

Natural Resources Wales

- The monthly rainfall total for Wales during June was 169% of the Long Term Average (LTA, 1961-90). South East, South West and North Wales received 146%, 178% and 180% of the LTA, respectively.
- At the end of June, soil moisture deficit (SMD) values across Wales were from 0.5 to 117.1mm for all MORECS squares. Soil in 11 squares (out of 23) was wetter than the LTA while soil in the rest of the squares (12 out of 23) were drier than the LTA for June.
- For river flows in Wales, 9 out of 30 indicator sites (which had flow data available) were classed as *Normal*. 6 were classed as *Above normal* and 8 sites were classed as *Notably high*. 5 were *Exceptionally high*. For the remaining 2 sites one was classed as *Below normal* and the other was *Exceptionally low* for June.
- The overall cumulative reservoir storage across the indicator sites was greater than 85% except 3 reservoirs (Elan Valley, Usk and Ystradfellte) at the end of June and all reservoirs were within normal operating ranges.

Rainfall*

The monthly rainfall total for Wales was 169% of the LTA for June. The percentage of rainfall recorded in catchments compared with the LTA across Wales was between 116% (Lower Wye) and 243% (Ynys Mon). The rainfall total for Wales was 54.9mm more than the June LTA. For South East, South West and North Wales the rainfall totals were 146%, 178% and 180% of LTA, respectively.

Rainfall Map [National](#)

Rainfall Charts [National & Areas](#) [South East Wales](#) [North Wales](#) [South West Wales](#)

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Soil Moisture Deficit/Recharge

All 23 MORECS squares had SMD values which were between 0.5 and 117.1mm. 11 squares were wetter than the long term average while the remaining 12 squares were drier than the LTA for June.

SMD Map [National](#)

SMD Charts [Compare to LTA](#)

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River Flows

River flows were between exceptionally low to exceptionally high for all the indicator sites across Wales. 9 out of 30 indicator sites (which had flow data available) were classed as *Normal*. 6 were classed as *Above normal* and 8 sites were classed as *Notably high*. 5 were *Exceptionally high*. For the remaining 2 sites one was classed as *Below normal* and the other was *Exceptionally low* for June.

South East: Flows in the area ranged from 37% (River Lugg at Butts Bridge) to 187% (River Taff at Pontypridd) of the June LTA values.

South West: The river flows within this area ranged from 74% (River Ewenny at Keepers Lodge) to 313% (River Cothi at Felin Mynachdy) of the June LTA values.

North: Flows in the area ranged from 48% (River Clwyd at Ruthin Weir) to 320% (River Dwyfor at Garndolbenmaen) of the June LTA Values.

River Flow Map [National](#)
River Flow Table [% of LTA and compare to previous year](#)
River Flow Charts [South East Wales](#) [North Wales](#) [South West Wales](#)

Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels for June at all indicator sites (10 sites) were classed between *Exceptionally low* (Pont y Cambwll) to *Above normal* (Dogleston). 4 sites were classed as *Normal* (Fernbank, Greenfield Garage, Hollybush and Broxton) and 3 sites were classed as *Below normal* (Pant-y-Lladron, Llanfair DC and Eastwick). 1 site (Handley) was *Notably low*.

Groundwater Map [National](#)
Groundwater Charts [South East Wales](#) [North Wales](#) [South West Wales](#)

Reservoir Storage

At the end of June most of the indicator reservoirs (15 out of 18) were greater than 85% full and the remaining three reservoirs (Elan Valley, Usk and Ystradfellte) were 83%, 74% and 83% full. All of them were in normal range for the time of year.

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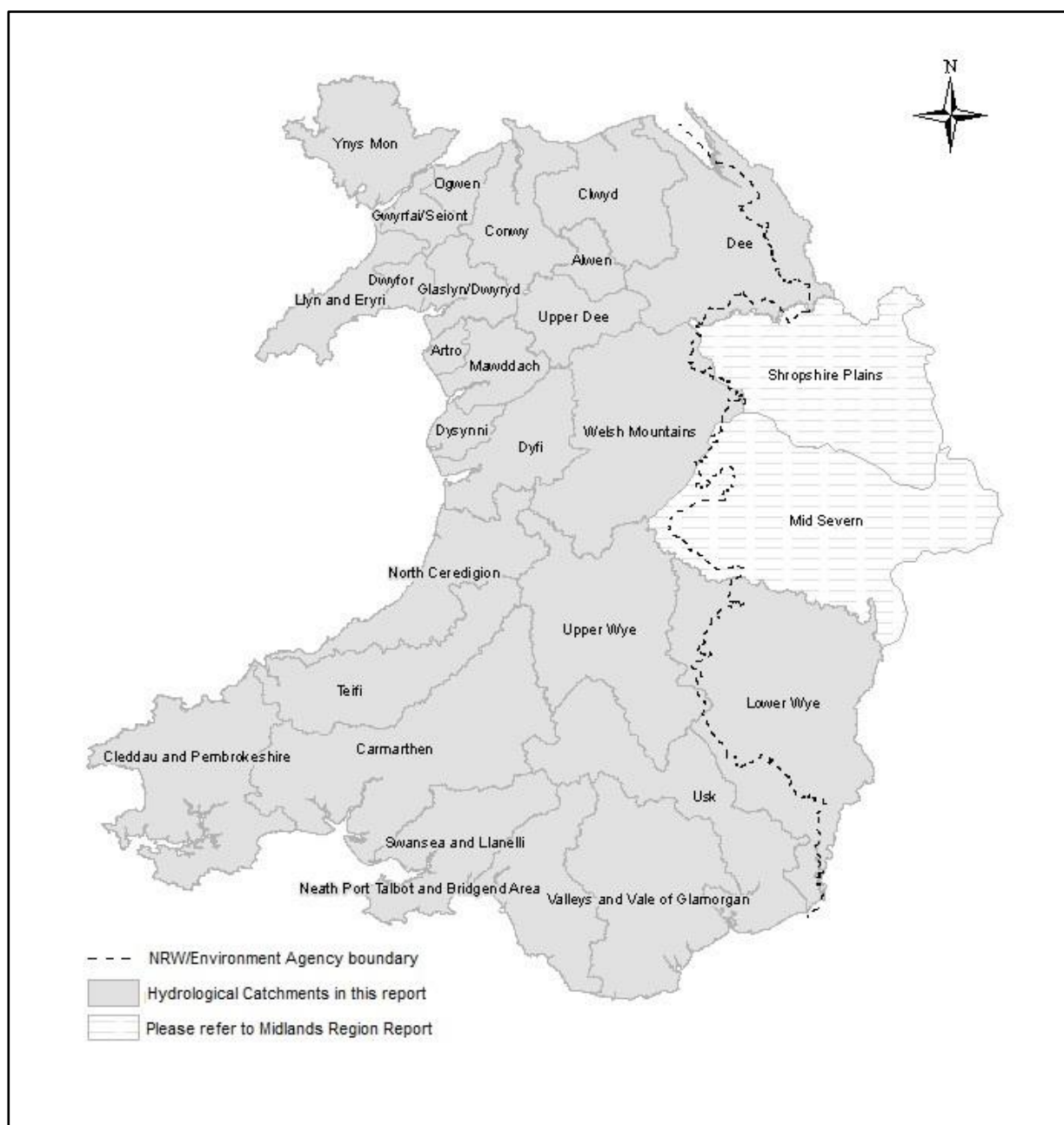


Figure 1: The Natural Resources Wales Water Situation Report features sites in the catchments shown. Parts of the Shropshire Plains and Mid Severn catchments are within Wales. For full information on these catchments, please see the Environment Agency Midlands Water Situation Report.

For areas adjoining Natural Resources Wales, please see the reports for Environment Agency Midlands and North West England:

[Environment Agency - Midlands, England Water Situation Report](#)
[Environment Agency - North West, England Water Situation Report](#)

