



## WEEKLY RAINFALL BULLETIN

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**VALID:** 12 MARCH TO 18 MARCH 2026

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### BULLETIN

BULLETIN N°20 of Rainfall Season 2025/2026



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## SUMMARY OF PAST WEEK: 04 MARCH 2026 – 10 MARCH 2026

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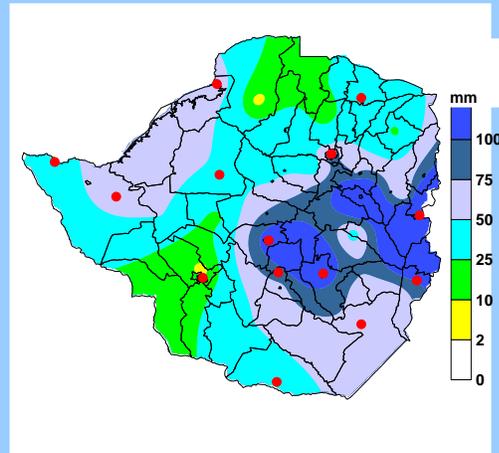


FIGURE 1: WEEKLY RAINFALL TOTALS: 04 MARCH 2025 TO 10 MARCH 2026

*Figure 1:* The week ending 10 March 2026 was dominated by mostly cloudy conditions with scattered thunderstorms and localized downpours were experienced across the country. This has seen increased rainfall activity in parts of the Mashonaland and Manicaland compared to the past weeks. The heaviest rainfall amounts exceeding 75 mm was concentrated across the central interior and eastern parts of the country. Parts of the extreme north-western and south-eastern borders received 50 mm, and other areas receiving between 10 mm -25 mm during the period. Some of the notable weekly totals recorded were 216 mm (Chisengu), 190 mm (Mukandi), 187 mm (Wedza), 145 mm (Makoholi), 121 mm (Gweru), 120 mm (Masvingo), and 101 mm (Nyanga).

## SEASONAL ACCUMULATED RAINFALL: 01 OCTOBER 2025 – 10 MARCH 2026

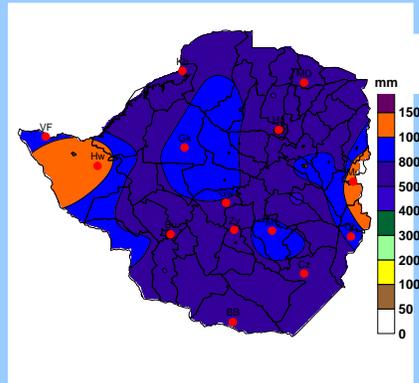


FIGURE 2: SEASONAL RAINFALL TOTALS: 01 OCTOBER 2025 -10 MARCH 2026

**Figure 2:** shows the seasonal accumulated rainfall from 01 October 2025 to 10 February 2026. The whole country has received rainfall totals exceeding 400 mm, with the highest seasonal accumulated totals in Matabeleland North and Manicaland exceeding 1000 mm as shown by the orange color on the map. The accumulation totals indicate that the season has progressed well, despite a prolonged dry spell in February that affected crops across most parts of the country.

## SEASONAL RAINFALL PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL: 1 OCTOBER 2025 – 10 MARCH 2026

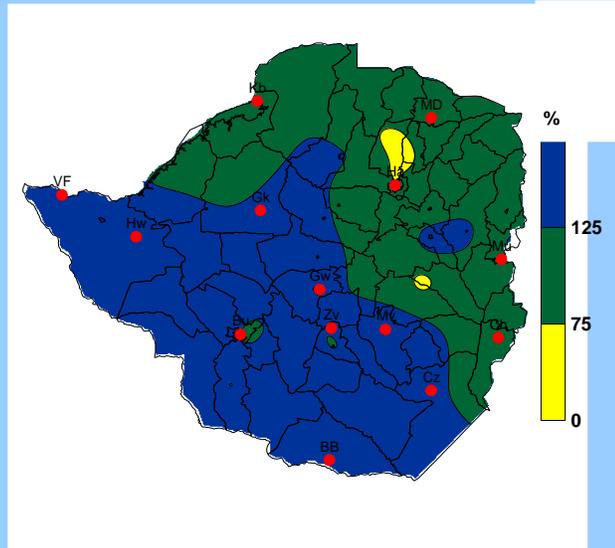


FIGURE 3: ACCUMULATION RAINFALL AS PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE: 1 OCTOBER 2025-10 MARCH 2026

**Figure 3:** shows that from 01 October 2025 to 10 March 2026, the western and southern parts of the country received above-normal rainfall, as shown by the blue colour on the map. The rest of the country recorded rainfall in the normal category, indicated by the green colour, with the exception of a few areas in yellow, which represent below-normal rainfall.

