



10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 01-03-2026 TO 10-03-2026

Scattered thunderstorms, some heavy in places, occurred across the country during the first dekad of March. This was due to abundant moisture in the atmosphere from a cloud band from the west and ridging of high-pressure system over the southern and eastern parts of the country. Conditions were mostly cloudy and warm for much of the period under review. Some of the highest 10-day cumulative rainfall totals recorded were 287 mm (Mukandi), 227 mm (Makoholi), 226mm (Chisengu), 206 mm (Wedza), and 200 mm (Gweru). Fig 1 also shows the spatial distribution of the rainfall. The prevailing winds were predominantly north-easterly in the northern provinces, while the southern provinces experienced a south-easterly airflow. Evaporation rates during this dekad were low across much of the country due to cooler daytime temperatures and cloudy conditions (also Refer to Fig 1). Vegetation conditions improved over the course of the dekad.

10-DAY WEATHER SUMMARY BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 01-03-2026 TO 10-03-2026

| 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) |
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| Mashonaland Central (5 Stations) | Henderson | 6 | 16 | 30 | 50 | 100 | 45.2 | NE | 03 | - | - | Fair |
| | Mvurwi | 7 | 17 | 26 | 53 | 100 | 50.4 | NE | 03 | - | - | Good |
| | Guruve | 4 | 16 | 30 | 53 | 97 | 24.4 | NE | 04 | - | - | Good |
| | Mt Darwin | 6 | 17 | 33 | 46 | 97 | 43.7 | E | 03 | - | - | Good |
| | Kanyemba | 6 | 21 | 36 | 50 | 97 | 17.2 | NE | 03 | - | - | Good |
| Mashonaland East (4 Stations) | Mutoko | 6 | 15 | 31 | 49 | 100 | 24.3 | NE | 07 | 40.0 | - | Fair |
| | Chivhu | 7 | 14 | 30 | 45 | 100 | 88.8 | NE | 03 | - | - | Fair |
| | Marondera | 7 | 13 | 28 | 56 | 100 | 74.3 | NE | 03 | - | - | Good |
| | Wedza | 7 | 16 | 26 | 53 | 100 | 206.2 | NE | 04 | - | - | Fair |

