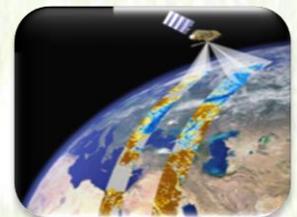


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FOREWARD

This Agro met Bulletin is prepared and disseminated by the Ethiopia Meteorology Institute (EMI). The aim is to provide those sectors of the community involved in Agriculture and related disciplines with the current weather situation in relation to known agricultural practices.

The information contained in the bulletin, if judiciously utilized, are believed to assist planners, decision makers and the farmers at large, through an appropriate media, in minimizing risks, increase efficiency, maximize yield. On the other hand, it is vital tool in monitoring crop/ weather conditions during the growing seasons, to be able to make more realistic assessment of the annual crop production before harvest.

The Agency disseminates ten daily, monthly and seasonal weather reports in which all the necessary current information's relevant to agriculture are compiled.

We are of the opinion that careful and continuous use of this bulletin can benefit to raise ones agro climate consciousness for improving agriculture-oriented practices. Meanwhile, your comments and constructive suggestions are highly appreciated to make the objective of this bulletin a success.

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SUMMARY

During the third dekad of January 2024, as of the collected and analyzed agro meteorological information, during the dekad, dry moisture condition was prevailing over most parts of the country. This condition could favor to complete the ongoing post-harvest activities. On the other hand, at beginning and end of the dekad over central and southern reftvaly and adjing areas of the country was experiencing slight to moderate amount of rainfall. This situation could be taken as crucial toward the enhancement of soil moisture and creating conductive condition for land preparation, sowing of crops, the water need of perennial plants and the regeneration of pasture and the availability of drinking water for the pastoral and agro pastoral community.

During the first dekad of February 2024, According to the Agro-meteorology information collected from different part of the country dry weather condition has observed across much parts of the country. This situation might favor areas where harvest and post-harvest agricultural activities are not fully completed. However, after the first half of the dekad the moisture condition was improving over southern, south-western, central, northern and north-eastern Ethiopia had been experiencing better moisture. This condition could be taken as crucial toward the enhancement of soil moisture and creating conductive condition for land preparation, sowing of crops, the fulfillment of perennial plants of water need. In addition, it was also positive for the regeneration of pasture and the availability of drinking water for the pastoral and agro pastoral community.

1. WEATHER ASSESSMENT

1.1. Rainfall amount (1 – 10 January, 2024)

During the first dekad of February 2024, Pocket area of Keffa zone experienced > 100mm of rainfall. Parts of Mirab and Debub Omo, Bench-Maji, Dawuro and basketo received 50-100mm of rainfall. Pocket area of south Wello, North Shewa Some parts of east wellega, west Shewa Dawro, Konta, Derash and Konso exhibited 25-50mm of rainfall. South-Gonder, Wag hemera, south and north wello, north Shewa, East and West Wellega, East Gojam, West and East Shewa. Sidama, West Arsi, Gurage Silti, Kembata Tembaro, Gedeo and Amaro received 5-25mm of rainfall. The rest parts of the country experienced little or no rainfall.

