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10 DAY AGROMET BULLETIN

SUMMARY OF THE PAST DEKAD 20-04-2026 TO 30-04-2026

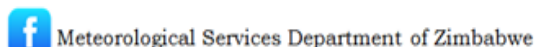
The dekad under review began with partly cloudy conditions and isolated thundershowers in the northern provinces and eastern parts of the country, while the southern parts were mostly sunny and hot. Towards the end of the dekad, a high-pressure system over the southeast of the subcontinent brought windy, 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 137mm (Chipinge), 99mm (Chisengu), 86mm (West Nicholson), and 46mm (Mukandi). The rest of the recorded rainfall totals were below 45mm. The northern areas were dominated by a northeasterly airflow, whereas the southern provinces experienced a southeasterly airflow. Evaporation rates were in the range of 30-40mm in most areas of the country due to cloudy conditions over the country mainly southern and eastern, few exceeded 50mm over the northern 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 20-04-2026 TO 30-04-2026

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	30	39	97	00	NE	02	49.0	088	FAIR
	Mvurwi	4	14	26	44	100	00	NE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Guruve	2	11	31	34	97	7.3	NE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Mt Darwin											GOOD



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	Kanyemba	3	19	37	35	88	00	NE	03	-	-	GOOD
Mashonaland East (4 Stations)	Mutoko	3	12	31	36	97	00	E	05	52.0	-	FAIR
	Chivhu	4	11	32	30	99	7.3	SE	03	-	-	FAIR
	Marondera											FAIR
	Wedza	4	16	33	47	100	12.2	SE	04	-	-	FAIR
Mashonaland West (6 Stations)	Chinhoyi	2	14	31	32	94	00	NE	03	-	-	FAIR
	Chibero	1	13	27	39	87	00	NE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Karoi	2	13	29	37	100	00	E	03	-	-	FAIR
	Kariba	1	17	36	35	91	00	VRB	06	45.0	112	GOOD
	Kadoma	3	14	32	24	100	0.2	E	04	-	-	GOOD
	Mhondoro	2	10	32	22	94	00	SE	02	-	-	GOOD
Harare (2 Stations)	Belvedere	3	15	28	37	99	2.2	E	04	43.6	082	GOOD
	Kutsaga	3	11	29	30	100	00	NE	03	50.0	086	GOOD
Midlands (4 Stations)	Gokwe	2	15	31	33	96	1.5	NE	02	-	-	GOOD
	Gweru	4	10	31	25	100	1.7	SE	05	-	066	GOOD
	Kwekwe	3	15	28	48	96	7.9	SE	03	37.6	-	GOOD
	Zvishavane	5	17	27	50	100	40.5	SE	03	31.4	-	GOOD
Manicaland (7 Stations)	Rusape	6	15	36	38	100	18.8	SE	04	39.2	073	GOOD
	Nyanga	3	12	22	33	97	37.0	SE	06	30.4	081	GOOD
	Mukandi	4	12	21	42	100	45.9	SE	04	30.2	069	GOOD
	Buhera	4	12	33	32	100	29.0	SE	02	-	-	GOOD
	Chipinge	5	13	29	46	100	136.5	SE	02	20.6	084	GOOD
	Chisengu	4	-	29	48	100	98.9	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Chisumbanje	5	15	35	43	100	15.9	SW	07	30.3	-	GOOD
Masvingo (6 Stations)	Makoholi	5	12	32	30	100	6.2	SE	03	-	-	GOOD
	Masvingo	5	11	31	37	100	4.2	SE	06	29.2	070	FAIR
	Zaka	5	16	27	41	97	27.2	SE	03	-	-	GOOD
	Rupike	5	-	-	46	97	5.2	SE	07	-	-	FAIR
	Buffalo Range	2	16	33	47	100	13.8	SE	02	22.8	042	FAIR
Matabeleland North (6 Stations)	Binga	3	18	35	37	84	0.4	VRB	02	67.0	101	FAIR
	Lupane	3	13	34	31	100	15.9	SE	05	-	-	GOOD
	Hwange											GOOD
	Tsholotsho	3	12	33	20	100	00	E	03	-	-	FAIR
	Nkayi	3	11	33	31	98	00	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
	Victoria Falls	3	14	32	23	100	1.0	E	07	-	089	GOOD
Matabeleland South (5 Stations)	Kezi											GOOD
	Matopos	6	10	30	33	97	12.6	E	02	-	-	GOOD
	Beitbridge	5	15	36	38	100	10.9	SE	07	31.5	-	POOR
	West Nicholson	6	13	32	-	-	85.7	SE	03	-	-	FAIR
	Plumtree	6	15	37	38	100	09.5	SE	04	-	-	GOOD
Bulawayo	Goetz	4	16	29	45	98	13.6	E	03	42.8	078	FAIR

