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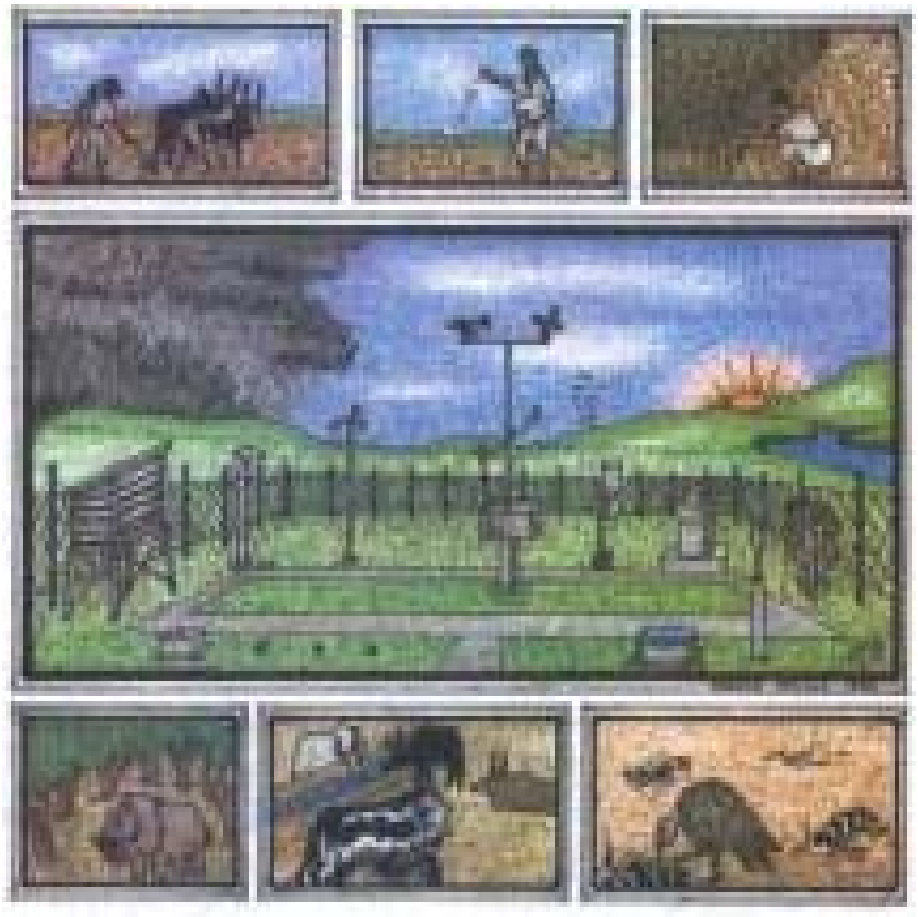

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SUMMARY
MARCH 2007

During the first dekad of March 2007, dry, sunny and below normal rainfall condition has been observed over most parts of the country during the dekad under review. This condition could have a negative impact on land preparation and sowing activities particularly over those Belg growing areas, which starts their activities at the beginning of this month. Moreover, it has a negative impact on the water requirement of the crops, which are found at early vegetative stage in some areas where sowing activity was performed during the month of January and the first half of the month of February.

During the second dekad of March 2007, normal to above normal rainfall condition has been observed over much of Oromia, SNNPR, southern Amhara, and pocket areas of Gambela. In addition to that, some areas exhibited heavy fall ranging from (31-55) mm. According to the reporting stations, Gelemso, Cheffa, Mirab Abiya, Limu Genet, Sawla, Bui, Hosaina, Abomsa and Kofelle 32.4, 33.7, 34.6, 35.7, 37.6, 44.0, 47.8, 52.7 and 55.6 mm reported heavy fall in one rainy days respectively. This situation could have a positive contribution over those Belg growing areas, which start their sowing activities at the month of March like some areas of western (Limu Genet, Sekoru Tepi), central (Bui, Abomsa), southern SNNPR (Kibre Mengist, Mega Hosaina), eastern (Gelemso, Alemya, Meiso) southwestern (Mirab Abaya, Sawla). Moreover, it could have a positive impact in areas like Yabelo, Moyale, and Robe where their land preparation is during the dekad under review under normal circumstance. Besides, it could favor crops that are found at different phenological stages.

During the third dekad of March 2007, the observed rainfall amount and distribution over most parts of Belg growing areas (observed in 5-10 rainy days in most areas) had a positive contribution for crops in terms of water requirement. Besides, in accordance with the adverse conditions report, Alge, Blate and Sekoru reported vegetable crops (onion and tomato) and cash crop (Tobacco) including stimulant and fruit crops (coffee, Mango and Avocado crops) damage during the third dekad. Some pocket areas of Belg growing areas experienced rainfall exceeding 30 mm in one rainy day. Among the reporting stations Robe, Majete, and Dembi Dolo recorded 34.9, 37.5 and 42.2 mm of heavy rainfall in one rainy day, respectively.