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| Mashonaland West (6 Stations) | Chinhoyi | 6 | 17 | 30 | 52 | 100 | 50.9 | NE | 03 | - | - | Fair |
| | Chibero | 5 | 15 | 28 | 45 | 95 | 35.7 | NE | 03 | - | - | Good |
| | Karoi | 6 | 17 | 28 | 60 | 100 | 4.9 | NE | 03 | - | - | Fair |
| | Kariba | 5 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 99 | 72.7 | VRB | 05 | - | 053 | Good |
| | Kadoma | 6 | 18 | 26 | 53 | 100 | 106.1 | E | 03 | - | 062 | Good |
| | Mhondoro | 5 | 16 | 31 | 51 | 94 | 110.9 | SE | 02 | - | - | Good |
| Harare (2 Stations) | Belvedere | 6 | 16 | 30 | 48 | 99 | 92.0 | SW | 05 | 49.7 | 042 | Good |
| | Kutsaga | 6 | 15 | 30 | 43 | 97 | 76.6 | VRB | 04 | - | 043 | Good |
| Midlands (4 Stations) | Gokwe | 6 | 15 | 30 | 57 | 100 | 81.2 | SE | 05 | - | - | Good |
| | Gweru | 7 | 10 | 30 | 50 | 100 | 200.4 | SE | 04 | - | 040 | Good |
| | Kwekwe | 6 | 17 | 27 | 38 | 100 | 161.3 | NW | 04 | 15.1 | - | Good |
| | Zvishavane | 7 | 19 | 26 | 50 | 100 | 118.6 | SE | 06 | 24.7 | 021 | Good |
| Manicaland (7 Stations) | Rusape | 6 | 15 | 26 | 45 | 100 | 93.3 | SE | 02 | 30.3 | 036 | Good |
| | Nyanga | 7 | 11 | 27 | 58 | 97 | 134.2 | NE | 06 | 31.3 | 048 | Good |
| | Mukandi | 7 | 15 | 23 | 63 | 100 | 286.6 | SE | 03 | - | 041 | Good |
| | Buhera | 7 | 15 | 33 | 43 | 100 | 75.3 | SE | 02 | - | - | Good |
| | Chipinge | 7 | 18 | 26 | 57 | 100 | 162.5 | SW | 04 | 16.7 | - | Good |
| | Chisengu | 7 | - | 30 | 59 | 100 | 225.6 | SE | 03 | - | - | Good |
| | Chisumbanje | 6 | 21 | 31 | 45 | 100 | 100.8 | SE | 06 | 39.7 | 048 | Good |
| Masvingo (6 Stations) | Makoholi | 7 | 14 | 32 | 49 | 100 | 227.0 | VRB | 04 | - | - | Good |
| | Masvingo | 7 | 18 | 27 | 49 | 100 | 127.4 | SE | 12 | 31.6 | 030 | Fair |
| | Zaka | 6 | 20 | 28 | 44 | 97 | 79.0 | SE | 04 | - | - | Good |
| | Rupike | 7 | - | - | 55 | 78 | 55.7 | SE | 06 | - | - | Fair |
| | Buffalo Range | 6 | 18 | 37 | 48 | 100 | 84.3 | VRB | 03 | 33.8 | 044 | Fair |
| Matabeleland North (6 Stations) | Binga | 6 | 20 | 34 | 50 | 100 | 97.8 | VRB | 02 | 47.8 | 054 | Fair |
| | Lupane | 6 | 16 | 32 | 47 | 100 | 107.3 | SE | 04 | - | - | Good |
| | Hwange | 5 | 19 | 29 | 60 | 100 | 79.9 | NE | 08 | - | 064 | Good |
| | Tsholotsho | 6 | 16 | 32 | 53 | 100 | 70.7 | VRB | 03 | - | - | Fair |
| | Nkayi | 6 | 17 | 32 | 51 | 96 | 97.7 | SE | 05 | - | 055 | Good |
| | Victoria Falls | 5 | 16 | 32 | 51 | 100 | 53.3 | SE | 10 | - | 062 | Good |
| Matabeleland South (5 Stations) | Kezi | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Matopos | 7 | 15 | 31 | 48 | 97 | 39.6 | NE | 07 | - | - | Good |
| | Beitbridge | | | | | | | | | | | Poor |
| | West Nicholson | 7 | 15 | 34 | - | - | 52.3 | SE | 01 | - | 021 | Fair |
| | Plumtree | 6 | 14 | 31 | 53 | 100 | 41.7 | SE | 05 | - | - | Good |
| Bulawayo | Goetz | 6 | 13 | 29 | 48 | 98 | 67.0 | SE | 04 | 35.6 | 021 | Fair |

EVAPORATION, TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

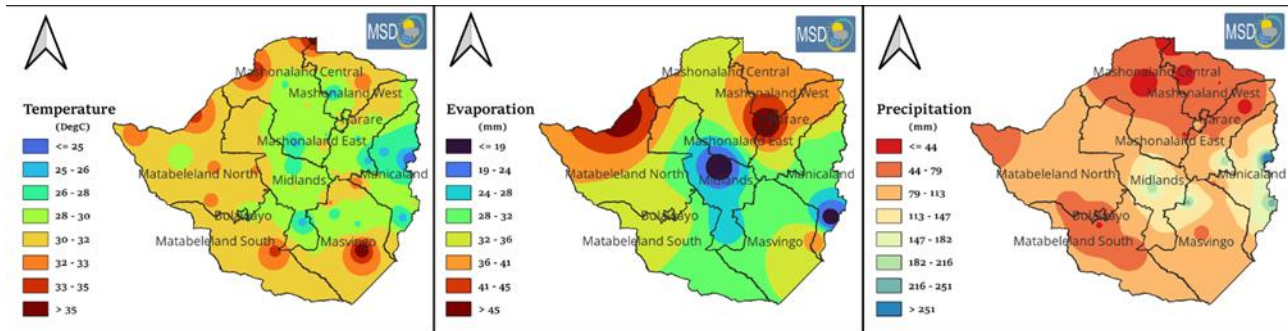


Fig 1: Evaporation, Maximum Temperature and Rainfall in the dekad ending 10-03-2026

