekend into next week. Severe crop and structural damage will again be possible. Harvesting and general fieldwork will likely come to a standstill as well. Crop and structural damage will likely be minimal elsewhere in mainland Southeast Asia.



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Needless to say, the flooding in Vietnam this year has been extreme. Wet weather began in September, but the worst flooding occurred in October before Typhoon Kalmaegi impacted the nation this month. As bad as it has been and as bad as it may become in the next ten days, most of the rice production areas in Vietnam are in the Mekong Delta which is far removed from where the worst flooding has occurred. Some coffee areas and minor rice production areas have been impacted and will be again with the coming excessive rain event.

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