



SOMALIA DEKADAL RAINFALL UPDATE
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This bulletin provides a summary of cumulative rain gauge dekadal rainfall situation in Somalia

The *Deyr* rainy season began in the northern parts of the country and the first dekad of October 2009 was marked by good rains in the northern regions of the country. The season is expected to begin in other parts during the second dekad of October. Figure (1) shows the rain gauge observational network and the monthly rainfall distribution for selected stations across the country. Below is brief summary of the rainfall situation by region for this dekad.

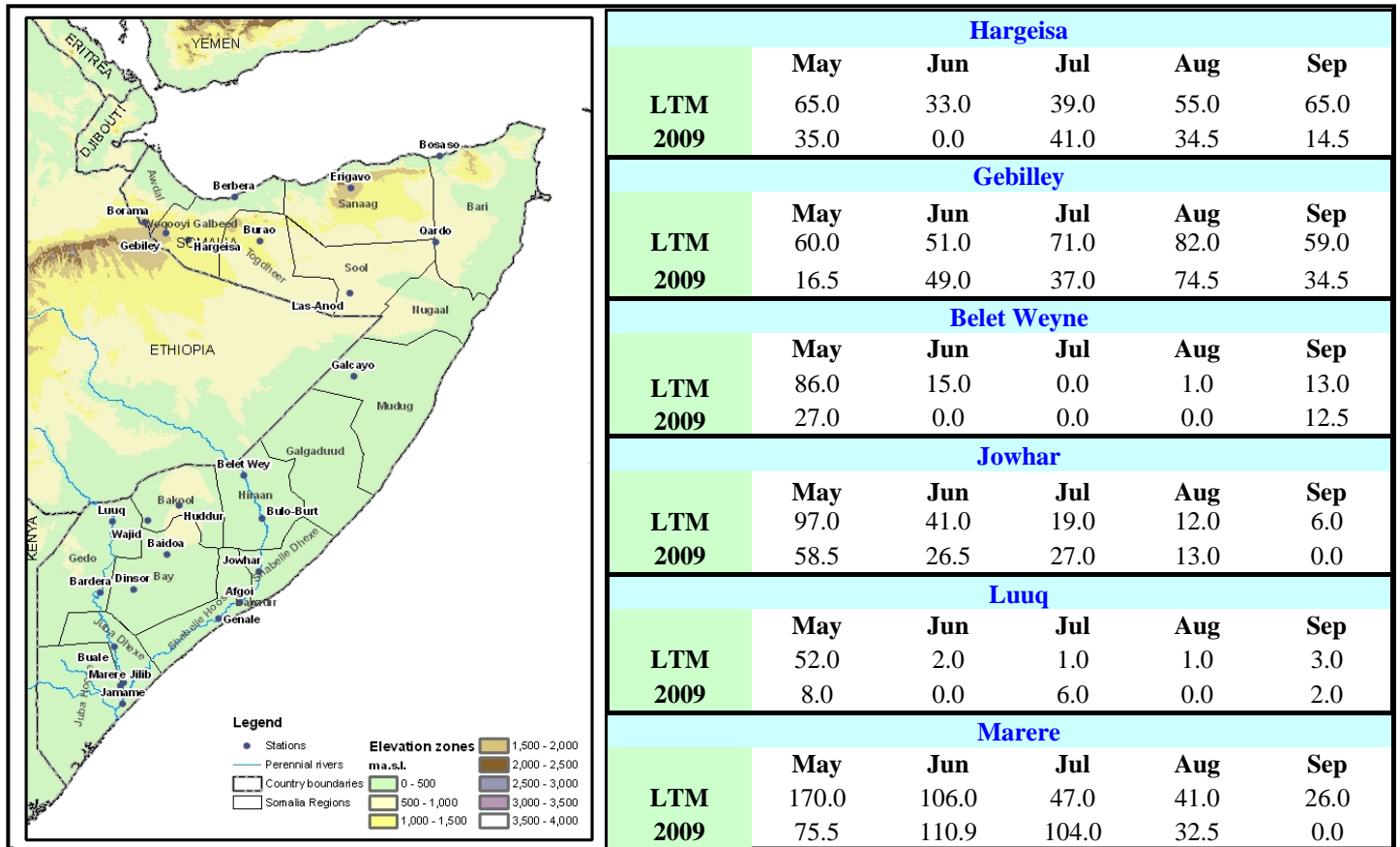
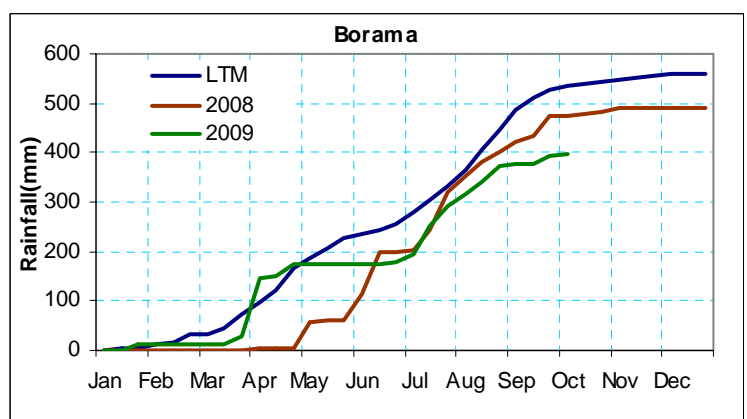
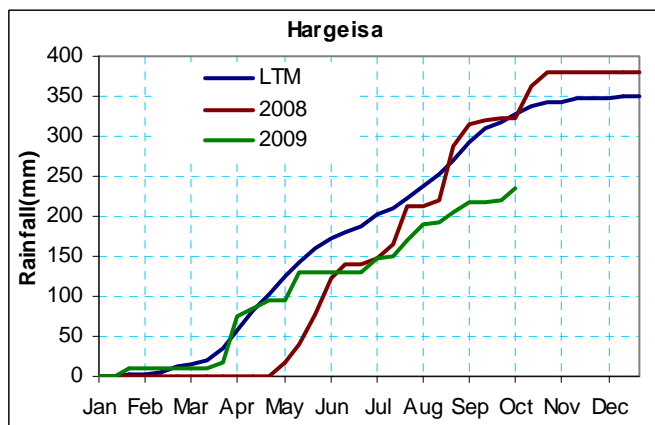


