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SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2025

During the first dekad of February 2025, According to the Agro-meteorology information collected from different part of the country dry weather condition has observed across many parts. This situation might favour areas where post-harvest agricultural activities are not fully completed. However, after the first half of the dekad the moisture condition was experienced over some areas of southern, central and western parts of the country experiencing better moisture. This condition could be taken as crucial toward the enhancement of soil moisture and creating conductive condition for land preparation of Belg crops.

During the second dekad of February 2025, Agricultural meteorological data collected indicate that there was moisture in many areas of the West, Central, and Northeast. This moisture created favourable conditions for field preparation, especially in the Belg-growing areas, and for sowing seeds in areas that are already engaged in Belg agricultural activities. On the other hand the condition was importance the water need of perennial plants, pasture and the availability of drinking water for the pastoral and agro pastoral community.

During the third eight-day period of February, soil moisture was observed in the northeastern, southwestern, and northwestern parts of the country. This moisture was particularly beneficial for land preparation and sowing in the Belg-growing areas, as well as for meeting the water needs of permanent crops and fruit plants, and for the greening of pastures for pastoralists and semi-pastoralists. In the remaining areas, dry, sunny weather prevailed, which had a slight negative effect on the water needs of permanent crops, fruit plants, and the supply of pastures and drinking water.

During the month of February 2025, according to the analyzed agro-meteorological information, dry weather conditions prevailed in most parts of the country, especially during the first ten days. This combined with the lack of moisture in areas that had benefited from the rainy season, had a slightly negative impact on agricultural activities. However, data collected during the second and third ten-day periods indicate that soil moisture was present in some areas of the country, including the northeast, southwest, central, and northwest regions. This moisture created favourable conditions for field preparation, particularly in areas prone to the rainy season, as well as for sowing seeds in areas already engaged in

rainy-season agricultural activities. Additionally, it had a positive effect on permanent crops, providing water for fruit, pasture, and drinking needs.

1. WEATHER ASSESSMENT

1.1 Rainfall amount (21 – 28) February 2025

During Febuary third dekad the rain fall distrbution was over pocket areas of Bahirdar, Illubabur, East wellega and East Gojam received 5-25 mm rainfall. Over pocket areas of Jimma received 25-50 mm rainfall. The rest part of the country was received 0-5 mm rain fall.

