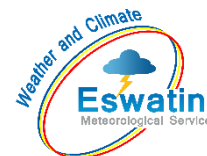


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## **Highlights**

- ☐ Significant rainfall observed
- ☐ Cool to warm temperatures
- ☐ Crop harvesting and shelling activities
- ☐ Normal to Above Normal rainfall forecasted

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## AGRO-CLIMATE SITUATION

### Rainfall

Significant rainfall was observed in April and early May as most stations in the country observed rainfall amounts higher than what they normally receive (Figure 1). Above long-term average rainfall was mostly observed in the southern parts of the country (Map 1). Not much rainfall was observed in June.

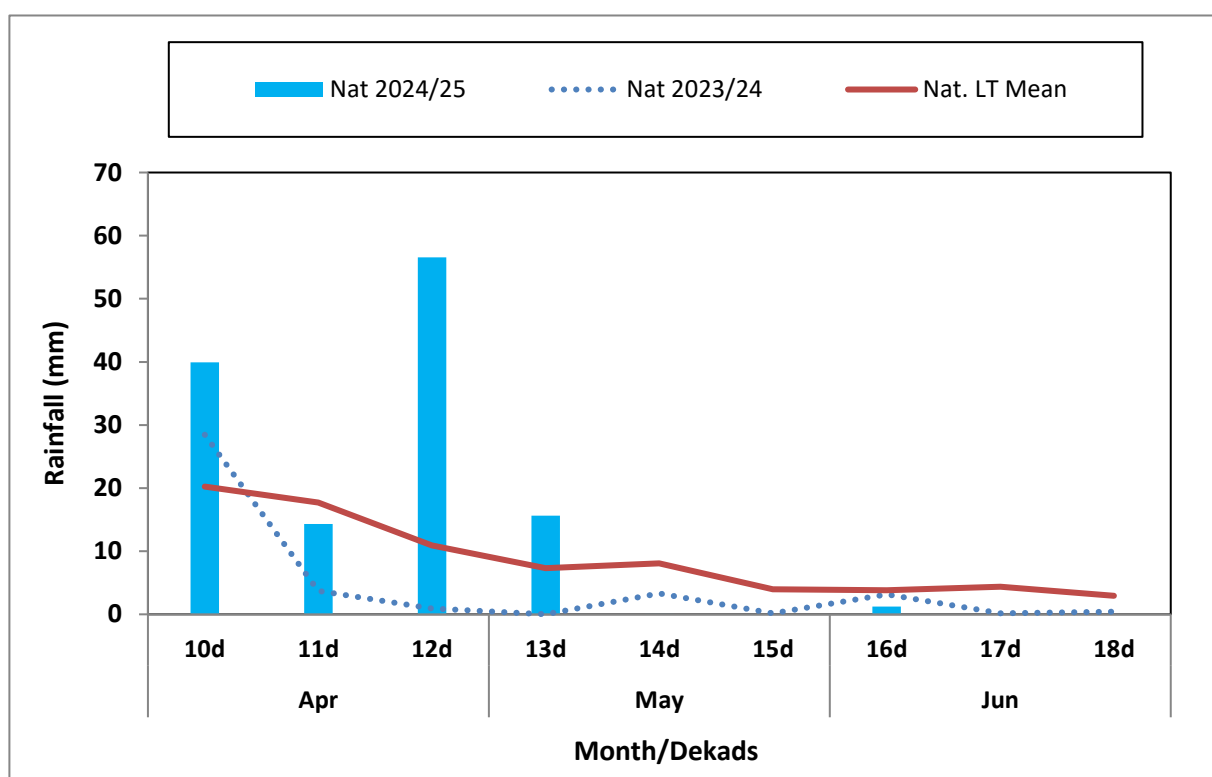
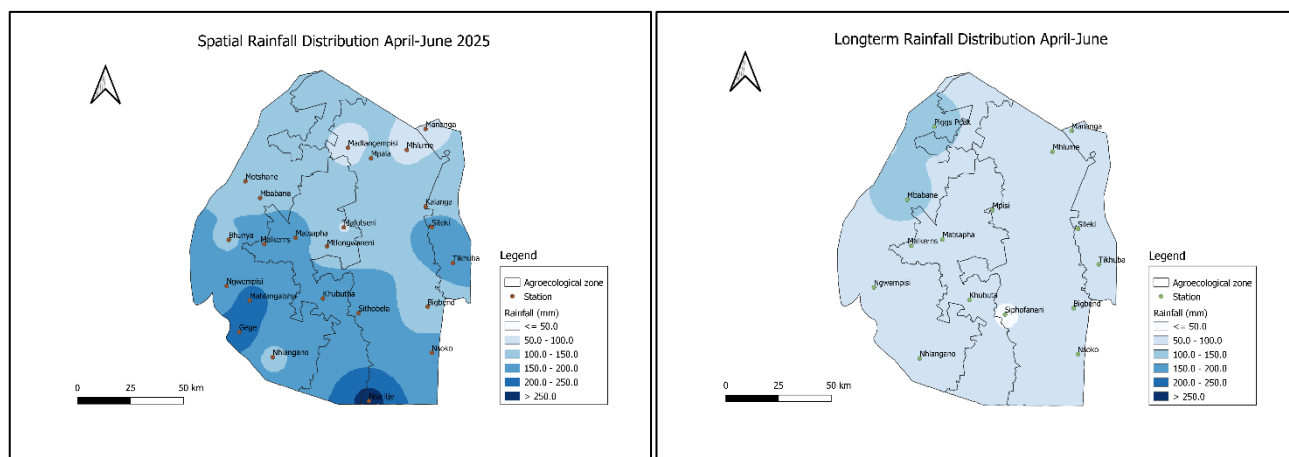


Figure 1: Rainfall distribution Apr-Jun 2025



Map 2: Spatial rainfall distribution Apr-Jun 2025

Map 2: Longterm rainfall distribution Apr-Jun 2025

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## Temperature

Temperatures were cooler than normal in the Highveld, while the rest of the Agroecological zones observed warmer than normal temperatures during the reporting period.

