



WEEKLY RAINFALL BULLETIN

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SUMMARY OF PAST WEEK: 22 APRIL 2026 – 28 APRIL 2026

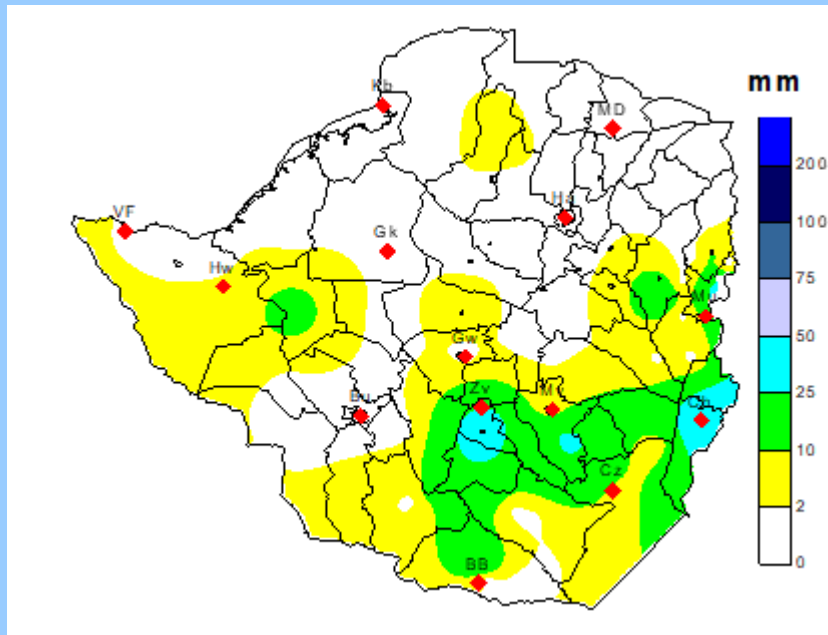


FIGURE 1: WEEKLY RAINFALL TOTALS: 22 APRIL 2026 TO 28 APRIL 2026

Most parts of Zimbabwe received little (less than 10mm weekly total) to no rainfall, consistent with the transition toward the winter season, and supporting harvesting and post-harvesting drying operations. However, parts of Manicaland, Midlands, Masvingo, Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North and Mashonaland East provinces recorded weekly totals between 10mm and 25mm, with isolated small pockets of the eastern and southern districts recording weekly totals in the range 25mm to 50mm, possibly delaying post-harvest drying.

SEASONAL ACCUMULATED RAINFALL: 01 OCTOBER 2025 – 28 APRIL 2026

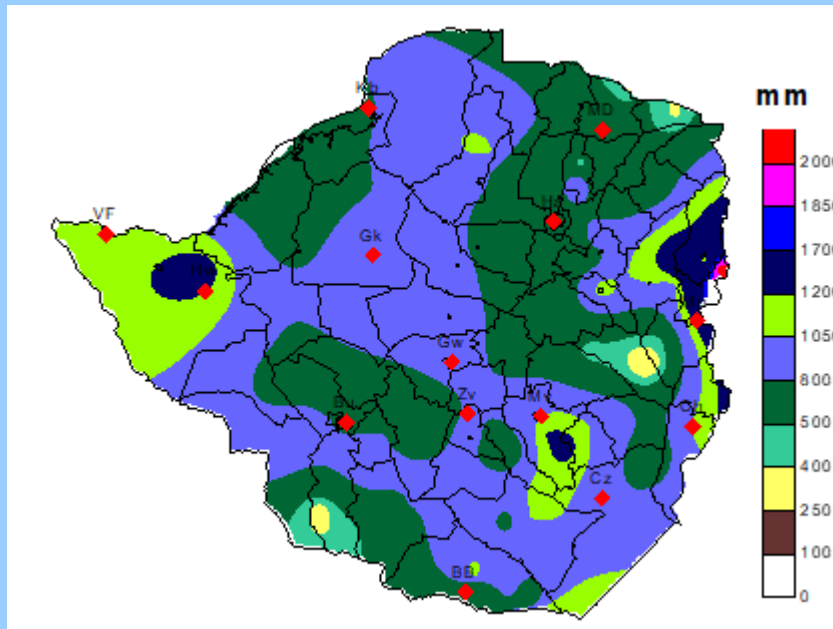


FIGURE 2: SEASONAL RAINFALL TOTALS: 01 OCTOBER 2025 -28 APRIL 2026

From 1 October 2025 to 28 April 2026, seasonal rainfall totals show most of the country has received over 500 mm. Exceptionally high totals exceeding 1200mm have been recorded over in the extreme western parts of the country, particularly in Hwange District, as well as the extreme eastern districts which include Mutasa, Makoni and Chimanimani. In contrast, isolated pockets of Matobo and Mangwe districts in Matabeleland South, Buhera district in Manicaland, and Rushinga and Mt Darwin districts in Mashonaland Central have recorded seasonal rainfall totals less than 500mm.

