

Agro-meteorological Bulletin and Assessment for Farmers and Livestock Producers of Trinidad and Tobago for the First Dekad (1st -10th) of May 2020.

Definitions used in the forecast and bulletin:

Term		Meaning
Dekad		10 day rainfall measuring period
Rain Day		A day with 1.0 mm or more of rainfall amount
Wet Day		A day with 10.0 mm or more of rainfall amount
Extremely Wet Day		A day with 25.0 mm or more of rainfall amount
Normal Rainfall		Between 75% and 125 % of the average
Below Normal Rainfall		Rainfall below 75% of the average
Above Normal Rainfall		Rainfall in excess of 125 % of the average
Much below Normal Rainfall		Rainfall below 50% of the average
Much above Normal Rainfall		Rainfall above 150% of the average
Scanty Rainfall		Less than 1 mm
Moderate Rainfall		1-10 mm
Heavy Rainfall		10-50 mm
Very heavy Rainfall		Greater than 50 mm
Probability of 1-30 %		Low Chance
Probability of 30-70 %		Moderate Chance
Probability greater than 70%		High Chance
Term	Amount of Rain	Type of day
Scanty Rainfall	Less than 1 mm	Relatively dry day
Moderate Rainfall	1-10 mm	Relatively wet day
Heavy Rainfall	10-50 mm	Wet day
Very heavy Rainfall	Greater than 50 mm	Excessively wet day

Weather Assessment for the period (21st – 28th) of April 2020.

During the third dekad of April, mostly relatively dry days occurred in both Trinidad and Tobago. Rainfall total maps for the period 21st to 28th of April are located below as figure 1 and figure 2.

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Rainfall Totals for Trinidad for the Period 21st to 28th April, 2020

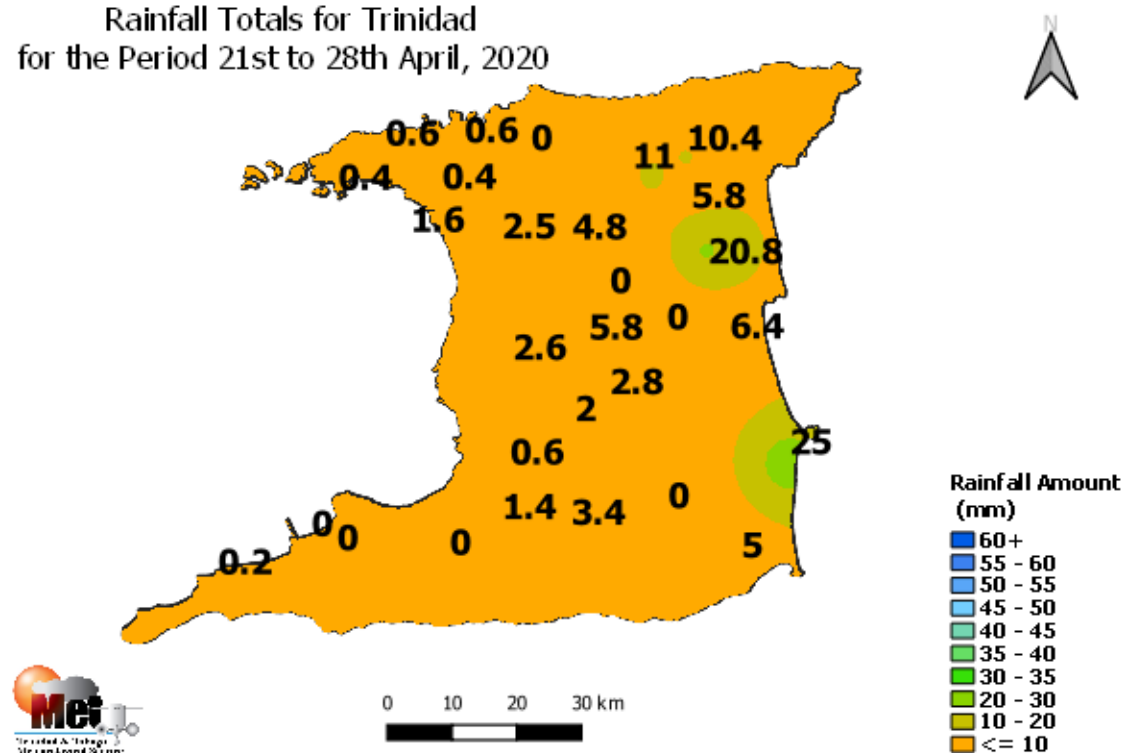


Figure 1. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing measured rainfall totals for varying districts during period 21st to 28th of April 2020.

