

# Weather Forecast/Bulletin for Farmers and Livestock Producers of Trinidad and Tobago for the 15-day period (16<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>) of April 2024.

Date		Weather		Temperature	Heat Real Feel	Day Moisture (Relative Humidity)	Wind
16 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with few showers	Very Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.0/24.0	Feels like 37-40 °C	60-70%	Moderate Southeasterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
17 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 8.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 32.0/24.0	Feels like 37-40 °C	60-70%	Moderate Southeasterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
18 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 8.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly cloudy with showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 32.0/23.0	Feels like 35-38 °C	60-70%	Gentle Southeasterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
19 <sup>th</sup>	60% chance of showers	Less than 13.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Cloudy with showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 32.0/23.0	Feels like 37-44 °C	60-80%	Gentle Southeasterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h

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20 <sup>th</sup>	60% chance of showers	Less than 13.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Cloudy with showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 31.0/23.0	Feels like 38-45 ℃	70-90%	Gentle Southeasterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
21 <sup>st</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 8.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly cloudy with showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 31.0/23.0	Feels like 35-45 °C	60-90%	Gentle Easterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
22 <sup>nd</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 4.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly sunny cloudy with few showers	Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 32.0/23.0	Feels like 37-45 ℃	60-80%	Gentle easterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
23 <sup>rd</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a light shower	Very Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.0/23.0	Feels like 36-48 ℃	50-80%	Gentle easterly 10-20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
24 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with few showers	Very Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.0/23.0	Feels like 36-48 °C	50-80%	Moderate easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h

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25 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Partly cloudy with few showers	Very Warm Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.5/24.0	Feels like 36-48°C	50-80%	Moderate easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
26 <sup>th</sup>	40% chance of showers	Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a light shower	Hot Max/Min Temperatures °C 34.0/24.0	Feels like 38-52 ℃	50-80%	Moderate easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
27 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a shower	Hot Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.5/24.0	Feels like 38-49 °C	50-80%	Moderate southeasterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
28 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a light shower	Hot Max/Min Temperatures °C 33.5/24.0	Feels like 38-47 ℃	50-70%	Moderate southeasterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
29 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a light shower	Hot Max/Min Temperatures °C 34.0/24.0	Feels like 36-44 ℃	50-70%	Moderate Easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h
30 <sup>th</sup>	20% chance of showers	Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible	Mostly sunny with a light shower	Hot Max/Min Temperatures °C 34.0/24.0	Feels like 36-44 ℃	50-70%	Moderate Easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h



## Trinidad Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of April (16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) 2024.

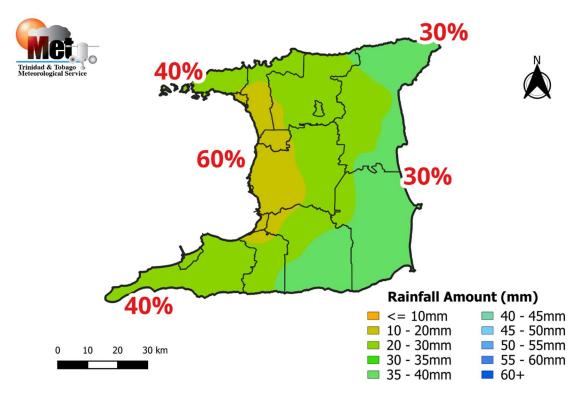


Figure 1. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Trinidad during the 15-day period (16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) April 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

Eastern, and North-Eastern areas: Moderate chance (30%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.6 mm. South-Eastern areas: Moderate chance (30%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.6 mm Southern areas Moderate chance (40%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2.6 mm South-Western areas Moderate chance (40%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.3 mm Central, West-Central, and inland areas Moderate chance (60%) of mean daily rainfall up to 0.6 mm Northern, North-Western areas Moderate chance (40%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.3 mm



## Tobago Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of April (16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) 2024.

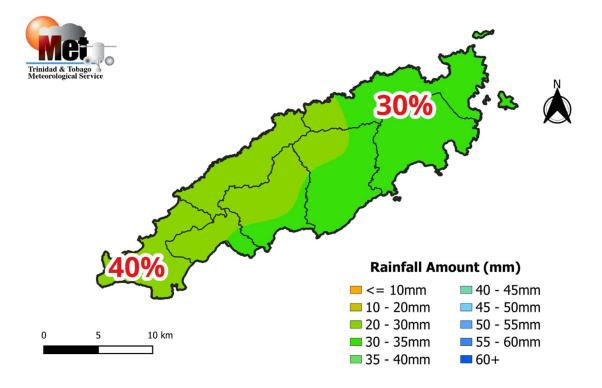


Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Tobago during the 15-day period (16<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>) April 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

#### North-Eastern areas

Moderate chance (30%) of mean daily rainfall up to 2 mm

#### South-Western areas

Moderate chance (40%) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.3 mm

#### Sun and Moon Positions in the Sky April (16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) 2024.

The sun is presently at 10.5 degrees North latitude and with this position, the day-length or number of sunlight hours in Trinidad and Tobago from April 16<sup>th</sup> will be 12 hours and 23 minutes, increasing slightly to 12 hours and 30 minutes by 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

According to the moon's phases, the (Full Moon Phase)  $20^{\text{th}} - 22^{\text{nd}}$  are good days for planting aboveground crops and  $23^{\text{rd}} - 24^{\text{th}}$  and  $28^{\text{th}} - 29^{\text{th}}$  of April are good days for planting belowground crops. However, the  $15^{\text{th}} - 19^{\text{th}}$  (First Quarter Phase) and  $30^{\text{th}}$  of April are poor planting days. These days should be used for removing weeds, clearing land and ploughing fields.