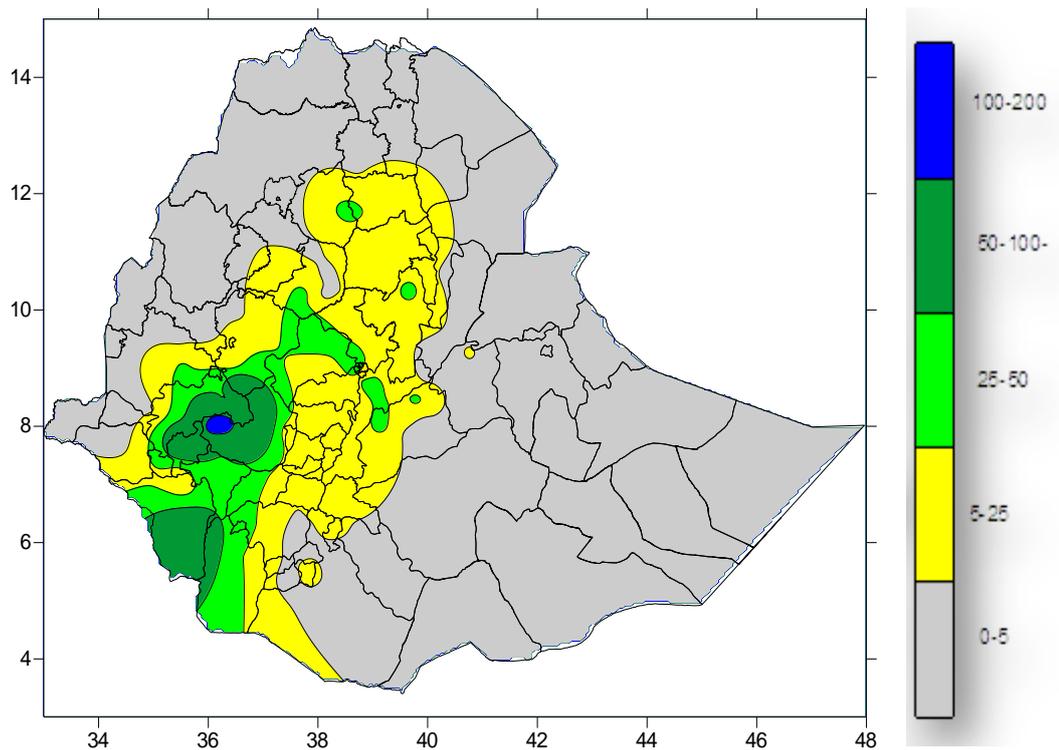


Figure 1. Rainfall distribution in mm (1– 10) February 2024

1.1. Rainfall Anomaly (1 – 10 February, 2024)

During the first dekad of February 2024, most parts of western half and central and north eastern parts of the country exhibited normal to above normal rainfall. The rest parts experienced Below Normal too Much Below Normal rain fall.

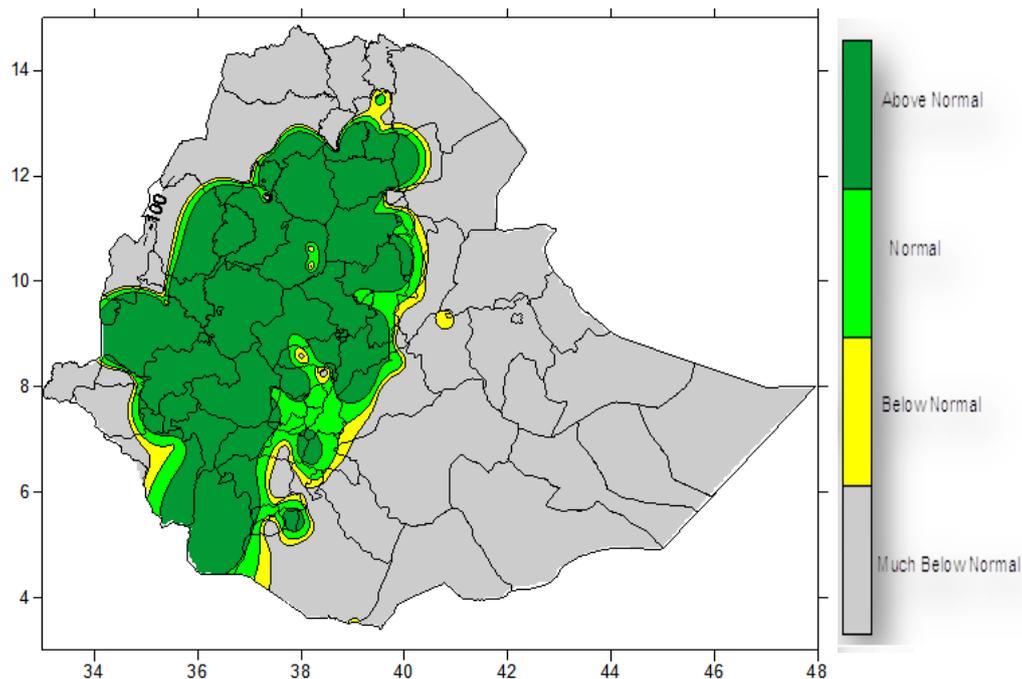


Figure 2: Percent of normal rainfall distribution (1-10 February 2024)

Explanatory notes for the Legend

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

1.2. Moisture Condition (1 – 10 February 2024)

During the first dekad of February 2024, Mirab and Debub Omo, Gamo, Gofa, Bench-Maji, Basket and Gdeo, Pocket area of south Wello, North Shewa Some parts of east wellega, west Shewa, Dawro, Konta, Derash and Konso and east Shewa exhibited Humid to moist condition. The rest parts of the countries experienced moderately dry too very dry.

