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Weather update - November 2018

The Department of Meteorology has forecasted that there is a higher chance of receiving **above average rainfall** in all districts of the island during November 2018. Meanwhile, rainfall during the month of October has been adequate and well distributed across the island except for eastern plains (i.e. Ampara and Trincomalee districts). Meanwhile, almost all major reservoirs of the country have an adequate storage for a good Maha season cultivation except a few major reservoirs in the eastern province and Anuradhapura and Puttlam districts (Please see the attached document on current water storage of major reservoirs of the country).

Meanwhile, it has been reported by the Met authorities that signal for rainfall from December onwards of the current season for a reliable forecast is very weak or absent. Hence, under these unpredictable circumstances, it is highly advisable to continue to adapt water saving irrigation techniques and other agronomic interventions recommended in the previous weather update issued on September 30th, 2018 in order to avert negative impacts of any possible rainfall deficit weather conditions at the latter half of the current Maha season. However, current forecast has specifically revealed that a higher chance of receiving above normal rainfall for districts located in Eastern and Southeastern parts of the island. Thus, water storage situation of the reservoirs in the eastern province, which currently remains at a poor level, is likely to improve as time progresses during the season

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