

in the year and the effectiveness of moisture are favourable.

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Terms like 'important rain', 'intense rain' and 'excessive rain' have been defined. Wischmeier's criterion of 0.5 inch minimum rain for selecting the important rains was found to be best suited to Ootacamund conditions because of the large number of rainy days and long duration of rains. 25% rains comprising 68 percent amount and 70% energy are found to be important for this area. October, July, May and November in orders of rank are found to record greater percent of important rains. Pre-monsoon, South-west monsoon and North-east monsoon record almost equal percent of important rains.