

## 10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

### SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 11-02-2026 TO 20-02-2026

#### TOTAL RAINFALL, MAX AND MIN TEMPS, AND WIND SPEED

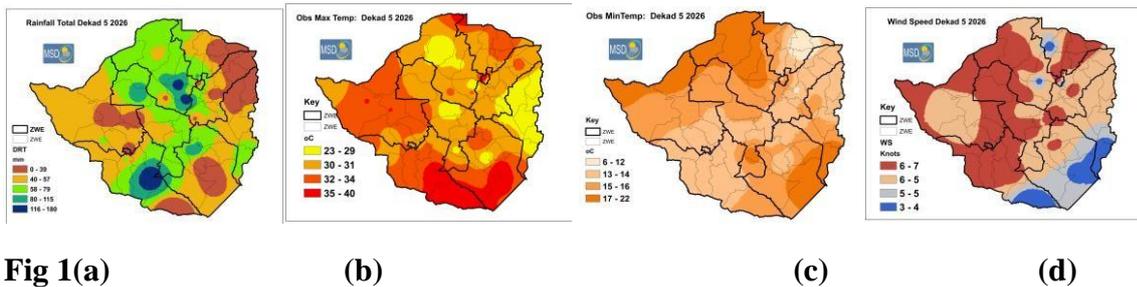


Fig 1(a)

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During the second dekad of February, cloudy conditions with scattered thunderstorms were experienced in some parts of the country. This resulted in significant rainfall amounts being recorded in Mashonaland West, Midlands, Matabeleland South, some parts of Masvingo, and Manicaland Province as indicated in Fig 1(a). The highest rainfall totals for this period were recorded in West Nicholson (179.6 mm), Mhondoro (169.7 mm), Zaka (155.4 mm), Masvingo (108.4 mm), and Gokwe (96.5 mm). It was hot during the afternoon for most of the dekad, with mild conditions in the morning across the country.

However, temperatures were very high in much of Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, Masvingo, and the extreme northern parts of the country (Fig 1 b). The hottest spots were in the far south of the country, with Beitbridge reaching 40°C and Buffalo Range hitting 39°C. Night time temperatures were highest in the extreme south eastern parts of the country and the north western parts of the country that include the bulk of Mashonaland West (Fig 1c).

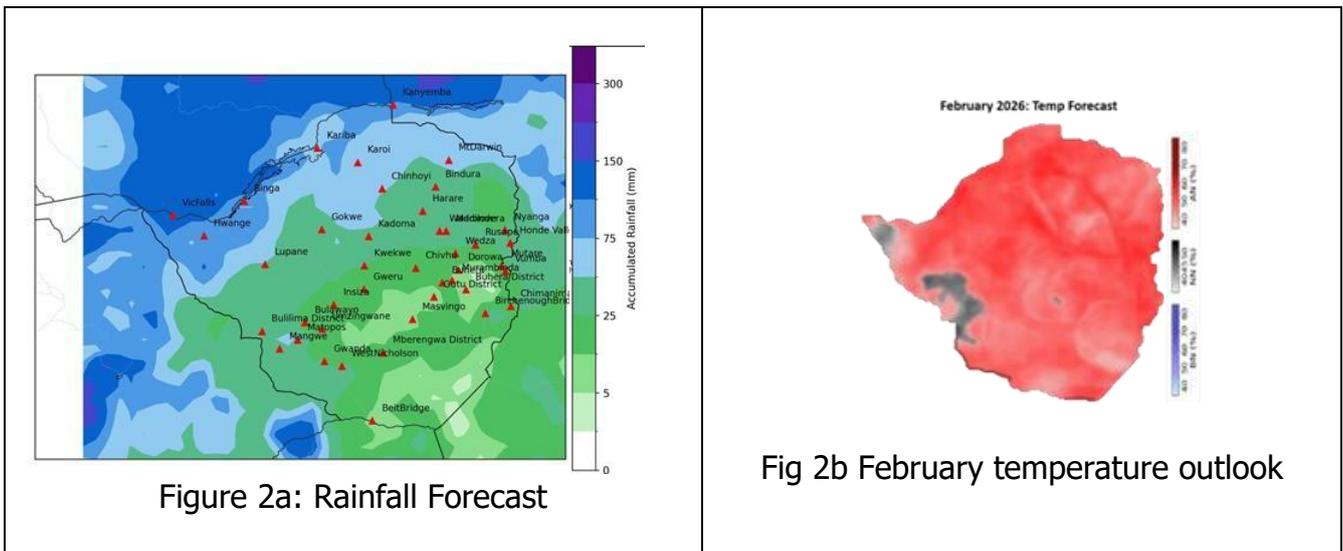
Winds were mainly from the northeast in the northern parts of the country, while the south was dominated by a south-easterly airflow. In terms of speed, generally light winds were observed during the review period (Fig 1d).

