



Met Office 3-month Outlook

The forecast presented here is for *Month X* and the average of the *XXXXXXXX 3 month XXXXXXXX* period for the United Kingdom as a whole.

This forecast is based on information from observations, several numerical models and expert judgement.

SUMMARY - PRECIPITATION:

Indications are that precipitation in *Month X* is more likely to be above average than below average.

For *XXXXXXXX 3 month XXXXXXXX* as a whole the signal for precipitation is similar to climatology, with only a slightly higher probability of above-average than below-average rainfall.

The probability that UK precipitation for *XXXXXXXX 3 month XXXXXXXX* will fall into the driest of our five categories is close to 15% and the probability that it will fall into the wettest category is approximately 25% (the *30 year* probability for each of these categories is 20%).

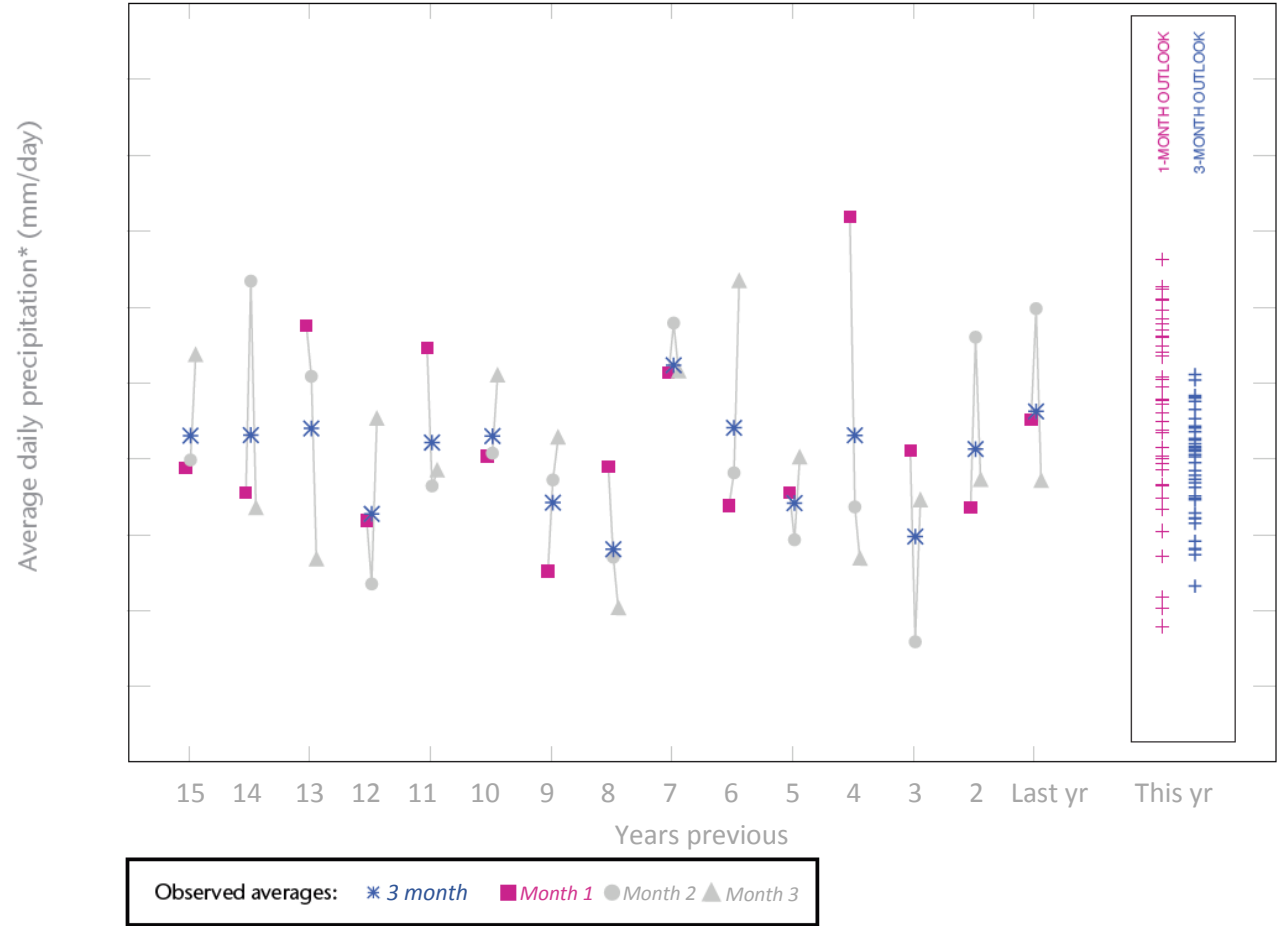
CONTEXT:

Forecast curves for *Month X* show a strong signal for wetter-than-average conditions. With computer models signalling westerly or southwesterly flow for *Month X* as a whole, it is thought more likely than not that many northern and western parts of Britain would be wetter than *Month X last year*.

