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## 10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

### SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 01-04-2026 TO 10-04-2026

The dekad under review began with 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. The northern provinces remained partly cloudy with some isolated thundershowers. Towards the end of the dekad, most parts of the country started to clear up except the extreme northern parts. The highest cumulative recorded rainfall amounts were 63mm (Kariba), 48mm (Chisengu), 36mm (Chipinge), 33mm (Chinhoyi), 27mm (Buffalo Range) and 22mm (Nyanga). The rest of the recorded rainfall totals were below 20mm (refer to the table below and Fig 1c). The northern and eastern areas were dominated by a northeasterly airflow, whereas the southern provinces experienced a southeasterly airflow. Evaporation rates were below 50mm in most areas except for Kutsaga and Binga, due to the mostly cloudy conditions and moisture the country experienced for much of the dekad (also refer to Fig 1b).

### 10-DAY WEATHER SUMMARY BY PROVINCE FOR THE PERIOD 01-04-2026 TO 10-04-2026

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	3	10	29	31	97	8.1	NE	02	-	091	Fair
	Mvurwi	4	13	27	42	100	13.5	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Guruve	3	13	30	42	97	6.2	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Mt Darwin	5	14	31	42	97	-	E	02	-	-	Good
	Kanyemba	4	18	35	36	97	0.3	NE	05	-	-	Good
Mashonaland East	Mutoko	4	12	29	42	97	00	E	05	45.1	-	Fair
	Chivhu	5	10	28	28	100	4.1	SE	03	-	-	Fair



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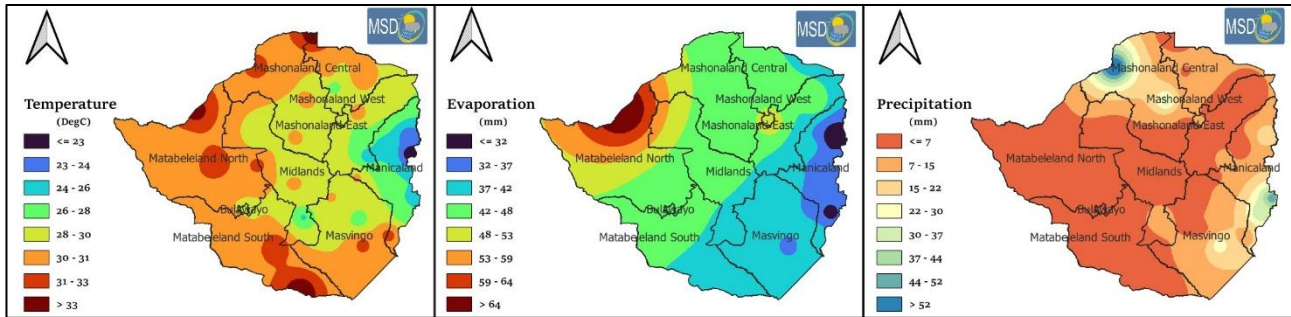
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(4 Stations)	Marondera	5	07	27	37	97	0.3	NE	03	-	-	Fair
	Wedza	5	13	25	37	100	8.9	E	04	-	-	Fair
Mashonaland West (6 Stations)	Chinhoyi	4	15	30	35	97	32.5	NE	03	-	-	Fair
	Chibero	2	13	28	42	87	2.0	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Karoi											Fair
	Kariba	3	19	32	54	98	63.0	VRB	06	-	-	Good
	Kadoma	3	13	30	31	100	3.2	E	05	-	095	Good
	Mhondoro											Good
Harare (2 Stations)	Belvedere											Good
	Kutsaga	4	11	29	25	97	8.9	VRB	03	50.7	083	Good
Midlands (4 Stations)	Gokwe	3	15	28	37	94	00	NE	03	-	-	Good
	Gweru	6	08	30	26	99	00	SE	08	-	082	Good
	Kwekwe	3	14	28	49	94	00	NE	03	46.6	-	Good
	Zvishavane	4	16	26	30	97	12.4	SE	04	-	082	Good
Manicaland (7 Stations)	Rusape	5	12	25	40	100	1.3	SE	02	38.2	074	Good
	Nyanga	5	12	23	36	97	21.6	SE	04	25.7	083	Good
	Mukandi	3	12	21	37	100	11.2	SE	03	31.9	-	Good
	Buhera	5	10	30	31	100	6.4	SE	02	-	-	Good
	Chipinge	5	14	27	45	100	35.9	SE	02	30.5	055	Good
	Chisengu	5	-	25	59	100	47.7	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Chisumbanje	4	14	32	44	100	12.7	SW	06	40.5	074	Good
Masvingo (6 Stations)	Makoholi	4	10	30	45	100	00	SE	05	-	-	Good
	Masvingo	4	11	29	43	100	0.7	SE	06	40.0	090	Fair
	Zaka	3	16	27	48	97	13.7	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Rupike	4	-	-	61	93	3.2	SE	07	-	-	Fair
	Buffalo Range	5	15	32	46	100	26.7	SE	04	36.4	076	Fair
Matabeleland North (6 Stations)	Binga	3	19	34	46	94	6.1	VRB	01	69.5	092	Fair
	Lupane	4	12	33	37	97	00	SE	04	-	-	Good
	Hwange	3	14	30	35	98	00	VRB	08	-	079	Good
	Tsholotsho											Fair
	Nkayi	3	12	32	30	97	1.0	SE	05	-	082	Good
	Victoria Falls	3	14	31	32	100	00	E	08	-	091	Good
Matabeleland South (5 Stations)	Kezi											Good
	Matopos	2	11	30	30	97	00	SE	03	-	-	Good
	Beitbridge	3	14	35	40	100	0.3	SE	03	40.8	-	Poor
	West Nicholson	4	10	33	-	-	1.9	E	02	-	-	Fair
	Plumtree	3	12	31	33	97	00	SE	03	-	-	Good
Bulawayo	Goetz	0	11	29	28	99	1.1	NE	04	43.9	075	Fair

