

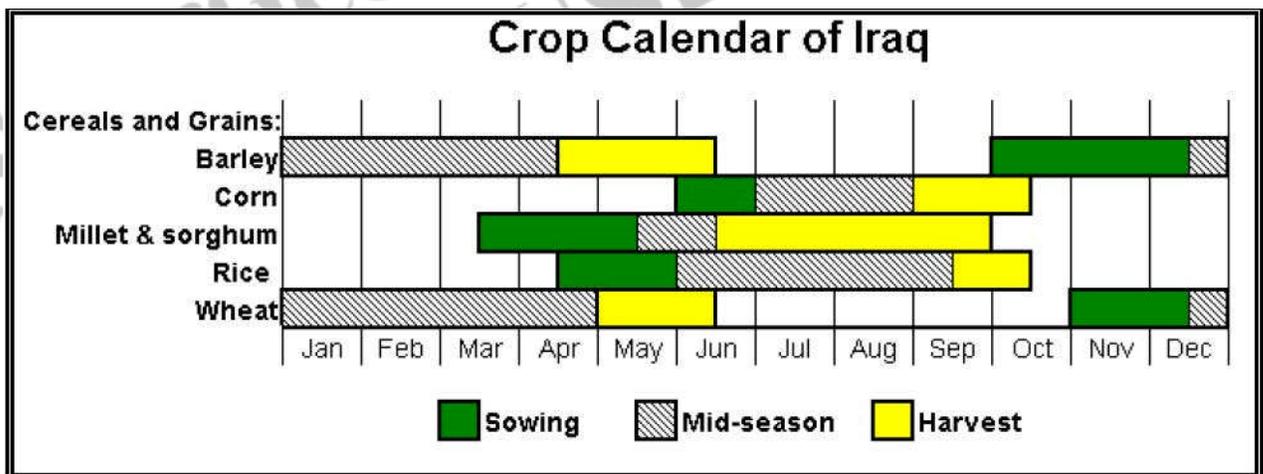
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October Report – Week 3

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1. MY 2009/10 winter grains 10 to 14 day weather outlook calls for continued dry conditions in Iraq, particularly in the central and southern governorates. Light precipitation is forecasted for the Kurdish governorates on Wednesday and Thursday as a weak cold front moves through eastern Turkey.
2. NOAA experimental ensemble products show dry conditions in Iraq for the next 4 to 8 days (Figure 1). A small weather system is visible in the 180 to 240 hour forecast, but conditions remain dry for most of Iraq.
3. TRMM dekadal precipitation remained low from October 1st to October 10th with up to 10 mm of precipitation in the northern governorates and no precipitation for the remainder of the country. Temperatures also remained above normal for most of the country (Figure 2).
4. SSMI passive microwave for the week of October 6th to October 12th showed little surface wetness and above normal temperatures for most of Iraq (Figure 3).



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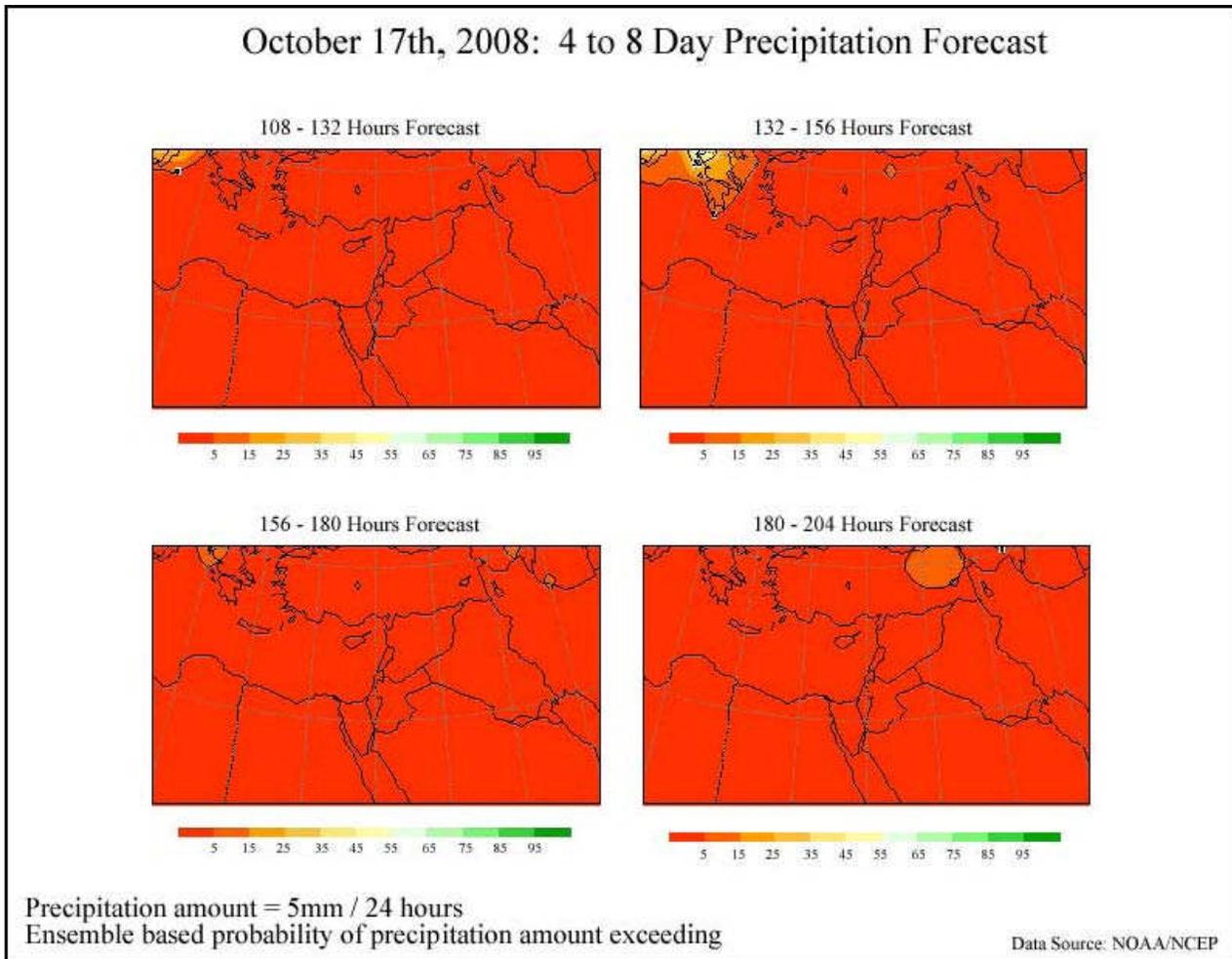