Generally during the month of March 2007, sunny and dry weather condition was observed over most parts of Belg growing areas particularly during the first half of the month. As a result crops suffered from moisture stress in some areas where the Belg activates started earlier. Besides, some areas reported crop damage due to the above-mentioned reason. Nevertheless due to the improvement of moisture condition as of the beginning of the second half of the month together with the observed better rainfall distribution (5-10 rainy days) during the third dekad of the month, it is believed that the season's agricultural activities could be in a better shape in most parts of Belge growing areas. Besides, some areas exhibited heavy fall up to 42.2mm in one rainy day and resulted in crops damage in some areas like Alge, Sekoru and Bilate. With regard to temperature situation, some areas exhibited extreme maximum temperature ranging from 35-43°C for 5-10 consecutive days. Chagni, Arba Minch, Blate, Dire Dawa, Mystsemre, Elidar, Semera, Gode, Pawe, Methara, Assayta, Dubti, Mankush, Gambela and Metema exhibited extreme maximum temperature as high as 35.0, 35.5, 36.0, 37.0, 38.5, 38.5, 38.7, 39.0, 39.5, 39.7, 40.2, 40.6, 41.0, 42.0, and 43.0 respectively during the month of March 2007. Some areas like Bulen and Chagni reported forest fire due to high maximum temperature particularly during the first half of the second dekad of the month.

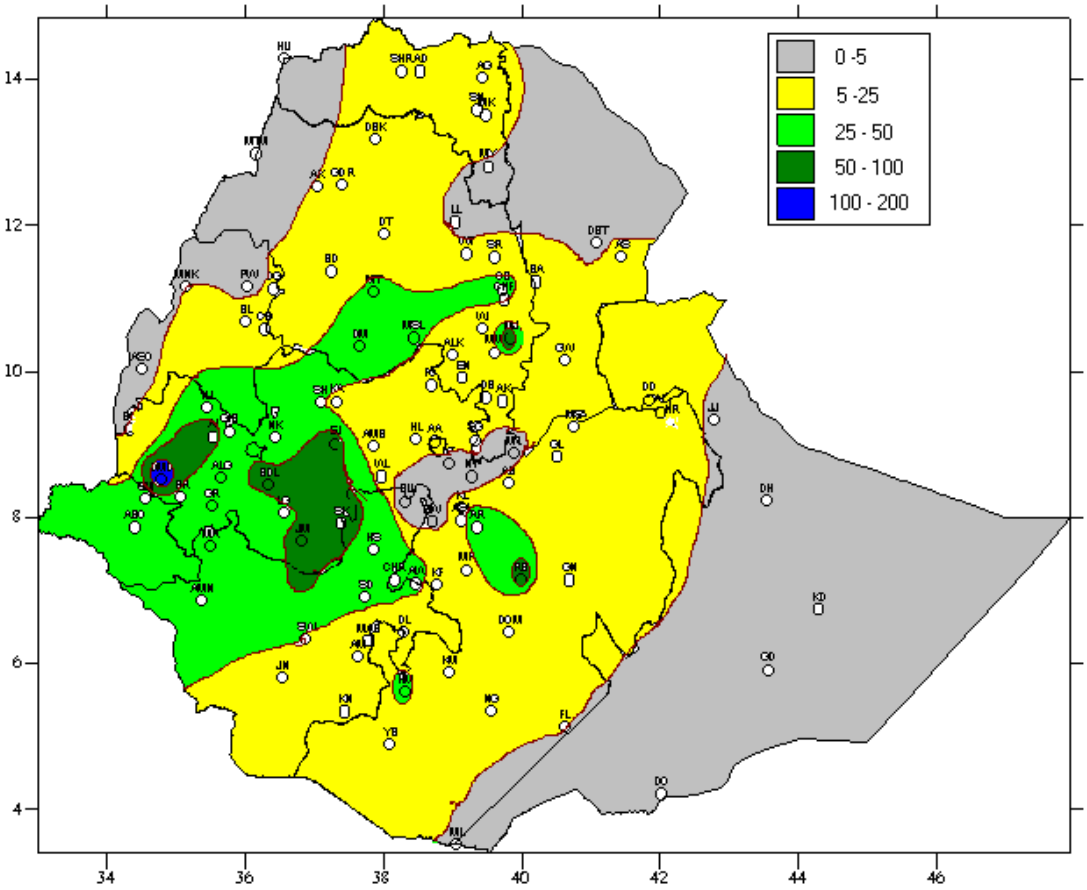


Fig 1. Rainfall distribution in mm (21 – 31 March, 2007)

1. WEATHER ASSESSMENT

1.1 (21- 31 March, 2007)

1.1.1 Rainfall amount (Fig.1)

Only pocket area of western Oromia received 100-200mm rainfall. Pocket areas of western and southern Oromia and pocket area of southern Amhara exhibited 50-100mm rainfall. All parts of Gambela, northern and northwestern SNNPR, southern Benshangul-Gumuz, and southern Amhara and pocket areas of southern Oromia experienced 25-50mm rainfall. Some areas of central, eastern, western and southern Oromia, northern and southeastern Amhara, most parts of Tigray, southern and eastern Benshangul-Gumuz, southern Afar and northern Somali received 5-25mm rainfall. The rest parts of the country exhibited little or no rainfall.