Although most parts of the country have experienced good rainfall when viewed as a percentage of normal (long-term average), the dry period and high daytime temperatures experienced over the country in February affected rainfed crops resulting in moisture stress. However, ground and surface water sources have been replenished, setting the stage for a good winter season for farmers. Additionally, these accumulations have led to improved pastures for livestock.

## WEEKLY EVAPORATION 15 JANUARY 2026 TO 10 MARCH 2026

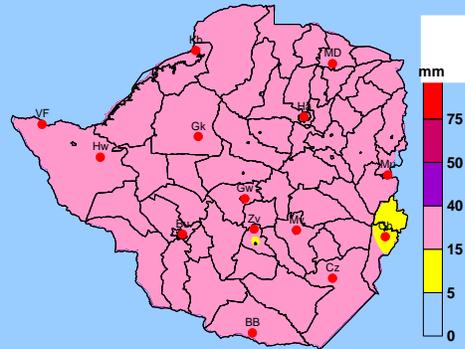


FIGURE 4: WEEKLY EVAPORATION: 04 - 10 MARCH 2026

**Figure 4:** The week ending 10 March 2026 recorded moderate evaporation rates lower than 40 mm across the country which Chipinge recording the lowest of 10 mm as indicated by the yellow shading on the map. Mostly cloudy conditions experienced during the week contributed to these relatively low evaporation rates.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE PERIOD: 12 MARCH 2026 – 18 MARCH 2026

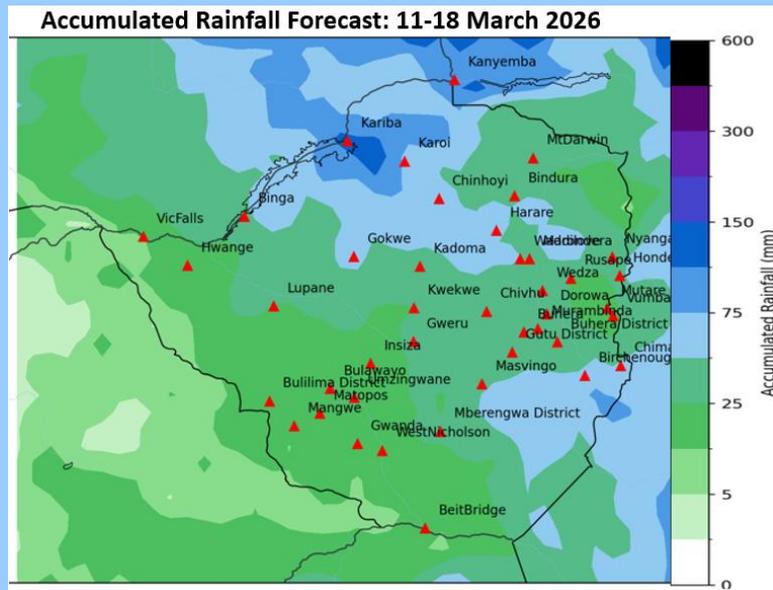


FIGURE 5: ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION FORECAST: 12 MARCH TO 18 MARCH 2026

*Figure 5:* Mostly cloudy and warm conditions with scattered thunderstorms are expected across the country for the week ending 18 March 2026. Localized downpours are probable in the northern and eastern parts of the country, while the western and southern parts are expected to receive less precipitation compared to the east and north.

### ADVISORY

Localized downpours are probable in the northern and eastern parts of the country, while the western and southern parts are expected to receive less precipitation compared to the east and north.

The expected scattered thunderstorms may provide relief to crops which were under stress due to the dry spell in February, but caution is needed against lodging and fungal diseases due to possible heavy rainfall coupled with the warm and moist conditions.