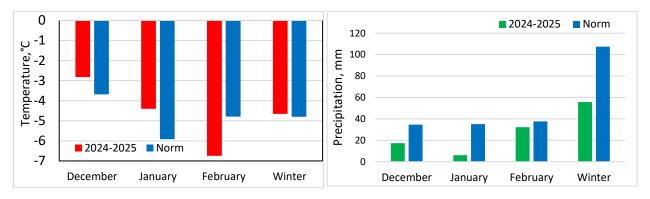
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At SEECOF-32 climate outlook forum, winter temperatures were predicted to be likely above-normal for the 2024/25 winter season over South Caucasus region. The average seasonal temperature for winter season of 2024/2025 in Armenia was - 4.7 °C, which was close the norm (warmer by 0.1 °C).

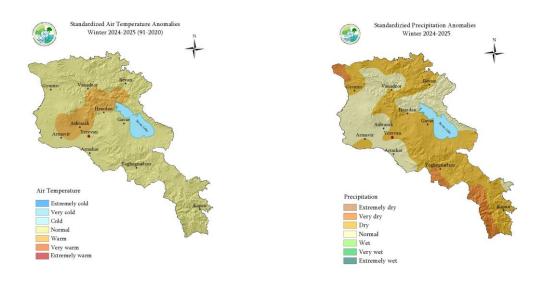
At SEECOF-32 climate outlook forum, it was concluded that there are high uncertainties in regional predictions for precipitation over South Caucasus region and the forecast was the equal probability for winter precipitation being below, near and above the norm. The total seasonal precipitation was 55.7 mm or 52% of the norm for winter season of 2024/2025 in Armenia. It was the driest winter since 1935.

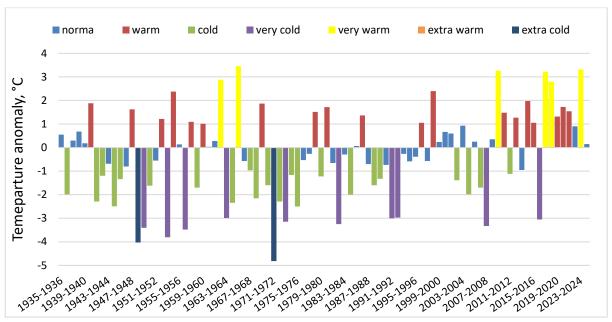


Monthly and seasonal temperatures of winter 2024/2025 and their norms in Armenia

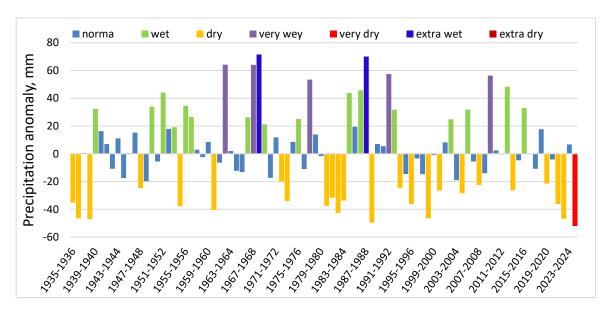
Monthly and seasonal precipitation of winter 2024/2025 and their norms in Armenia

All three months of the winter were dry. January was the driest month relative to norm, when monthly precipitation consisted only 18 % of the norm. It was the second driest January during the entire period of the observations. In December and February, monthly precipitation was 50% and 86% of the norm, respectively.





Time-series of temperature anomalies (°C) in the winter seasons in Armenia over period 1935-2025



Time-series of precipitation anomalies (mm) in the winter seasons in Armenia over period 1935-2025