Rainfall

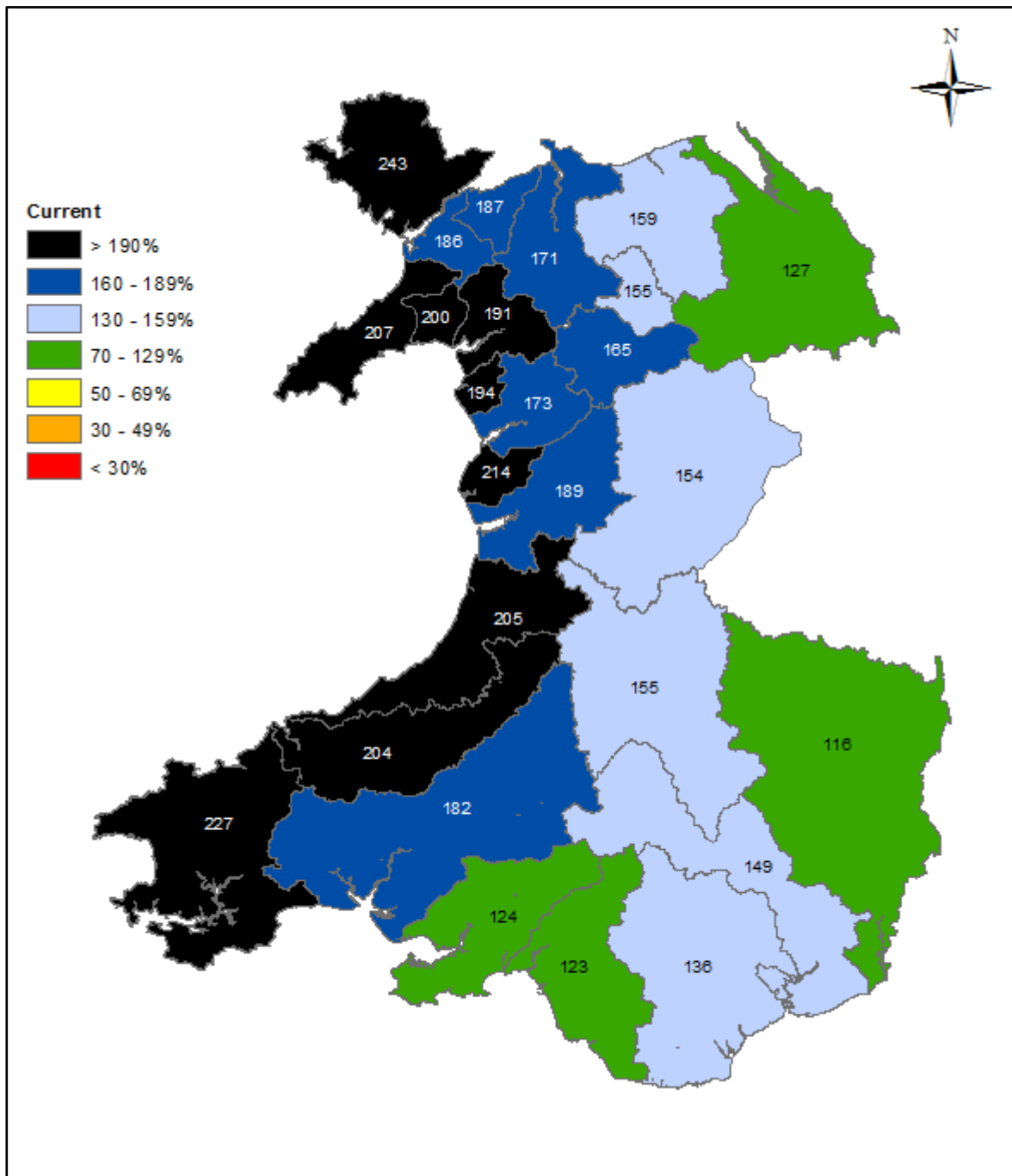
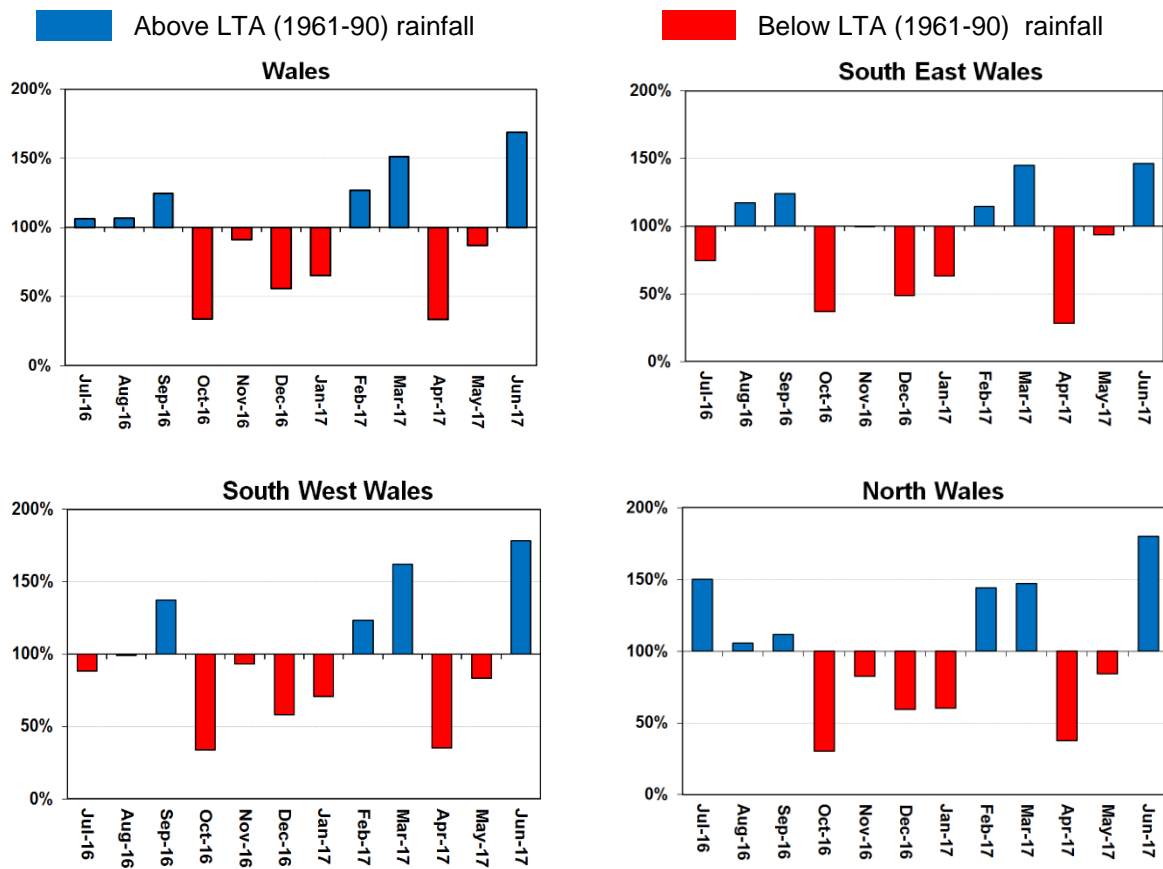


Figure 2: Calculated catchment average June rainfall totals as a percentage of the 1961-90 June long term average for Natural Resources Wales catchments, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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Rainfall Charts