## 10-DAY WEATHER SUMMARY BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 11-02-2026 TO 21-02-2026

Province	Station	Clouds (Oktas)	Min/Max Temp. °C		Relative Humidity range (%)		Rainfall total in 10 days (mm)	Wind direction	Wind speed (knots)	Evaporation (mm)	Sunshine hours	Vegetation Condition (Rain-fed)
Mashonaland Central (5 Stations)	Henderson	6	14	30	57	100	83.0	NE	02	-	-	FAIR
	Mvurwi											GOOD
	Guruve	4	16	30	54	97	50.8	NE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Mt Darwin	7	06	33	43	100	18.6	NE	05	-	-	GOOD
	Kanyemba	5	22	37	43	97	75.6	NE	03	-	-	GOOD
Mashonaland East (4 Stations)	Mutoko	5	13	32	42	100	28.0	S	05	52.5	-	FAIR
	Chivhu	6	12	31	40	100	37.1	NE	02	-	-	FAIR
	Marondera	6	11	30	32	100	23.9	NE	06	-	-	GOOD
	Wedza	5	15	28	38	100	58.3	E	05	-	-	FAIR
Mashonaland West (6 Stations)	Chinhoyi	6	18	29	40	100	69.5	NE	03	-	-	FAIR
	Chibero	5	14	25	44	98	50.0	NE	03	-	-	GOOD
	Karoi	6	17	27	54	100	50.5	E	05	-	-	FAIR
	Kariba											GOOD
	Kadoma	6	16	32	46	100	34.0	E	03	-	074	GOOD
	Mhondoro	5	15	32	46	97	169.7	SE	05	-	-	GOOD
Harare (2 Stations)	Belvedere	6	14	39	45	97	25.6	NE	07	43.5	070	GOOD
	Kutsaga	4	17	28	37	100	69.4	E	03	48.6	065	GOOD
Midlands (4 Stations)	Gokwe	6	15	30	57	96	96.5	SE	04	-	070	GOOD
	Gweru	6	13	30	42	99	42.3	E	04	-	060	GOOD
	Kwekwe	5	16	26	43	100	64.5	NE	03	49.8	-	GOOD
	Zvishavane	5	18	29	36	100	68.0	SE	03	49.7	-	GOOD
Manicaland (7 Stations)	Rusape	5	15	28	36	100	22.2	SE	02	-	061	GOOD
	Nyanga	5	12	27	46	97	7.5	SE	05	29.3	061	GOOD
	Mukandi	5	14	23	57	100	57.4	SE	04	38.2	070	GOOD
	Buhera											GOOD
	Chipinge	4	17	28	37	100	69.4	SE	03	48.6	065	GOOD
	Chisengu	5	-	28	40	100	81.1	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Chisumbanje	4	20	32	34	97	61.9	SE	08	49.7	084	GOOD
Masvingo (6 Stations)	Makoholi	5	13	33	44	100	73.0	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Masvingo	6	15	33	39	100	108.4	SE	12	28.6	065	FAIR
	Zaka	4	19	30	32	97	155.4	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Rupike	5	12	27	46	97	7.5	SE	05	-	-	FAIR
	Buffalo Range	4	19	39	35	97	12.6	SE	04	48.0	080	FAIR
Matabeleland North	Binga	6	20	33	55	97	55.4					FAIR
	Lupane	5	15	34	43	100	20.5	SE	06	-	-	GOOD
	Hwange	5	16	34	44	98	53.9	NE	06	-	072	GOOD
	Tsholotsho	5	14	31	44	100	59.3	E	03	-	-	FAIR
	Nkayi	6	14	34	44	98	23.0	SE	04	-	-	GOOD