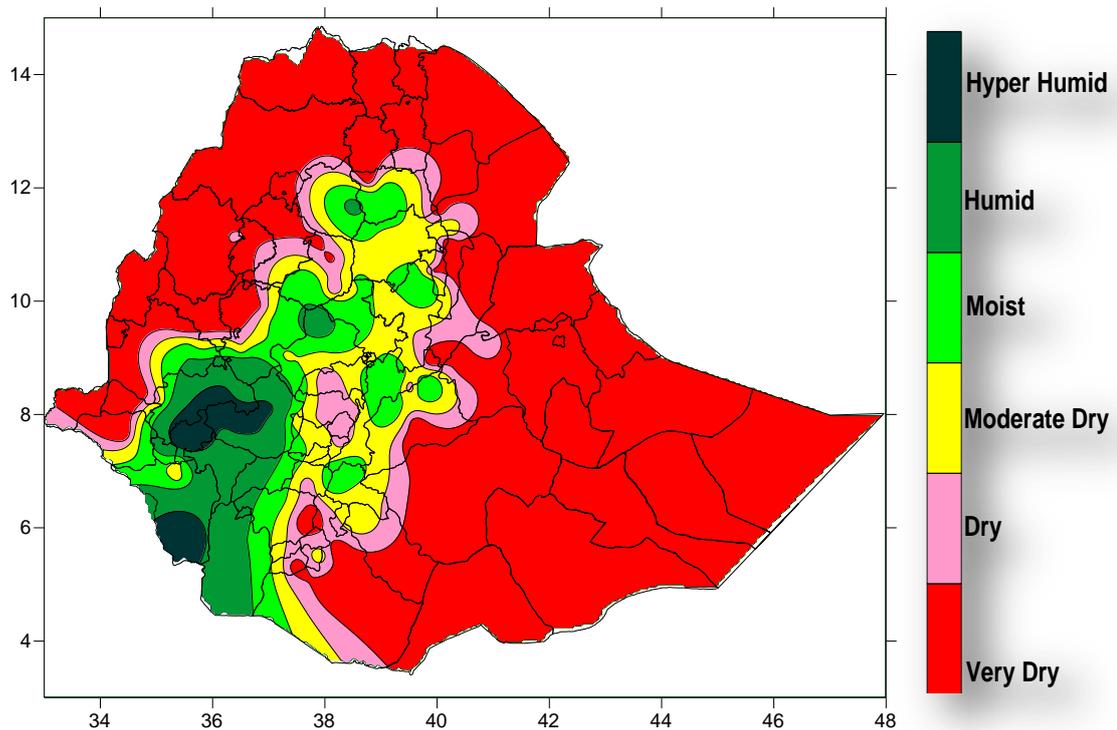


Figure.3. Moisture Status (1-10 February, 2023)

2. AGROMETEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

2.1. VEGETATION CONDITION AND IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

During the 1st dekad after the first half of the dekad the moisture condition was improving over southern, south-western, central, northern and north-eastern Ethiopia had been experiencing better moisture and improve the vegetation coverage (Fig.4. NDVI and Rangeland WRSI) This condition could be taken as crucial toward the enhancement of soil moisture and creating conducive condition for land preparation, sowing of crops, the fulfillment of perennial plants of water need. In addition, it was also positive for the regeneration of pasture and the availability of drinking water.