TEMPERATURE, EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION

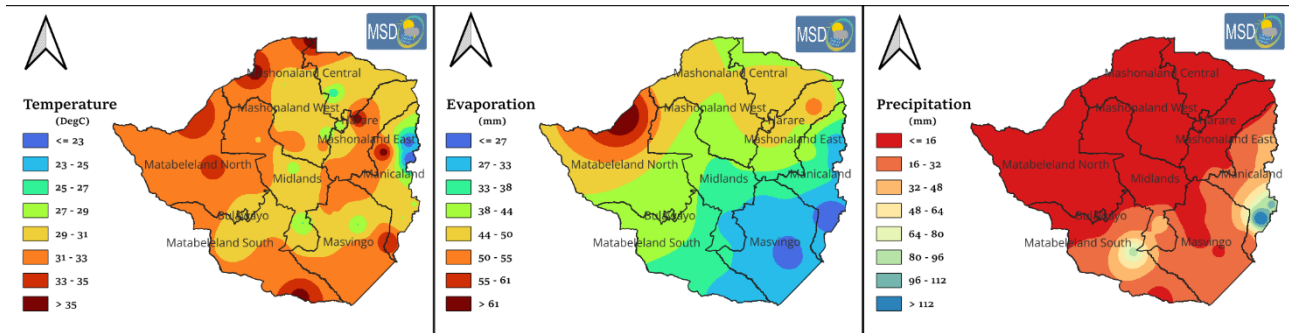
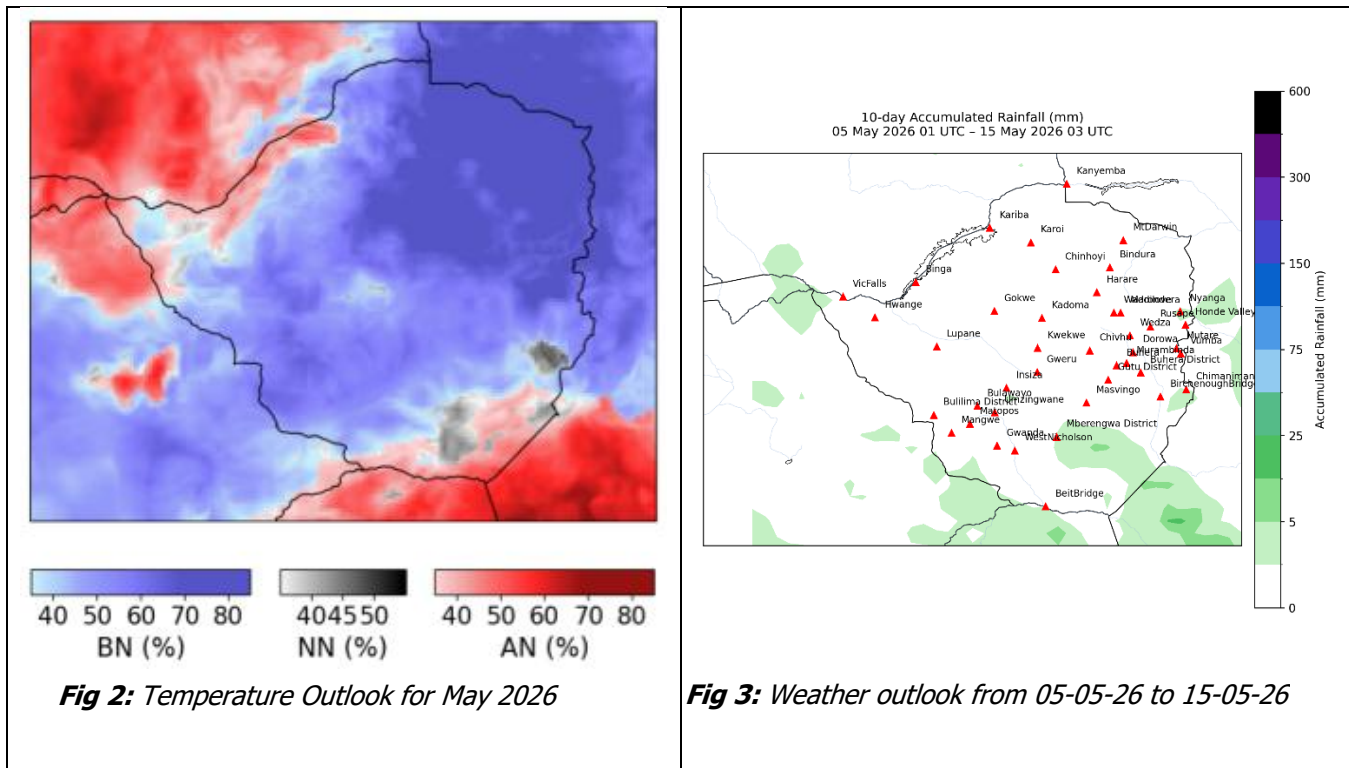


