

Information of weather conditions during last winter in Albania.

The winter 2009-2010 in Albania was warmer and wetter than normal (1961-1990).

Air temperature

The warmer month was December. The average air temperature of this month was around 3.5 °C over respective norm (1961-1990). January was 0.8 and February was 1.5 °C over respective norms.

This situation is quite in accordance with temperature outlook in the consensus statement of SECOOF-2 held in Budapest.

Precipitation

During this winter the amount of precipitation was obviously above the norm. The precipitation of this season is around 150% of norm. In February the amount of precipitation was around 180% of the norm. This situation is accompanied with severe river flooding, slide earth especially in northern part of Albania. The larger flooding is registered in the first days of January on the downstream of Drini River. Around 11 000 ha of agriculture land and 5000 houses were flooded.

By the precipitation outlook in the consensus statement of SECOOF-2 held in Budapest there was not clear signal of global factors in the precipitation variability. Therefore there was not a statement on the forecasting precipitation for this season.