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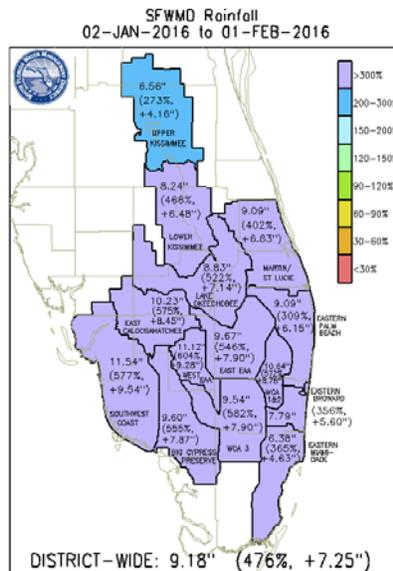
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South Florida Records Wettest January Since 1932 *January was also the wettest of any dry season month since March 1970*



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West Palm Beach, FL — Widespread January rainfall set a record with 476 percent of average for the dry season month across the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), District meteorologists reported today.

A total of 9.18 inches of rain fell District-wide in January, representing 7.25 inches above average. Rainfall statistics included:

- January was the wettest January since record keeping began in 1932.
- January 27 was the wettest dry-season day in 25 years.
- January 22 through 28 was the single wettest week District-wide since Tropical Storm Isaac in August 2012.
- November through January, the first half of the dry season, was the wettest for this period since record keeping began in 1932.

All basins in the SFWMD's 16-county region received significantly above-average rainfall for the month. Nearly all basins received more than 300 percent of average rainfall. Above-average rainfall is expected to continue for the next week.

Dry Season Forecast

Among the National Weather Service forecast highlights for the 2015-2016 South Florida dry season:

- Above-normal rainfall
- Above-normal storminess/severe weather
- Below-normal temperatures and below-normal freeze of at least one this dry season
- Average of 5-10 more days with measurable precipitation

| <i>South Florida's Dry Season</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>November – May</i>• <i>About 18 inches of rain is the average</i>• <i>May and October are important transition months</i>• <i>March, April and May have the highest evaporation rates and lowest rainfall</i> |

More information is available at:

- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)
- [U.S. Drought Monitor Florida](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecast](#)

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our Mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.