Fig 1: (a) Maximum Temperature, (b) Evaporation and (c) Precipitation in the dekad ending 30-04-2026

Figure 1(a) shows that most areas across the country recorded temperatures of 29°C and above, except for the eastern highlands, where temperatures remained at 25°C or below. Evaporation rates were high (indicated by the orange colour in Figure 1(b)), particularly over Matabeleland North and most parts of the Mashonaland Provinces, due to predominantly clear skies and high daytime temperatures. In contrast, the southern and eastern parts of the country experienced lower evaporation rates (shown in blue on Figure 1(b)), attributed to cloudy conditions, rainfall, and warm temperatures. During the last dekad of April, precipitation decreased significantly as the 2025/26 rainfall season comes to an end, with most areas receiving 16 mm or less. However, the southern parts of Manicaland were an exception, recording 96 mm or more.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: MAY 2026



In May 2026, cooler than normal conditions are expected across the country, as shown by the blue shading on the map in Figure 2 except for areas along the Zambezi valley and extreme southern parts of the country are anticipated to have warmer than normal conditions as shown by the red colour on the map above. Figure 3 displays the 10-day cumulative rainfall forecast for the first dekad of April. Partly cloudy conditions with drizzle and light rain are expected in the eastern, and southern parts of the country, although the expected precipitation totals are less than 25mm. Mild to cool morning conditions are expected across the country with warm afternoon conditions.

NB: It is important to note that we are now in the winter season and therefore, we should start seeing a decline in temperatures in areas across the country with a chance of ground frost in the mornings.

Table 2: Provincial Weather outlook valid from 06-05-2026 to 15-05 -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.	NE'ly	66-100	18-30
Mashonaland East	Partly cloudy and warm for much of the dekad with isolated showers that maybe thundery in places.	SW'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.	SW'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.	W'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.	SW'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.	N'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.	SW'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.	SW'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.
- **Ground frost:** With freezing night temperatures forecast, irrigate crops in the evening and cover sensitive vegetation with frost cloth or low plastic tunnels; ensure covering materials do not touch leaves directly to prevent additional damage.