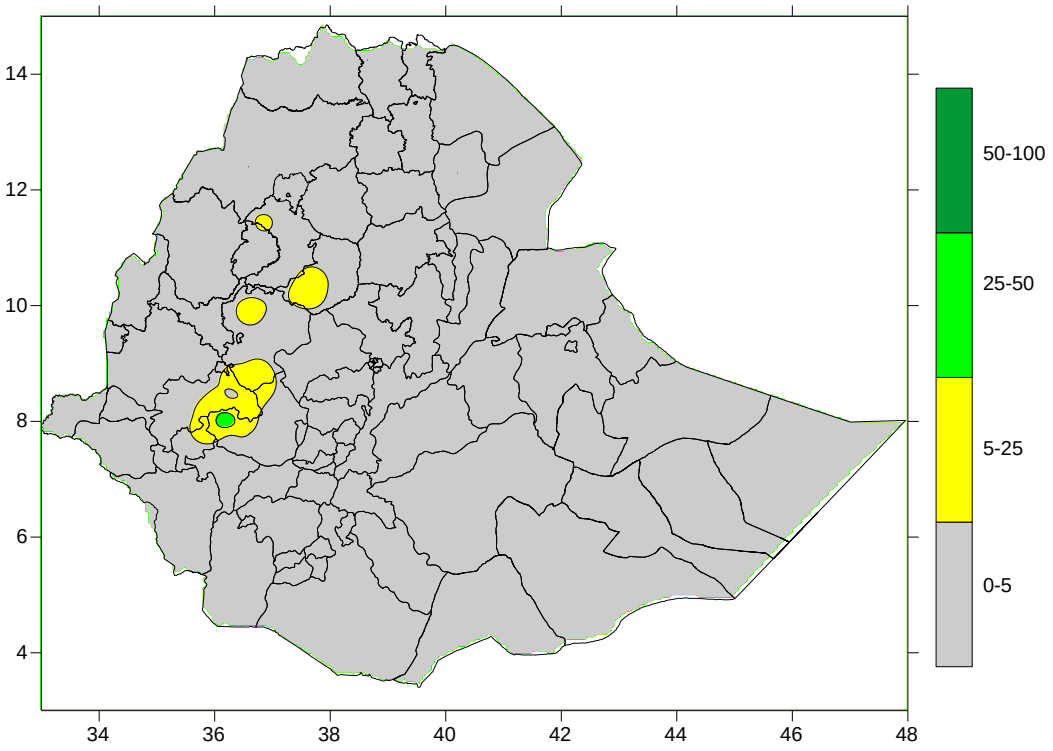


Figure 1. Rainfall distribution in mm (21 – 28) February 2025

1.2 Rainfall Anomaly (21 – 28 February 2025)

During third Dekad of February perecent of normal distrbition was over Assosa, Metekel, North Gonder, Afar zone 2, Bahirdar, Awi, West Gojam, Illubabur , Jimma and East Gojam exibited normal to above Normal rainfall.

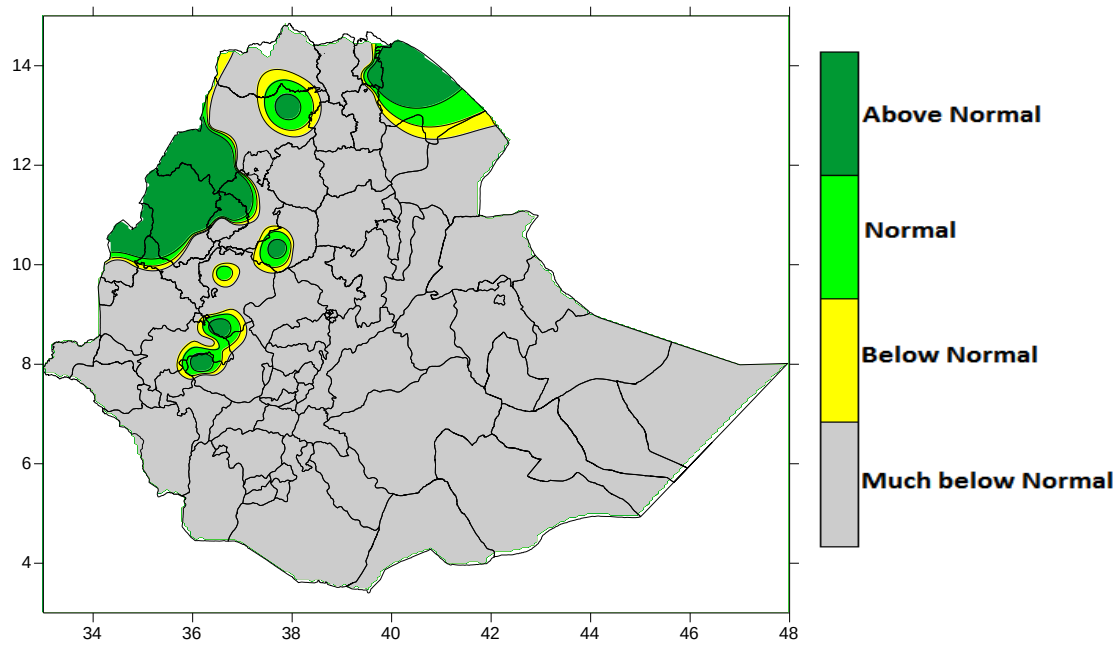


Fig. 2 Percent of normal rainfall distribution (21 – 28 February 2025)

Explanatory notes for the Legend

< 50- Much below normal
50-75%-Below normal
75-125%- Normal
> 125% - Above normal

1.3 Moisture status (21 – 28 February 2025)

During the third dekad of February 2025, over pocket areas of Bahirdar, Illubabur, East wellega and East Gojam exhibited moderately dry to moist moisture conditions. The rest parts of the country experienced moderately dry to very dry moisture condition.