Figure 3: Rainfall Charts: National and Areas



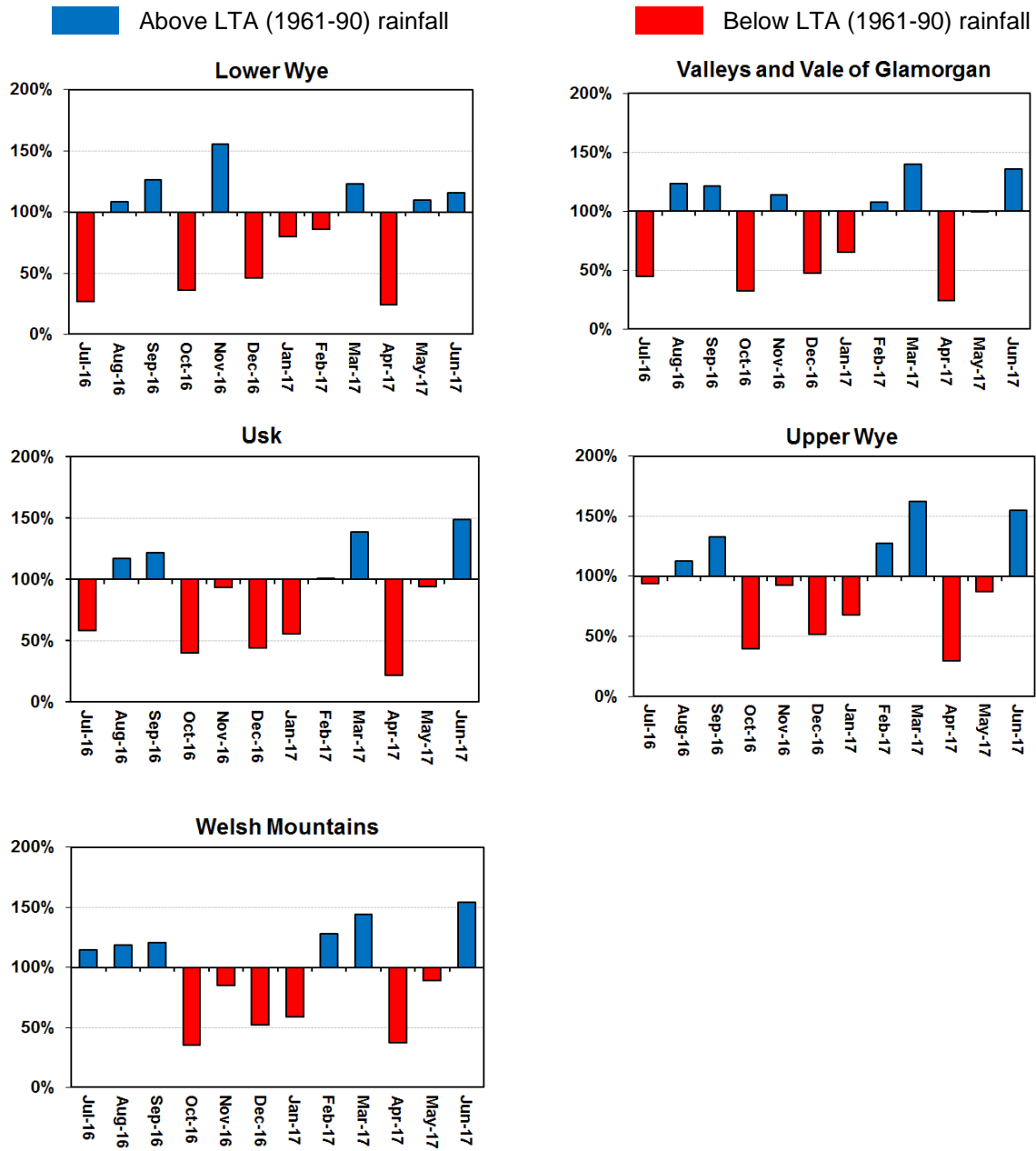
Comparison of monthly rainfall totals to the 1961-90 long term average expressed as percentage for Natural Resources Wales and Areas, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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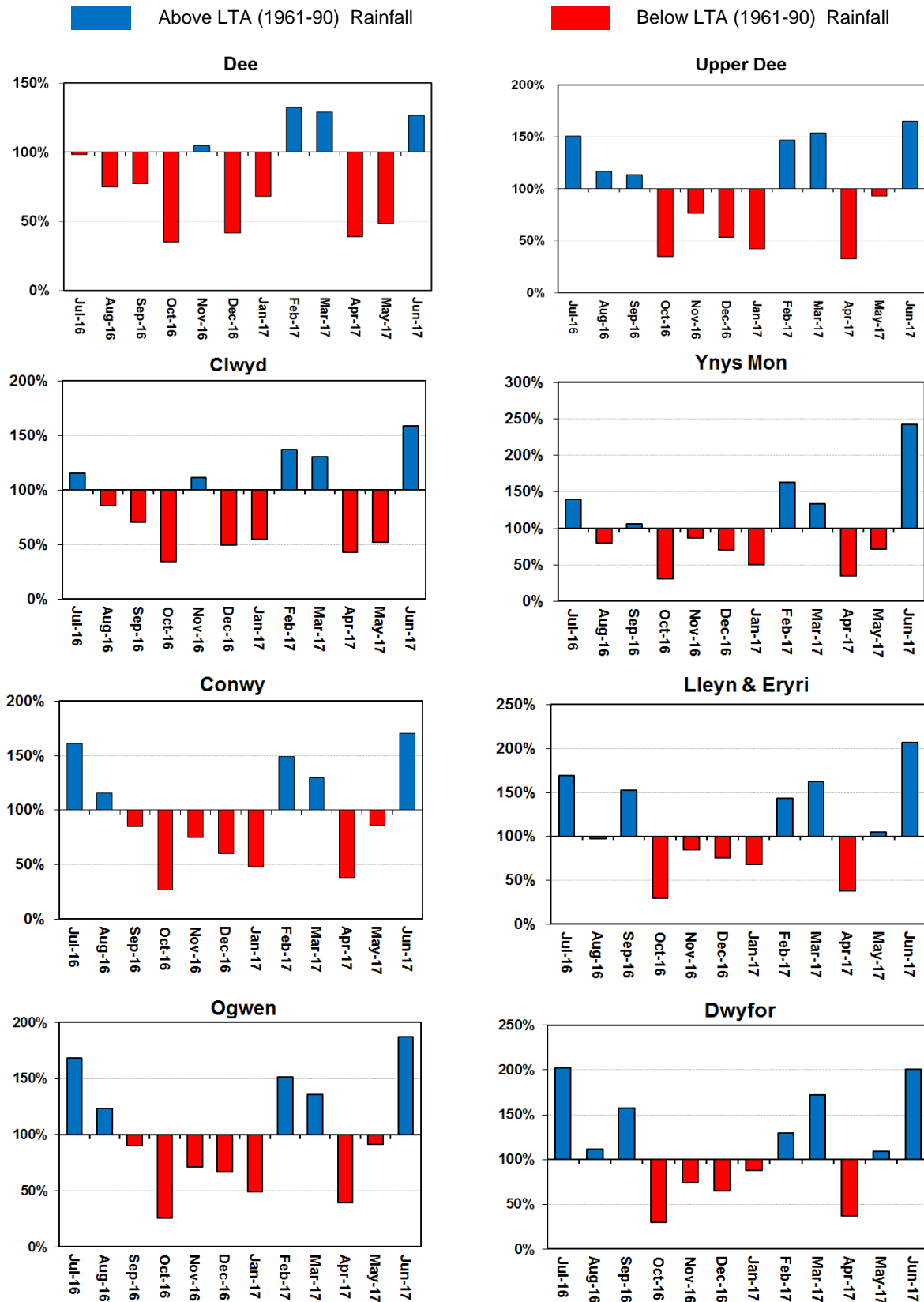
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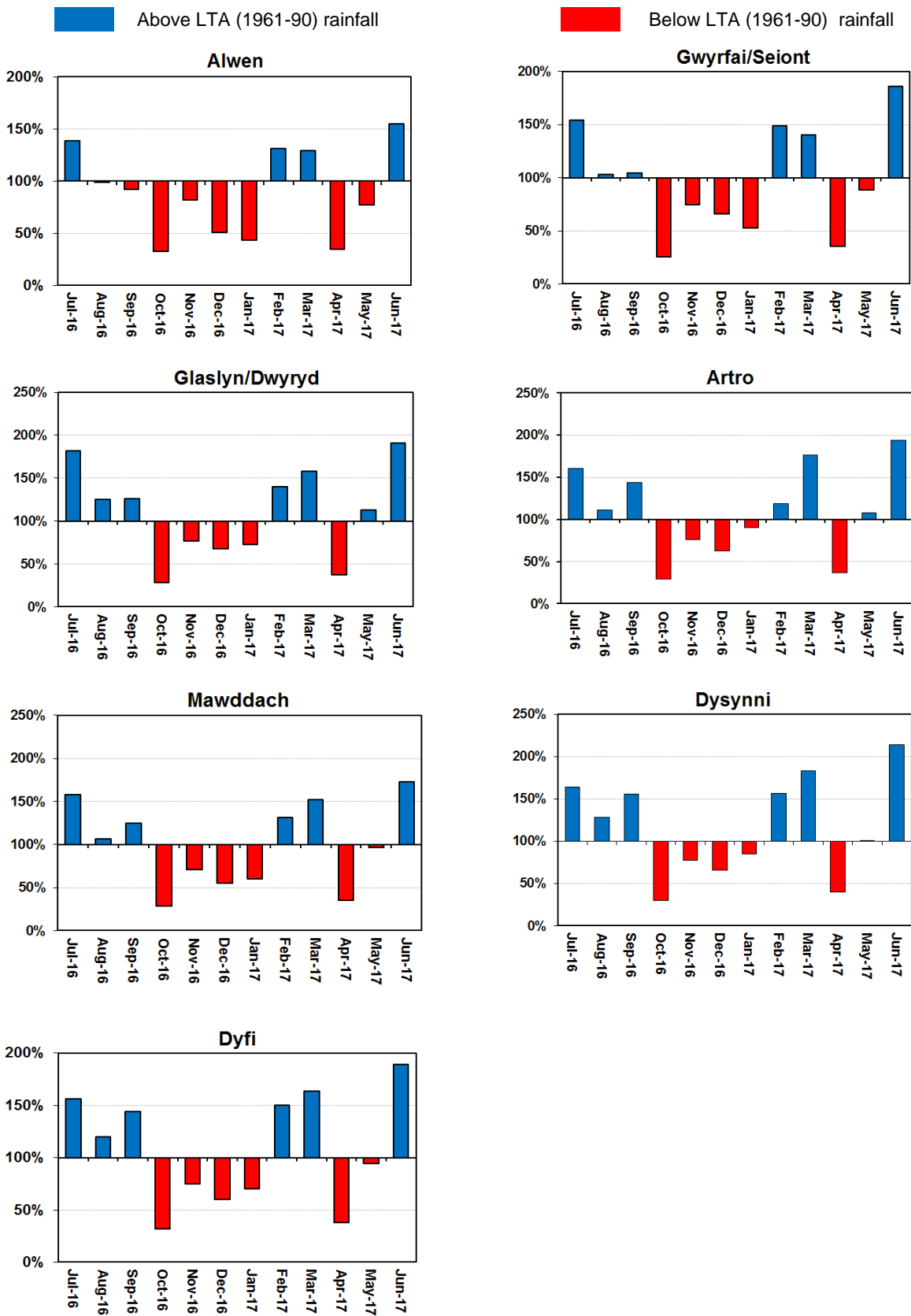
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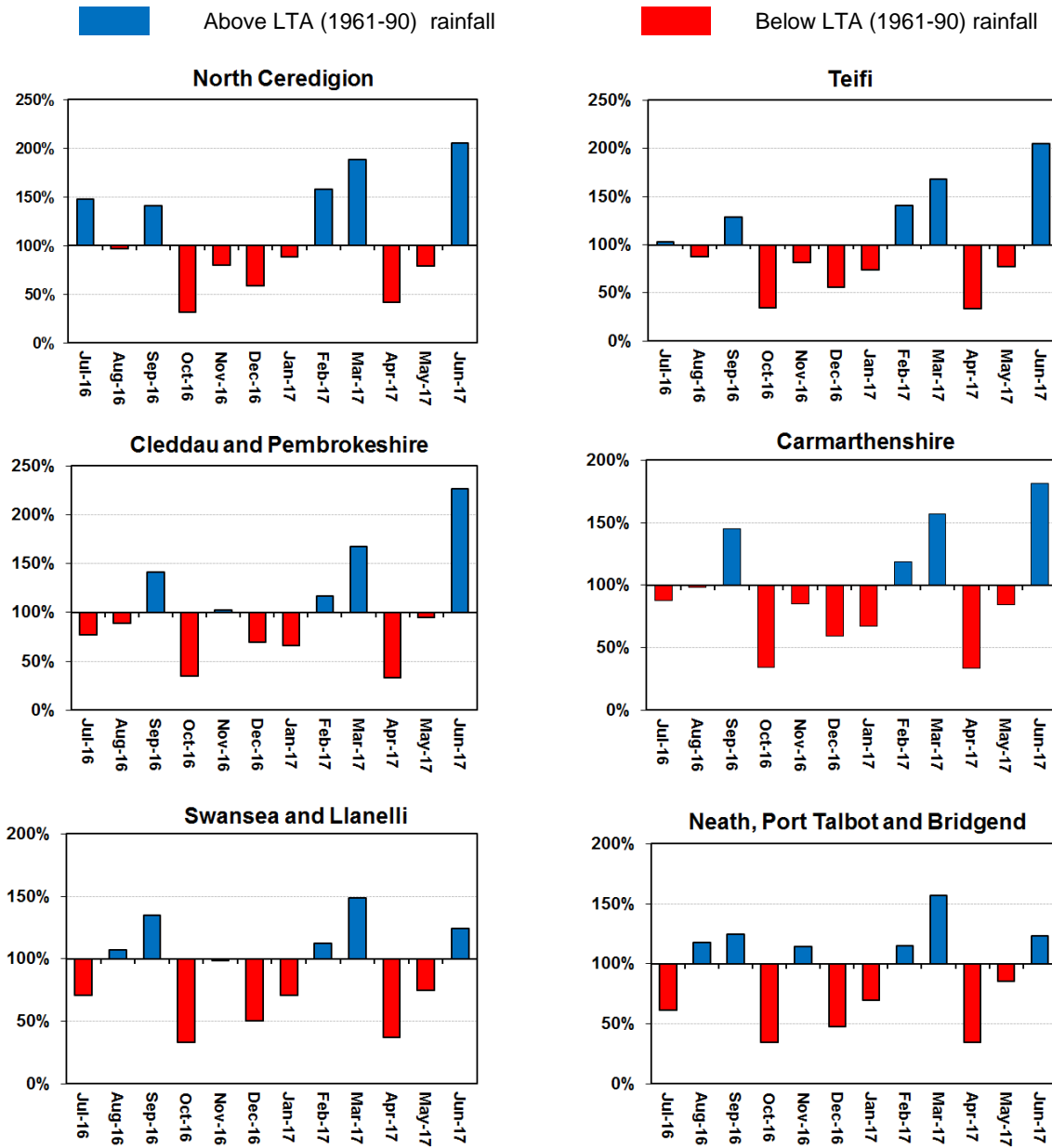
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Comparison of monthly rainfall totals to the 1961-90 long term average expressed as percentage for North Wales, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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Figure 6: Rainfall Charts: South West Wales



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Soil Moisture Deficit (SMD)

