



10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 11-03-2026 TO 20-03-2026

Scattered thunderstorms with localized heavy downpours occurred across the country during the second dekad of March. The storms developed as a result of abundant atmospheric moisture from the north, associated with cloud bands. The highest ten-day cumulative rainfall totals included 346 mm at Mukandi, 152 mm at Buffalo Range, 129 mm at Kanyemba, 127 mm at Chisengu, and 126 mm at Nyanga; the spatial distribution of these totals is shown in Figure 1. Wind patterns were regionally distinct: Mashonaland Central experienced predominantly northeasterly winds, while the remaining provinces saw mainly southeasterly flow. Evaporation rates were generally low across much of the country due to reduced daytime temperatures and persistent cloud cover. Vegetation conditions were generally good throughout the dekad.

10-DAY WEATHER SUMMARY BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 11-03-2026 TO 20-03-2026

	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	7	15	29	49	97	81.5	Ne	02	38.2	-	Good
	Mvurwi											Good
	Guruve	6	14	30	49	97	121.8	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Mt Darwin	7	17	30	53	100	99.2	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Kanyemba	7	22	34	55	97	128.5	NE	03	-	-	Good
Mashonaland East (4 Stations)	Mutoko	7	15	28	54	100	29.9	SE	07	-	-	Good
	Chivhu	6	15	27	49	98	13.0	SE	05	-	-	Good
	Marondera	7	13	26	59	100	25.1	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Wedza	7	15	25	59	100	46.1	E	04	-	-	Good
	Chinhoyi											Good

Mashonaland West (6 Stations)	Chibero	5	15	26	55	95	12.5	N3	04	-	-	Good
	Karoi	6	16	27	56	100	97.7	E	03	-	-	Good
	Kariba	5	18	32	57	98	74.2	VRB	08	33.0	059	Good
	Kadoma	6	16	30	51	97	12.6	SE	03	-	054	Good
	Mhondoro	4	15	25	54	94	10.5	SE	02	-	-	Good
Harare (2 Stations)	Belvedere											Good
	Kutsaga	7	15	27	56	100	27.8	SE	04	39.4	-	Good
Midlands (4 Stations)	Gokwe	5	15	29	57	100	50.3	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Gweru	7	15	27	61	98	53.4	E	09	-	043	Good
	Kwekwe	6	18	27	54	100	23.1	NE	04	41.8	-	Fair
	Zvishavane	6	19	26	56	100	63.2	SE	05	62.2	032	Fair
Manicaland (7 Stations)	Rusape	7	16	24	63	100	112	SE	03	18.7	025	Good
	Nyanga	7	13	22	69	100	126.0	SE	07	17.5	027	Good
	Mukandi	8	14	19	78	100	346.4	E	04	-	007	Good
	Buhera											Good
	Chipinge	7	18	24	67	100	58.3	SE	04	31.5	-	Good
	Chisengu	7	-	24	57	100	127.0	Se	04	-	-	Good
	Chisumbanje	6	21	29	57	100	83.6	SE	05	34.8	046	Good
Masvingo (6 Stations)	Makoholi	7	14	29	61	97	71	S3	04	-	-	Good
	Masvingo	6	18	25	57	100	40.2	SE	03	24.4	046	Good
	Zaka	6	19	27	62	97	115.5	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Rupike	7	-	-	76	98	40.6	SE	03	-	-	
	Buffalo Range	7	19	33	52	100	151.7	SE	05	28.2	047	Good
Matabeleland North (6 Stations)	Binga	5	19	33	50	100	81.0	NE	03	100	-	Good
	Lupane	6	16	33	47	100	17.9	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Hwange	4	15	32	44	98	54.3	NE	05	-	-	Good
	Tsholotsho	5	16	31	47	100	27.7	SE	04	-	-	Fair
	Nkayi	6	16	32	46	97	16.3	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Victoria Falls	5	16	31	47	100	49.2	SE	08	-	066	Fair
Matabeleland South (5 Stations)	Kezi											Good
	Matopos	7	15	28	50	97	57.3	E	04	-	-	Good
	Beitbridge	6	19	34	48	100	41.7	SE	05	37.2	-	Fair
	West Nicholson	7	07	30	-	-	44.4	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Plumtree	6	15	29	54	100	48.0	SE	03	-	-	Good
Bulawayo	Goetz	4	13	28	51	98	69.4	SE	03	42.7	030	Fair