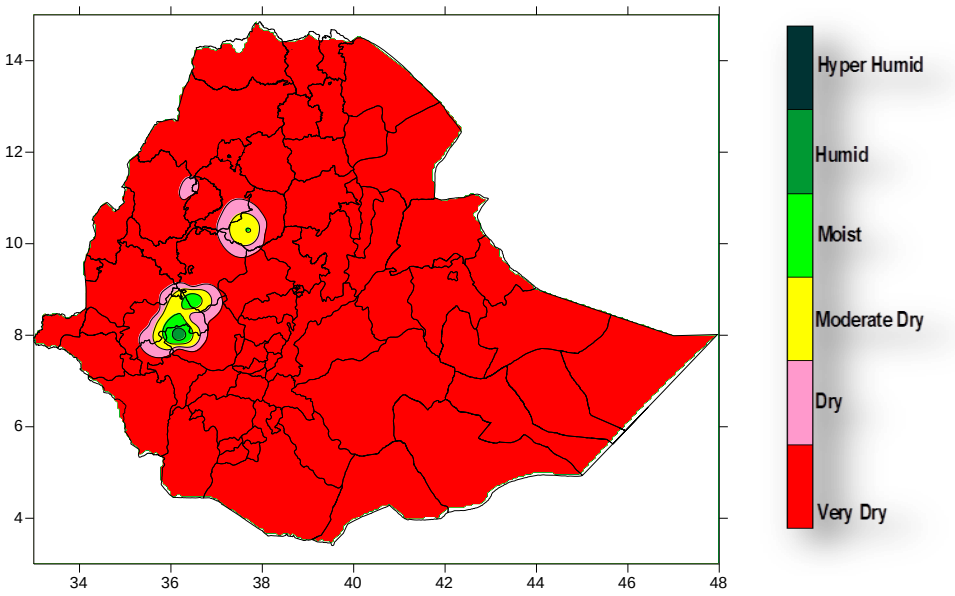


Fig. 3 Moisture Status (21-28 February 2025)

1.4 Rainfall amount on the month of February 2025

During the month of February 2025, the rainfall distribution over Illubabur, Jimma, Bahirdar, South Gonder and East Tigray received 25-50 mm of rainfall. Over Selti, Arsi, Keffa, Godere, Sheka, Jimma, Gambela zone 1, West Wellega, Tongo, Kamashi, East Wellega, West Shewa, East and West Gojam, South and North Wollo, Waghimira, South Tigray, Central, Eastern and Western Tigray and Afar zone 2 & 4 zone received 5-25 mm rainfall. The rest part of the country was received 0-5 mm rainfall.

