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10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 21-03-2026 TO 31-03-2026

The dekad under review began with partly cloudy conditions and isolated thundershowers in the northern provinces and eastern parts of the country, while the southern parts were mostly sunny and hot. Towards the end of the dekad, a high-pressure system over the southeast of the subcontinent brought windy, cold, and cloudy conditions with patchy drizzle over the southern provinces, namely Masvingo, Manicaland, the southern parts of the Midlands, and Matabeleland South. Areas in Manicaland province received isolated thunderstorms that were heavy in places. The northern provinces remained partly cloudy with some isolated thundershowers. The highest cumulative recorded rainfall amounts were 93mm (Chisengu), 56mm (Chipinge), 55mm (Beitbridge), 54mm (Wedza), and 48mm (Mukandi). The rest of the recorded rainfall totals were below 45mm (refer to). The northern areas were dominated by a northeasterly airflow, whereas the southern provinces experienced a southeasterly airflow. Evaporation rates exceeded 50mm in most parts of the country, due to the high daytime temperatures experienced for much of the dekad.

10-DAY WEATHER SUMMARY BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 21-03-2026 TO 31-03-2026

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)
Mashonaland Central (5 Stations)	Henderson	4	13	31	45	100	9.2	NE	03	57.2	091	Fair
	Mvurwi	5	17	26	48	97	38.9	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Guruve	3	15	31	49	97	2.4	NE	04	-	-	Good
	Mt Darwin	4	17	31	43	97	4.1	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Kanyemba	4	22	36	47	97	3.7	NE	04	-	-	Good
Mashonaland East	Mutoko	5	15	32	39	100	12.5	SE	06	57.8	-	Fair
	Chivhu	3	14	30	40	97	0.4	NE	02	-	-	Fair



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(4 Stations)	Marondera	4	10	28	42	100	17.5	NE	02	-	-	Fair
	Wedza	4	15	30	42	100	53.8	NE	04	-	-	Fair
Mashonaland West (6 Stations)	Chinhoyi	4	17	32	42	100	7.3	NE	03	-	-	Fair
	Chibero	2	12	29	37	86	00	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Karoi	4	16	28	53	100	2.6	SE	02	-	-	Fair
	Kariba	3	21	35	47	96	16.1	SE	05	48.9	092	Good
	Kadoma	4	16	31	40	100	9.7	E	03	-	091	Good
	Mhondoro	3	13	32	39	97	2.0	SE	02	-	-	Good
Harare (2 Stations)	Belvedere	4	16	30	39	98	1.1	NE	03	46.7	078	Good
	Kutsaga	4	14	30	35	100	00	NE	03	61.7	096	Good
Midlands (4 Stations)	Gokwe	3	17	30	54	97	10.0	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Gweru	5	15	29	39	100	37.1	SE	03	-	077	Good
	Kwekwe	3	19	30	51	98	22.7	NE	03	49.6	-	Good
	Zvishavane	4	19	30	53	93	7.6	SE	05	51.8	081	Good
Manicaland (7 Stations)	Rusape	4	14	30	43	100	25.0	SE	04	49.2	088	Good
	Nyanga	3	09	26	49	100	40.8	SE	06	37.4	086	Good
	Mukandi	4	14	23	52	100	47.8	SE	04	39.5	-	Good
	Buhera	4	14	32	40	100	00	SE	02	-	-	Good
	Chipinge	5	17	29	57	100	56.3	SE	03	45.2	-	Good
	Chisengu	6	-	29	57	100	92.8	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Chisumbanje	3	19	35	47	97	5.8	SE	04	52.8	086	Good
Masvingo (6 Stations)	Makoholi	4	14	32	43	97	0.5	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Masvingo	4	20	27	44	100	28.4	SE	08	51.0	097	Fair
	Zaka	3	20	31	38	97	32.4	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Rupike	5	-	-	65	97	2.6	SE	-	-	-	Fair
	Buffalo Range	5	20	36	48	100	19.6	SE	04	45.9	083	Fair
Matabeleland North (6 Stations)	Binga	5	20	35	51	97	51.9	VRB	03	55.9	-	Fair
	Lupane	4	17	34	44	100	31.9	SE	05	-	-	Good
	Hwange	4	19	31	42	98	11.9	VRB	08	-	070	Good
	Tsholotsho	4	17	32	43	100	9.7	SE	02	-	-	Fair
	Nkayi	4	17	32	42	98	13.9	SE	02	-	083	Good
	Victoria Falls	4	18	33	38	100	10.4	NE	05	-	081	Good
Matabeleland South (5 Stations)	Kezi	3	16	33	-	-	40.2	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Matopos											Good
	Beitbridge	5	19	38	38	100	54.6	SE	05	52.1	-	Poor
	West Nich	6	16	33	-	-	2.4	E	02	-	-	Fair
	Plumtree	3	16	32	44	100	21.0	SE	02	-	-	Good
Bulawayo	Goetz	4	16	29	43	98	13.6	SE	03	58.8	094	Fair