EVAPORATION, TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

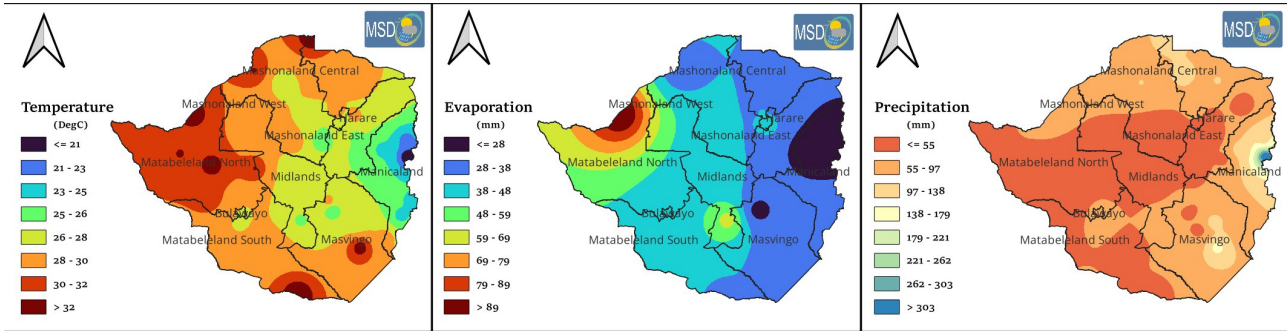


Fig 1: Evaporation, Maximum Temperature and Rainfall in the dekad ending 20-03-2026

