Weather: Season 2016/17

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Data extracted from the Met-Office web site
Keys to anomaly maps
(% differences of 2016/17 from 30 year mean 1981-2010)

Mean Temperature
Blue colour = cold
Pink/red = hot

Mean rainfall
Blue colour = wet
Browns = dry

White = average (100)
Anomaly maps mean temperature and rainfall

Sept-Dec 2016

Temperature
Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Rainfall

September 2016:
mean temperature
October 2016:
mean temperature
November 2016:
mean temperature
December 2016:
mean temperature

September 2016:
mean rainfall
October 2016:
mean rainfall
November 2016:
mean rainfall
December 2016:
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Jan-April 2017

Temperature

Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr

Rainfall

Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
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May-Aug 2017
Overall view Sept 16 – Aug 17

• A warm, dry year, ameliorated by a rather damp summer
• 2 very dry months (October, April), 3 more dry ones and only 2 wet ones (June, July)
• 7 months warmer than average and only 1 appreciably cooler (November)
Agricultural Implications

• Autumn was reasonably benign, and the dry October meant late drilling was possible
• Autumn Pre-em herbicides worked satisfactorily
• The lack of substantial rain in winter and v. dry April meant spring planting was a challenge
• Rain in June/July helped crop growth though was too late for some (eg. w.barley)
• Unsettled weather in July/August made harvest difficult
Thank you – that’s it

Any Questions??

(http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/)