WEATHER OUTLOOK: APRIL 2026

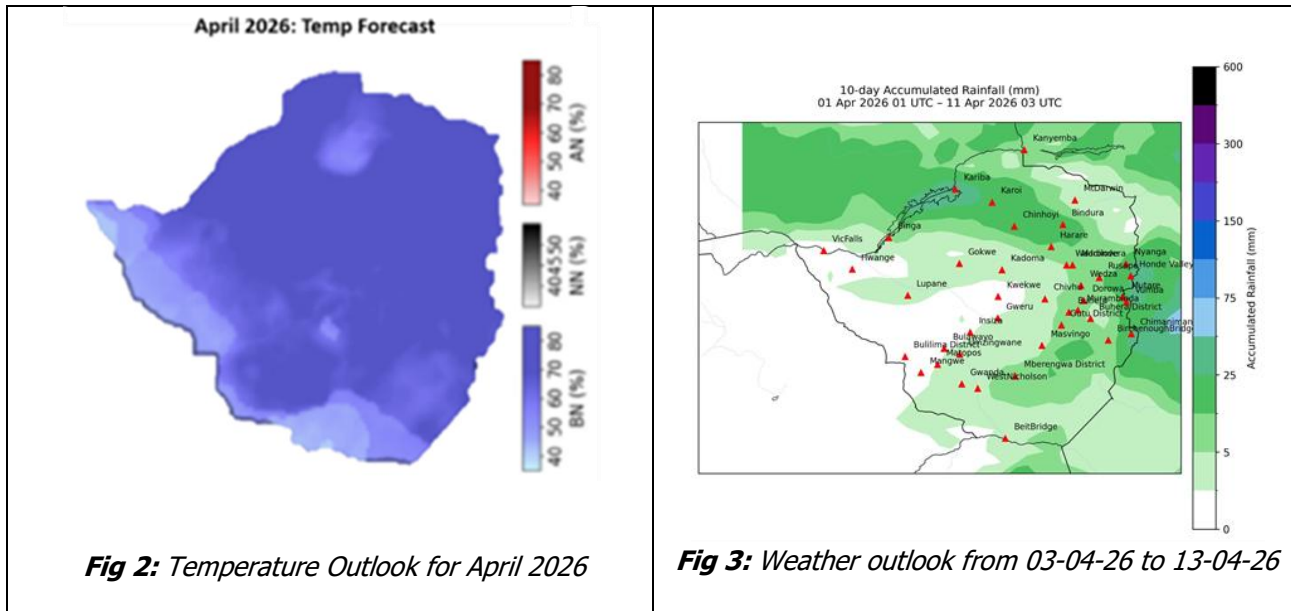


Fig 2: Temperature Outlook for April 2026

Fig 3: Weather outlook from 03-04-26 to 13-04-26

In April 2026, cooler than normal conditions are expected across the country, as shown by the blue shading on the map in Figure 2. This is the period when we will be transitioning from the rainy season to the winter season. Figure 3 displays the 10-day cumulative rainfall forecast for the first dekad of April. Partly cloudy conditions with isolated thundershowers are expected in the northern, eastern, and southern parts of the country, although the expected precipitation totals are less than 25mm, except for areas in the Eastern Highlands that may receive above 25mm.

NB: It is important to note that we are now approaching the end of the 2025/26 rainy season and therefore, we should start seeing a decline in rainfall activity across the country though there is a chance of isolated late rains in the month of April as forecasted above.

Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 04-04-2026 to 13-04 -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 showers that maybe thundery in places.	E'ly	66-100	18-30

Mashonaland East	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated showers that maybe thundery in places.	SE'ly	64-100	14-27
Mashonaland West	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated showers that maybe thundery in places.	NE'ly	58-100	18-30
Harare	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated showers that maybe thundery in places.	NE'ly	61-100	16-28
Midlands	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	SE'ly	63-100	16-29
Manicaland	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	E'ly	69-100	18-29
Masvingo	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	SE'ly	65-100	18-30
Matabeleland North	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	E'ly	57-100	19-33
Matabeleland South	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	SE'ly	62-100	18-31
Bulawayo	Partly cloudy and warm at first, becoming mostly cloudy, windy, and cold with patchy drizzle towards the end of the dekad.	SE'ly	59-100	17-30

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 mould and pest infestation.
- **Livestock (early winter preparation):** With declining rainfall and cooler conditions approaching, start destocking or identifying supplementary feed sources; patchy thundershowers may provide brief grazing regrowth but insufficient for sustained feeding.