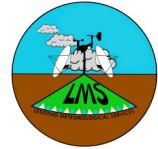




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Agro-Met Monthly Update:

July 2010

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Highlights

1. Below normal monthly rainfall experienced everywhere
2. Above mean monthly temperatures experienced
3. Harversting completed

Rainfall

Monthly Actual Rainfall

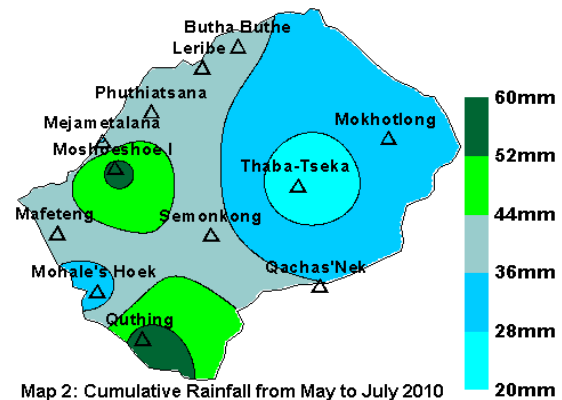
The month of July 2010 experienced dry weather conditions. The month recorded below normal everywhere. Virtually no rain fell in July, except

at Quthing and Qacha's Nek, where only small amounts of 4.0mm and 5.6mm respectively were recorded between the 11th and the 14th.

Cumulative Rainfall from May to July 2010

Cumulative rainfall for the period under review varies from below normal through normal to above normal in different places. Most of the places recorded below normal rainfall due to the absence of rain, however, some places have accumulated amounts which are normal and above normal, from previous months.

Mohale's Hoek has recorded lowest cumulative rainfall amount of 30.4mm while Moshoeshoe I has recorded highest cumulative rainfall amount of 56.8mm.



Temperatures

Mean monthly temperatures were above normal everywhere for the month of July. Highest and lowest mean monthly temperature deviations were

2.2°C and 0.6°C at Quthing and Mokhotlong respectively.

Crop Stage and Conditions

All harvesting has completed – with good harvest reported in many places. Winter cropping is still

in progress in some places. Some farmers have started land preparation for summer cropping.