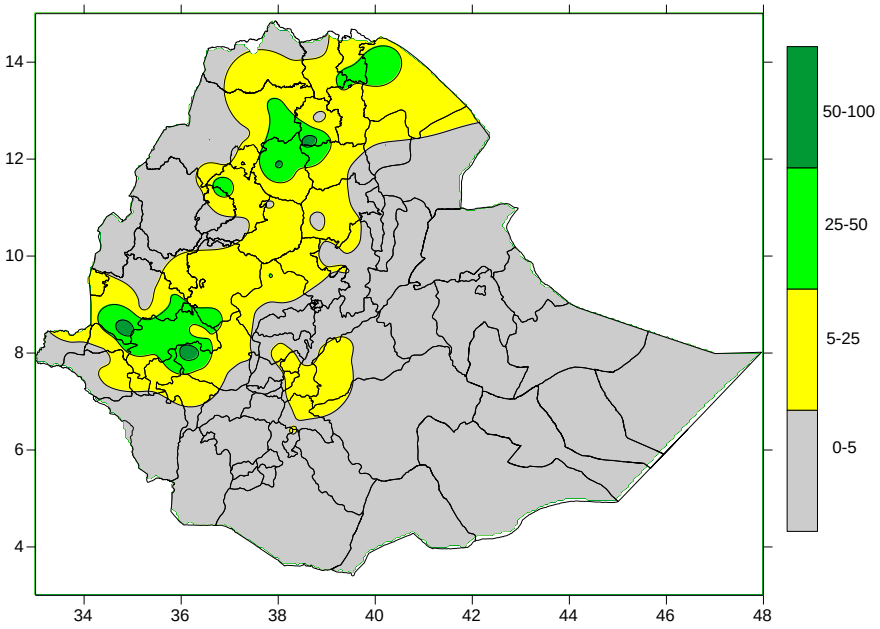


Fig. 4 Rainfall amount in mm for the month of February 2025

1.5 Rainfall Anomaly on the month of February 2025

During the month of February 2025 the percent of normal rainfall distribution was over Gambela zone 1,2 & 3, Godere, Illubabor, Jimma, West and East Wellega, Tongo, Kamashi, North Shewa, West and East Gojam, Agew(Awi), Bahirdar, North & South Gonder, North Shewa, Waghimira, West, South, central & Eastern Tigray, Mekele, and Afar zone 2 exhibited Normal to Above Normal rainfall.

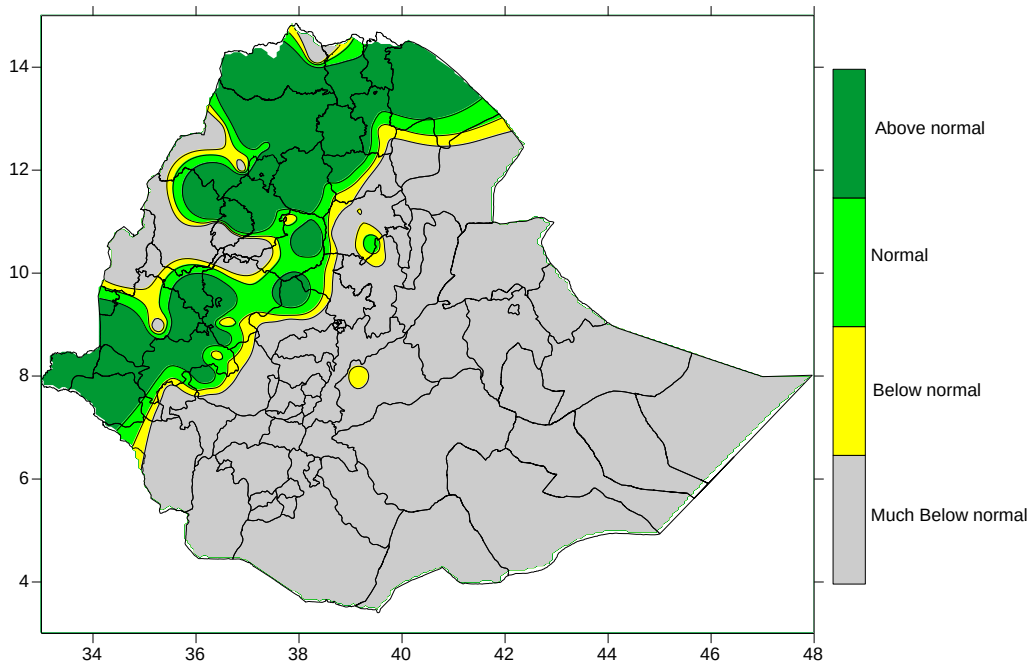


Fig. 5 Percent of Normal Rainfall for the month of February 2025

Explanatory notes for the Legend

< 50-Much below normal
50-75%-Below normal
75-125%- Normal
> 125% - Above normal

1.6 Moisture status on the month of February 2025

During the month of February 2025, Jimma exhibited moist conditions, while Illubabor and North Shewa experienced moderately dry conditions. The rest of the country experienced dry to very dry conditions.