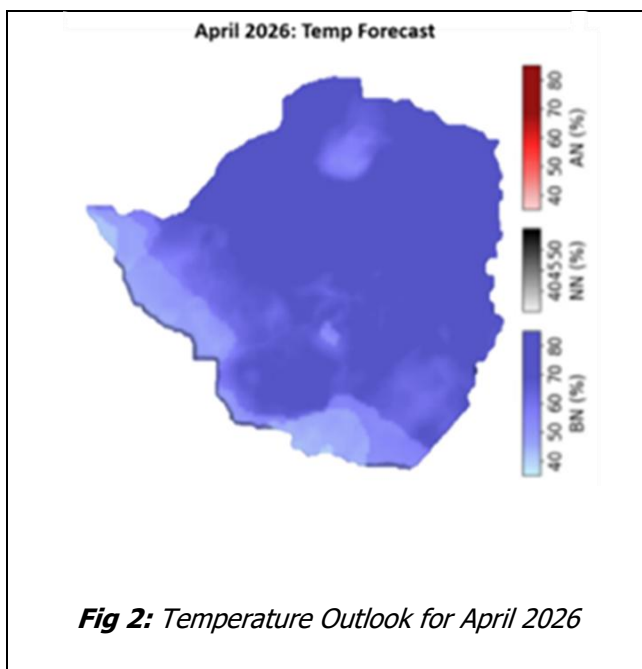
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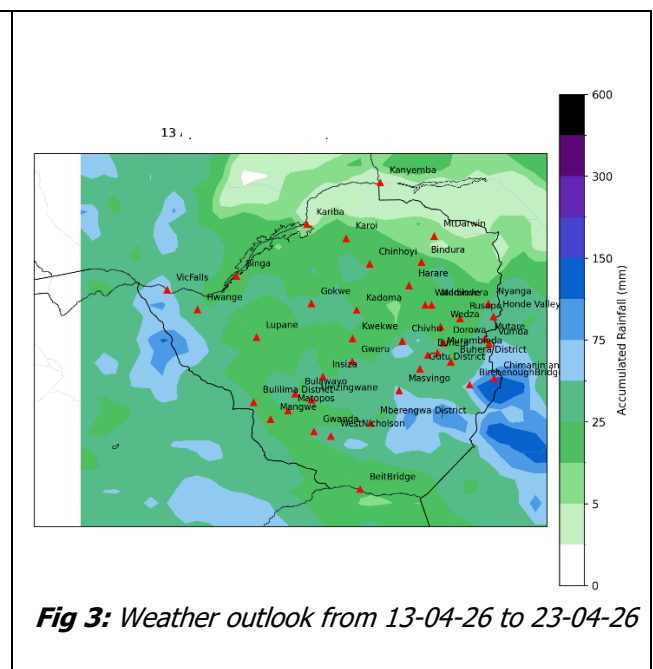


**Fig 1:** (a) Maximum Temperature, (b) Evaporation and (c) Rainfall in the dekad ending 10-04-2026

## WEATHER OUTLOOK: APRIL 2026



**Fig 2:** Temperature Outlook for April 2026



**Fig 3:** Weather outlook from 13-04-26 to 23-04-26

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 second dekad of April. Partly cloudy conditions with isolated thundershowers are expected in across the country mainly over Manicaland Province, 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 15-04-2026 to 23-04 -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
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## AGROMET ADVISORY

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- **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.