### **Summary of Expected Weather:**

#### Mainly low to moderate rainfall amounts are expected during the fifteen days.

Wet days are expected for the second 15 days of April, from  $19^{th} - 20^{th}$  with relatively wet days also possible on  $21^{st}$ ,  $25^{th} - 27^{th}$  with less than 10.0 mm of rainfall, while on other days less than 3.0 mm is expected.

#### Trinidad and Tobago:

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The daily rainfall totals are forecast to range between 3.0 mm to 6.0 mm across different farmlands across the islands, favouring the southern, eastern and northeastern coastal areas of Trinidad and southwestern Tobago. The 15-day rainfall totals range between 10.0 mm and 40.0 mm in Trinidad, and range between 20.0 mm and 30.0 mm in Tobago.

#### **Temperatures & Winds:**

Hot conditions are expected. Daily Maximum temperatures range between 32.0°C to 34.0°C throughout the period. However, temperatures are expected to have a real-feel or feels-like between 36.0 °C to 45.0 °C on most days. The minimum temperatures will range between 23.0 °C to 24.0 °C during most nights/early mornings, dropping lower in rural areas and valleys.

In general, mostly moderate easterly to east-southeasterly winds with an average speed of 20-40 km/h are expected. Low rainfall totals, mostly moderate wind speeds, very warm or hot days, and warm feels-like temperatures will sustain average evapotranspiration rates in crops ranging between 5.0 to 15.0 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 lower 50s to lower 80s, in terms of percentage.



## **Highlighted Possible Impacts on Agriculture:**

Expect a few showery interruptions during the second week in April. Mostly sunny, breezy with very warm to hot conditions interrupted by cloudy spells with showery outbreaks are expected during this second 15-day forecast period of April 2024. Therefore, greening of grazing pastures should continue. However, scheduling of irrigation days on fields to maintain optimal soil moisture would be necessary on most days. There is a moderate (40%) chance of heat stress in young livestock, newly germinated and transplanted seedlings onto fields. There is a moderate probability (40-60%) that strong winds may cause physical damage to young plants and flowering mature plants in exposed areas. There is also a low probability (30%) chance for fungi spread, insect pests and warm/moist weather diseases to develop in crop beds.

## Weather Assessment for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Moderate to heavy rainfall amounts occurred during the first half of April across Trinidad and Tobago. The rainfall totals maps for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April for Trinidad and Tobago are located below as figure 1 and figure 2.

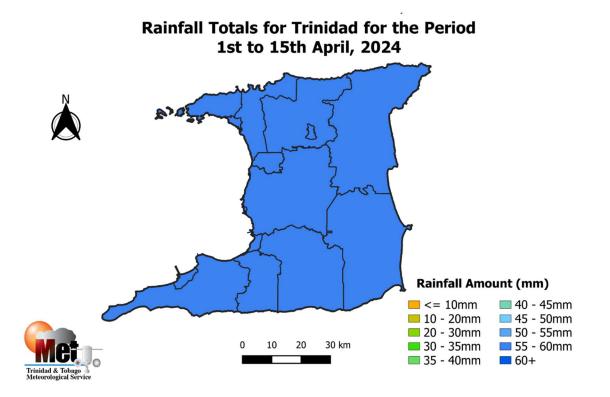
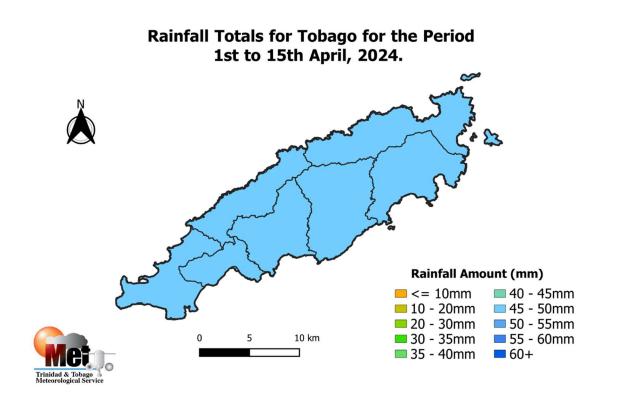


Figure 1. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing measured rainfall totals for varying districts during period 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.



## Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing measured rainfall totals for varying districts during period 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

## **Temperatures:**

Temperatures were warm to hot during the period 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> of April with the minimum nighttime temperature falling to 22.6 °C (10<sup>th</sup> April) and the maximum daytime temperature rising to 34.2 °C (1<sup>st</sup> April), in Trinidad.

Similarly, Tobago temperatures were hot during the period  $1^{st} - 15^{th}$  of April with the minimum nighttime temperature at 27.0 °C (4<sup>th</sup> April) and the maximum daytime temperature rising to 32.8 °C (2<sup>nd</sup> April).



## 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			
<b>Below Normal Rainfal</b>	l	Rainfall below 75% of the average			
<b>Above Normal Rainfal</b>	1	Rainfall in excess of 125 % of the average			
Much below Normal R	ainfall	Rainfall below 50% of the average			
Much above Normal R	ainfall	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			
<b>Moderate Rainfall</b>	1-10 mm	Relatively wet day			
Heavy Rainfall	10-50 mm	Wet day			
Very heavy Rainfall Greater than 50 mm		Excessively wet day			

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