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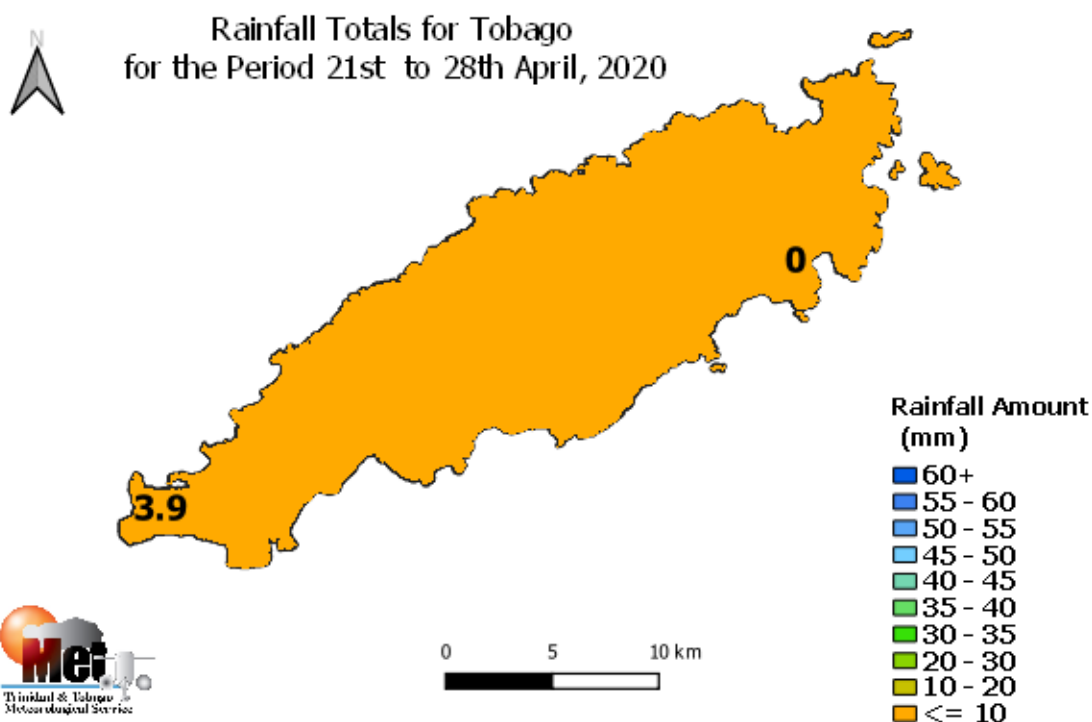


Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing measured rainfall totals for varying districts during period 21st to 28th of April 2020.

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The observed Temperatures (maximum/minimum), Average Relative humidity (maximum/minimum) and Long term 10 days (10dys) averages for locations: Piarco International airport and ANR Robinson International airport.

Location	Maximum Temperature °C/ Long term 10 dys average °C	Minimum Temperature °C /Long term 10 dys average °C	Average maximum Relative humidity (%)/ Long term 10 dys average (%)	Average minimum Relative humidity (%)/Long term 10 dys average (%)
Trinidad (Piarco International airport)	34.3/32.7 (1981-2010)	22.4/23.7 (1981-2010)	74/87 (1990-2010)	62/62 (1990-2010)
Tobago (ANR Robinson International airport)	31.6/31.3 (1981-2010)	23.0/24.7 (1981-2010)	72/87 (1990-2010)	66/60 (1990-2010)

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The Expected Weather conditions during the First Dekad (1st –10th) of May 2020, for Trinidad and Tobago, as seen in table 1.

Table 1.

Days:	Expected weather:
1st	Intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.
2nd	Intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.
3rd	Intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.
4th	Few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower.
5th	Few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower.
6th	Few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower.
7th	Few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower.
8th	Few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower.
9th	Intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.
10th	Intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.

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The expected Temperatures, Humidity and Dust haze days during the First dekad of May for Piarco, Trinidad as seen in table 2.

Table 2.

