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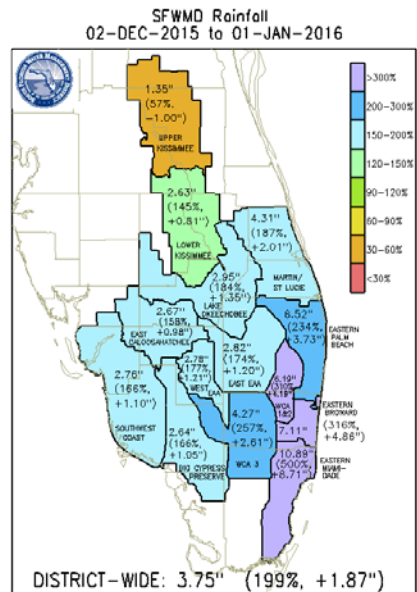
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South Florida’s Wet Weather Continues Through December *Above-average rainfall for the month followed the wettest November since 1998*



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West Palm Beach, FL – Most of South Florida saw continued above-average rainfall in December across the South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) 16-county region.

District meteorologists reported today that a total of 3.75 inches of rain fell District-wide in December, representing 199 percent of average, or 1.87 inches above average. The heaviest rains focused on the lower east coast.

Eastern Miami-Dade County recorded its wettest December since recordkeeping began in 1932, and was the wettest region in the District for the month, with 10.89 inches of rain. The total represented 500 percent of average, or 8.71 inches above average for the month.

Broward County experienced its wettest December since 1958, with 7.11 inches, representing 316 percent of average, or 4.86 inches above average. Palm Beach County saw its wettest December since 1994 with 6.52 inches of rain, representing 234 percent of average, or 3.73 inches above average.

With the exception of below-average rain in the Upper Kissimmee Basin, all other areas of the District received well above-average rainfall.

The new A-1 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB), a 15,000-acre shallow water storage area in southern Palm Beach County, continues to help capture peak stormwater flows. The FEB allows excess water to be delivered in a manner that helps optimize a network of Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), which clean phosphorus from water before it reaches the Everglades.

The STAs also continue being operated to accommodate and clean excess stormwater.

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>
<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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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.