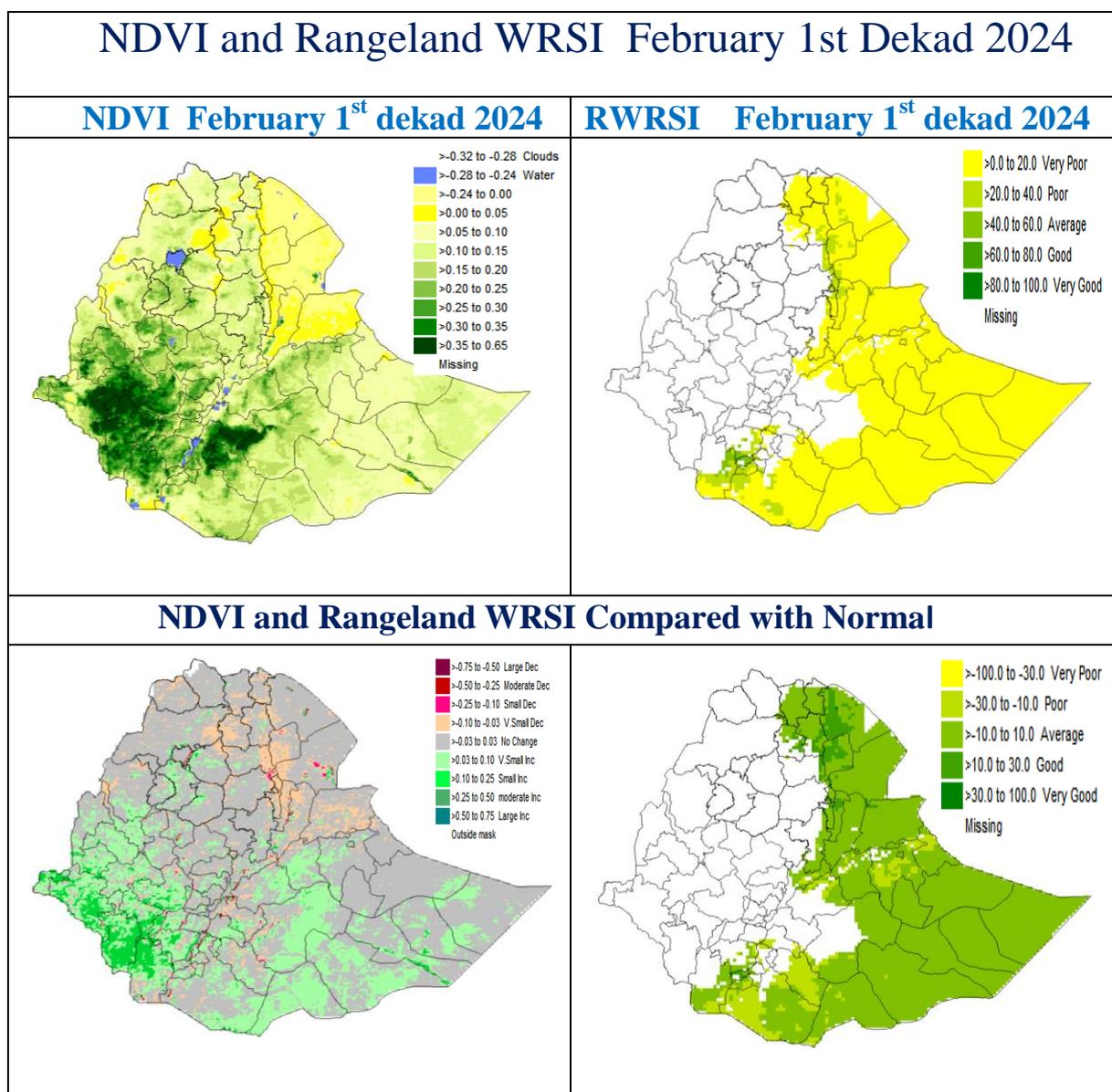


Fig.4. NDVI and Rangeland WRSI in % and Compared to Normal February 1-10, 2024

2.2. EXPECTED WEATHER IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE DURING THE COMING FEBRUARY SECOND DEKAD, 2024

In normal condition, after the second half of February most part of Belg growing areas starts to receive the seasonal rainfall and in relation to this most farmers are involved in land preparation and sowing of Belg season growing crops.