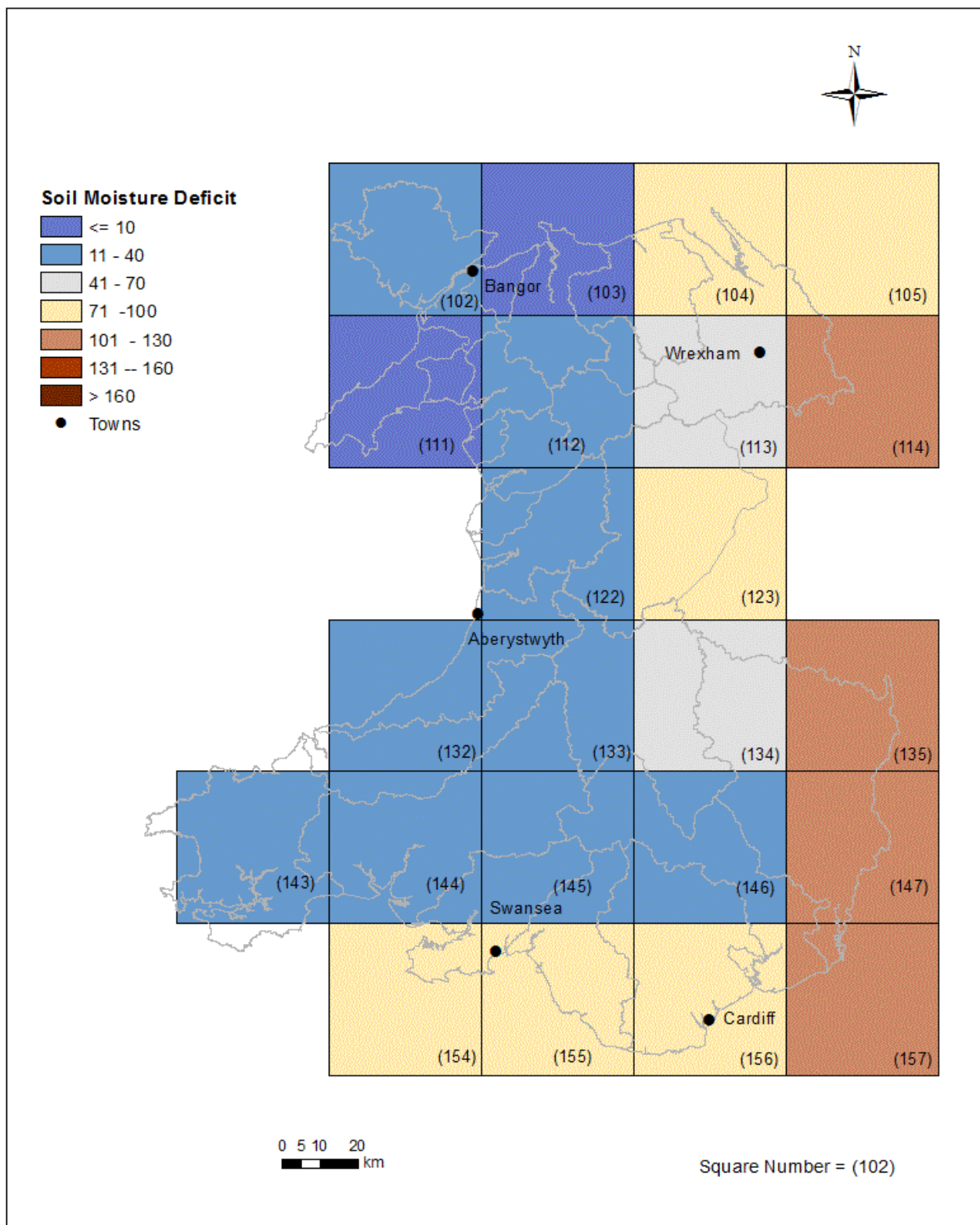


Figure 7: MORECS soil moisture deficits (mm) for June for real land use for Natural Resources Wales (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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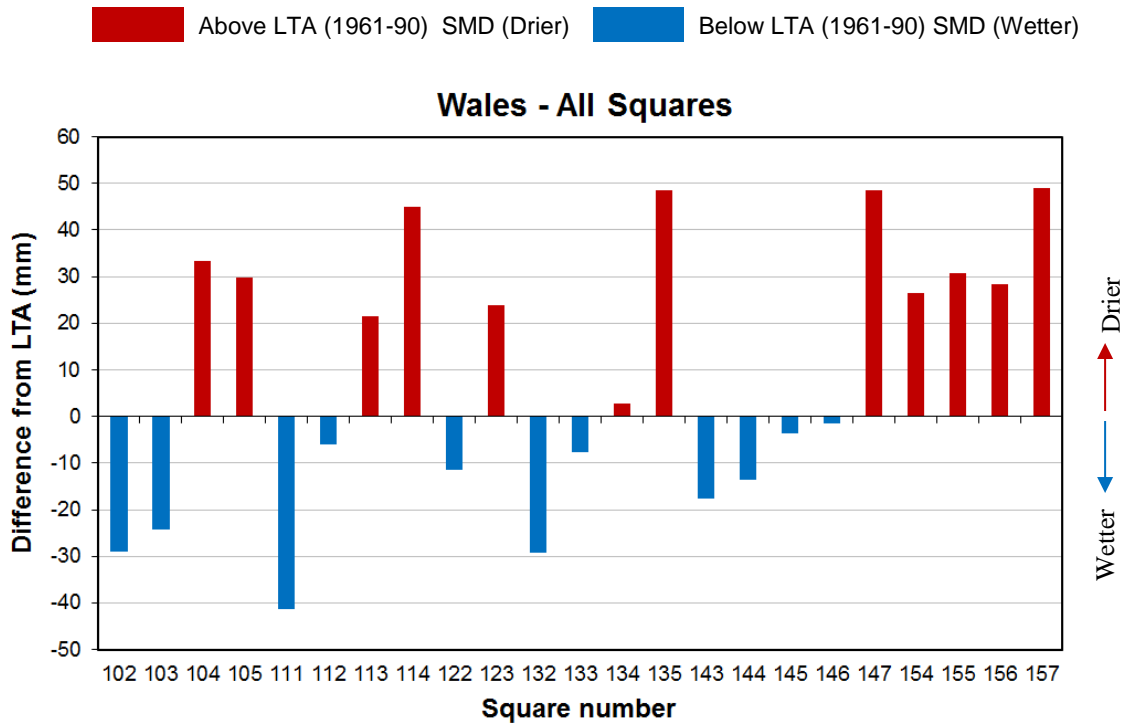


Figure 8: MORECS month end soil moisture deficits difference (mm) from the 1961-90 long term monthly average (LTA) for June for real land use for Natural Resources Wales squares (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

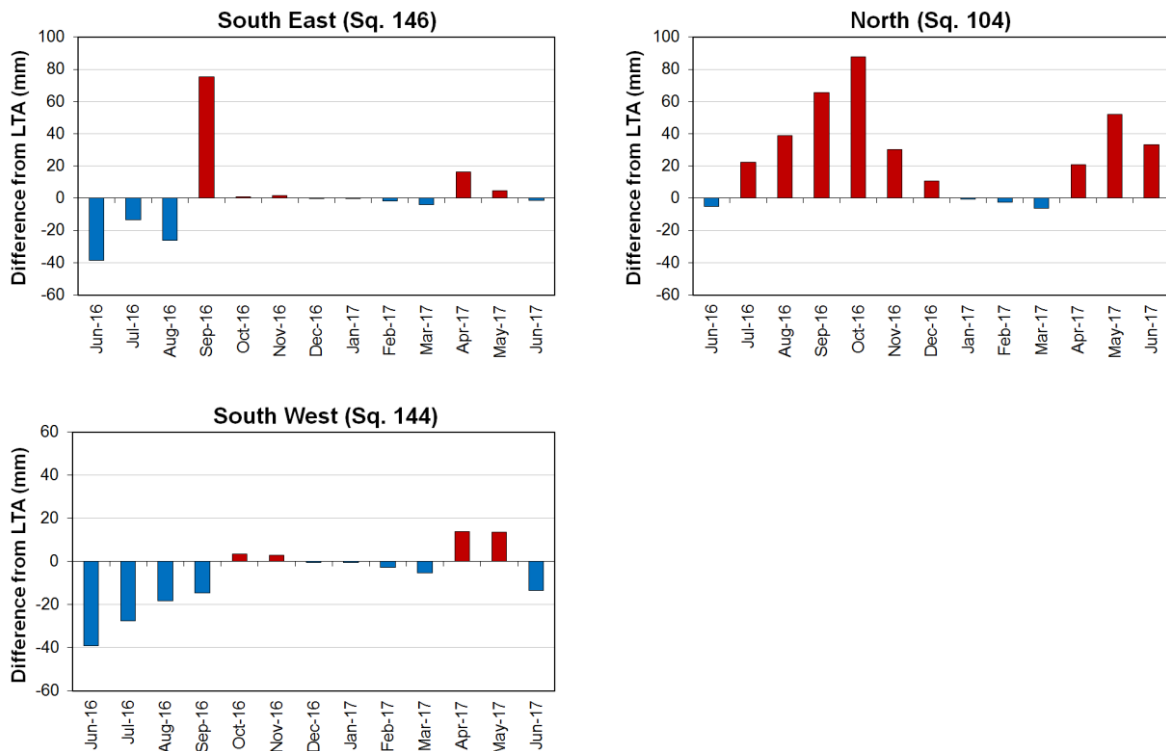


Figure 9: MORECS month end soil moisture deficit difference (mm) from the 1961-90 long term monthly average (LTA) for real land use for South East, North and South West (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright). (Note: no LTA available for Natural Resources Wales.)

