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## Weather Forecast/Bulletin for Farmers and Livestock Producers of Trinidad and Tobago for the 15 -day period ( $1^{\text {st }}$ to the $15^{\text {th }}$ ) of May 2024.

| Date | Weather |  |  | Temperature | Heat Real Feel | Day Moisture (Relative Humidity) | Wind |
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| 1st | m <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $35-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 55-70\% | Moderate Easterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| 2nd | $60 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 13.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly cloudy with showers | Very Warm <br> Max/Min Temperatures ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 32.0/24.0 | Feels like $35-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 55-75\% | Moderate Southeasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| 3rd | $\therefore \text { m }$ <br> 40\% chance of showers | Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with showers | Very Warm <br> Max/Min <br> Temperatures ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 32.0/24.0 | Feels like $37-44^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 60-80\% | Moderate Eastsoutheasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| 4th | $\therefore m$ <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly cloudy with showers |  | Feels like $37-44^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 60-80\% | Moderate Southeasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |


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| $5^{\text {th }}$ | $60 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 18.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly cloudy with showers |  | Feels like $37-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 70-85\% | Moderate Southeasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
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| $6^{\text {th }}$ | $60 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 18.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly cloudy with showers |  | Feels like $37-41^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 70-80\% | Gentle <br> Easterly $10-20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | $60 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 13.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly cloudy with showers |  | Feels like $38-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 65-75\% | Moderate Easterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | $\therefore m$ <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 8.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $38-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 65-75\% | Moderate Easterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ | $m$ <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 8.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $38-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 65-75\% | Moderate Eastsoutheasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | $m$ <br> 20\% chance of showers | Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $37-45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50-70\% | Moderate Eastsoutheasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ | $\therefore m$ <br> $20 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly sunny with a light shower |  | Feels like $37-45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50-70\% | Moderate easterly 20 km/h Gust 40 km/h |

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| $12^{\text {th }}$ | $\therefore m$ <br> $20 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mostly } \\ & \text { sunny with } \\ & \text { a shower } \end{aligned}$ |  | Feels like $38-49^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50-75\% | Moderate southeasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
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| $13^{\text {th }}$ | $m$ <br> $20 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 3.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Mostly sunny with a light shower |  | Feels like $37-45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50-70\% | