



WEEKLY RAINFALL BULLETIN

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SUMMARY OF PAST WEEK: 18 FEBRUARY 2026 – 24 FEBRUARY 2026

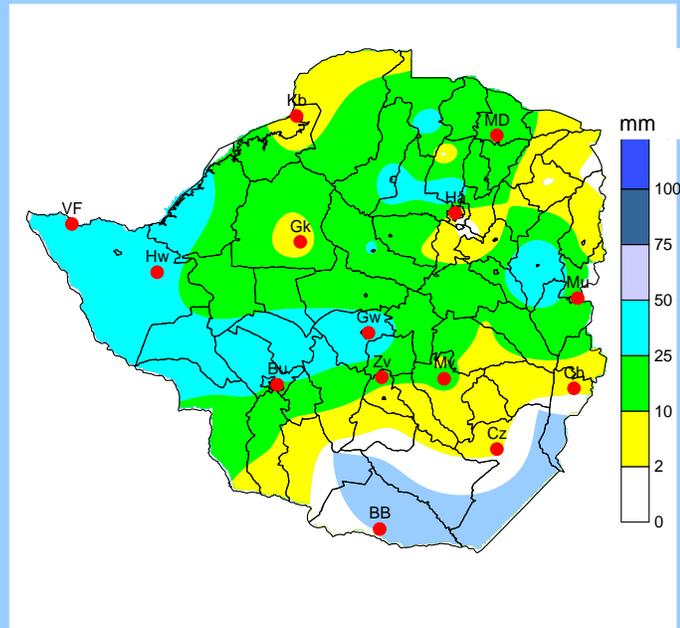


FIGURE 1: WEEKLY RAINFALL TOTALS: 18 FEBRUARY 2025 TO 24 FEBRUARY 2026

During the week under review, higher rainfall amounts (25–50 mm) were recorded mainly over the western, central, and parts of the northern regions, including Matabeleland North, Midlands, Mashonaland West, and portions of Mashonaland Central, with isolated pockets receiving locally higher totals.

In contrast, lower rainfall amounts (less than 10 mm) were observed over the south-eastern parts, while very dry conditions dominated the extreme southern areas, including parts of Masvingo Province and the Lowveld.

SEASONAL ACCUMULATED RAINFALL: 01 OCTOBER 2025 – 18 FEBRUARY 2026

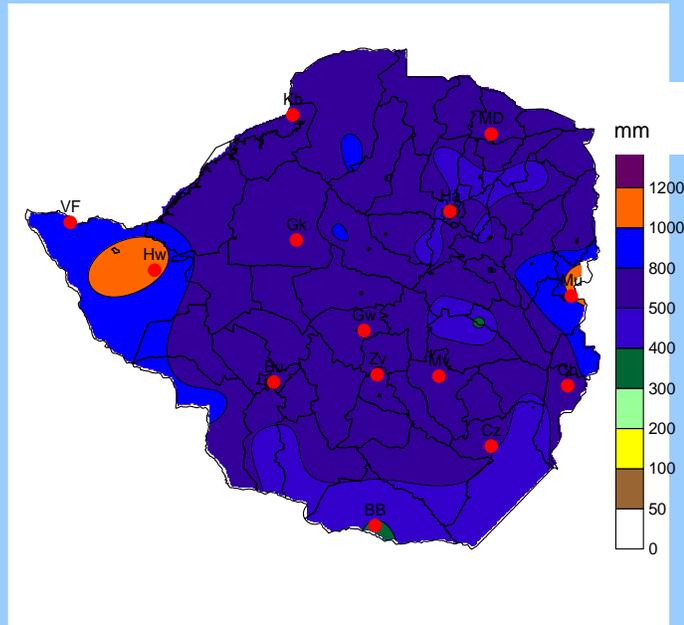


FIGURE 2: SEASONAL RAINFALL TOTALS: 01 OCTOBER 2025-24 FEBRUARY 2026

Higher rainfall accumulations (1000–1200 mm) were confined to localized pockets, particularly in parts of the northwestern regions and isolated eastern areas, where locally high totals were recorded.

In contrast, lower accumulations (400–500 mm) were observed across the southern and southeastern regions, which experienced limited widespread significant rainfall from the end of January to mid-February. This suggests continued moisture stress risks, particularly for rain-fed agriculture in the southern districts. Continued monitoring is recommended as the season progresses.

SEASONAL RAINFALL PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL: 1 OCTOBER 2025 – 24 FEBRUARY 2026

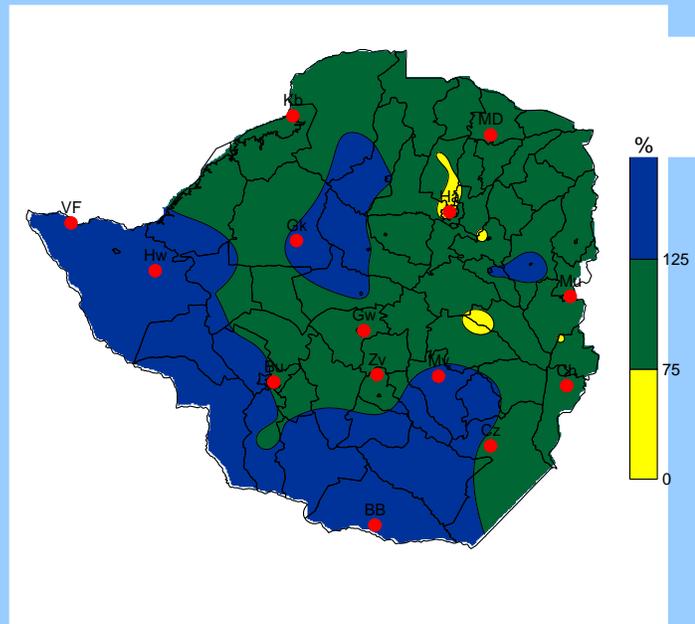


FIGURE 3: ACCUMULATION RAINFALL AS PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE: 1 OCTOBER 2025-24 FEBRUARY 2026