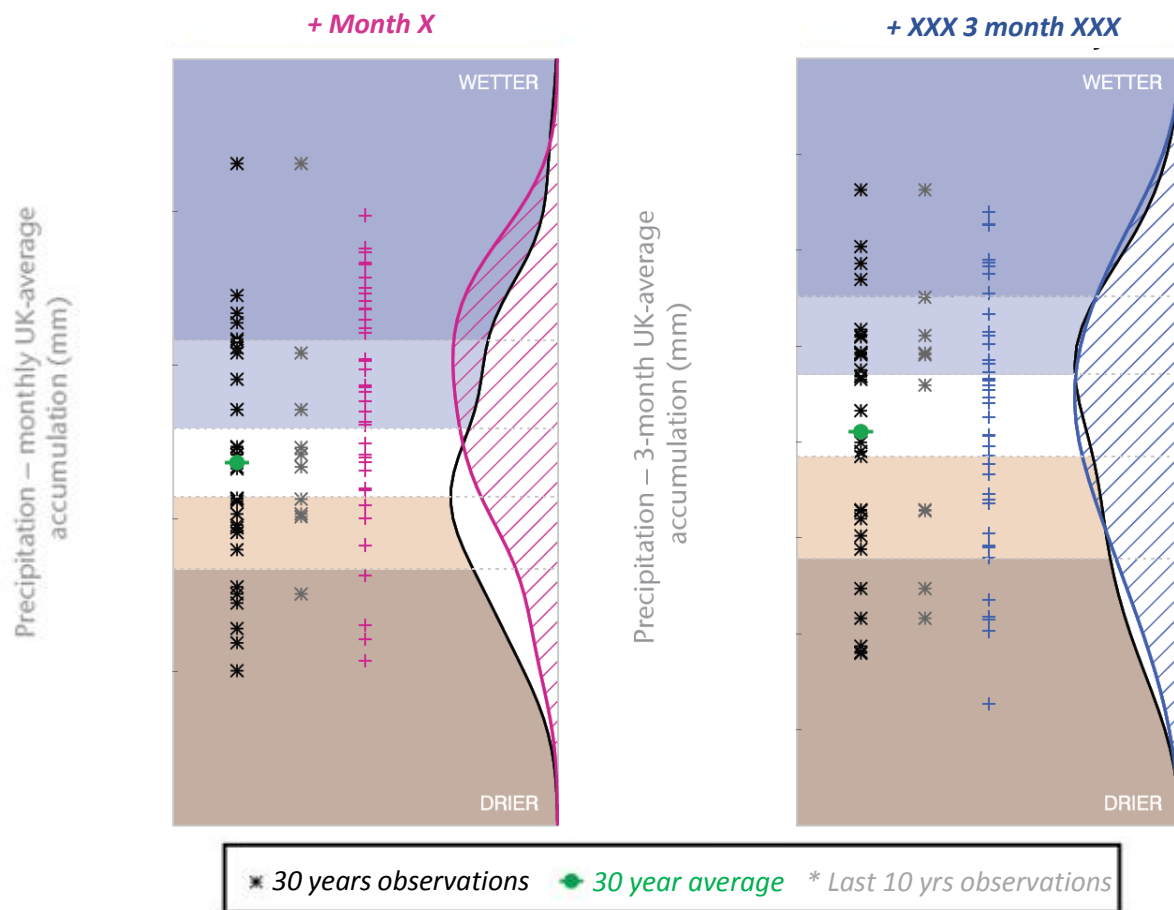
For *XXXXXXX 3 month XXXXXXXX* as a whole the forecast favours above-average rainfall over below-average, with the probability of very wet conditions enhanced, and that for very dry conditions reduced, with respect to climatology.

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1-month and 3-month UK outlook for precipitation in the context of recent climatology: year-to-year and within-season variability



1-month and 3-month UK outlook for precipitation in the context of observed climatology



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