

| Drought Grades | Dry spell | Dry–Wet spell | Wet spell | Wet–Dry spell |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Extreme | 21 Nov 1998–11 Apr 1999 | 14 Mar 1997–20 Jun 1997 | 21 Jun 1997–10 Sep 1997 | 11 Sep 1997–28 Nov 1997 |
| | – | – | 4 Aug 1998–10 Sep 1998 | 11 Sep 1998–20 Nov 1998 |
| Severe | 21 Nov 1983–20 Mar 1984 | 21 Mar 1984–14 May 1984 | 21 Jun 1999–10 Sep 1999 | 17 Oct 1983–20 Nov 1983 |
| | 21 Nov 1988–9 Jan 1989 | 18 Apr 1999–20 Jun 1999 | 21 Jun 2001–1 Aug 2001 | 11 Aug 1988–20 Nov 1988 |
| | 24 Dec 1999–20 Mar 2000 | 21 Mar 2000–27 Jun 2000 | 21 Jun 2002–10 Sep 2002 | 11 Sep 1999–1 Nov 1999 |
| | 14 Jan 2001–20 Mar 2001 | 21 Mar 2001–20 Jun 2001 | – | 11 Sep 2002–4 Dec 2002 |
| | 21 Nov 2005–2 Feb 2006 | 5 May 2002–20 Jun 2002 | – | 27 Sep 2005–20 Nov 2005 |