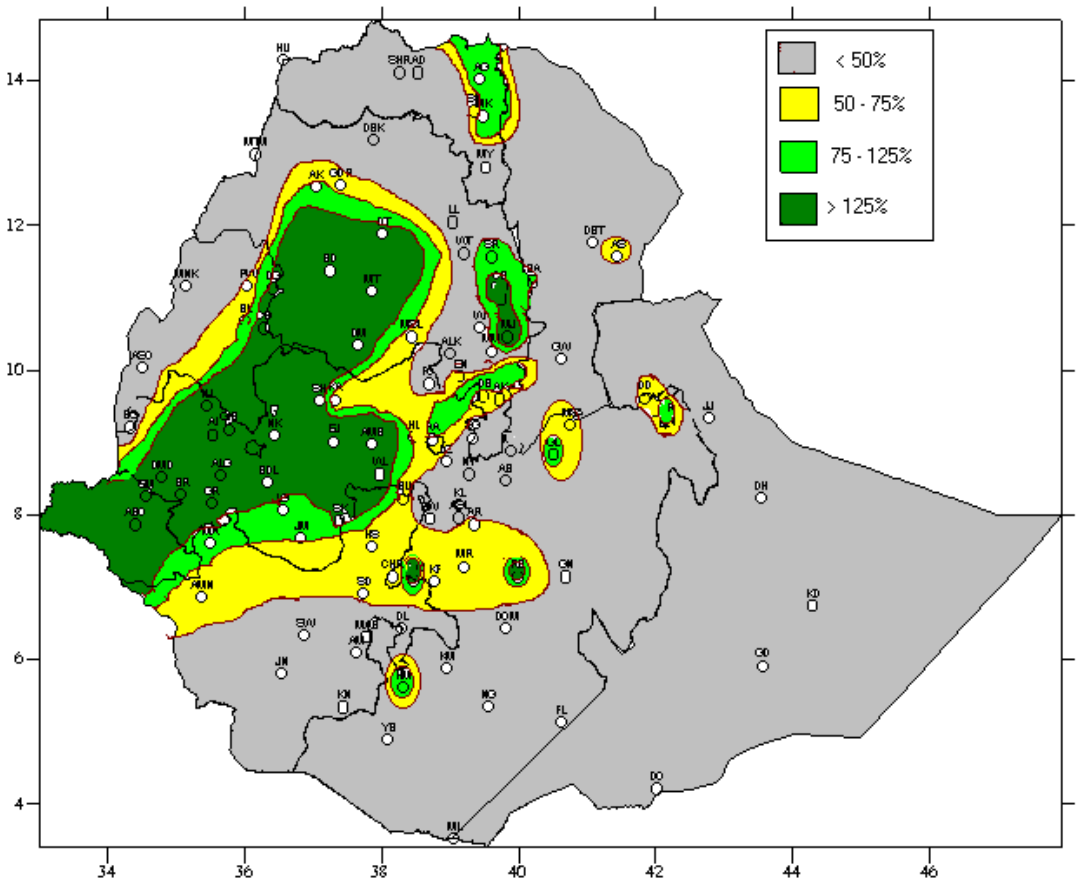


Fig. 2 Percent of normal rainfall distribution (21-31 March, 2007)

Explanatory notes for the Legend
< 50-Much below normal
50-75%-Below normal
75-125%- Normal
> 125% - Above normal

1.1.1 Rainfall Anomaly (Fig. 2)

Gambela, western, central and pocket areas of southern Oromia, southwestern and pocket areas of eastern and southern Amhara, northeastern Tigray and pocket area of northern Somali received normal to above normal rainfall. The rest parts of the country exhibited below to much below normal rainfall

