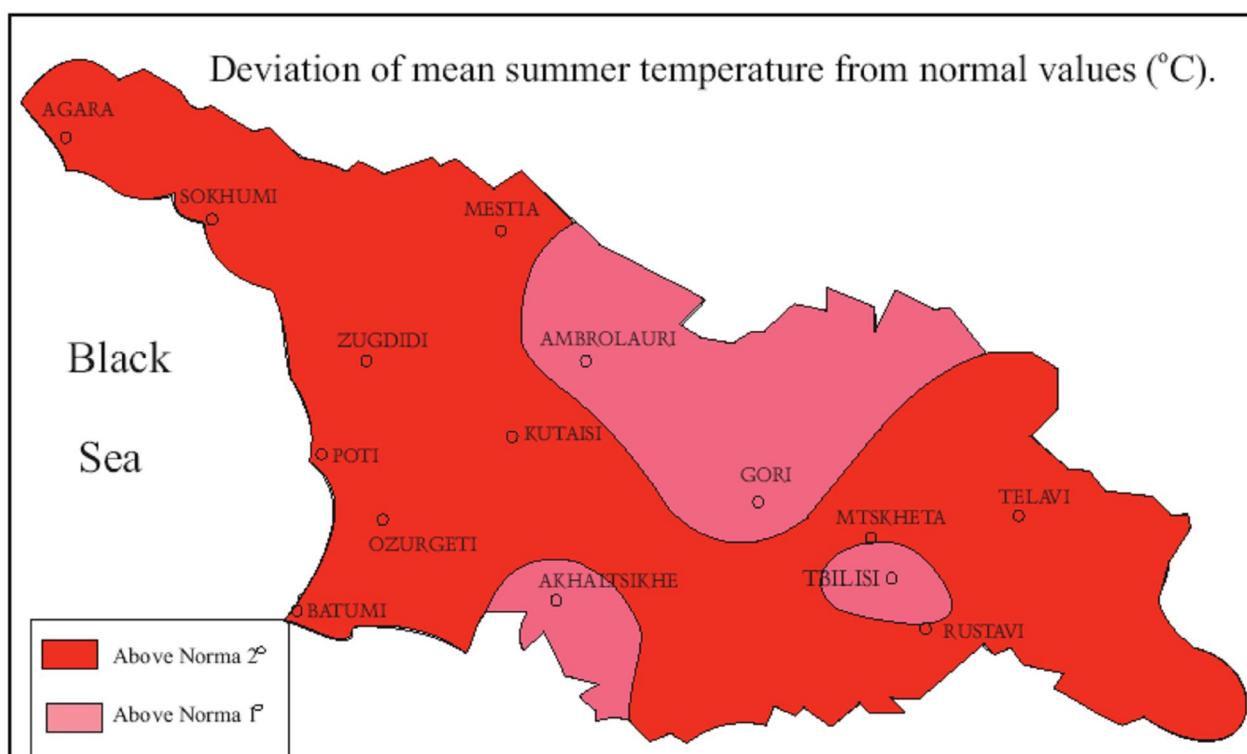


Assessment of the summer 2012 in Georgia

Temperature

Summer 2012 was warm in Georgia. In this season the warmest period were June and August. Mean seasonal temperature on the Black Sea Coastal Zone, Kolkheti Lowland, Flat of Kartli and Kakheti were +23, +24⁰; in Mountainous Regions of Georgia +20, +22⁰; in High Mountainous Regions +16, +18⁰, so temperature was 1-2⁰ above normal in whole Georgia.

The outlook for Georgia, the summer 2012 was expected to be warmer than normal with 60% probability. So the outlook for a warm summer was correct for Georgia.



Precipitation

In summer 2012 amount of precipitation was near the norm in the most territory of west Georgia and below normal in the most territory of east Georgia.

In summer, precipitation periods have been varied too much. During this summer dominant weather type was the mixed wave, formed in the south districts of the Caucasus. This synoptic situation was rainy as in west, as in east Georgia.

In 19 July and 19 August there was heavy precipitation, hail and strong wind in several regions of Georgia (Telavi – 77 mm, kvareli – 57 mm). Flooded streets and damaged buildings, damaged agriculture.

The outlook for Georgia, summer 2012 in west Georgia was expected to be normal with 34% probability; above or below 33% probability; in east Georgia – below normal 40 %, normal 35%, above normal 25% probability. So the outlook for the most territory of Georgia is correct except of several regions.