SEASONAL RAINFALL PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL: 1 OCTOBER 2025 – 28 APRIL 2026

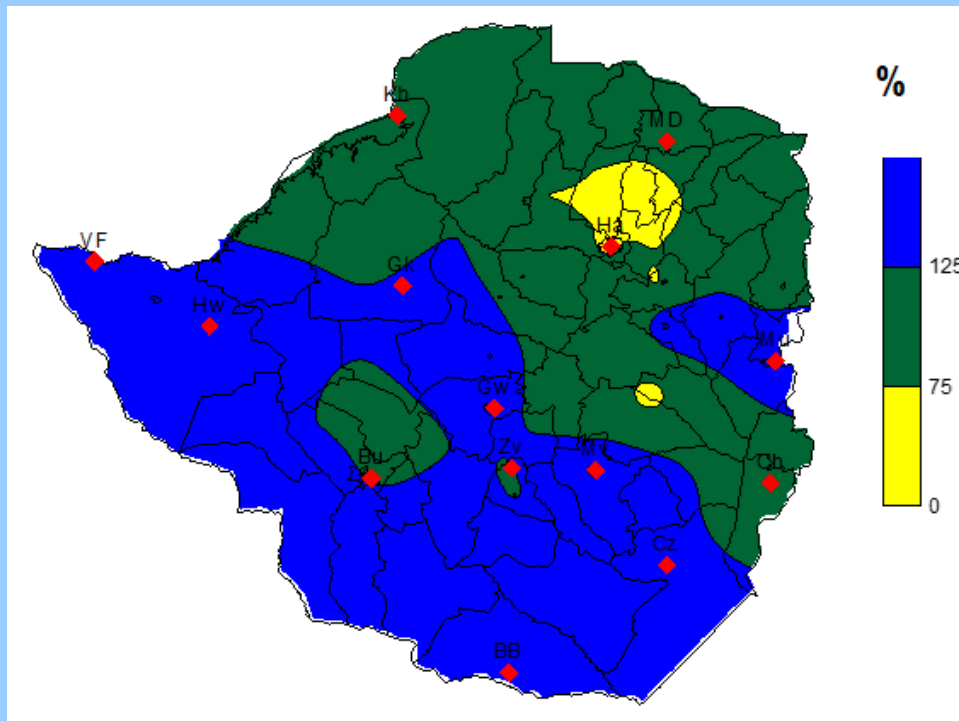


FIGURE 3: ACCUMULATION RAINFALL AS PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE: 1 OCTOBER 2025-28 APRIL 2026

Percentage of normal rainfall across Zimbabwe for the 2025/26 season to date has indicated a generally favorable rainfall season with adequate moisture availability in most parts of the country.

- Above-normal rainfall (blue color) has been recorded across the southern, southwestern, and southeastern regions, including all Matabeleland provinces, Masvingo, parts of Midlands, and parts of Manicaland, supporting improved water resources, and livestock grazing conditions.
- Within normal rainfall conditions (green color) prevail across much of all the Mashonaland Provinces as well as parts of the Midlands, northern Masvingo and south of Manicaland Provinces, suggesting generally stable agricultural conditions.
- Below-normal rainfall (yellow color) has been observed in isolated pockets of Mashonaland Central (particularly Shamva, Bindura and Mazowe Districts), warranting targeted monitoring and intervention measures.

Overall, performance of the season indicates good recharge of dams and groundwater during the season, improving prospects for winter wheat irrigation in well-watered catchments.

WEEKLY EVAPORATION 22 APRIL TO 28 APRIL 2026

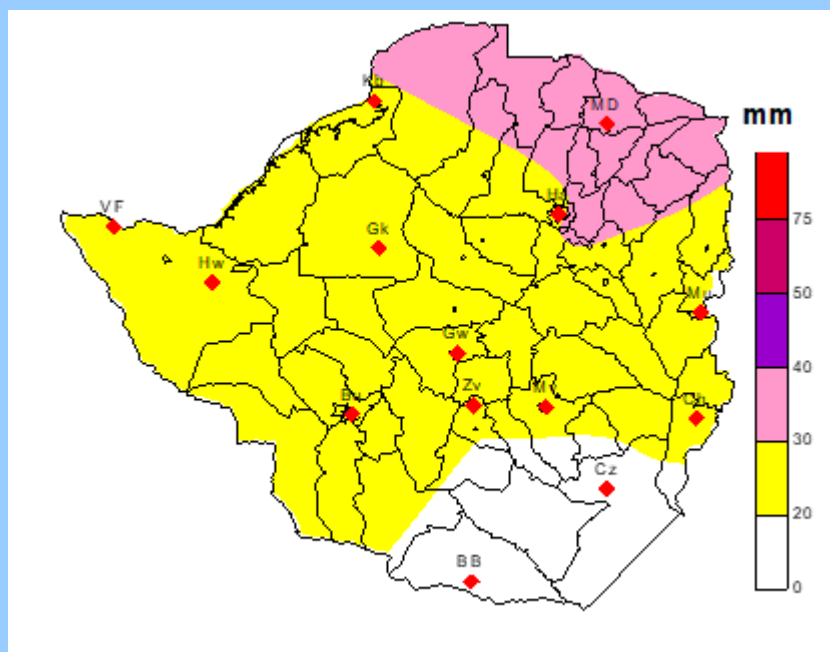


FIGURE 4: WEEKLY EVAPORATION: 22 APRIL - 28 APRIL 2026

Highest evaporation rates (between 30mm - 40 mm (Figure 4) were experienced over the northern regions, suggesting increased soil moisture loss, whilst lowest evaporation rates (less than 20mm) were experienced over the south-eastern regions. The rest of the country experienced evaporation rates in the range 20-30mm.