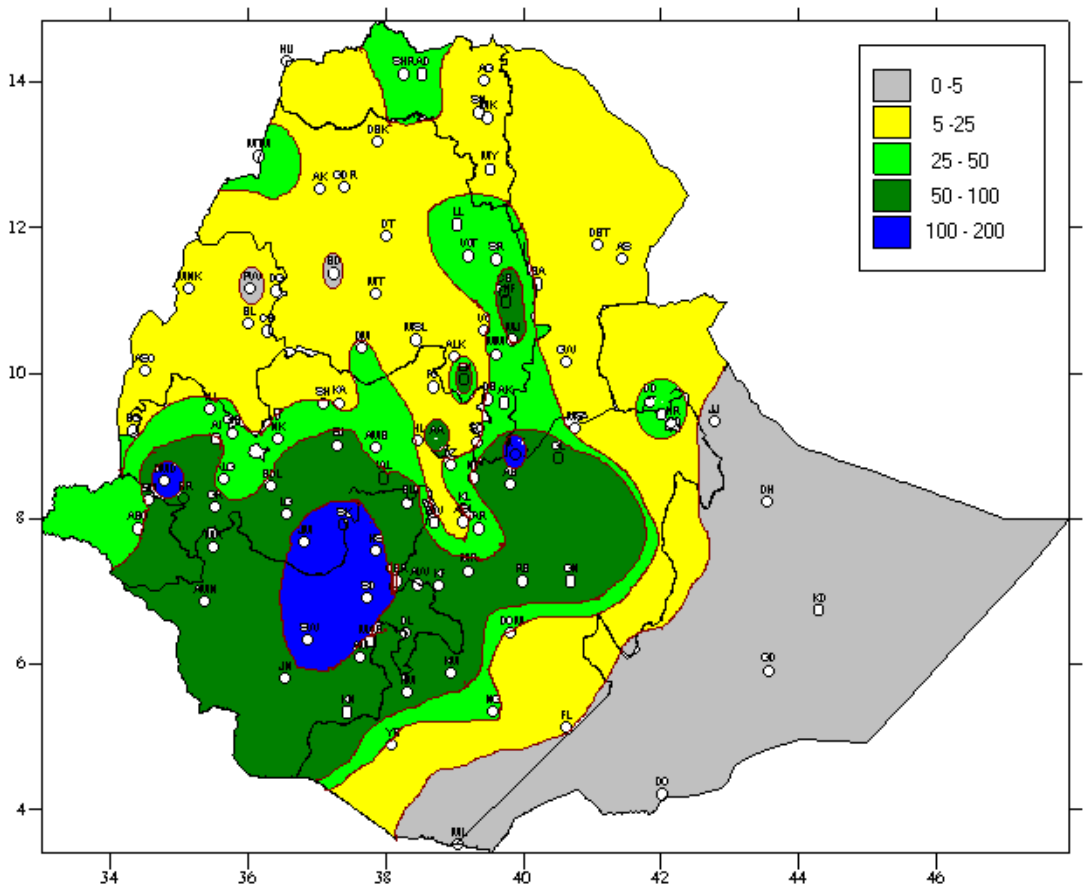


Fig. 3 Rainfall distribution in mm for the month of March 2007

1.2 March 2007

1.2.1 Rainfall distribution (Fig.3)

Some parts of northern SNNPR and pocket areas of western and central Oromia received 100-200mm rainfall. Most parts of SNNPR, eastern and southern Gambela, some parts of western, eastern and southern Oromia and pocket parts of eastern Amhara exhibited 50-100mm rainfall. Some parts of western, central and southern Oromia, western Gambela, western and eastern Amhara, central Tigray and pocket area of northern Somali experienced 25-50mm rainfall. All parts of Benshangul-gumuz, most parts of Amhara, all parts of Afar, western and eastern Tigray and some parts of western, central, eastern and southern Oromia received 5-25mm rainfall. The rest parts of the country exhibited little or no rainfall.