According to the weather forecast for the upcoming February 11-20, 2024 Bega's dry, sunny and windy weather condition expected over most areas of the country. The probable dry weather condition will likely to favors for completing the on-going post-harvest activities and enable farmers to clear crop fields for the next season agricultural practices. However, at the beginning days of the dekad due to the approach of certain rain bearing Belg season weather systems relative improvement of cloud coverage over Belg growing and Belg rain benefiting areas will be expected slight to moderate moisture. The situation will favorable for the improvement of soil moisture hence for land preparation and planting of the upcoming Belg crops. In addition, it was also positive for the regeneration of pasture and the availability of drinking water for the pastoral and agro pastoral community and the water need of perennial plants.

3. DEFINITION 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 covers 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.

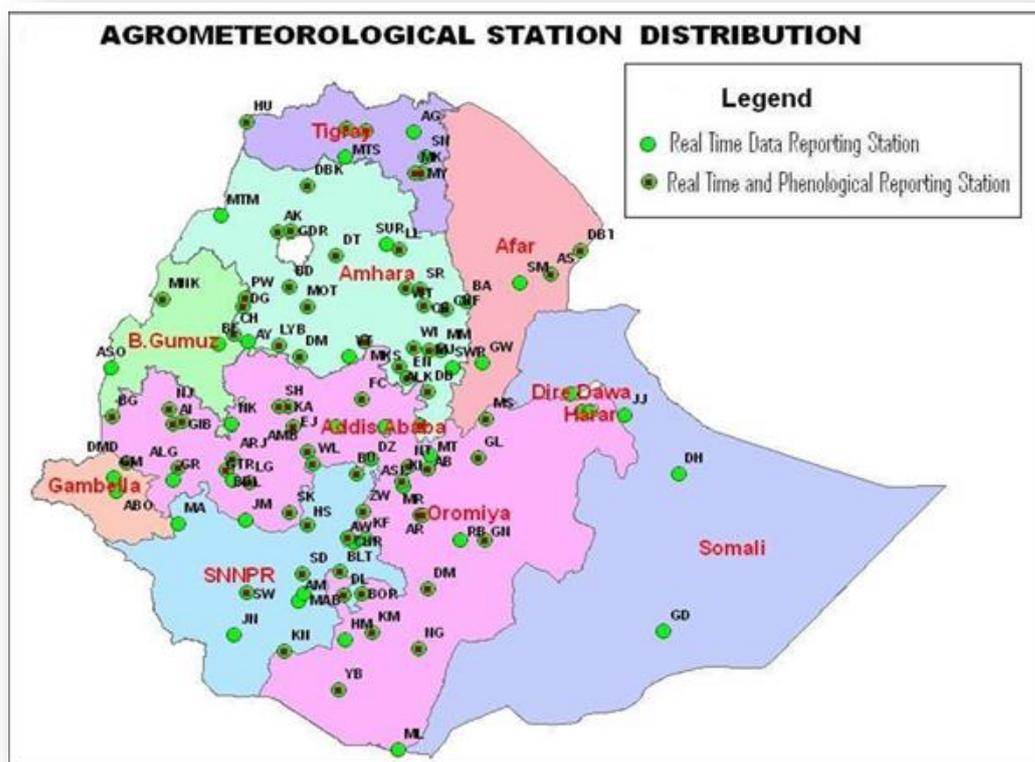
DEKAD: - First or second ten days or the remaining days of a month.

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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A. Robe	AR	D. Zeit	DZ	Humera	HU	Nazereth	NT
A.A. Bole	AA	D/Dawa	DD	Jijiga	JJ	Nedjo	NJ
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Aira	AI	D/Tabor	DT	K.Dehar	KD	Pawe	PW
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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	SG
Assosa	ASO	Filtu	FL	M/Abaya	MAB	Gebeya	SR
Awassa	AW	Gambela	GM	Maichew	MY	Sirinka	SR
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Bedelle	BDL	Gonder	GDR	Mekele	MK	Woreilu	WI
BUI	BU	Gore	GR	Merraro	MR	Yabello	YB
Combolcha	CB	H/Mariam	HM	Metehara	MT	Ziway	ZW
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