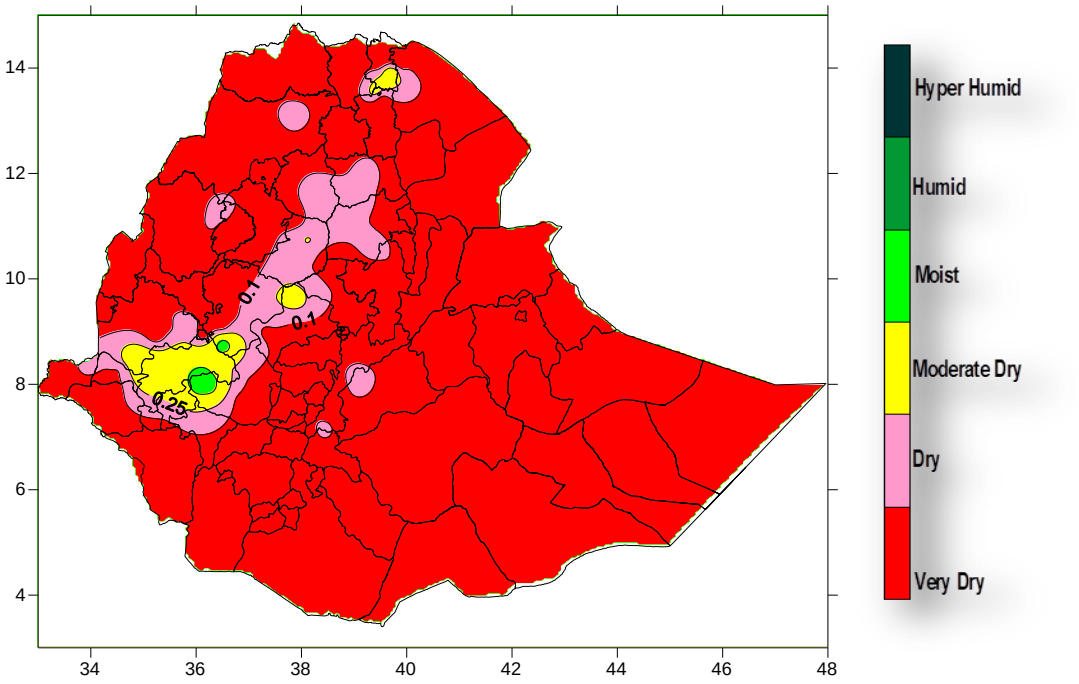


Fig. 6 moisture status for the month of February 2025

2. AGROMETEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

2.1 VEGETATION CONDITION AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE ON THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

During the month of February 2025, vegetation conditions (NDVI, Fig. 7) slightly increased over the southern and southwestern parts of the country. Vegetation coverage improved dekad by dekad in the southwestern parts of the country. Therefore, the improvement in vegetation will benefit the agro-pastoral and pastoral areas of the country.