(6 Stations)	Victoria Falls	6	17	30	34	97	45.1	NE	09	-	067	GOOD
Matabeleland South	Kezi											
	Matopos	6	13	32	40	97	60.0	E	06	-	-	GOOD
	Beitbridge	3	15	40	26	91	00	SE	03	-	-	POOR
(5 Stations)	West Nich	6	13	36	-	-	179.6	SE	02	-	-	FAIR
	Plumtree	6	14	31	49	100	40.0	NE	04	-	-	GOOD
Bulawayo	Goetz	6	12	31	44	98	22.8	NE	02	40.0	052	FAIR

## WEATHER OUTLOOK: FEBRUARY 2026



Temperatures in February 2026 are expected to be above normal across many parts of the country as shown in figure 2

At the beginning of the third dekad of February, most areas received isolated thundershowers, but the southern parts should be partly cloudy and hot. Later in the dekad, scattered thunderstorms are expected nationwide. The north and northwest are likely to get the most rain, while the south will see lower amounts (Fig 1). Heavy downpours are also possible in some places.

## 10-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 21-02-2026 TO 28-02-2026

**Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 21-02-2026 to 08-03 -2026**

<b>Province</b>	<b>Agromet -Weather forecast</b>	<b>Wind Direction &amp; Wind Speed (knots)</b>	<b>Relative Humidity (%)</b>	<b>Min/Max (°C)</b>
Mashonaland Central	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be partly cloudy and hot, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  Towards the end of the dekad, it will be mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered thunderstorms. Some areas	NE'ly	75-100	19-36

	could see heavier downpours.			
Mashonaland East	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be partly cloudy and hot, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  Towards the end of the dekad, it will be mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered thunderstorms. Some areas could see heavier downpours.	NE'ly	75-100	15-31
Mashonaland West	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be partly cloudy and hot, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  Towards the end of the dekad, it will be mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered thunderstorms. Some areas could see heavier downpours.	NE'ly	75-100	15-36
Harare	The dekad will start with partly cloudy and hot conditions, along with chances of isolated thundershowers.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.	NE'ly	75-100	15-30
Midlands	The dekad will start with partly cloudy and hot conditions, along with chances of isolated thundershowers.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.	SE'ly	75-100	14-31
Manicaland	The dekad will start with partly cloudy and hot conditions, along with chances of isolated thundershowers.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.	SE'ly	75-100	13-28

Masvingo	The dekad will start with partly cloudy and hot conditions, along with chances of isolated thundershowers.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.	SE'ly	75-100	15-33
Matabeleland North	The dekad will start with partly cloudy and hot conditions, along with chances of isolated thundershowers.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with	NE'ly	75-100	19-34
	scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.			
Matabeleland South	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be partly cloudy and hot, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  The dekad will end with mostly cloudy and warm conditions, and scattered thunderstorms. Heavier falls are possible in places.	SE'ly	75-100	17-33
Bulawayo	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be partly cloudy and hot, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm weather late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may get heavy downpours.	SE'ly	75-100	15-32

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## **AGROMET ADVISORY**

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### **Advisory on the dry period:**

#### **During the Dry Start:**

- ✦ Mulch: Apply organic mulch (crop residues, grass) around plants to conserve soil moisture and reduce heat stress.
- ✦ Light Irrigation: If soils are overly dry, a light, early-morning irrigation can help crops through grain-filling.

#### **Advisory on Extreme Weather Events:**

- The potential for severe weather associated with isolated thunderstorms requires preparedness.
- **Localized Heavy Downpours:** These can cause waterlogging, nutrient leaching in prepared fields, and rapid surface runoff leading to soil erosion. Ensure drainage systems are clear.
- **Lightning:** This is a serious safety risk. Farmers and their workers are advised to seek shelter indoors immediately when thunder is heard. Do not continue field operations during a thunderstorm.
- **Hail:** Hail can cause damage to crops such as tobacco and maize.