Figure 1: Rainfall Observational Network with Long Term Mean Monthly Rainfall (1963-1990) Compared to 2009

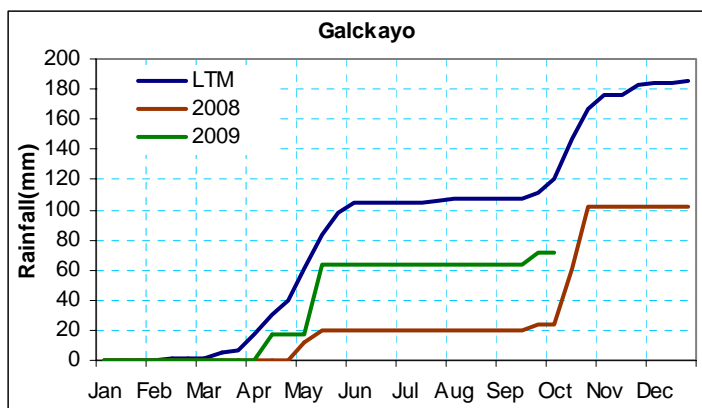
North West Region

Light to moderate rainfall were seen over few places (Hargeisa, Eafweyne, Aynabo) in this region during the Dekad. Rains are expected to intensify in the coming dekad. The graphs below show cumulative seasonal rainfall compared to the LTM and previous season for Hargeisa and Borama stations.



North East Region

The Deyr season kicked off in the third dekad of September, since then, the region has continued to receive significant amounts of rainfall. During the first dekad of October heavy rains were reported in the area with Garowe recording 83.6mm, Qardo 132mm, Las Anod 75mm, Burtinle 46mm and Iskushuban 13mm. This has boosted the pasture and water availability in the area. The graph below shows the cumulative rainfall performance for Galckayo in Mudug region.

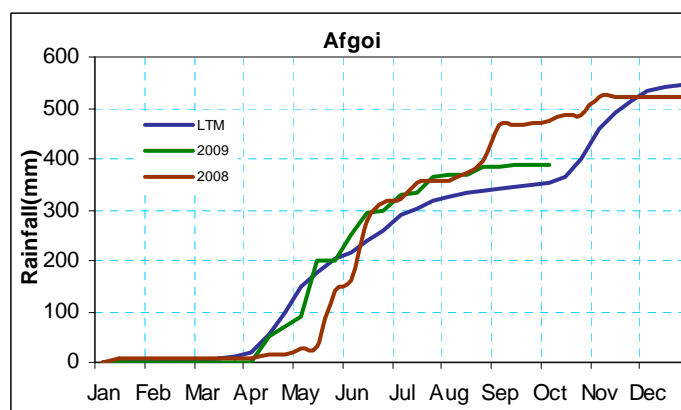
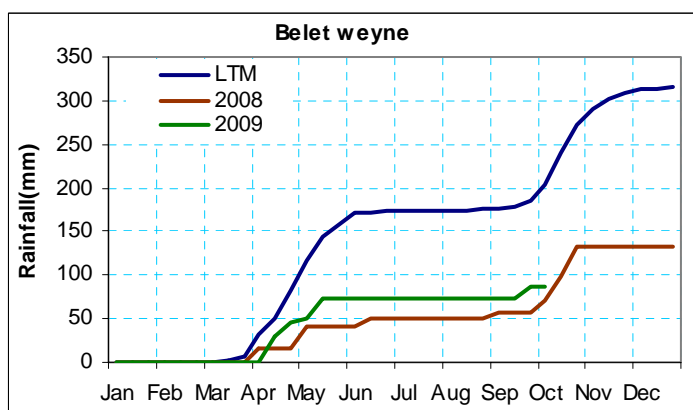


Galckayo					
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
LTM	50.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	4.0
2009	46.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5

Qardo					
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
LTM	31.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	8.0
2009	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.0

Shabelle Valley

The rainfall season is yet to begin in this area. The rains are expected to start during the coming dekad. The graph below shows the cumulative rainfall performance for Belet Weyne and Afgoi stations from the region.



Juba Valley

The rains are yet to start in this region. The Lower sections of Juba benefited from the July/August rains which boosted the water availability for crops and livestock. Normally the rains start in the second dekad of October in this parts of the country. The graphs below compare cumulative current and LTM rainfall for some stations across the region.