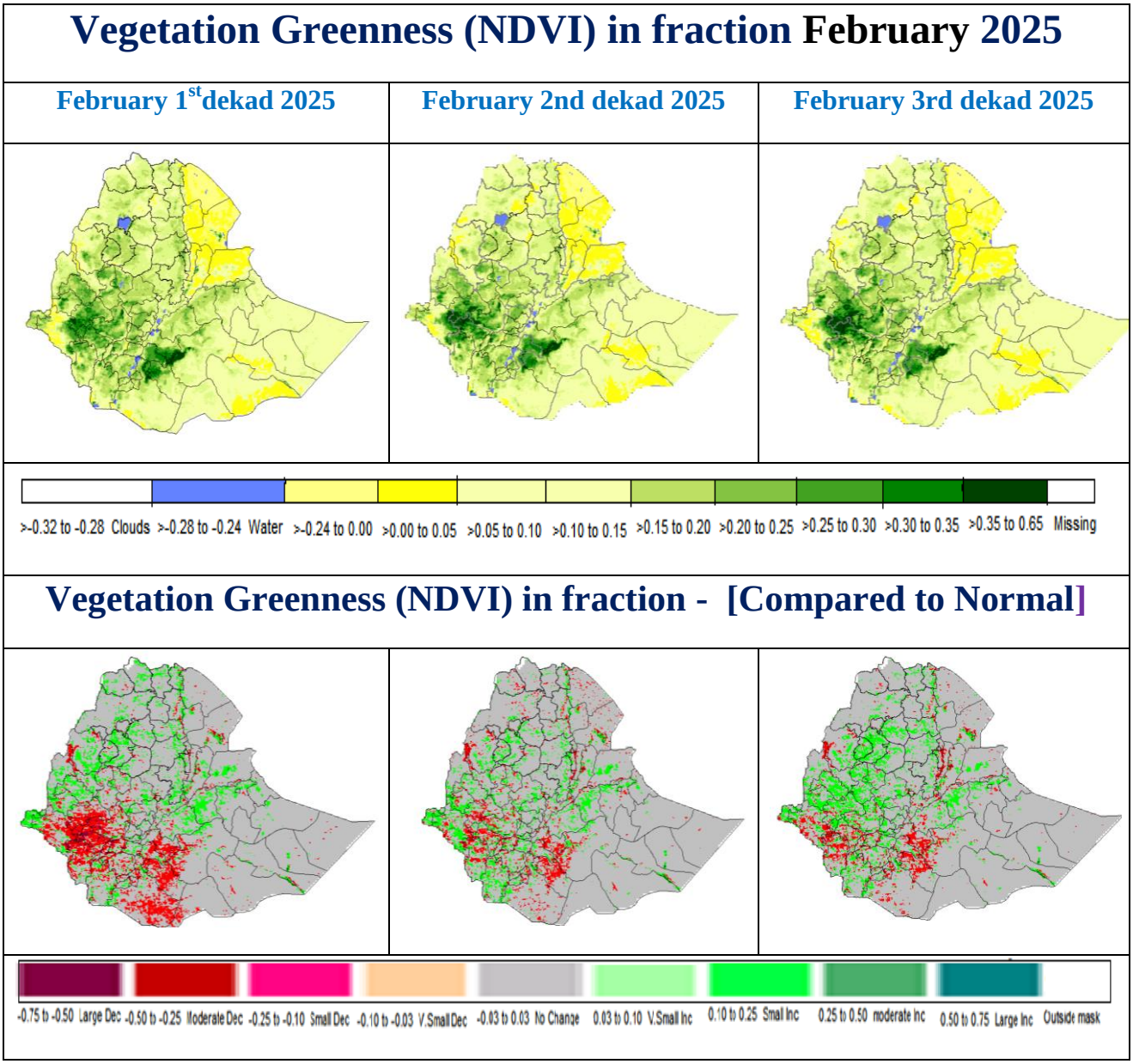


Fig.7 Vegetation Greenness (NDVI) in fraction and Compared to Normal February 2025.

2.1. EXPECTED WEATHER IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE DURING THE COMING MONTH OF MARCH 2025.

Normally in the Month of March Belg rain systems strength most part of Belg growing and rain benefiting areas received the seasonal rainfall and in relation to this most farmers are widely involved in land preparation and sowing of Belg crops.

In the coming month of March, the moderate rainfall expected in some of the country's Belg-growing areas will improve soil moisture, which will have a positive impact on preparing the fields for sowing crops starting in March, as well as sowing various Belg crops, improving the water supply for perennial plants, and enhancing the supply of pasture and drinking water. Farmers, pastoralists, and relevant stakeholders should make advance preparations to take advantage of these benefits and prepare the necessary seed inputs. However, considering the possible consecutive dry days associated with the changing nature of the Belg season, adequate preparations should be made for soil and water conservation efforts. On the other hand, since relatively dry weather conditions are expected to prevail after the middle of the month, it is important to collect and store rainwater in these areas for use during the dry seasons.

