

Meteorological Services Department (MSD)

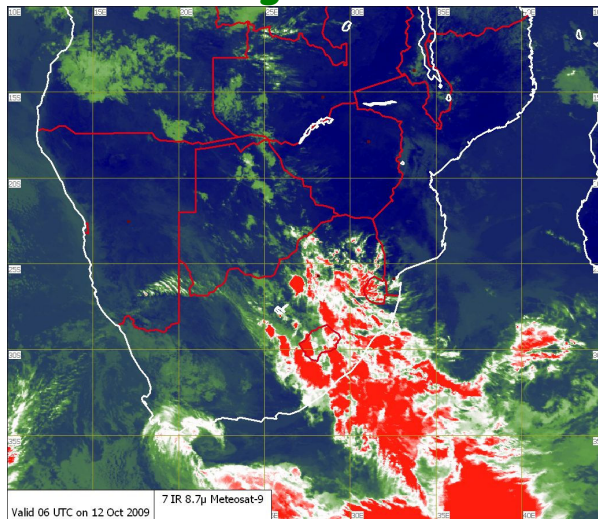
Agromet Section
Weather, Climate and Agriculture

AgroMet Bulletin

1. Weather Summary for period from 11 to 20 October

The period was generally fine and hot to very hot. However a cloud band from the west affected the south-western areas on the 13th but there was no significant rainfall. On the 18th another cloud band from the west coupled with pressure rises over the southeast coast of the sub-region gave rise to some scattered light thundershowers and drizzle over most parts of the country. Mutare and Karoi reported 4mm on the 19th.

2. Satellite monitoring conditions



The satellite picture taken on 12-10-2009 at 0645GMT showing the dry conditions currently affecting the country. However to the west there is a cloud band developing which might affect us in the forecast period.

3. Weather Forecast for the period from the 22nd to the 31st of October 2009.

- Fine and hot conditions are expected up to 26 October 2009 across the country. Cloudy with drizzly conditions followed by isolated light thundershowers are forecast south of the main watershed on the 27 and 28 October. North of the country should be fine to partly cloudy throughout the forecast period.
- Mostly fine conditions should prevail from 29 October until the end of the forecast period. Daytime temperatures should be in the warm to hot category throughout the forecast period.

Table 1: Forecast weather by province for the 22nd – 31st October 2009

Province	Agro-weather forecast	Rain-fall range (mm/10 days)	Wind Direction & speed	Relative Humidity (%)	Max/Min Temp range (°C)
Mashonaland Central	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy on 27 October.	0-5	Easterly 0-10	75-100	8-34
Mashonaland East	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy on 27 October.	0-5	Easterly 0-10	75-100	7– 32
Mashonaland West	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy on 27 October.	0-5	Easterly 0-10	75-100	9–36
Harare	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-5	Easterly 0-8	75-100	8-33
Midlands	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-10	Easterly to South easterly 0-15	80-100	8-34
Manicaland	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-5	Easterly to South easterly 0-15	75-100	8-30
Masvingo	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th Oct	0-5	Easterly to South easterly 0-15	80-100	8-34

Matabeleland North	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-10	North easterly 0-15	80-100	8-36
Matabeleland South	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-10	Easterly to South easterly 0-15	80-100	9-36
Bulawayo	Mostly fine. It should be partly cloudy to cloudy with a chance of drizzle and light thundershowers on the 27 th and 28 th October.	0-10	Easterly to South easterly 0-15	80-100	8- 32

4) 2009/2010 seasonal forecast summary.

Forecast for OND, 2009

Region 1

Mashonaland West, Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland East, Manicaland.

Normal to Above Normal

Regions 2 and 3

Northeast Midlands, Matabeleland North, Northwest Midlands, Matabeleland South, Central and South Midlands and Masvingo

Normal to Below Normal

Forecast for JFM, 2010

Region 1

Mashonaland West, Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland East, Manicaland.

Normal to Above Normal

Regions 2 and 3

Northeast Midlands, Matabeleland North, Northwest Midlands, Matabeleland South, Central and South Midlands and Masvingo

Normal to Below Normal

5) **Advisory**

Farmers should follow the daily weather forecast provided by our department through national media. They should also contact AGRITEX for advisory on planting dates.

(Please note** the advisories issued in this section will be specific and related to the needs of the subscriber)**