Figure 1: 4 to 8 Day precipitation forecast for the Middle East.

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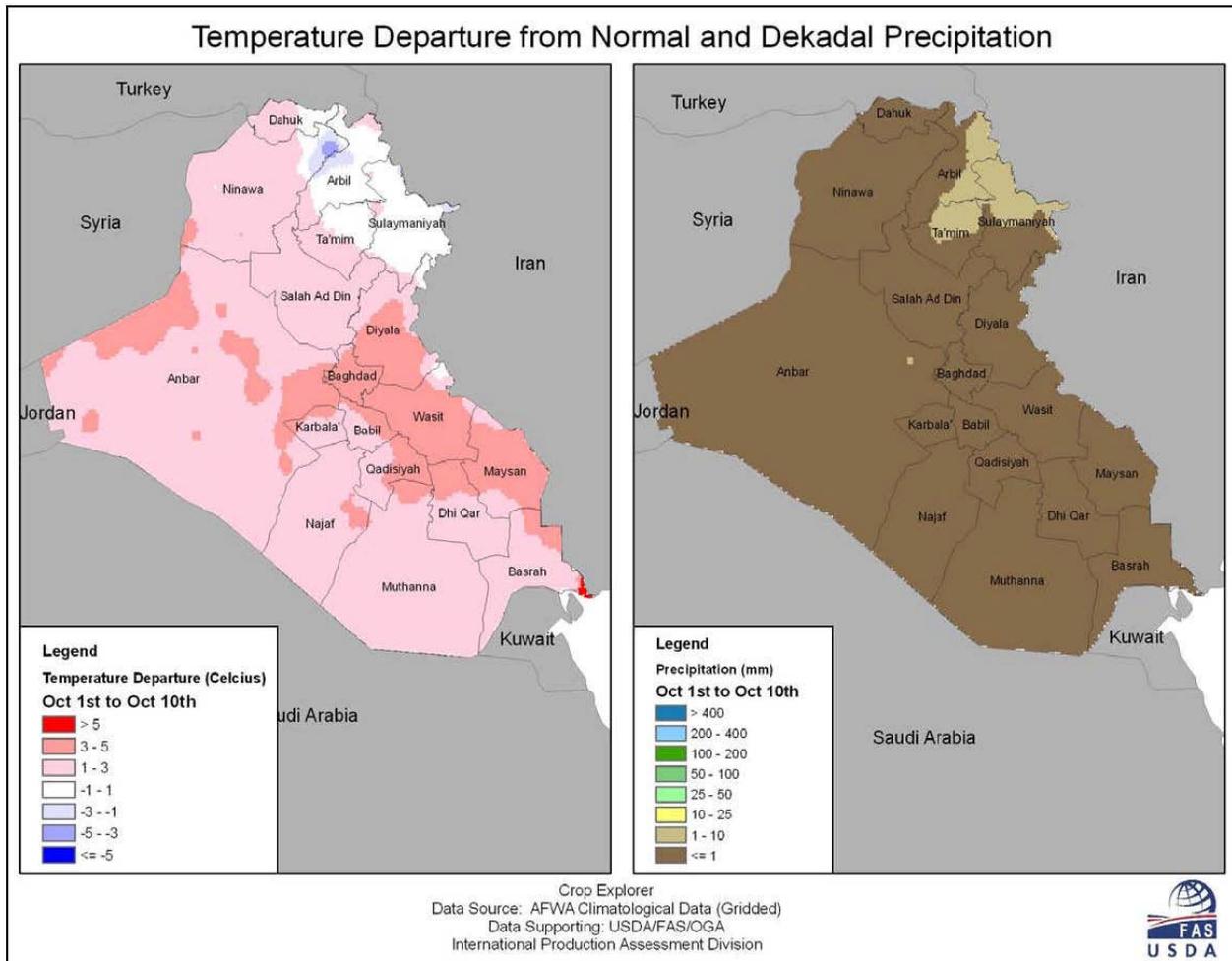


