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# Agro-Meteorological Forecast for the First 15-Day Period (1st-15th) of January, 2024

### **Definition Guide:**

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 Forecast for Farmers and Livestock Producers of Trinidad and Tobago for the 15-day period (01<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>) of January 2024

Date	Weather			Temperature	Heat Real Feel	Day Moisture (Relative (Humidity)	Wind
01 <sup>st</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with a shower or two	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  30.0/23.0	Feels like 31-35°C	55-80%	Moderate northeasterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
02 <sup>nd</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with a shower or two	Warm	Feels like	60-80%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h

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				Max/Min Temperatures °C 31.0/23.0	32-35°C		Gust 25 km/h
03 <sup>rd</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with a shower or two	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-36°C	55-80%	Moderate east to east- southeasterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
04 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 5.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with a shower or two	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  31.0/22.0	Feels like 32-35°C	55-85%	Moderate to strong easterly  25 km/h  Gust  35 km/h
05 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 5.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with a shower or two	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  31.0/22.0	Feels like 32-35°C	55-85%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
06 <sup>th</sup>	30% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Patchy cloudiness with a light shower	Warm	Feels like	50-80%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h

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				Max/Min Temperatures °C	33-35°C		Gust 25 km/h
07 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 5.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudiness with light showers	32.0/22.0  Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C 32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-35°C	55-85%	Moderate to strong easterly to east-northeasterly 25 km/h Gust 35 km/h
08 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 5.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy to cloudy with showers	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-35°C	55-85%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
09 <sup>th</sup>	30% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Patchy cloudiness with a shower	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-36°C	50-80%	Moderate easterly to east- southeasterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
10 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Patchy cloudiness with a shower	Warm	Feels like	45-75%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h Gust

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				Max/Min Temperatures °C 32.0/22.0	34-36°C		25 km/h
11 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Patchy cloudiness with a shower	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-35°C	50-80%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h
12 <sup>th</sup>	30% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Patchy cloudiness with a shower	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 33-35°C	50-80%	Moderate to strong easterly 25 km/h Gust 35 km/h
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14 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 1.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with light showers	Warm  Max/Min	Feels like	45-75%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h

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				Temperatures °C 32.0/22.0	34-36°C		Gust 25 km/h
15 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 1.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with light showers	Warm  Max/Min  Temperatures °C  32.0/22.0	Feels like 34-36°C	45-75%	Moderate easterly 15 km/h Gust 25 km/h

Trinidad Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of January (01st - 15th) 2024.

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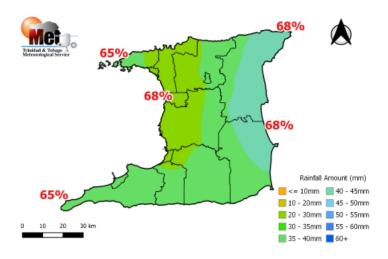


Figure 1. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Trinidad during the 15-day period (01<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>) January 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

### Eastern, and North-Eastern areas

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.5 mm.

# South-Eastern areas

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.5 mm.

# Southern areas

Moderate chance (65%) of mean daily rainfall up to 3.8 mm.

# South-Western areas

Moderate chance (65%) of mean daily rainfall up to 3.8 mm.

# Central, West-Central, and inland areas

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

# Northern, North-Western areas

Moderate chance (65%) of mean daily rainfall up to 3.8 mm.

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# Tobago Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of January (01st - 15th) 2024.

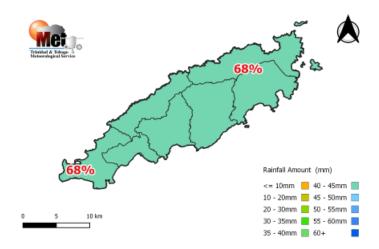


Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Tobago during the 15-day period (01<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>) January 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

# North-Eastern areas

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.5 mm.

# South-Western areas

Moderate chance (68%) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.5 mm.

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# Summary

## **Summary of Expected Weather:**

# Low to Moderate rainfall amounts are expected during the fifteen days.

Relatively dry days are expected on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with less than 1.0 mm of rainfall expected, while on other days less than 5.0 mm is expected.

## **Trinidad and Tobago:**

Relatively dry days are expected on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with less than 1.0 mm of rainfall, while on other days less than 5.0 mm is expected. The daily rainfall totals are forecast to range between 1.0 mm to 4.5 mm across different farmlands over the islands. The fifteen-day rainfall totals ranging between 10.0 mm and 45.0 mm in Trinidad, and around 45.0 mm in Tobago.

### **Temperatures & Winds:**

The maximum temperatures are expected to become warm, with daily temperatures ranging between 31.0°C to 32.0°C throughout the period. However, temperatures are expected to have a real-feel or feels-like between 32.0°C to 36.0°C on most days. The minimum temperatures will range between 23.0°C to 22.0°C during most nights/early mornings, dropping lower in rural areas and valleys.

In general, mostly moderate winds, between northeasterly to southeasterly, with an average speed of 15-25 km/h, are expected. Low to moderate rainfall totals, mostly moderate wind speeds, warm days, and warm feels-like temperatures

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will sustain average evapotranspiration rates in crops ranging between 3.0 to 8.0 mm per day.

#### Moisture levels:

Over the fifteen-day period across Trinidad and Tobago, moisture levels are expected to be low to moderate, with average daytime relative humidity values in the mid-50s to low-80s, in terms of percentage.

## Highlighted Possible Impacts on Agriculture:

During this first 15-day (01<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>) forecast period of January 2024, expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy periods at times. Mostly light showery events, sometimes moderate in a few areas, will produce some wet periods during the forecast period. Therefore, rescheduling of irrigation days on fields to maintain optimal soil moisture would be necessary on days that will have low rainfall. There is a low (20%) chance of heat stress in young livestock, newly germinated and transplanted seedlings onto fields. There is a low (25%) probability for flash and riverine flooding episodes. River levels will be low to moderate at times during the forecast period. There is also a low probability (28%) chance for fungi spread, insect pests and warm/moist weather diseases to develop in crop beds.

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