River Flow

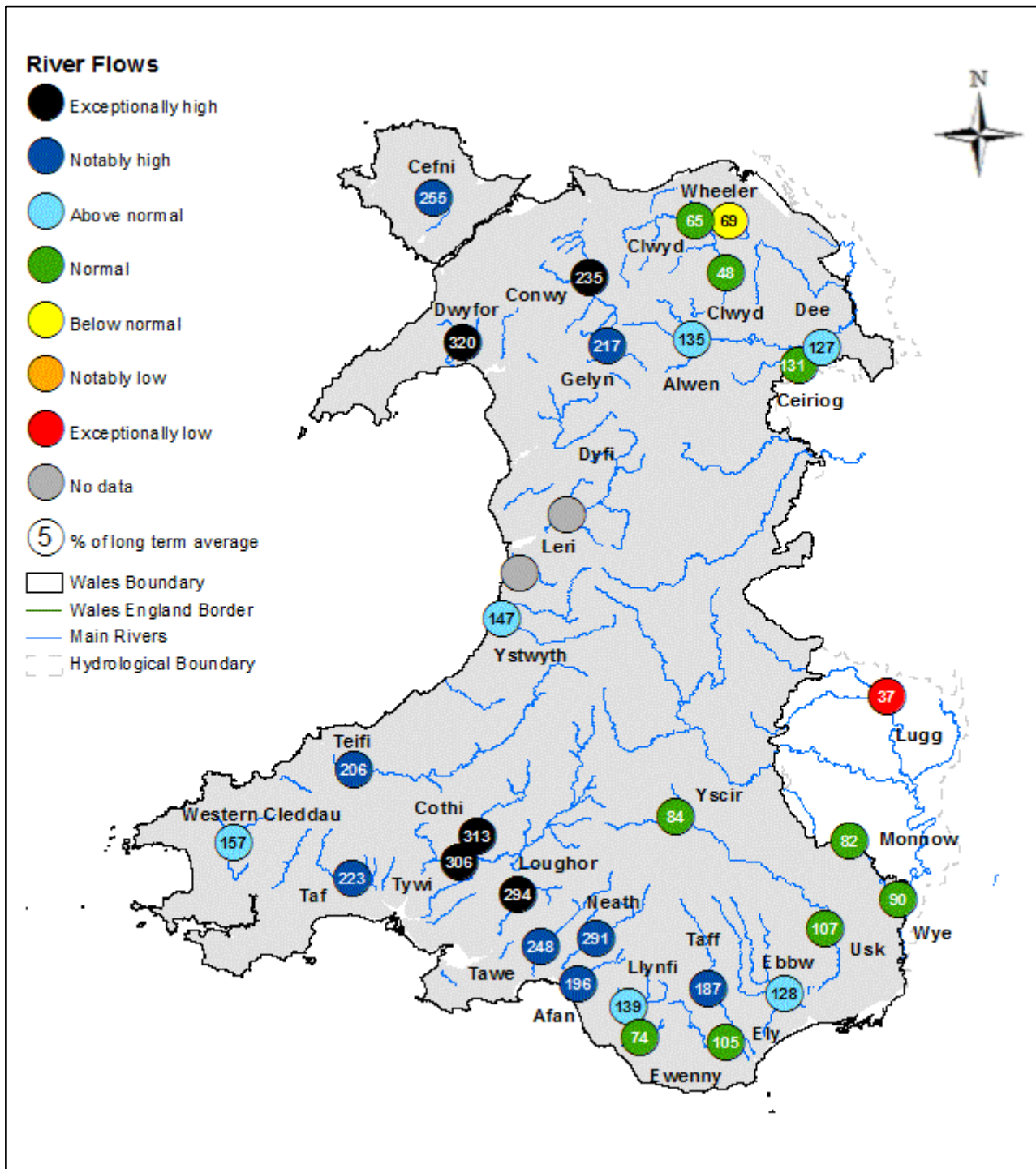


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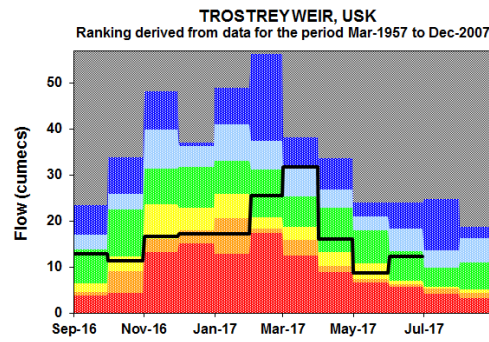
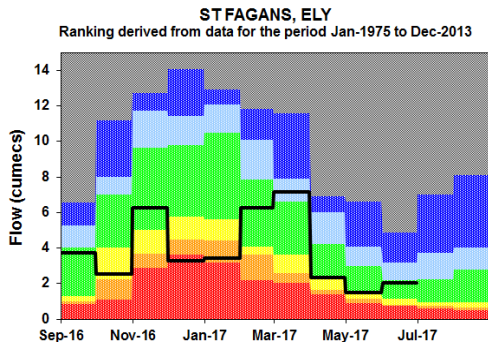
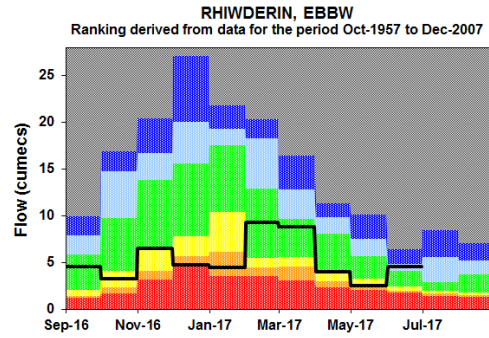
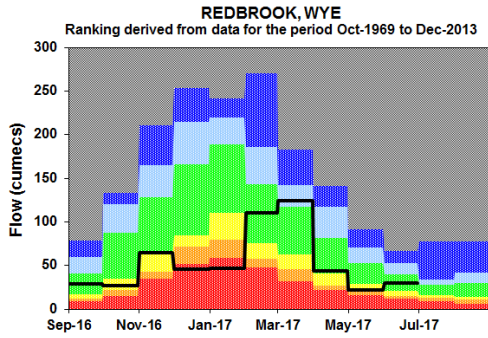
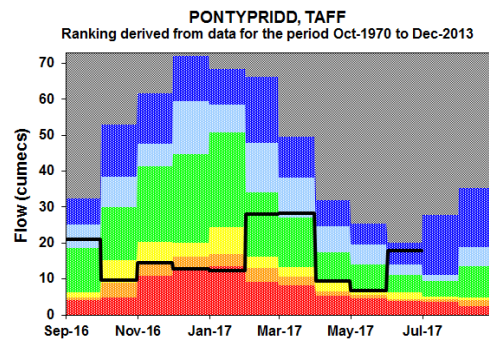
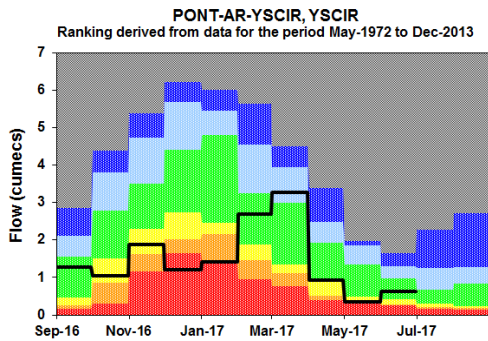
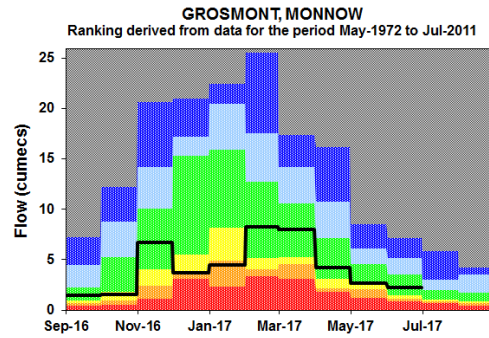
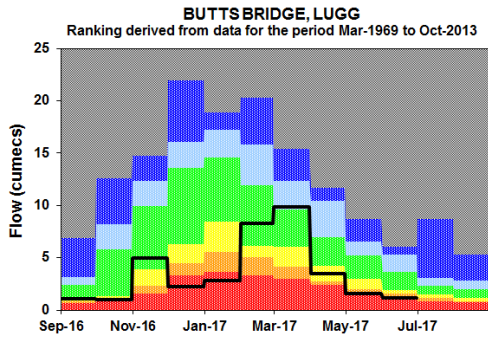
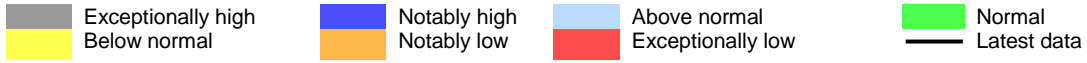
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SITE NAME	RIVER	June 2017			June 2016		June LTA		
		Class	% of LTA	Flow (m3/s)	% of LTA	Flow (m3/s)	LTA	Monthly Min (m3/s)	Monthly Max (m3/s)
River Flow Sites : South East Area									
Butts Bridge	Lugg	Exceptionally low	37%	1.14	98%	3.04	3.09	0.80	8.66
Grosmont	Monnow	Normal	82%	2.28	100%	2.79	2.78	0.67	8.75
Pont ar Yscir	Yscir	Normal	84%	0.63	104%	0.78	0.75	0.21	2.75
Pontypridd	Taff	Notably high	187%	17.80	112%	10.70	9.52	3.52	34.50
Redbrook	Wye	Normal	90%	30.00	105%	34.80	33.22	11.00	112.00
Rhiwderin	Ebbw	Above normal	128%	4.51	128%	4.53	3.53	1.33	11.10
St Fagans	Ely	Normal	105%	2.05	158%	3.09	1.95	0.66	5.92
Trostrey Weir	Usk	Normal	107%	12.30	106%	12.20	11.49	4.48	27.90
River Flow Sites : North Area									
Bodfari	Wheeler	Below normal	69%	0.35	112%	0.57	0.51	0.26	1.04
Bodffordd	Cefni	Notably high	255%	0.28	55%	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.54
Brynkinalt Weir	Ceiriog	Normal	131%	1.94	193%	2.86	1.48	0.44	5.22
Cwmlanerch	Conwy	Exceptionally high	235%	20.00	106%	8.97	8.50	1.63	24.90
Cynefail	Gelyn	Notably high	217%	0.65	127%	0.38	0.30	0.06	0.89
Dol y Bont	Leri						0.82	0.17	4.55
Druid	Alwen	Above normal	135%	2.65	89%	1.75	1.97	0.52	4.89
Dyfi bridge	Dyfi				189%	18.20	9.64	1.62	25.40
Garndolbenmaen	Dwyfor	Exceptionally high	320%	4.42	145%	2.00	1.38	0.31	5.01
Manley Hall	Dee	Above normal	127%	18.60	116%	17.00	14.69	7.71	41.50
Pont y Cambwll	Clwyd	Normal	65%	1.82	135%	3.74	2.78	1.06	9.42
Ruthin Weir	Clwyd	Normal	48%	0.26	269%	1.45	0.54	0.13	2.19
River Flow Sites : South West Area									
Capel Dewi	Tywi	Exceptionally high	306%	48.50	151%	24	15.87	3.74	61.20
Clog y Fran	Taf	Notably high	223%	6.53	67%	1.96	2.93	0.78	9.41
Coytrahen	Llynfi	Above normal	139%	1.72			1.24	0.37	4.33
Felin Mynachdy	Cothi	Exceptionally high	313%	14.70	133%	6.27	4.70	0.80	18.70
Glanteifi	Teifi	Notably high	206%	24.90	114%	13.80	12.06	2.97	52.00
Keepers Lodge	Ewenny	Normal	74%	0.68	123%	1.12	0.91	0.41	2.00
Marcroft	Afan	Notably high	196%	5.83	142%	4.22	2.97	0.75	8.79
Pont Llolwyn	Ystwyth	Above normal	147%	3.94	250%	6.69	2.68	0.62	14.90
Treffgarne *	Western Cleddau	Above normal	157%	2.81	65%	1.16	1.79	0.63	6.79
Resolven	Neath	Notably high	291%	13.00	150%	6.71	4.47	0.57	14.30
Tir-y-Dail	Loughor	Exceptionally high	294%	2.88	162%	1.59	0.98	0.30	2.98
Ynystanglws	Tawe	Notably high	248%	14.40	152%	8.81	5.81	1.35	19.60

Figure 11: Monthly mean river flow for June with comparison against previous year expressed as a percentage of the June long term average and classed relative to analysis of historic June monthly means. (Source: Natural Resources Wales). (* For Treffgarne station the LTAs were derived using scaled historical flows (1965-2003) from the downstream station at Prendergast Mill.)

River Flow Charts

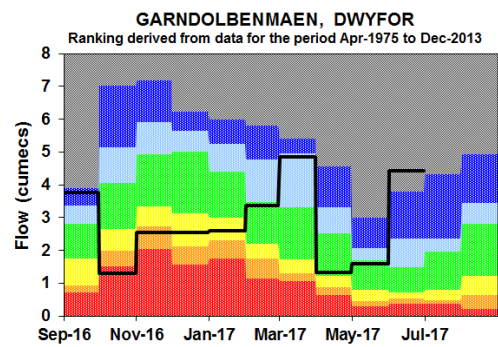
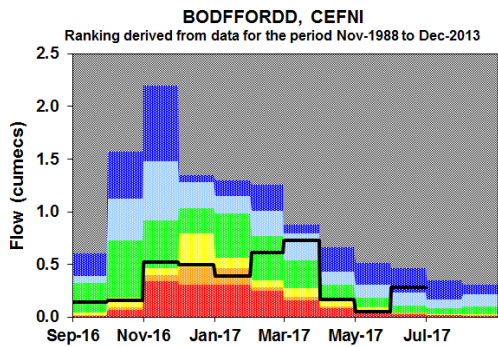
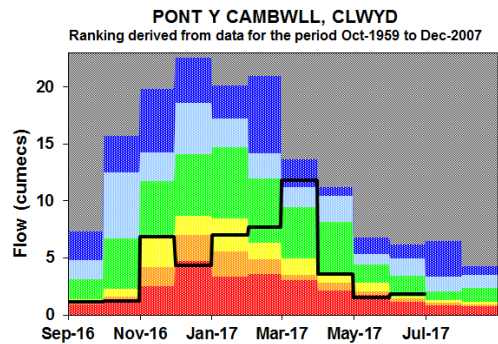
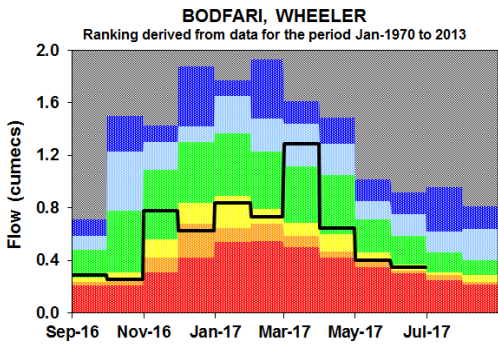
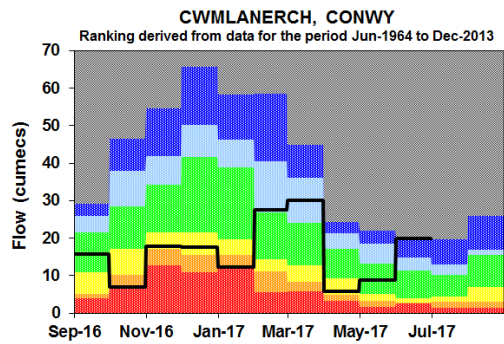
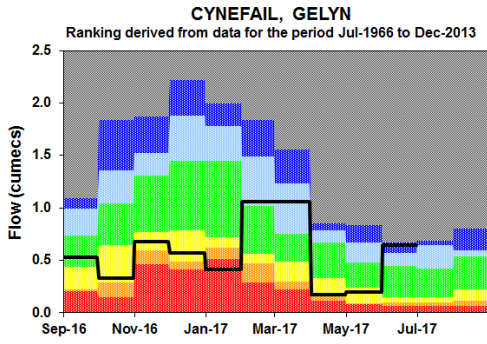
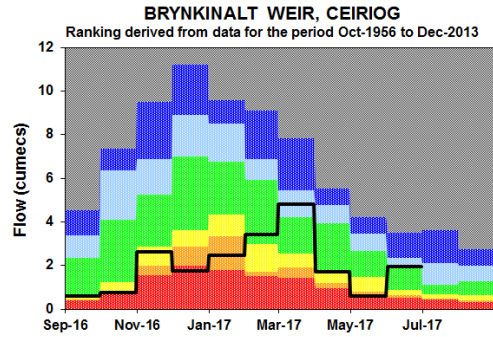
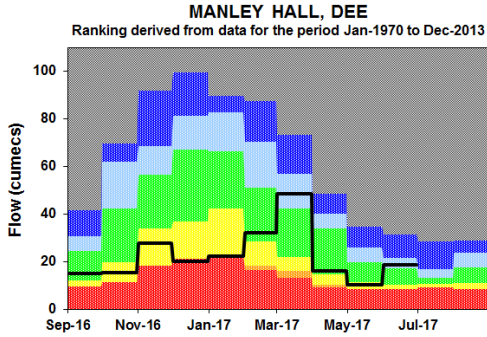
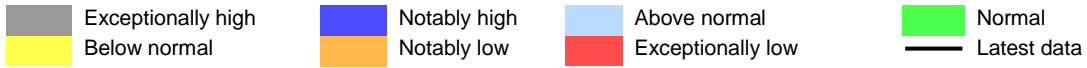
Figure 12: River Flow Charts: South East Wales



