



WEEKLY RAINFALL BULLETIN

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SUMMARY OF PAST WEEK: 28 JANUARY 2026 – 03 FEBRUARY 2026

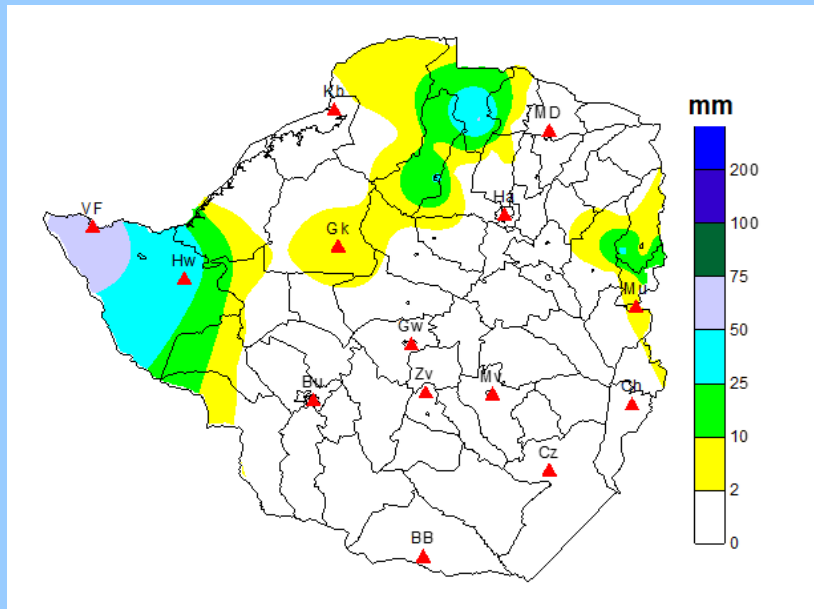


FIGURE 1: WEEKLY RAINFALL TOTALS: 28 JANUARY 2025 TO 03 FEBRUARY 2026

During the week ending 04 February 2026, the bulk of the country did not receive much rainfall. This has been a contrast compared to previous weeks. Areas in the northern, northwestern, and eastern parts recorded rainfall totals in the range 10-50mm, with Victoria Falls receiving the highest amount.

Partly cloudy and hot conditions prevailed across most regions due to the northward shift of the main rainband associated with the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)

SEASONAL ACCUMULATED RAINFALL: 01 OCTOBER 2025 – 03 FEBRUARY 2026

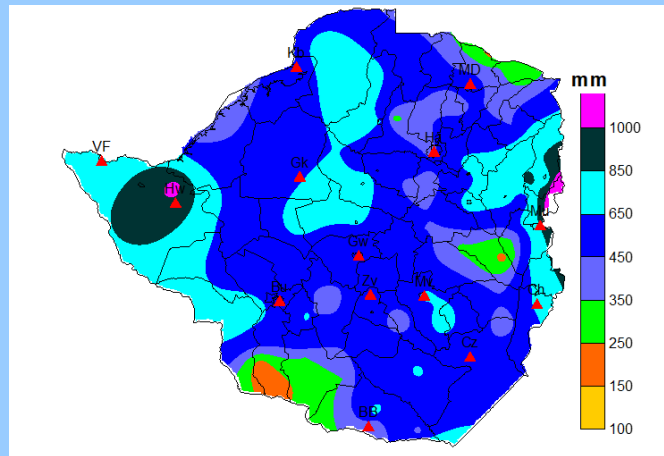


FIGURE 2: SEASONAL RAINFALL TOTALS: 01 OCTOBER 2025 -03 FEBRUARY 2026

Accumulated rainfall totals from 1 October 2025 to 03 February 2026 indicate that the 2025/26 rainfall season has been generally wet across much of Zimbabwe. The highest cumulative totals were recorded in Hwange and Nyanga, each receiving approximately 1000mm (Figure 2). In contrast, the lowest totals were observed over the southern areas of Gwanda, Matobo, and Mangwe districts, as well as isolated patches across the country, shown by the green-coloured areas (representing 250mm and below). Overall, the cumulative rainfall distribution points to a favorable agricultural season. However, the latter part of January and the first week of February saw a notable reduction in rainfall activity across the country.

SEASONAL RAINFALL PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL: 1 OCTOBER 2025 – 03 FEBRUARY 2026

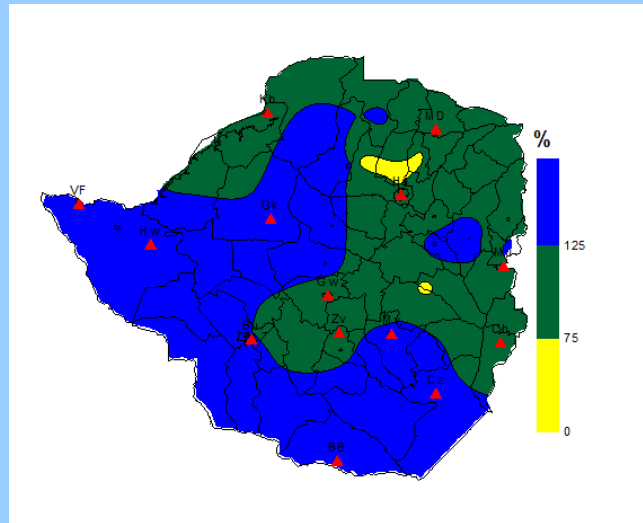


FIGURE 3: ACCUMULATION RAINFALL AS PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE: 1 OCTOBER 2025-03 FEBRUARY 2026

Above-normal rainfall for the 2025/26 season has been experienced in the western and southern parts of the country from 1 October through the first dekad of February, as shown by blue-colored regions (Figure 3). During the same period, some parts of the central and eastern regions received normal rainfall, indicated by green-colored regions, with isolated patches of below-normal rainfall.