Cumulative rainfall over Zimbabwe from 1 October to 25 February, as shown in Figure 3, is generally normal to above normal (green areas) across most parts of the country. Above-normal rainfall (blue regions) dominated the western, southern, southwestern, and parts of the central regions, indicating a relatively favorable season in these areas. Although most parts of the country experienced good rainfall when viewed as a percentage of the long-term average, the rainfall distribution in parts of the southern districts was not temporally extensive enough to offset the overall dryness caused by the dry spell during the first dekad of February.

WEEKLY EVAPORATION FROM 18 FEBRUARY TO 24 FEBRUARY 2026

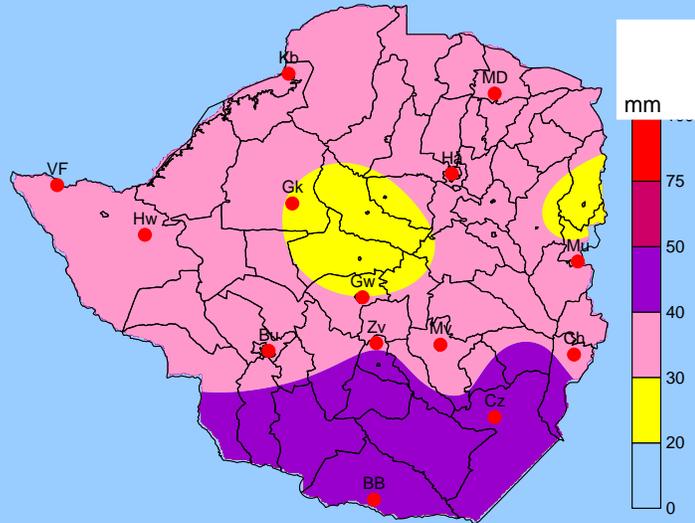


FIGURE 4: WEEKLY EVAPORATION: 18 - 24 FEBRUARY 2026

During the period under review, the highest evaporation rates were recorded across southern Zimbabwe, most notably in the Lowveld, pointing to significant moisture loss. Conversely, lower evaporation prevailed over the northern areas, reflecting comparatively lower atmospheric moisture demand. The lowest rates were observed in parts of the central and eastern regions.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE PERIOD: 25 FEBRUARY 2026 – 04 MARCH 2026.

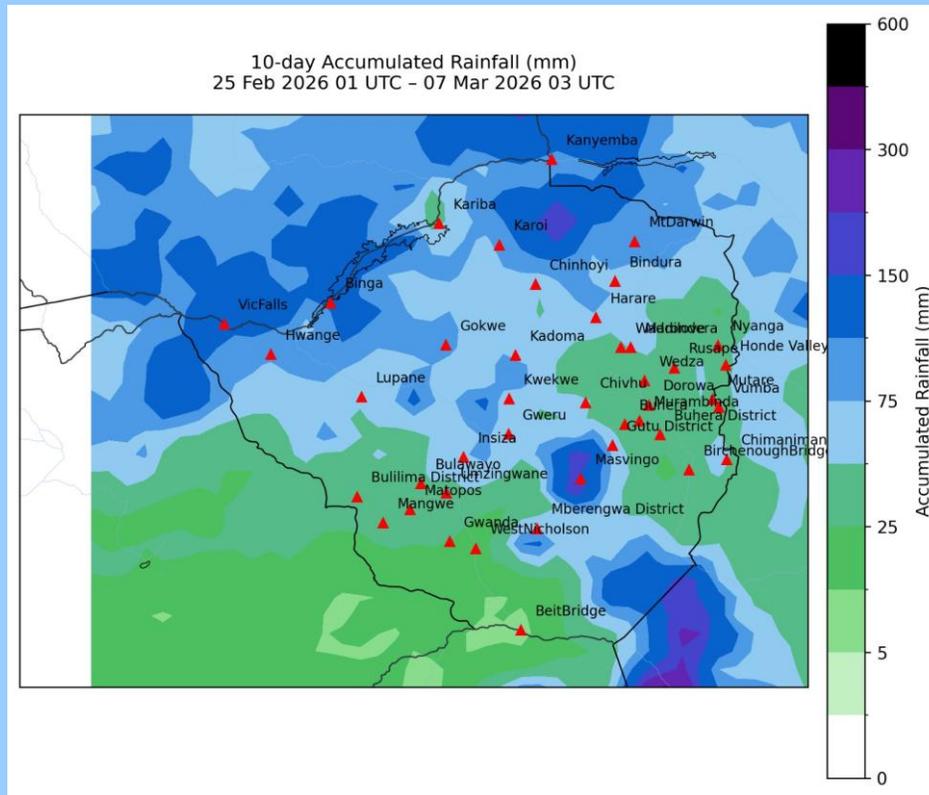


FIGURE 5: ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION FORECAST: 25 FEBRUARY TO 04 MARCH 2026

The period should commence with isolated thunderstorms over the western and northern regions of the country, contracting further to mainly the northern periphery by the end of the month. However, the remainder of the period (1 March to 4 March) should experience relatively wetter conditions, influenced by scattered thunderstorms over most districts of the country, with the potential for localized heavy downpours in some places. Overall, the northwestern area is likely to see the most consistent and highest rainfall accumulations, while select districts in the southeast are also expected to receive significant totals during the period.