Figure 2: AFWA and TRMM decadal agro-meteorological data: Temperature and Precipitation.

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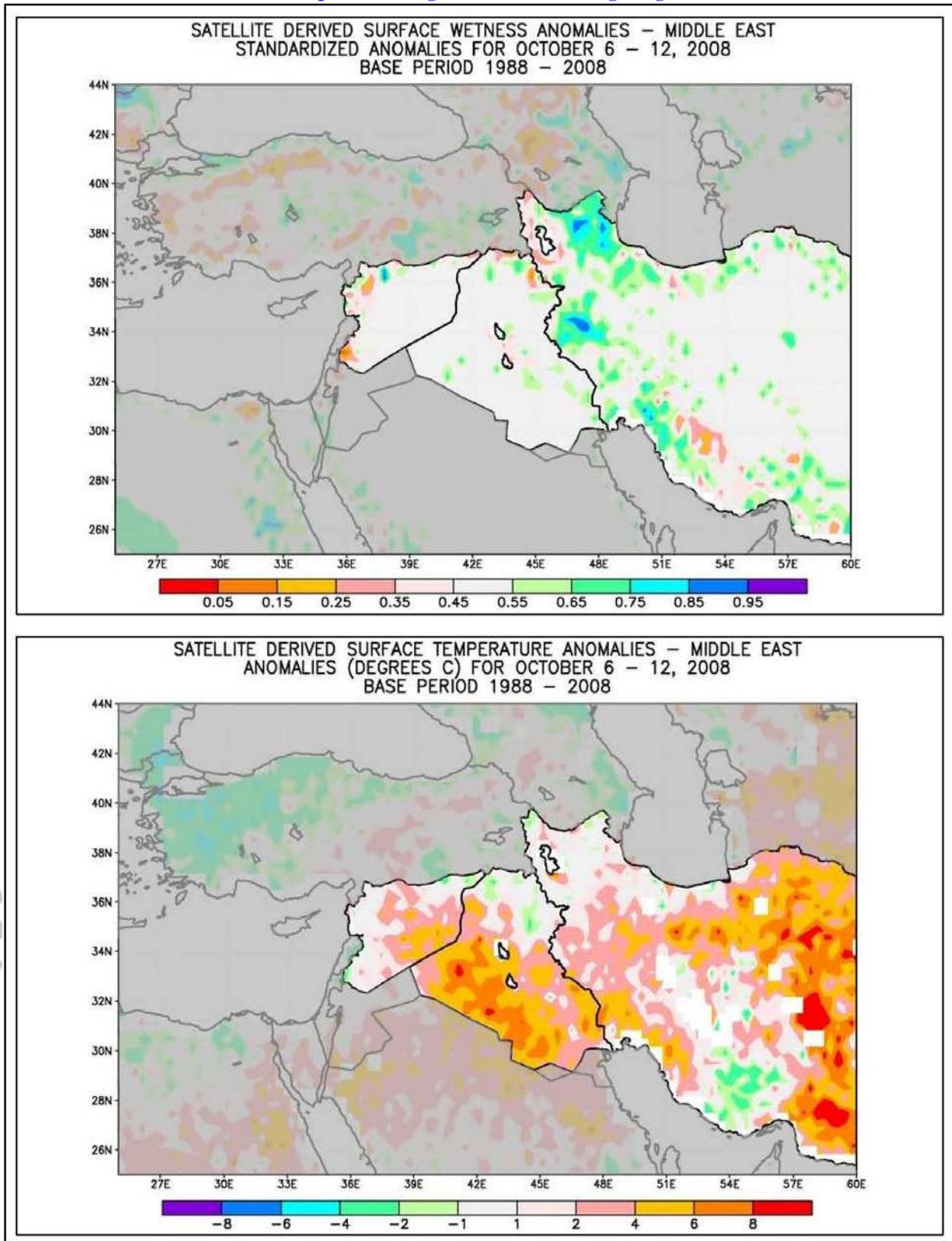


Figure 3: SSMI passive microwave data: Surface wetness and temperature anomaly.