Monthly mean river flows for the last 10 months classed relative to the analysis of historic river levels (Source: Natural Resources Wales).

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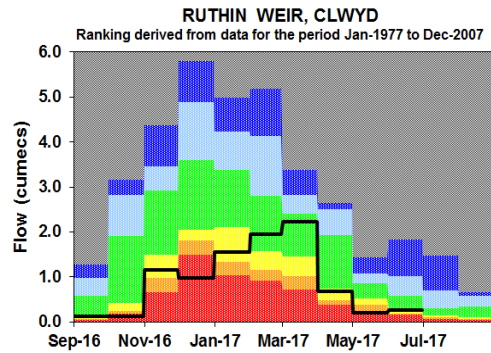
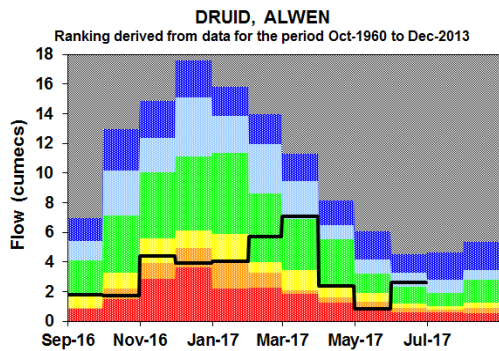
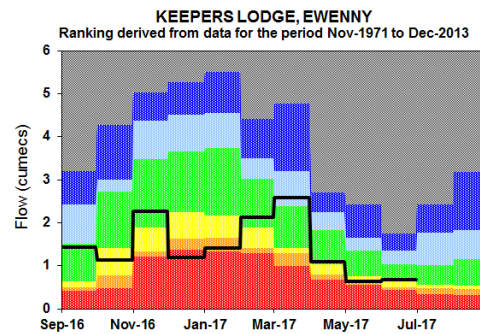
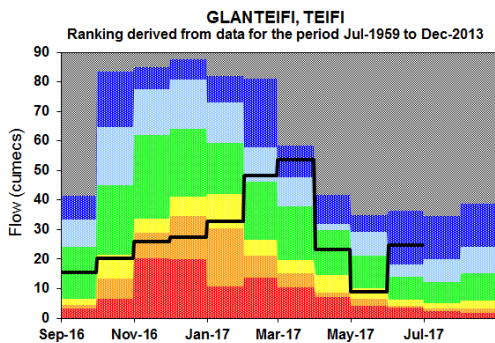
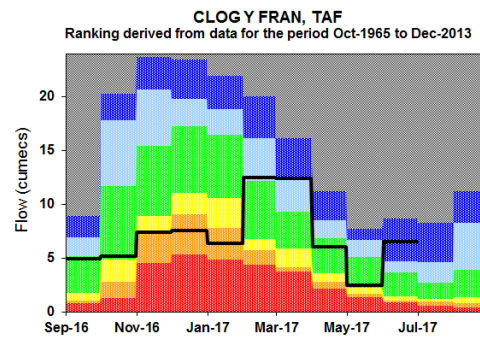
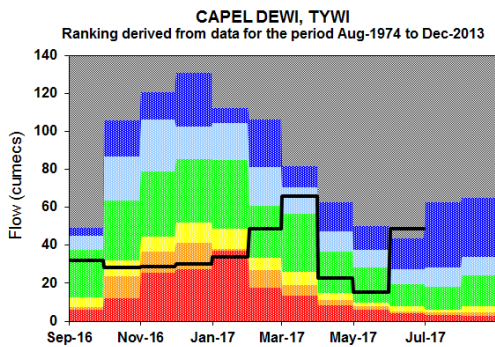
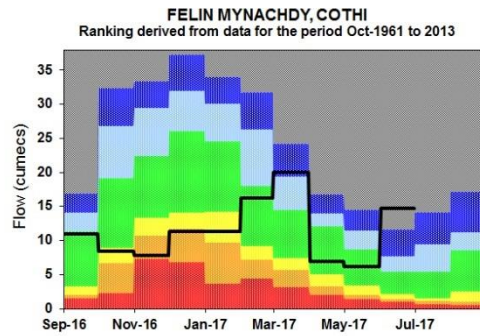
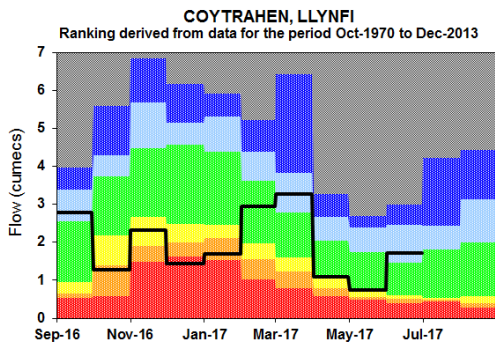
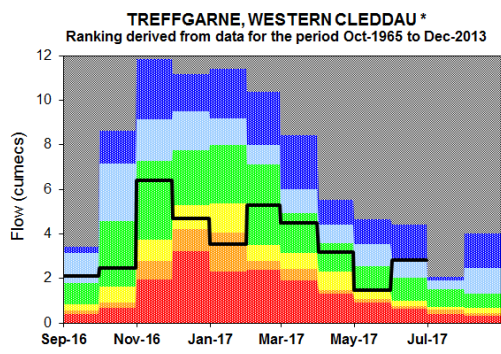
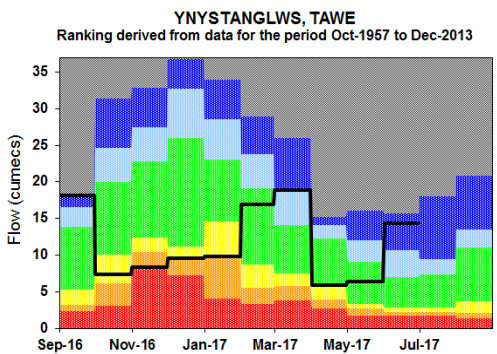
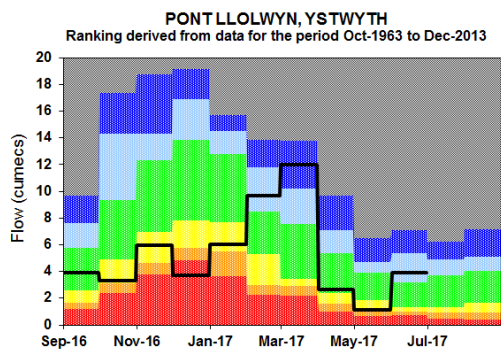
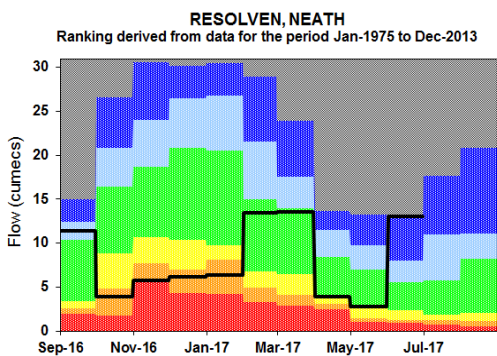
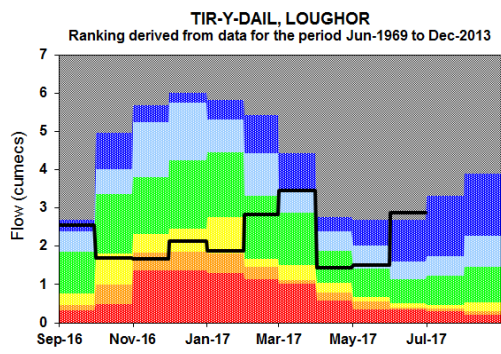
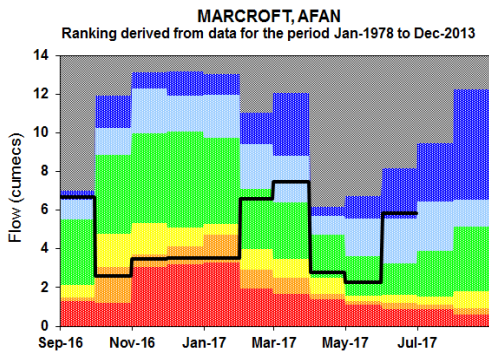
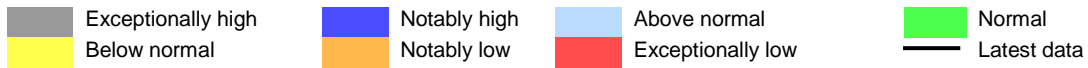


