

## 10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

### SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 21-02-2026 TO 28-02-2026

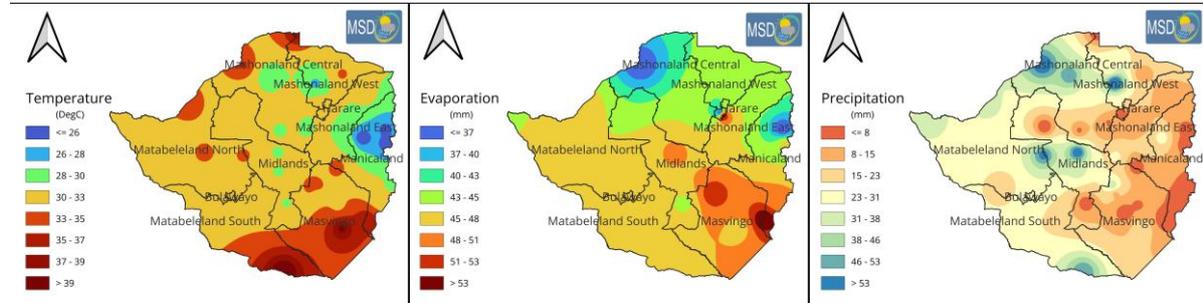


Fig 1: a. Max Temperature      b. Evaporation      c. Precipitation

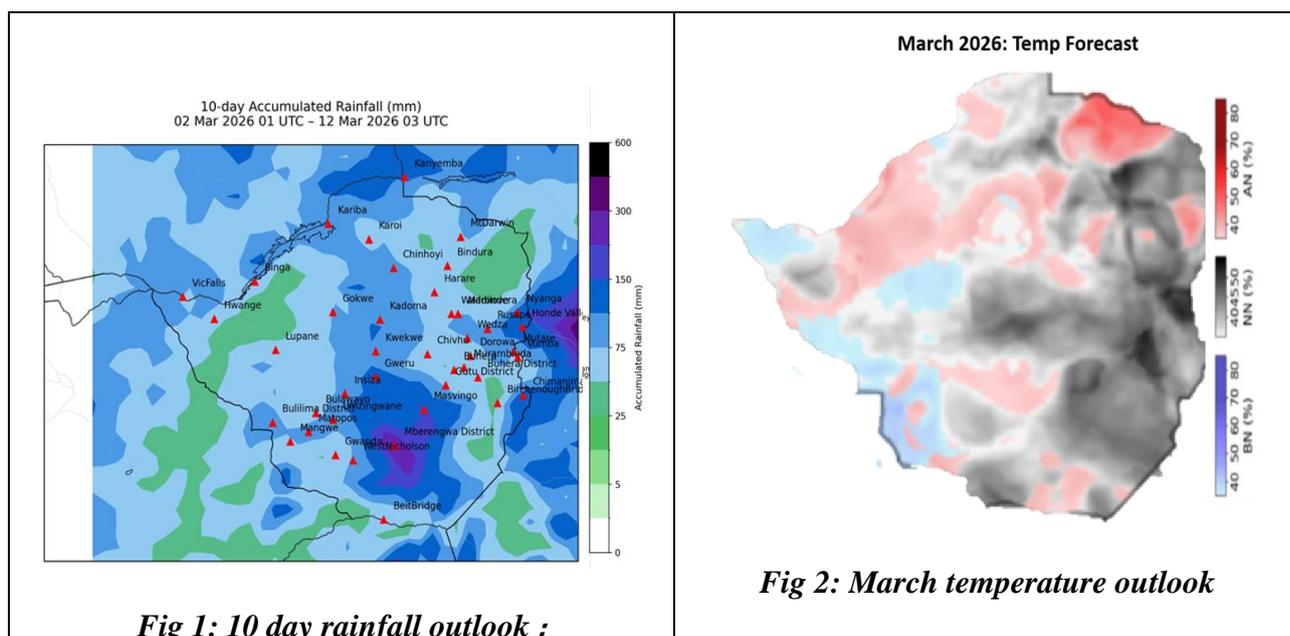
The past dekad was characterized by mostly cloudy and wet conditions across Matabeleland provinces, Bulawayo, and all Mashonaland provinces, while the remaining areas experienced brief cloudy periods with isolated thunderstorms. The highest rainfall totals for the period were recorded at Mvurwi (75.0 mm), Kariba and Kwekwe (63.6 mm), Nkayi (58.6 mm), and West Nicholson (55.5 mm). Afternoon temperatures were warm across most of the country, with mild mornings prevailing nationwide. The hottest spots were in the far south and southeastern regions, where Beitbridge reached 42°C and Buffalo Range hit 40°C. Winds were predominantly from the northeast over northern parts of the country, while a south-easterly airflow dominated the south. The high daytime temperatures resulted in elevated evaporation rates throughout the period. Despite these conditions, crop and vegetation health remains generally good across most farming areas.