3. 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 south eastern 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 north-eastern 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.

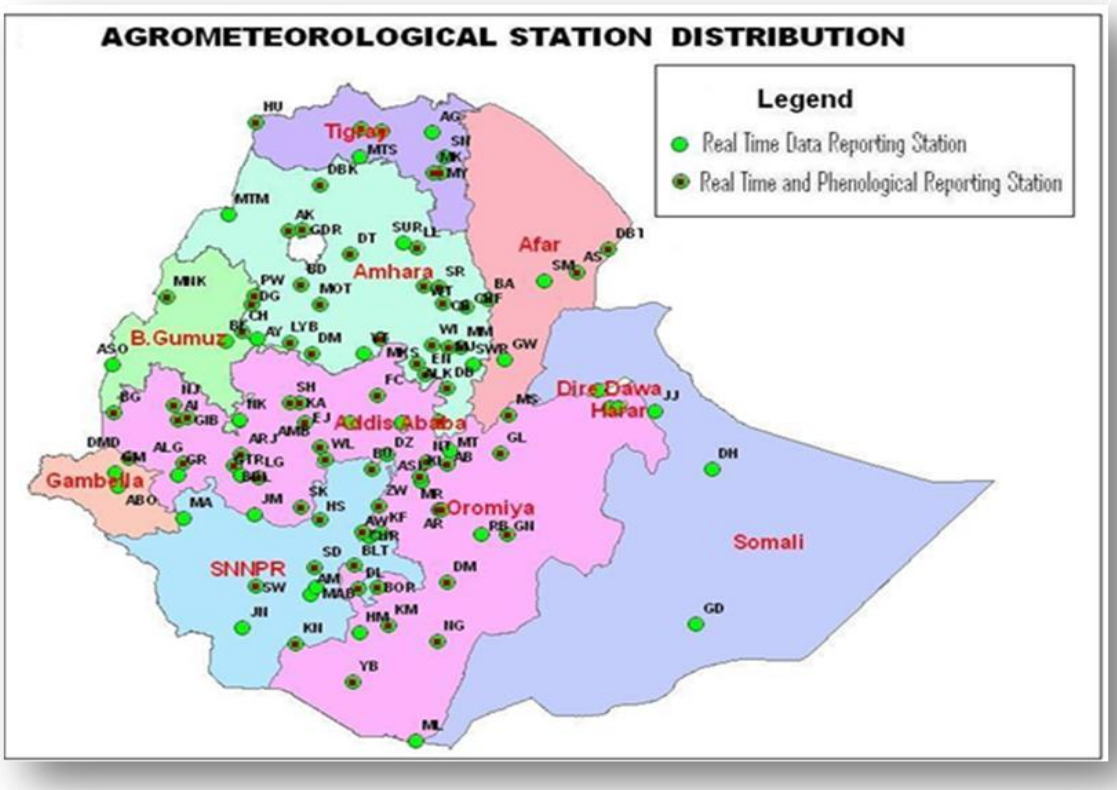
DEKAD: - First or second ten days or the remaining days of a month.

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

ITCZ:- Inter-tropical 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 south-eastern lowlands of the country.

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



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Adwa	AD	D/Odo	DO	Jinka	JN	Nekemte	NK
Aira	AI	D/Tabor	DT	K.Dehar	KD	Pawe	PW
Alemaya	AL	Dangla	DG	K/Mingist	KM	Robe	RB
AlemKetema	ALK	Dilla	DL	Kachise	KA	Sawla	SW
Alge	ALG	Dm.Dolo	DMD	Koffele	KF	Sekoru	SK
Ambo	AMB	Dubti	DBT	Konso	KN	Senkata	SN
Arba Minch	AM	Ejaji	EJ	Kulumsa	KL	Shambu	SH
Asaita	AS	Enwary	EN	Lalibela	LL	Shire	SHR
Asela	ASL	Fiche	FC	M.Meda	MM	Shola Gebeya	SG
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