Nevertheless, the significant decrease in rainfall amounts and persistently high temperatures during the last dekad of January and the current dekad have begun to induce moisture stress in plants in some areas. The impact could be greater where drier conditions (below normal) have been experienced for the season.

WEEKLY EVAPORATION 15 JANUARY 2026 TO 03 FEBRUARY 2026

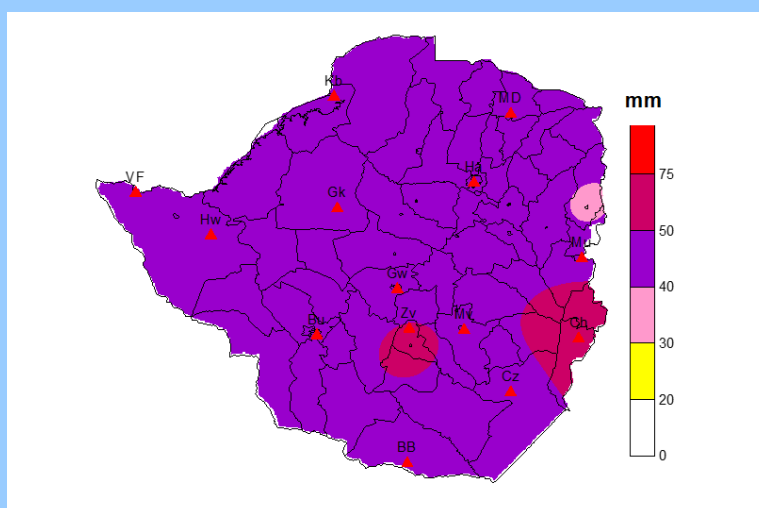


FIGURE 4: WEEKLY EVAPORATION: 28 JANUARY - 03 FEBRUARY 2026

Figure 4 illustrates a clear spatial variation in evaporative demand across Zimbabwe for the period from 28 January to 03 February 2026. Evaporation rates were generally normal, with the highest levels observed over the southern parts of Manicaland province and a patch in the southern Midlands, as indicated by the red shading on Figure 4.

These elevated rates are consistent with the observed pattern of lower rainfall, decreased cloud cover, and higher temperatures in these regions. This combination of conditions increased evaporative losses, which in turn enhanced soil moisture retention, benefiting crops and water resources.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE PERIOD: 05 FEBRUARY 2026 – 11 FEBRUARY 2026.

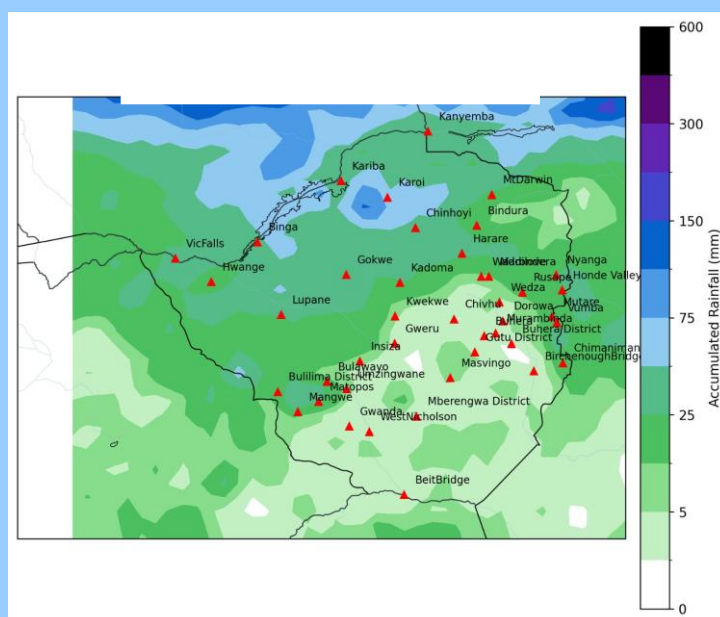


FIGURE 5: ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION FORECAST: 05 FEBRUARY TO 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Rainfall activity is expected for the week ending 11 February 2026, with isolated thunderstorms forecast for most districts across the country. Scattered thunderstorms are anticipated, particularly in the eastern and northern regions.

Warmer and drier conditions are likely especially in the country's southern districts towards the end of the forecast period.

ADVISORY

- **Flooding and Water Management:** Communities to remain alert for possible localized flooding at the beginning of the forecast week. In areas experiencing reduced rainfall and warmer temperatures in monitoring of soil moisture conditions is being advised.
- **Safety:** Prioritize safety during thunderstorms. Avoid open fields and ensure adequate shelter for livestock, moving them away from flood-prone areas.
- **Agricultural Planning:** As the primary maize planting window has closed, farmers are advised to consider planting suitable late-season crops such as sunflower or sugarbeans. The application of top-dressing fertilizer is also recommended.
- **Chemical Application:** When applying post-emergence herbicides, ensure no heavy rain is forecast for 30 minutes to 6 hours afterward, in strict accordance with the specific product guidelines.