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

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	5	15	31	47	97	30.3	NE	02	42.4	082	FAIR
	Mvurwi	6	17	27	51	97	75.0	NE	03	-	-	GOOD
	Guruve	3	14	30	56	97	24.6	NE	04	-	-	GOOD

	<b>Mt Darwin</b>	4	14	33	43	97	9.8	E	03	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Kanyemba</b>	3	20	38	39	97	02.5	NE	03	-	-	GOOD
<b>Mashonaland East</b>	<b>Mutoko</b>	5	12	31	45	97	10.0	NE	05	43.8	-	FAIR
<b>(4 Stations)</b>	<b>Chivhu</b>	3	13	31	37	99	25.1	NE	02	-	-	FAIR
	<b>Marondera</b>	4	09	30	39	100	8.5	NE	05	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Wedza</b>	4	15	30	40	100	19.6	E	05	-	-	FAIR
<b>Mashonaland West</b>	<b>Chinhoyi</b>	4	18	31	55	100	26.8	NE	03	-	-	FAIR
<b>(6 Stations)</b>	<b>Chibero</b>	3	15	30	34	95	6.5	NE	02	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Karoi</b>	5	16	28	53	97	53.5	NE	03	-	-	FAIR
	<b>Kariba</b>	4	19	35	46	98	63.6	SW	05	34.9	064	GOOD
	<b>Kadoma</b>	5	17	30	39	100	6.1	SE	03	-	097	GOOD
	<b>Mhondoro</b>	3	13	30	42	97	8.5	SE	05	-	-	GOOD
<b>Harare</b>	<b>Belvedere</b>	4	16	31	36	98	0.3	NE	03	35.9	077	GOOD
<b>(2 Stations)</b>	<b>Kutsaga</b>	5	14	31	34	97	6.8	SE	02	55.2	082	GOOD
<b>Midlands</b>	<b>Gokwe</b>	5	17	31	51	97	00	NE	03	-	087	GOOD
<b>(4 Stations)</b>	<b>Gweru</b>	4	12	30	37	99	33.5	SE	03	-	094	GOOD
	<b>Kwekwe</b>	4	17	30	48	97	63.6	NE	03	48.7	-	GOOD
	<b>Zvishavane</b>	3	19	30	47	95	1.5	SE	05	44.6	-	GOOD
<b>Manicaland</b>	<b>Rusape</b>	3	14	23	41	100	28.1	SE	02	-	098	GOOD
<b>(7 Stations)</b>	<b>Nyanga</b>	4	14	25	35	97	4.6	SE	03	34.1	067	GOOD
	<b>Mukandi</b>	4	14	24	50	100	000	SE	04	45.9	098	GOOD
	<b>Buhera</b>	4	11	34	38	97	000	SE	02	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Chipinge</b>	3	16	31	43	100	2.6	SE	03	48.3	104	GOOD
	<b>Chisengu</b>	4	-	30	49	100	00	SE	03	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Chisumbanje</b>	3	18	37	39	97	000	SE	07	56.1	088	GOOD
<b>Masvingo</b>	<b>Makoholi</b>	4	12	34	49	100	37.0	VRB	02	-	-	GOOD
<b>(6 Stations)</b>	<b>Masvingo</b>	4	13	32	39	100	14.0	SE	10	52.9	081	FAIR
	<b>Zaka</b>	3	20	32	43	94	6.0	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Rupike</b>	3	-	-	49	91	000	SE	06	-	-	FAIR
	<b>Buffalo Range</b>	3	19	40	36	100	22.8	SE	04	46.6	107	FAIR
<b>Matabeleland North</b>	<b>Binga</b>	6	20	34	50	97	34.5	VRB	04	46.5	085	FAIR
<b>(6 Stations)</b>	<b>Lupane</b>	6	16	33	44	100	28.8	VRB	05	-	-	GOOD
	<b>Hwange</b>	5	18	31	43	98	25.9	NE	04	-	065	GOOD
	<b>Tsholotsho</b>	5	15	32	46	100	18.2	W	03	-	-	FAIR
	<b>Nkayi</b>	6	15	33	34	99	58.6	SE	03	-	086	GOOD
	<b>Victoria Falls</b>	5	18	31	49	97	33.5	NE	08	-	076	GOOD
<b>Matabeleland South</b>	<b>Kezi</b>											
<b>(5 Stations)</b>	<b>Matopos</b>											GOOD
	<b>Beitbridge</b>	3	19	42	27	97	53.3	SE	04	-	-	POOR