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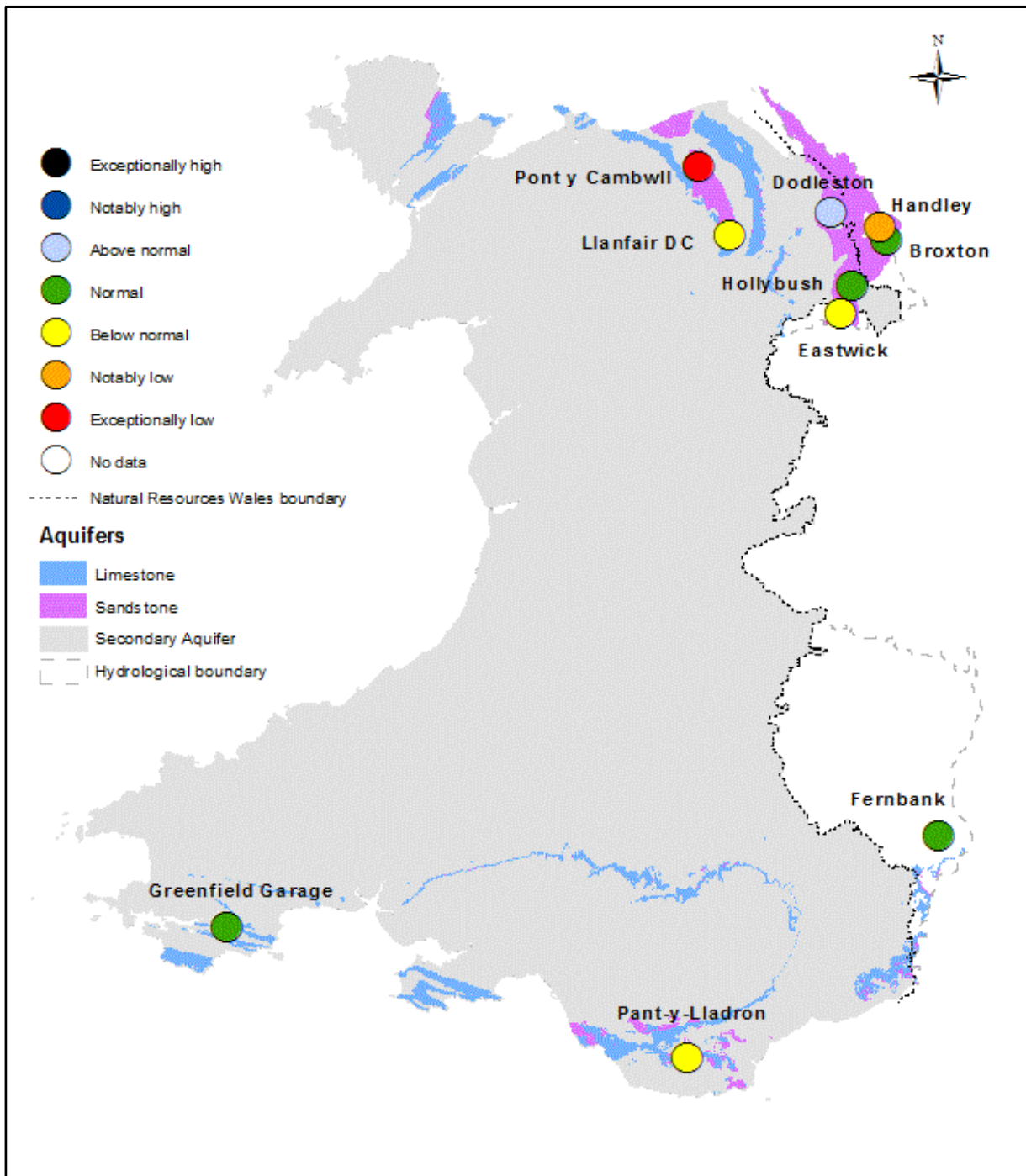
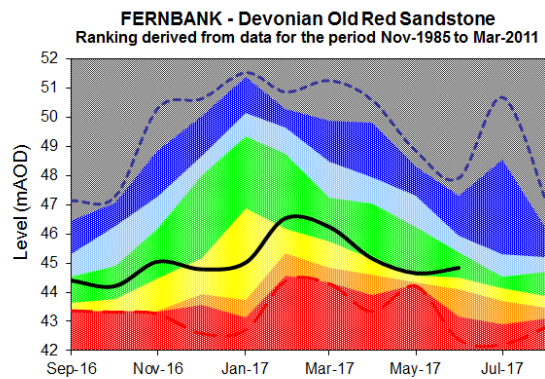
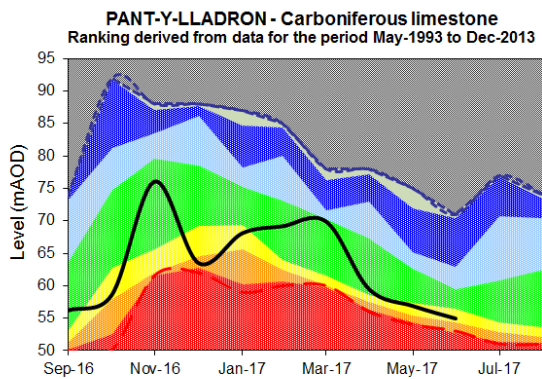
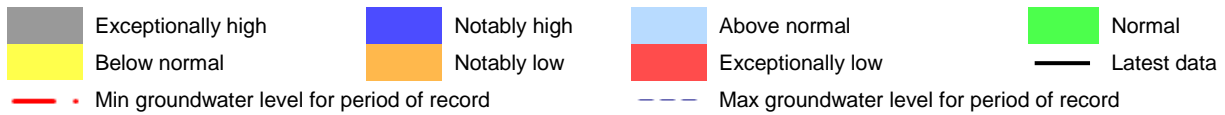


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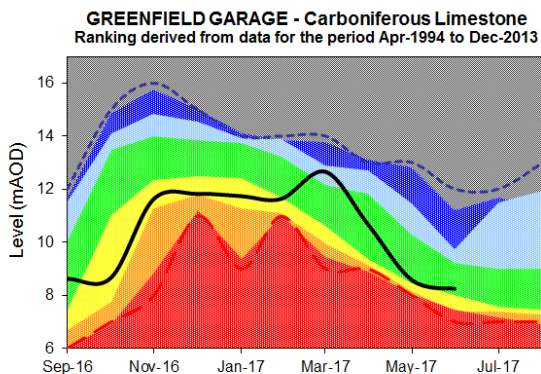
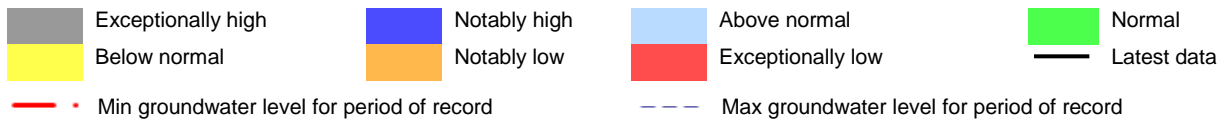
Groundwater charts

