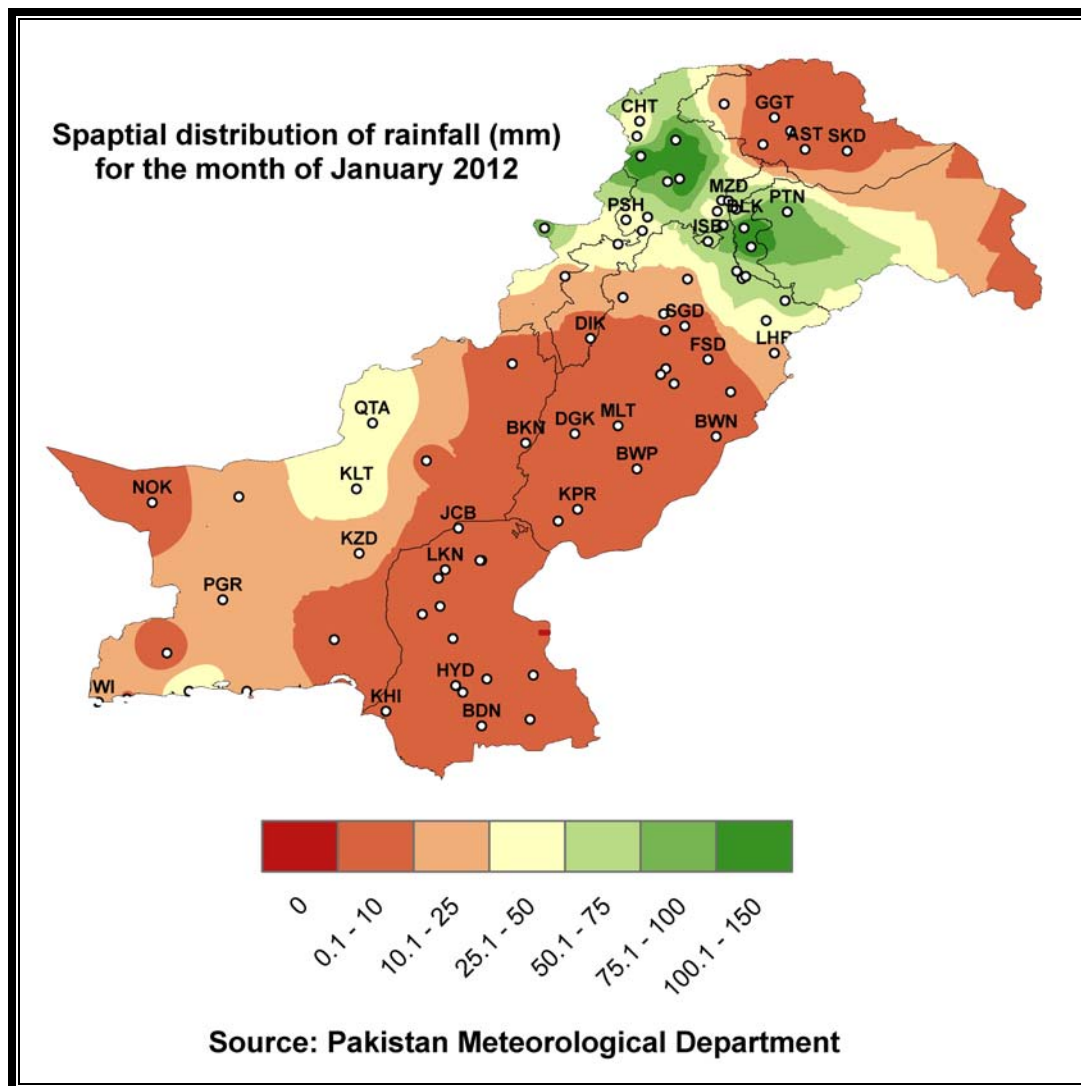


WEATHER SUMMARY DURING JANUARY, 2012

Three westerly waves passed across the country during the month. Due to which light to moderate rain with snowfall over hills has been reported from the agricultural plains of Punjab, Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan, KPK and northwest Balochistan. Mostly dry weather/meager rain has been reported from agricultural plains of Sindh during the month.

Chief amount of rainfall (mm) during the month:

Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)	Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)
Malamjaba	150	Muzaffarabad	128
Dir	136	Kalam	109
Kotli	129	Murree	84



CROP REPORT DURING JANUARY, 2012

Picking/harvesting/crushing of sugarcane, seasonal vegetables and fruit especially citrus and apple were the major field activities in most of the agricultural plains of the country during the month. Irrigation as per requirement and availability was provided.

In **Punjab:** The growth and development of the crops both in rainfed and irrigated areas has reported satisfactory but somewhat poor due to lack of soil moisture especially in rainfed areas. Recent occurred and coming expected rains will improve this situation in rainfed areas. The crop is reported at tillering/shooting stages. Growth and development of Gram crop has been reported satisfactory. The early sown crop is attaining flowering stage. The growth of oilseed crop is reported satisfactory and the crop is at pod formation while the mid and late sown crop is at flowering stage. Sowing of Masoor crop has been completed. Germination/growth of the crop is reported satisfactory. Harvesting/picking of winter vegetables and fruit (citrus) is in progress and very good yield has obtained this year.

In **Sindh:** Condition of wheat crop is reported satisfactory. The crop is at heading/flowering stage. Condition of oil seed crops is reported satisfactory. Castor oil and jtropha crops are growing satisfactory at capsule formation stage. Rape mustard is at pod formation stage, safflower and Linseed are at vegetative stage and sunflower at early germination stage. Crushing of sugarcane is in full swing and very good yield is expected in the areas which are not affected by floods. Seasonal fruits like Guava, banana, cheeko are in good condition. Cheeko and apple stone (Bare) are at fruit formation stage. Picking/harvesting of winter vegetables is in progress and good yield is being obtained.

In **Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa:** The growth and development of the crops in irrigated as well as in rainfed areas are reported satisfactory due to satisfactory rains during the month. The condition of wheat crop is reported satisfactory. The crop is growing at shooting/heading stage. The growth of oil Harvesting/crushing of sugarcane crop is in progress and very good yield is reported. The growth of oil seed crops including newly introduced biofuel crop Jtropha is reported satisfactory. Harvesting of winter vegetables is in progress and these are available in the market. Growth of orchid is satisfactory and good yield of citrus has reported.

In **Balochistan:** Condition of standing crops and orchards is reported satisfactory. All varieties of apples have developed colour and picking of the fruit is in progress. Yield of winter vegetables are reported well and these are available in the market.

In **Gilgit Baltistan:** Most of the agricultural activities stop during the winter season in the area. Soil has been prepared for wheat crop to be sown in the coming months.