WEATHER OUTLOOK: MARCH 2026

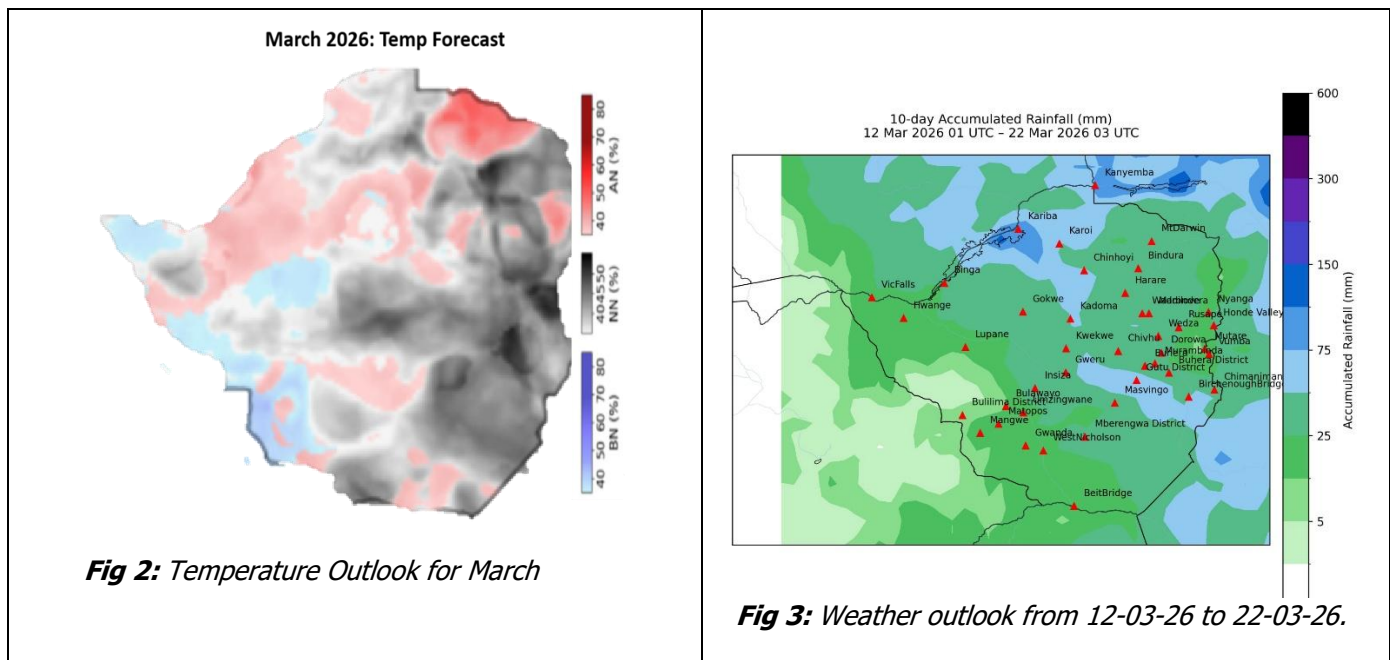


Fig 2: Temperature Outlook for March

Fig 3: Weather outlook from 12-03-26 to 22-03-26.

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 the grey colour shows that within normal conditions are expected, red is for warmer than normal conditions while blue shows cooler than normal conditions.

Figure 3 shows the cumulative rainfall forecast for the second dekad of March, during which isolated thunderstorms are anticipated across much of the country. Most areas are expected to receive 25 mm or less of rainfall, with the areas along the Zambezi valley and south eastern parts of the country forecast to receive a 10-day cumulative total exceeding 50 mm as shown by the blue color on the map above.

Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 13-03-2026 to 22-03 -2026

| Province | Agromet -Weather forecast | Wind Direction & Wind Speed (knots) | Relative Humidity (%) | Min/Max (°C) |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mashonaland Central | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. | NE'ly | 80-100 | 14-38 |
| Mashonaland East | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. | NE'ly | 80-100 | 10-32 |
| Mashonaland West | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. Heavy downpours are probable in places. | NE'ly | 80-100 | 15-35 |
| Harare | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. | NE'ly | 80-100 | 10-33 |
| Midlands | Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms. | SE'ly | 80-100 | 10-33 |
| Manicaland | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. | SE'ly | 80-100 | 08-27 |
| Masvingo | Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms. | SE'ly | 80-100 | 12-34 |
| Matabeleland North | Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. | NE'ly | 80-100 | 14-36 |
| Matabeleland South | Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms. | SE'ly | 80-100 | 11-34 |

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| Bulawayo | Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms. | SE'ly | 80-100 | 12-35 |
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AGROMET ADVISORY

- 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.