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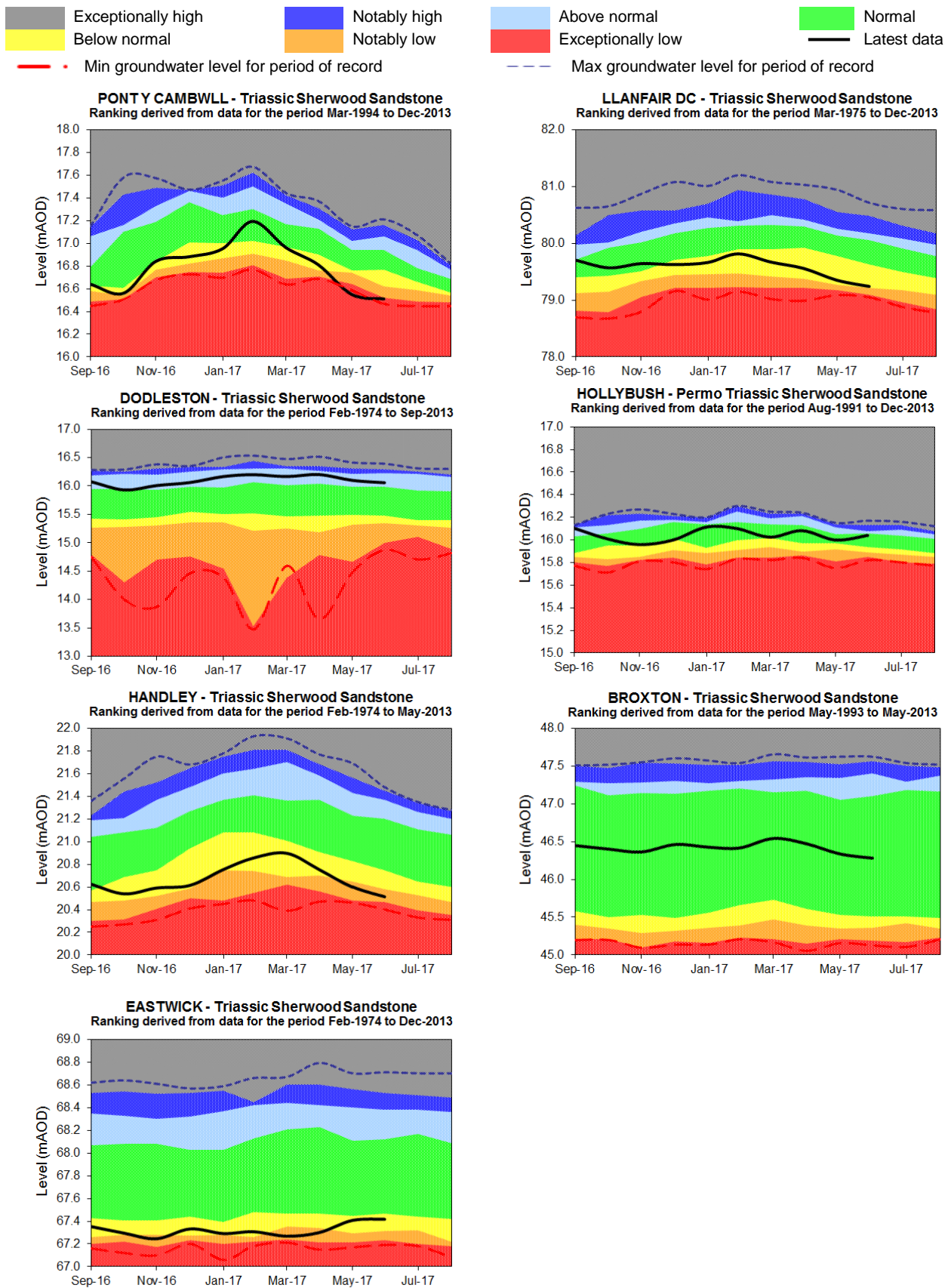
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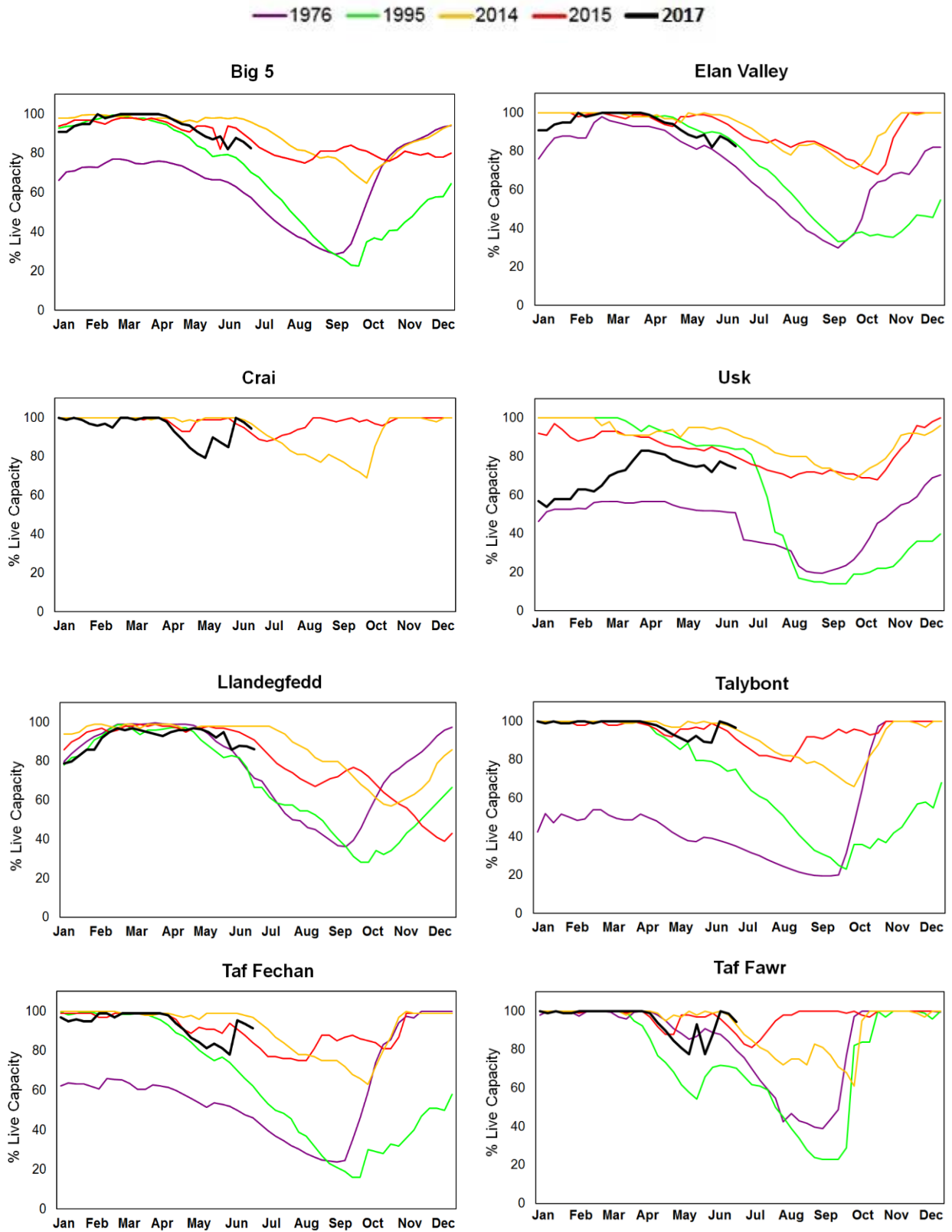
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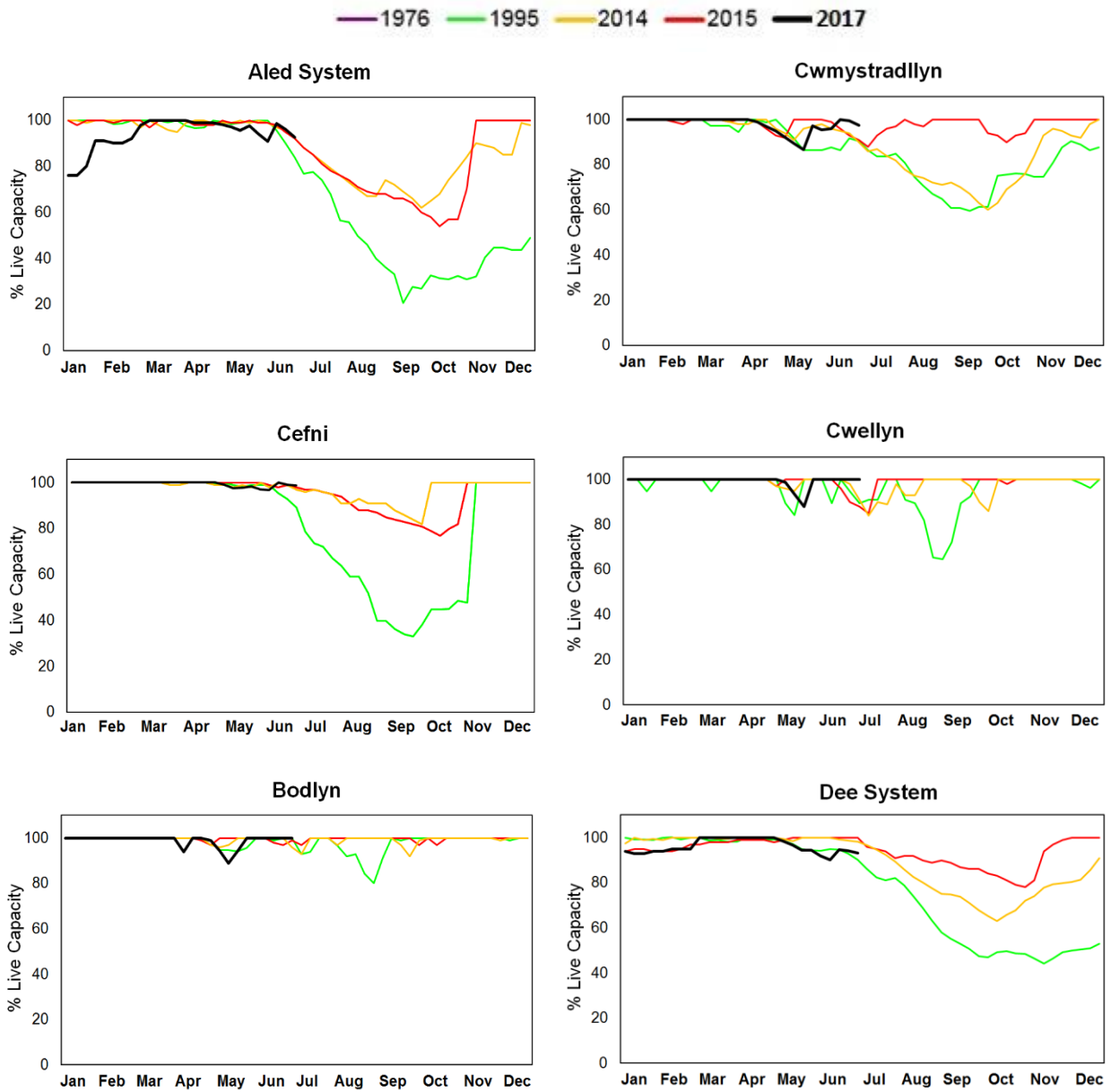
Figure 19: Reservoir charts: South East Wales



Weekly reservoir stocks for Natural Resources Wales index sites (Source: Welsh Water)

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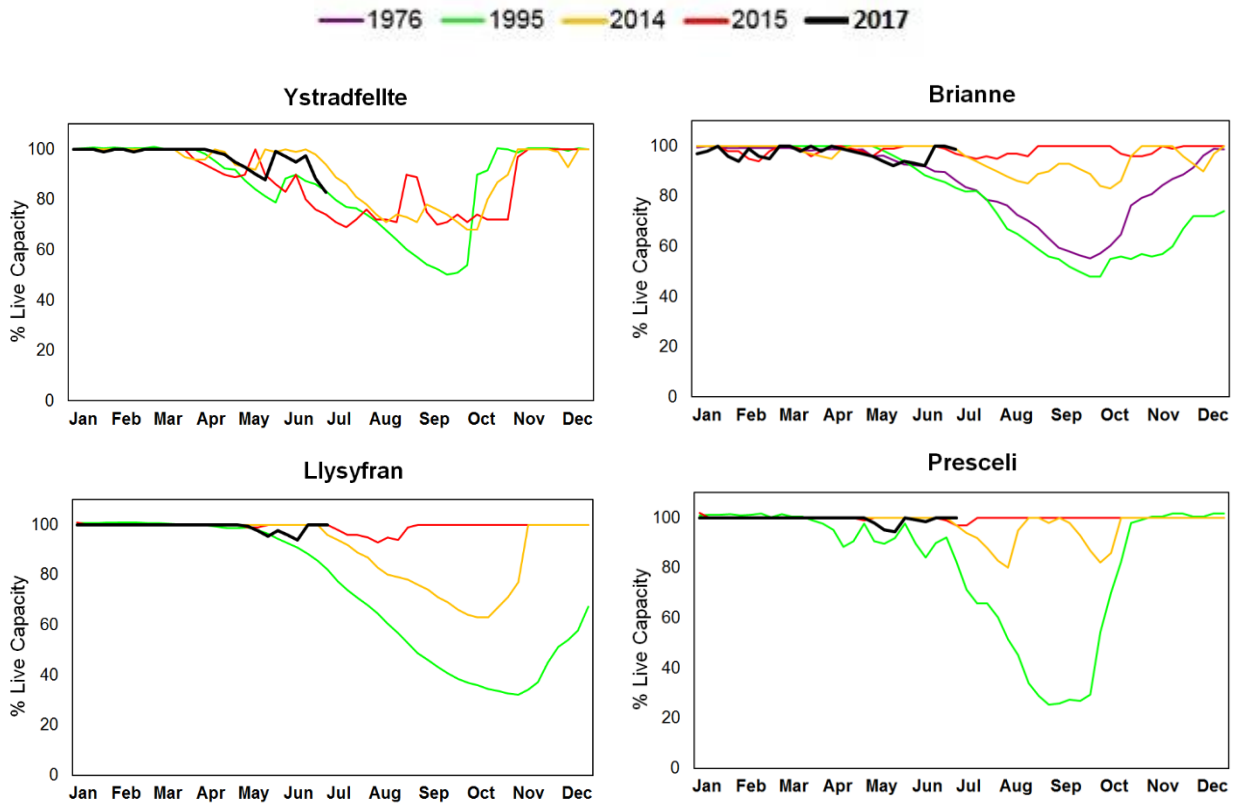
Figure 20: Reservoirs charts: North Wales



Weekly reservoir stocks for Natural Resources Wales index sites (Source: Welsh Water).

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Figure 21: Reservoirs charts: South West Wales



Weekly reservoir stocks for Natural Resources Wales index sites (Source: Welsh Water).

Glossary

Term	Definition
Aquifer	A geological formation able to store and transmit water.
Areal average rainfall	The estimated average depth of rainfall over a defined area. Expressed in depth of water (mm).
Effective rainfall	The rainfall available to percolate into the soil or produce river flow. Expressed in depth of water (mm).
Groundwater	The water found in an aquifer
Meteorological Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculating System (MORECS)	The Met Office provides climate data for grid squares measuring 40km by 40km across the UK using MORECS
Recharge	The process of increasing the water stored in the saturated zone of an aquifer. Expressed in depth of water (mm).
Reservoir live capacity	The reservoir capacity normally usable for storage to meet established reservoir operating requirements. It is the total capacity less that not available because of operating agreements or physical restrictions. Only under abnormal conditions, such as a severe water shortage might this additional water be extracted.
Soil moisture deficit (SMD)	The difference between the amount of water actually in the soil and the amount of water that the soil can hold. Expressed in depth of water (mm).

Categories

Exceptionally high	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time
Notably high	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Above normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Normal	Value likely to fall within this band 44% of the time
Below normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Notably low	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Exceptionally low	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time

Units

cumecs	Cubic metres per second ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$)
mAOD	Metres Above Ordnance Datum (mean sea level at Newlyn Cornwall).