## WEATHER OUTLOOK: MARCH 2026



The upcoming dekad across Zimbabwe will start with mostly cloudy and warm conditions accompanied by isolated thundershowers to scattered thunderstorms across most provinces that include Mashonaland Central, East, West, Harare, Midlands, and Masvingo, with localized heavy downpours possible in Matabeleland North, Midlands, and parts of Mashonaland West, while Manicaland should experience partly cloudy and warm conditions with a chance of isolated thundershowers. Towards the end of the dekad, conditions will gradually moderate to partly cloudy and mild conditions over much of the country; Mashonaland West, Harare, and Matabeleland North will retain mostly cloudy conditions with brief cloud breaks and scattered thunderstorms, and isolated thundershowers will persist in Matabeleland South and Manicaland where localized heavy falls are probable. Expected rainfall accumulation for the week should range from 50mm to 150mm for the bulk of the country with isolated heavy total amounts 200mm in areas such as West Nicholson in Matabeleland South province.

Temperatures in March 2026 are expected to be within the normal category mainly in the eastern half and southern parts of the country. There are few places that are expected to record temperatures which are slightly higher than the long term average. As indicated in Fig 2 grey colour show that within normal conditions are

expected, red is for warmer than normal conditions while blue shows cooler than normal conditions.

**Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 01-03-2026 to 10-03 -2026**

Province	Agromet -Weather forecast	Wind Direction & Wind Speed (knots)	Relative Humidity (%)	Min/Max (°C)
Mashonaland Central	Mostly cloudy and warm with scattered thundershowers, becoming partly cloudy toward the end of the dekad.	E'ly	75-100	18-29
Mashonaland East	Mostly cloudy and warm conditions are expected at the start of the dekad, accompanied by scattered thunderstorms in places.  Towards the end of the dekad, conditions will turn mild.	E'ly	73-100	14-26
Mashonaland West	Mostly cloudy and warm at the start of the dekad, with a few thundershowers expected in places.  Towards the end of the dekad, conditions will be mostly cloudy and warm with scattered thunderstorms and brief cloud breaks. Localized heavy downpours are possible in some areas.	E'ly	68-100	18-27
Harare	Mostly cloudy and warm conditions are expected at the start of the dekad, with a chance of scattered thundershowers.  Late in the dekad, expect mostly cloudy and mild conditions with occasional clear breaks, accompanied by scattered thunderstorms.	NE'ly	67-100	15-27
Midlands	The dekad will start with mostly cloudy and warm conditions, along with isolated thundershowers. A few areas may experience heavy downpours.  "Expect mostly cloudy and warm conditions late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may experience heavy downpours.	E'ly	74-100	14-28
Manicaland	Partly cloudy and mild conditions are expected at the start of the dekad, with a chance of isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	75-100	17-28

	Late in the dekad, expect mostly cloudy and warm conditions with scattered thunderstorms, some of which could bring heavy downpours in isolated areas.			
Masvingo	The dekad will start mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered thunderstorms. A few areas may experience heavy downpours.  The dekad will end with partly cloudy and mild conditions, along with isolated thundershowers.	SE'ly	72-100	16-29
Matabeleland North	The dekad will begin with mostly cloudy and warm conditions accompanied by scattered thunderstorms. Localized heavy downpours are possible in some areas.  Expect mostly cloudy and warm conditions with occasional cloud breaks late in the dekad, along with scattered thunderstorms.	E'ly	70-100	18-29
Matabeleland South	At the beginning of the dekad, it will be mostly cloudy and warm, with a scattered thunderstorms in some areas. Heavier falls are possible in places.  The dekad will end mostly cloudy with brief clear breaks and mild conditions, along with isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	72-100	15-31
Bulawayo	At the beginning of the dekad, expect mostly cloudy and warm conditions, with a few thundershowers in some areas.  Partly cloudy and mild conditions is expected late in the dekad, with isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	81-100	15-27

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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.