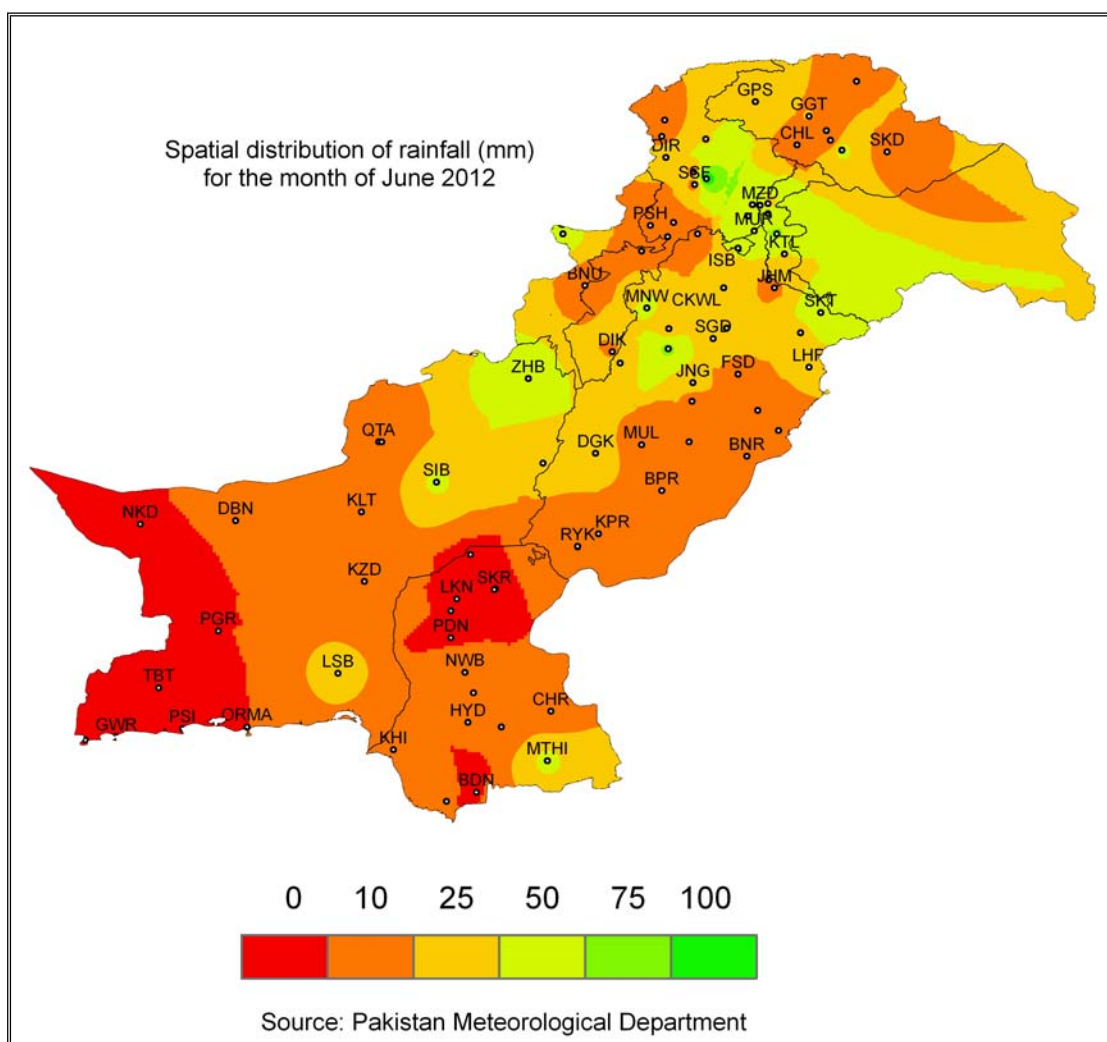


WEATHER SUMMARY DURING JUNE, 2012

June is normally the hottest month of the year with pre-monsoon showers towards the end of the month. During this June two to three westerly waves passed over the country. Due to which light to moderate rainfall reported from KPK, Punjab & Gilgit Baltistan and at a few places in Sindh and Balochistan.

Chief amount of rainfall (mm) during the month:

Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)	Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)
Murree	99	Kakul	46
Malam Jabba	99	Garhi Dopatta	44
Noorput Thal	55	Zhob	38
Rawalakot	53	Mithi	28
Muzaffarabad	53	Sibbi	27
Sialkot	50	Mianwali	26



CROP REPORT DURING JUNE, 2012

Picking of seasonal vegetables and fruits, removal of weeds manually and through weedicides and application of pesticides were the major field activities in most of the agricultural plains of the country.

In **Punjab**: Sowing of cotton was in progress during the month. The germination and early growth of the crop is reported satisfactory. Early sown varieties are at fruiting/boll maturing stage. Attacks of sucking pests and white fly have been observed at Multan, Sahiwal and Faisalabad divisions. In time and proper use of pesticides by the farmers may protect the crops from these attacks at this important stage of crop's life cycle. Transplantation of rice coarse varieties is in progress. Transplantation of Basmati reported at final stage. The condition of standing sugarcane crop has been reported satisfactory and is growing well. However, good rains to maintain crop water requirement are required for a well healthier growth of the crop. On the other side, light attack of borer has been reported at certain places near Faisalabad and Sahiwal. The standing spring maize crop is reported at maturity stage. Harvesting/threshing of sunflower is started at some places. Sowing of autumn maize has started and germination of the crop is reported satisfactory. Overall condition of standing fruits and vegetables is reported satisfactory in the province due to favorable soil and atmospheric conditions observed during the month.

In **Sindh**: Cotton crop is in flowering/ boll formation stage and is growing in a satisfactory. Light pest attack has been reported from some areas but is under control. Sugarcane crop is also growing satisfactory. Transplantation of rice crop is almost done and general conditions of the crop are reported satisfactory. The harvesting/threshing of sunflower/safflower/linseed/castor is completed. Sowing of Sesame is completed and its germination reported as normal. Picking of mango is going to be completed soon and good production reported this year due to favorable conditions. Condition and production of seasonal vegetables is also reported satisfactory.

In **Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa**: Sowing of Hybrid varieties of maize crop has been completed and sowing of open pollinated varieties is in progress. Condition of sugarcane is reported satisfactory and normal growth is reported. Seasonal fruits have ripened and are available in the market. All vegetables are growing in normal condition and farmers are obtaining normal production. Harvesting of potato crop in plain areas is completed and normal production is expected. Harvesting of onion is almost completed and production remained satisfactory. Harvesting of sunflower is in progress in the plain areas of the province. Picking of other seasonal vegetables and some fruit orchards was in progress during the month.

In **Balochistan**: Apple/almond orchards are growing normal. Harvesting/growth of seasonal fruits and vegetables are reported satisfactory. Harvesting of musk melon has been started in northern parts of the province. Sowing/germination of cotton in Nasirabad division are reported satisfactory.

In **Gilgit Baltistan**: Harvesting of wheat crop is completed and normal yield is expected. Sowing of maize is in progress. Growing / picking of summer vegetables and seasonal fruits are satisfactory. Harvesting of potato crop is in progress and normal production is expected.