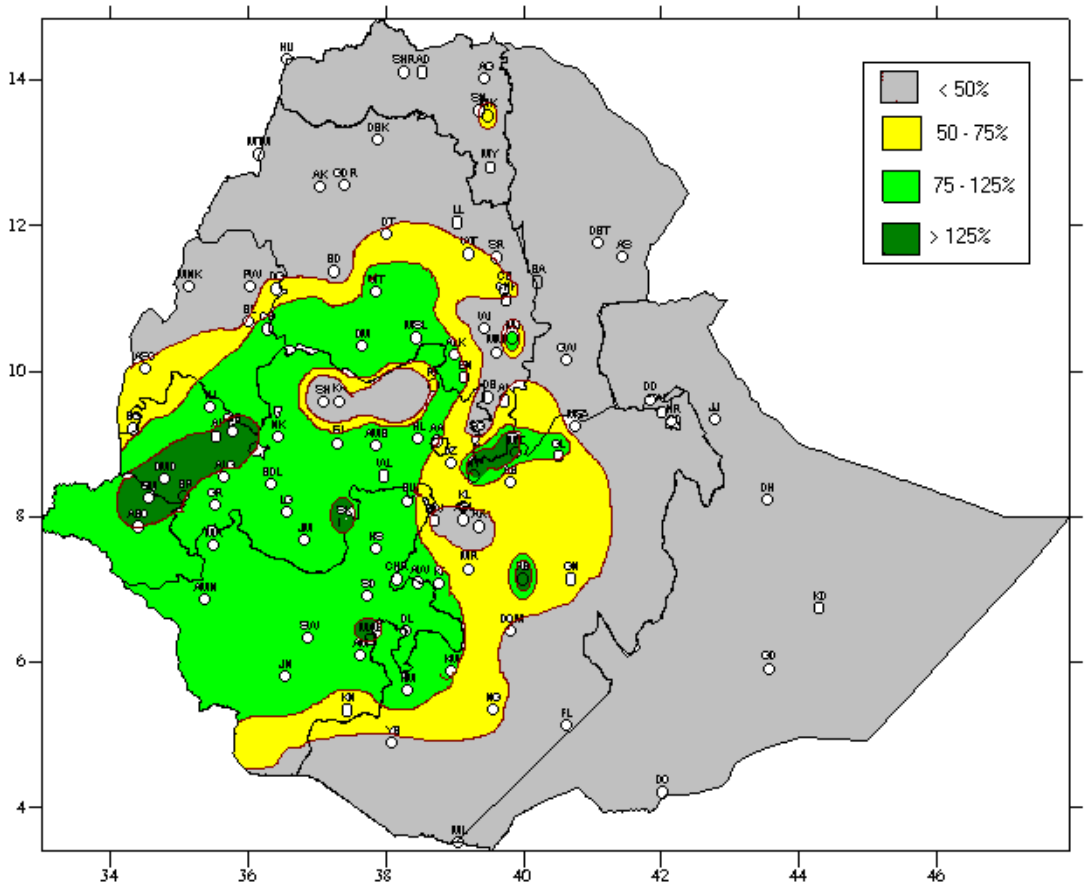


Fig. 4 Percent of Normal Rainfall distribution for the month of March 2007

Explanatory notes for the Legend:

< 50 -Much below normal

50-75%- Below normal

75-125%- Normal

> 125% - Above normal

1.2.2 Rainfall Anomaly (Fig. 4)\

All parts of Gambela, all parts of SNNPR, some parts of eastern Benshangul-Gumuz, southern Amhara and most parts of western and pocket areas of central and southern Oromia received normal to above normal rainfall. The rest parts of the country recorded below normal to much below normal rainfall.

1.3 TEMPERATURE ANOMALY

Some areas like Chagni, Arba Minch, Blate, Dire Dawa, Mystsemre, Elidar, Semera, Gode, Pawe, Methara, Assayta, Dubti, Mankush, Gambela and Metema exhibited extreme maximum temperature as high as 35.0, 35.5, 36.0, 37.0, 38.5, 38.5, 38.7, 39.0, 39.5, 39.7, 40.2, 40.6, 41.0, 42.0, and 43.0 respectively.

2. WEATHER OUTLOOK

2.1 For the first dekad of April 2007

For the coming ten days SNNPR, much of Oromia, Gambella, northern Somali and eastern portions of Tigray and Amahara will get normal rainfall with a chance of above normal rainfall at some places. Besides, Benishangul-gumuz, western parts of Tigray and Amhara, western Afar and southern Somali will have near normal rainfall despite below normal rainfall is likely to occur at some places. On the other hand, the remaining parts of Afar will be mostly dry and sunny.

2.1 For the month of April 2007

For the coming April, the seasonal rain bearing systems will have better strength. Hence, the rain that are expected to fall over most parts of the country will have the same pattern with normal condition. In general eastern portions of Tigray and Amahara, most parts of Oromiya, Somali and SNNPR will get normal rain. Besides, above normal rain is expected at some places of the aforementioned areas. Despite below normal rainfall is likely to occur at some places Gambela, western Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, as will as western half of Tigray and Amhara will mostly have close to normal rainfall.

3. AGROMETEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

3.1 VEGETATION CONDITION AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

Generally during the month of March 2007, sunny and dry weather condition was observed over most parts of Belg growing areas particularly during the first half of the month. As a result crops suffered from moisture stress in some areas where the Belg activates started earlier. Besides, some areas reported crop damage due to the above-mentioned reason. Nevertheless due to the improvement of moisture condition as of the beginning of the second half of the month together with the observed better rainfall distribution (5-10 rainy days) during the third dekad of the month, it is believed that the season's agricultural activities could be in a better shape in most parts of Belge growing areas. Besides, some areas exhibited heavy fall up to 42.2mm in one rainy day and resulted in crops damage in some areas like Alge, Sekoru and Bilate. With regard to temperature situation, some areas exhibited extreme maximum temperature ranging from 35-43°C for 5-10 consecutive days. Chagni, Arba Minch, Blate, Dire Dawa, Mystsemre, Elidar, Semera, Gode, Pawe, Methara, Assayta, Dubti, Mankush, Gambela and Metema exhibited extreme maximum temperature as high as 35.0, 35.5, 36.0, 37.0, 38.5, 38.5, 38.7, 39.0, 39.5, 39.7, 40.2, 40.6, 41.0, 42.0, and 43.0 respectively during the month of March. Some areas like Bulen and Chagni reported forest fire due to high temperature particularly during the first half of the second dekad of the month.