Day	Maximum Temperature °C	Minimum Temperature °C	Average Relative humidity (%)	Dust Haze Yes/No
1 st	33.3	22.4	80	No
2 nd	33.0	22.6	80	No
3 rd	33.3	22.4	80	No
4 th	34.5	21.5	67	Yes
5 th	34.8	21.5	65	Yes
6 th	35.0	22.0	62	Yes
7 th	35.0	21.0	64	Yes
8 th	34.4	21.0	64	Yes
9 th	33.6	22.6	80	No
10 th	33.3	22.6	80	No

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The expected Temperatures, Humidity and Dust haze days during the First dekad of May for ANR Robinson, Tobago as seen in table 3.

Table 3

Day	Maximum Temperature °C	Minimum Temperature °C	Average Relative humidity (%)	Dust Haze Yes/No
1 st	31.2	24.0	80	No
2 nd	31.2	23.8	80	No
3 rd	31.2	23.7	80	No
4 th	32.0	23.0	68	Yes
5 th	32.0	23.0	65	Yes
6 th	32.0	23.0	65	Yes
7 th	32.0	23.0	65	Yes
8 th	32.0	23.0	65	Yes
9 th	31.3	24.0	80	No
10 th	31.3	24.0	80	No

Trinidad's Mean Daily Rainfall Forecast for the First Dekad of May (1st-10th) 2020.

Northern & Northwestern areas:

Moderate chance (60%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.6 mm.

North-Eastern and Eastern areas:

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.5 mm.

Central, West-Central and inland areas:

Moderate chance (60%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.2 mm.

South-Eastern areas:

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Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.4 mm.

Southern areas:

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.1 mm.

South-Western areas:

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.0 mm.

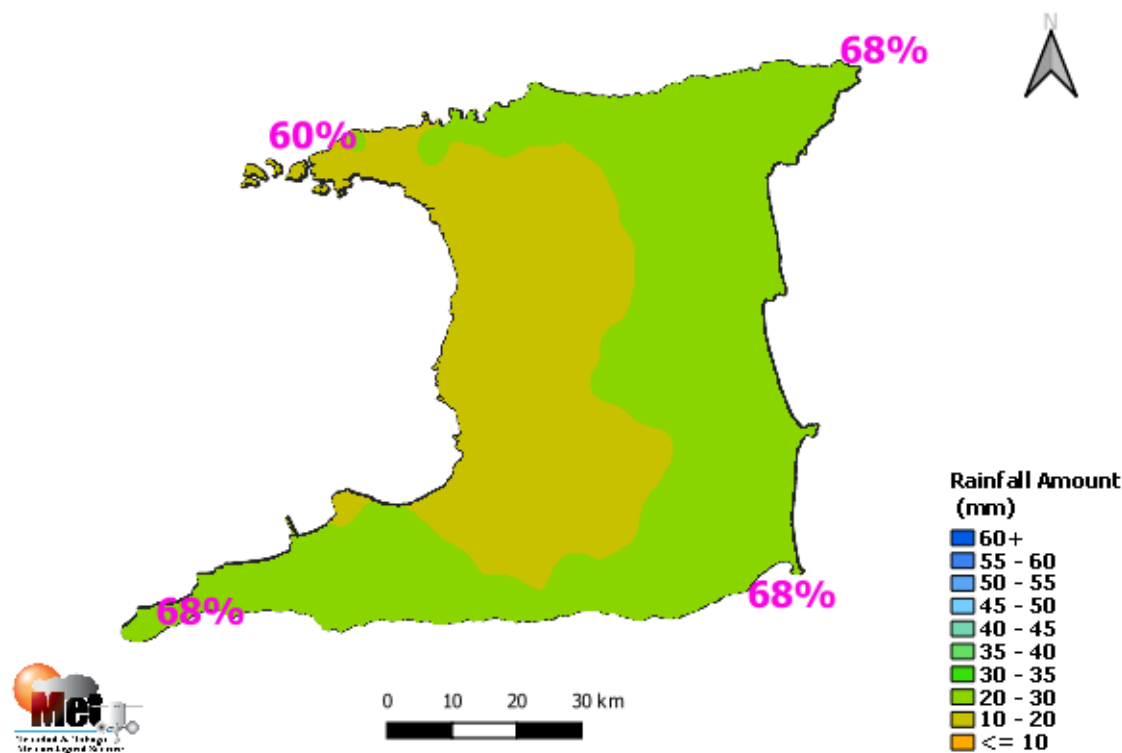


Figure 3. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing possible rainfall totals for varying districts during first dekad of May 2020 and percentage probability of occurrence.