WEATHER OUTLOOK: MARCH 2026

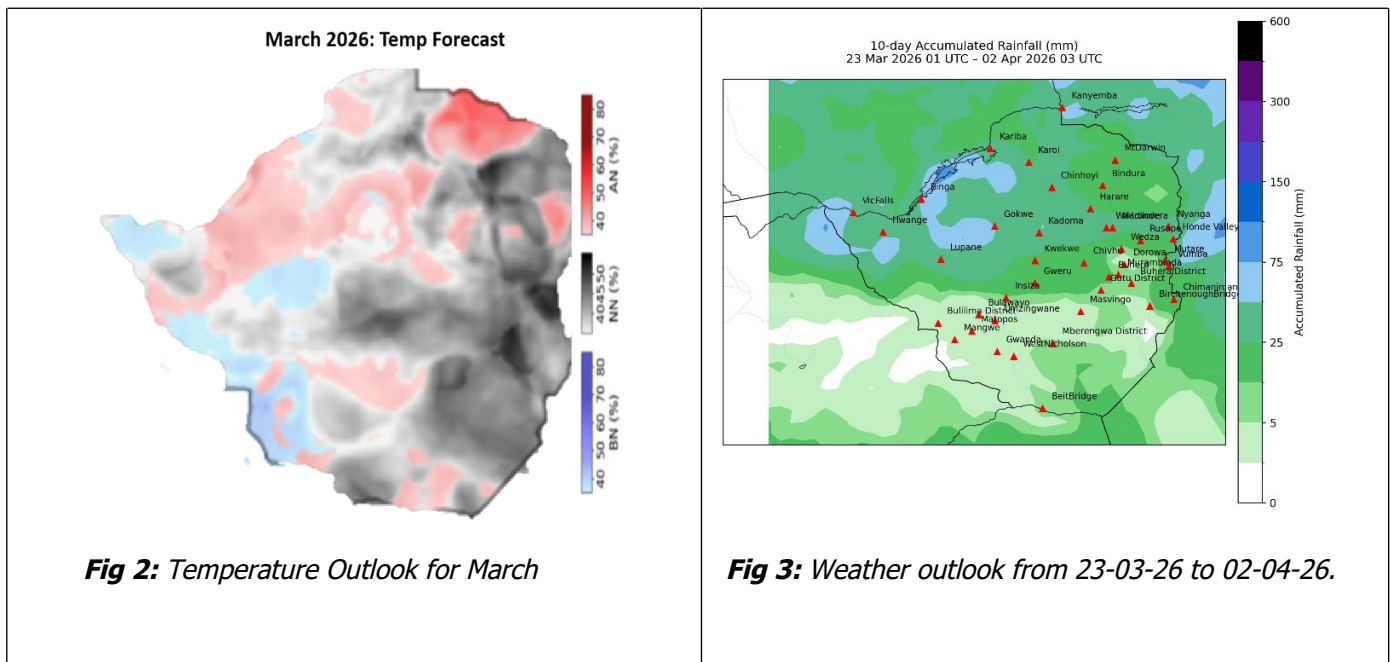


Fig 2: Temperature Outlook for March

Fig 3: Weather outlook from 23-03-26 to 02-04-26.

In March 2026, temperatures are expected to be within the normal range across most of the eastern half and southern parts of the country. A few areas, however, are likely to experience slightly warmer-than-average conditions. As shown in Figure 2, grey indicates areas where normal temperatures are expected, red represents warmer-than-normal conditions, and blue denotes cooler-than-normal conditions.

Figure 3 displays the 10-day cumulative rainfall forecast for the third dekad of March. Isolated thunderstorms are expected over northern parts of the country. Most areas, particularly the southern parts of the country, are forecast to receive 25 mm of rainfall or less, except for the north-western parts of the country, where the highest totals, up to 75 mm are expected in areas such as Kariba, Binga and Victoria Falls.

Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 23-03-2026 to 02-04 -2026

Province	Agromet -Weather forecast	Wind Direction & Wind Speed (knots)	Relative Humidity (%)	Min/Max (°C)
Mashonaland Central	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	66-100	18-30
Mashonaland East	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers.	SE'ly	64-100	14-27
Mashonaland West	Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers. Heavy downpours are probable in places.	NE'ly	58-100	18-30
Harare	Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers.	NE'ly	61-100	16-28
Midlands	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms.	SE'ly	63-100	16-29
Manicaland	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	69-100	18-29
Masvingo	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms.	SE'ly	65-100	18-30
Matabeleland North	Mostly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thundershowers.	E'ly	57-100	19-33
Matabeleland South	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms.	SE'ly	62-100	18-31

Bulawayo	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated thunderstorms.	SE'ly	59-100	17-30
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AGROMET ADVISORY

- **Harvest mature crops promptly:** With isolated rainfall possible, mature crops—especially grains like maize and sorghum—should be harvested as soon as they are ready to prevent lodging, sprouting in the field, or fungal growth (e.g., aflatoxins) from unexpected moisture.
- **Ensure proper drying:** Take advantage of sunny spells to thoroughly dry harvested grains before storage. Use tarpaulins or raised platforms to avoid contact with damp ground if showers occur.
- **Store in moisture-proof containers:** Given the lingering atmospheric moisture, ensure storage facilities are well-ventilated yet sealed from humidity to prevent mold and pest infestation.
- **Stay weather-aware:** Isolated thunderstorms can still bring locally heavy downpours, as seen earlier in the dekad. Farmers should monitor short-term forecasts to protect harvested produce and livestock.
- **Inspect drainage systems:** Clear drainage channels around fields and homesteads to prevent waterlogging from any unexpected heavy showers during harvest.