3.2 EXPECTED WEATHER IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE DURING THE COMING MONTH

The anticipated near normal rainfall over most parts of the country would create favorable condition for long cycle crop producing areas to perform land preparation and sowing activities of crops like maize and Sorghum. Therefore the expected normal rainfall over

eastern Tigray and Amhara, much of Oromia, Somali and SNNPR would create conducive atmosphere for Belg Crops and long cycle crops like sorghum and maize as well which are

considered as Meher crops (their contribution is about 35 % from the annual production). Besides the expected better moisture condition would favor the availability of pasture and drinking water over pastoral areas and sowing activities over agro pastoral areas of southern and southeastern Ethiopia. Moreover, the anticipated near normal rainfall over Gambela, western Oromia, Benshangul-Gumuz and western parts of Tigray and Amhara would have a positive contribution for land preparation of crops like maize, sorghum and millet and to start early Meher season's agricultural activities like land preparation in the aforementioned areas. Therefore, farmers are advised to give appropriate attention to exploit the expected better moisture condition to the maximum level.

Table 1. Climatic and Agro-Climatic elements of different stations for the month of MARCH 2007

	Stations	Region	A/ rainfall	Normal	%of Normal	ETo mm/day	Monthly ETo	Moisture Status
1	Adigrat	TIGRAI	23.3	49.0	47.6	3.64	112.84	D
2	Mekele		12	25	49.6	5.78	179.18	VD
3	Senkata		5.3	69.3	7.6	NA	NA	NA
4	Shire		34.0	82.5	41.2	NA	NA	NA
1	Assayta	AFAR	7.5	19.5	38.5	6.04	187.24	VD
1	A. Ketema	AMHARA	34.5	55.3	62.4	NA	NA	NA
2	Aykel		5	11.1	45.0	NA	NA	NA
3	Bahir Dar		1.1	8	13.8	4.42	137.02	VD
4	Bati		19.9	67.3	29.6	4.34	134.54	D
5	Bullen		4.5	13.3	33.8	4.47	138.57	VD
6	Combolcha		52.3	75.7	69.1	3.66	113.46	MD
7	Chefa		56.1	135.4	41.4	5.1	158.1	MD
8	Dangila		11.8	19.9	59.3	NA	NA	NA
9	D.Birhan		12.5	34.4	36.3	NA	NA	NA
10	D.Markos		45.4	46.6	97.4	4.31	133.61	MD
11	D.Tabor		22.2	33.0	67.3	NA	NA	NA
12	Enwary		57.9	56	103.0	6.29	194.99	MD
13	Gondar		7.4	7	100.0	NA	NA	NA
14	M.Meda		29.1	72	40.5	4.54	140.74	D
17	Majete		73.1	72	101.0	4.69	145.39	M
18	Lalibela		4.3	50	8.6	3.77	116.87	VD
19	S. Gebeya		9.3	47	19.7	4.74	146.94	VD
21	Sirinka		44.7	98	45.8	4.22	130.82	MD
22	Wereilu		12.3	64	19.3	4.47	138.57	VD
1	Abomsa	OROMIYA	72.5	104.9	69.1	NA	NA	NA
2	Ambo Agri.		36.2	46.3	78.2	NA	NA	NA
3	Aira		62.4	9.3	671.0	4.31	133.61	MD
4	Alemaya		25.4	69.8	36.4	4.8	148.8	D
5	Alge		42	57.0	73.7	NA	NA	NA
6	Ambo		36.2	46.3	78.2	NA	NA	NA
7	Arjo		56.4	88.5	63.7	NA	NA	NA
8	Bedelle		78.7	76.9	102.3	4.29	132.99	M
9	Begi		21.4	41.0	52.2	NA	NA	NA
10	Bui		71.1	67.9	104.7	NA	NA	NA
11	Chira		115.4	119.1	96.9	NA	NA	NA
12	D.Dollo		135.1	58.3	231.7	3.99	123.69	H
13	D.Mena		11.3	94.4	12.0	NA	NA	NA
14	D.Zeit		29.2	45.8	63.8	4.71	146.01	D
15	Ejaji		62.1	71.5	86.9	NA	NA	NA
16	Fitche		24	62	38.5	4.22	130.82	D
17	Gelemso		71.2	75	94.9	5.14	159.34	MD
18	Gimbi		36.5	23	160.8	NA	NA	NA
19	Ginir		54.6	90	60.8	NA	NA	NA
20	H. Mariam		57.2	74	77.3	3.59	111.29	M
21	Jimma		104.2	91	114.9	3.33	103.23	H
22	K.Mengist		70.1	94	74.8	3.91	121.21	M
23	Kachisa		19.3	81	23.9	4.58	141.98	D
24	Koffele		71.4	125	57.0	NA	NA	NA
25	Kulumsa		45.2	87	52.1	4.58	141.98	MD
26	Limu Genet		89.7	86	104.4	3.9	120.9	M
27	Metehara		105.4	49	213.4	4.98	154.38	M