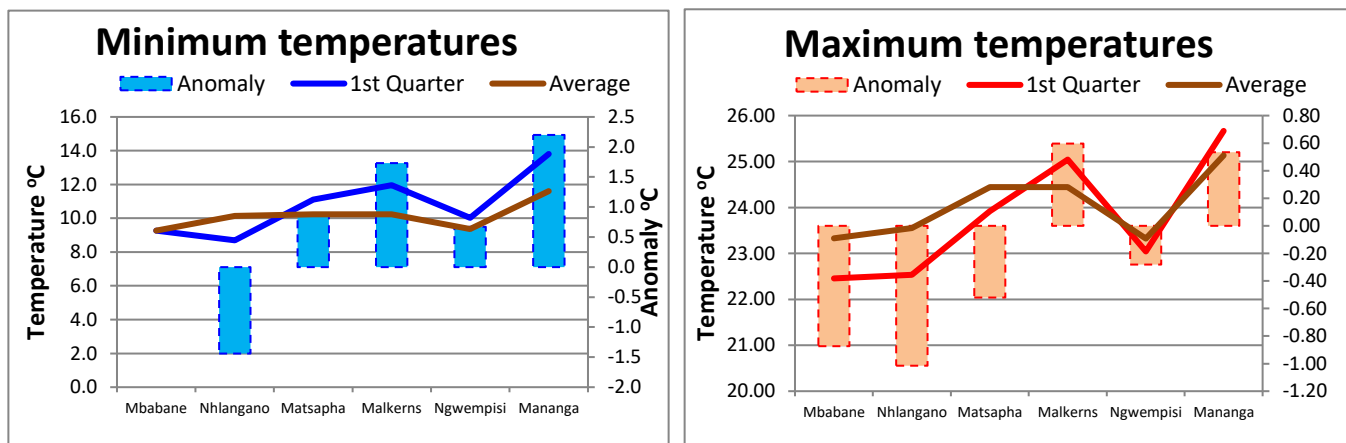


Figure 2 and 3: Minimum and Maximum temperatures Apr-Jun 2025

## Wind

Light to Moderate wind speeds were observed during the months April and May. Strong damaging winds were observed early June.

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## **AGRICULTURE PERFORMANCE**

### **Crop performance**

Farmers harvested their maize crops planted during the season 2024/25. According to the Agriculture pre-harvest assessment, the national maize production is estimated at 73,638 MT, reflecting a 1.75% decrease from the previous season. A national production gap of 69,035 MT was recorded, with Hhohho and Lubombo regions most affected.

During the reporting period, farmers were reported to be shelling maize and harvesting beans. Farmers were advised to plant beans under irrigation in the dry Middleveld and Lowveld areas.

### **Livestock status**

Livestock was reported to be in fair condition during the reporting period. According to the Agriculture pre-harvest assessment, the national cattle population increased to 652,513, with generally good body conditions observed, especially in the Lowveld. However, feed shortages, rising input prices, and disease outbreaks pose ongoing risks.

## CLIMATE OUTLOOK

During the period August-October 2025, rains are expected to be generally Normal with a bias of Above Normal over the entire country. Rains are expected to range between 80mm to about 160mm during the forecasted period, in different parts of the country.

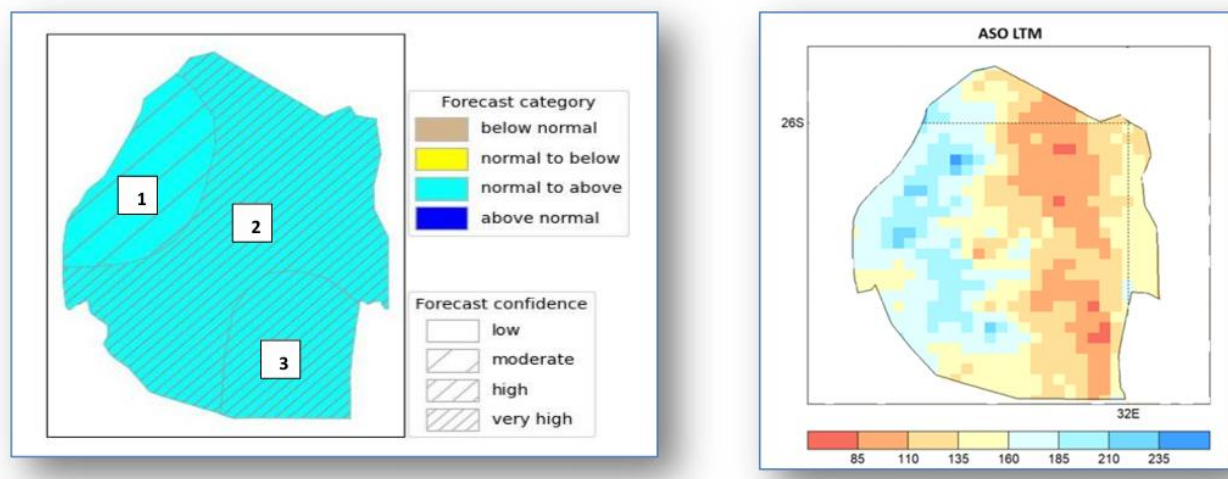


Figure 4 and 5: August-September-October 2025 Rainfall outlook and Longterm