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Tobago's Mean Daily Rainfall Forecast for the First Dekad of May (1st –10th) 2020.

Northeastern areas:

Moderate chance (60%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.6 mm.

South-Western areas:

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.3 mm.

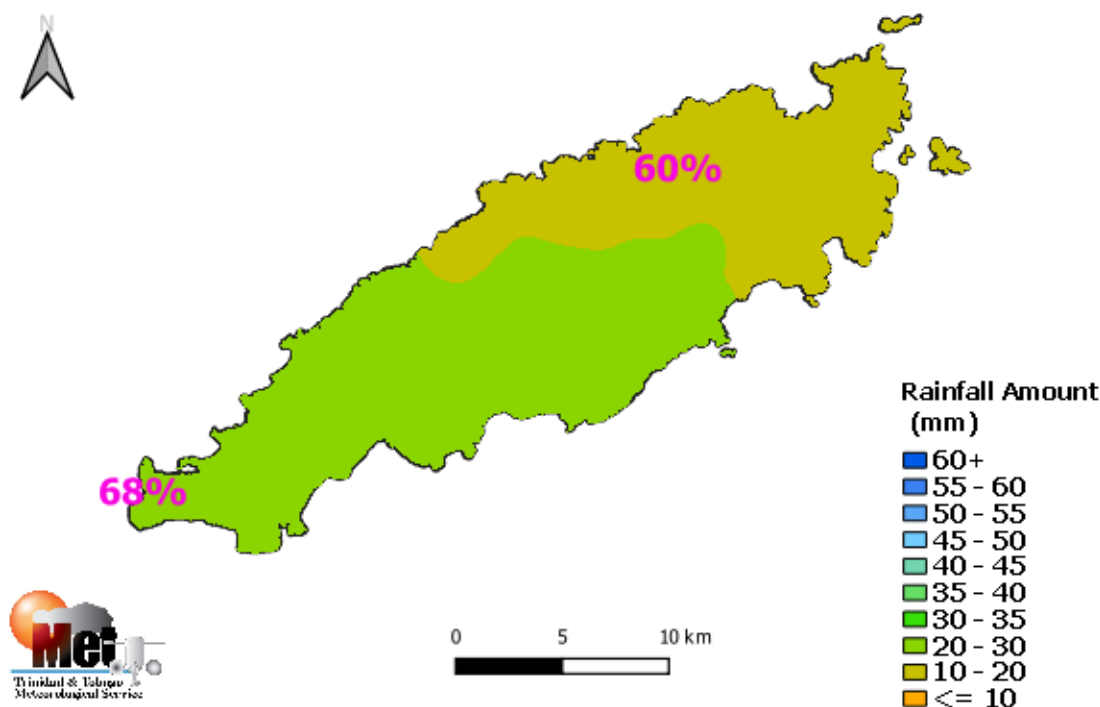


Figure 4. Rainfall map of Tobago showing possible rainfall totals for varying districts during first dekad of May 2020 and percentage probability of occurrence.

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Impacts on Agriculture:

During the first dekad of May 2020, equal amounts of relatively dry and relatively wet days are likely. Expect relatively dry days on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and relatively wet days on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th. There is a moderate (40%) probability that the rainfall anticipated, might return small amounts of soil moisture across Trinidad and Tobago. Rivers will continue to be very low, shrubs and grass growth will continue at a very slow pace. Additionally, with rising mean temperatures, there is a high (72%) probability of insects, pests and warm weather diseases may possibly develop.

Sun and Moon positions in the sky:

The sun is presently at latitude of approximately 15.0 degrees north latitude, and with this position, the day length for this dekad will be 12.5 hours. A high probability (85%) of intense solar radiation occurring during the first dekad of May 2020, when the sky is generally cloud free. There is high probability (85%) of heat stress on variety of plant seedlings and young/sick/elderly animals from direct exposure to solar radiation and high temperatures. Additionally, the moon's full moon phase will be on the 7th May 2020. As a result, there will be medium to high moon illumination over crop fields and livestock at night during the dekad.

Summary:

During the first dekad of May 2020, equal amounts of relatively dry and relatively wet days are likely. Expect relatively dry days on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and relatively wet days on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th. On relatively dry days expect few cloudy patches with a low probability (20%) of a brief shower; while on relatively wet days expect intermittent cloudy patches with a moderate probability (45%) of brief showers.

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