28	**Mieso**		**16.8**	**78**	**21.6**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
29	**Moyale**		**3**	**47**	**6.3**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
30	**Nazreth**		**87.5**	**48**	**182.7**	**5.94**	**184.14**	**MD**
31	**Neghele**		**40.6**	**60**	**67.9**	**5.45**	**168.95**	**D**
32	**Nedjo**		**41.6**	**39**	**108.1**	**3.59**	**111.29**	**MD**
33	**Nekemte**		**48.6**	**58**	**84.1**	**3.57**	**110.67**	**MD**
34	**Robe(Bale)**		**93.6**	**62**	**150.0**	**4.08**	**126.48**	**M**
35	**Sekoru**		**128.6**	**73**	**175.4**	**3.88**	**120.28**	**H**
36	**Shambu**		**25.4**	**57**	**44.6**	**6.13**	**190.03**	**D**
37	**Yabello**		**24.3**	**77**	**31.5**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
38	**Ziway**		**22.7**	**53**	**42.7**	**5.39**	**167.09**	**D**
1	**Jijiga**	**SOMALI**	**1**	**47**	**1.9**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
1	**A.Minch**	**SNNPR**	**12.9**	**56.2**	**23.0**	**3.91**	**121.21**	**D**
2	**Awassa**		**68.8**	**76.9**	**89.5**	**3.96**	**122.76**	**M**
3	**Blate**		**82.3**	**68.5**	**120.1**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
4	**Hosaina**		**119**	**97**	**122.6**	**4.58**	**141.98**	**M**
5	**Jinka**		**91**	**112**	**80.7**	**4.07**	**126.17**	**M**
6	**Konso**		**55**	**85**	**64.5**	**5.73**	**177.63**	**MD**
7	**M.Abay**		**66**	**51**	**129.8**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
8	**Masha**		**88.3**	**118**	**75.1**	**3.1**	**96.1**	**MD**
9	**Sawla**		**102**	**135**	**75.5**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
1	**Assosa**	**B/GUMUZ**	**12.2**	**22.6**	**54.0**	**5.65**	**175.15**	**VD**
2	**Chagni**		**11.6**	**14.8**	**78.4**	**4.78**	**148.18**	**VD**
3	**Pawe**		**0.4**	**6.6**	**6.1**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
1	**Gambela**	**Gambela**	**36**	**28**	**129.7**	**5.29**	**163.99**	**D**
1	**A.A.Obs.**	**A.A**	**59.8**	**68.2**	**87.7**	**3.82**	**118.42**	**MD**
2	**A.A. Bole**		**66.1**	**69.2**	**95.5**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
1	**Dire Dawa**	**D.D**	**27.3**	**71.1**	**38.4**	**4.34**	**134.54**	**D**
1	**Harar**	**Harai**	**23**	**65**	**35.4**	**4.3**	**133.3**	**D**

Legend

VD	Very Dry	< 0.1
D	Dry	0.1 - 0.25
MD	Moderately Dry	0.25 - 0.5
M	Moist	0.5 - 1
H	Humid	>1

Explanatory Note

ETo Reference Evapotranspiration (mm)

DEFNITION OF TERMS

ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL: - Rainfall in excess of 125% of the long term mean

BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL: - Rainfall below 75 % of the long term mean.

NORMAL RAINFALL: - Rainfall amount between 75 % and 125 % of the long term mean.

BEGA: - It is characterized with sunny and dry weather situation with occasional falls. It extends from October to January. On the other hand, it is a small rainy season for the southern and southeastern lowlands under normal condition. During the season, morning and night times are colder and daytime is warmer.

BELG: - Small Rainy season that extends from February to May and cover s southern, central, eastern and northeastern parts of the country.

CROP WATER REQUIREMENTS: - The amount of water needed to meet the water loss through evapotranspiration of a disease free crop, growing under non-restricting soil conditions including soil water and fertility.

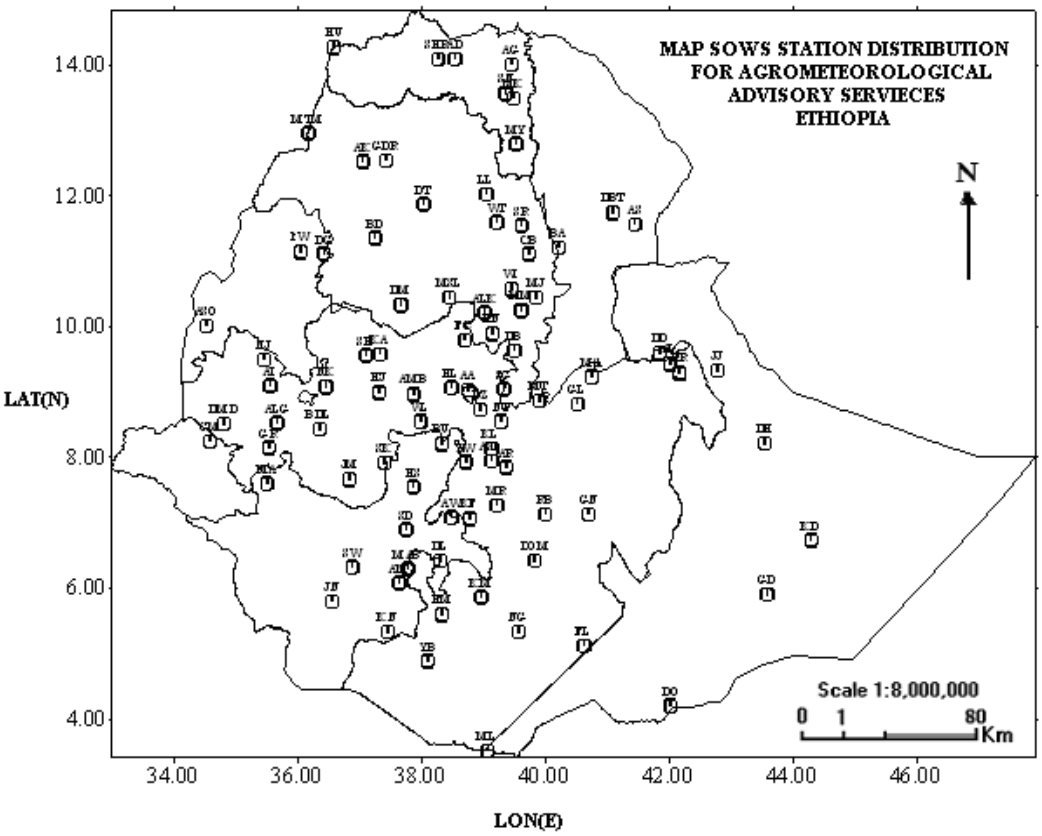
DEKAD: - First or second ten days or the remaining days of a month.

EXTREME TEMPERATURE: - The highest or the lowest temperature among the recorded maximum or minimum temperatures respectively.

ITCZ: - Intertropical convergence zone (narrow zone where trade winds of the two hemispheres meet.

KIREMT: - Main rainy season that extends from June to September for most parts of the country with the exception of the southeastern lowlands of the country.

RAINY DAY: - A day with 1 or more mm of rainfall amount.



Station	CODE
A. Robe	AR
A.A. Bole	AA
Adigrat	AG
Adwa	AD
Aira	AI
Alemaya	AL
Alem Ketema	ALK
Alge	ALG
Ambo	AMB
Arba Minch	AM
Asaita	AS
Asela	ASL
Assosa	ASO
Awassa	AW
Aykel	AK
B. Dar	BD
Bati	BA
Bedelle	BDL
BUI	BU
Combolcha	CB
D. Berehan	DB
D. Habour	DH
D. Markos	DM
D. Zeit	DZ
D/Dawa	DD
D/Mena	DOM
D/Odo	DO
D/Tabor	DT
Dangla	DG
Dilla	DL
Dm.Dolo	DMD
Dubti	DBT
Ejaji	EJ
Enwary	EN
Fiche	FC
Filtu	FL
Gambela	GM
Gelemso	GL
Ginir	GN
Gode	GD
Gonder	GDR
Gore	GR
H/Mariam	HM
Harer	HR
Holleta	HL
Hossaina	HS
Humera	HU
Jijiga	JJ
Jimma	JM
Jinka	JN
K.Dehar	KD
K/Mingist	KM
Kachise	KA
Koffele	KF
Konso	KN
Kulumsa	KL
Lalibela	LL
M.Meda	MM
M/Abaya	MAB
Maichew	MY
Majete	MJ
Masha	MA
Mekele	MK
Merraro	MR
Metehara	MT
Metema	MTM
Mieso	MS
Moyale	ML
M/Selam	MSL
Nazereth	NT
Nedjo	NJ
Negelle	NG
Nekemte	NK
Pawe	PW
Robe	RB
Sawla	SW
Sekoru	SK
Senkata	SN
Shambu	SH
Shire	SHR
Shola Gebeya	SG
Sirinka	SR
Sodo	SD
Wegel Tena	WT
Woliso	WL
Woreilu	WI
Yabello	YB
Ziway	ZW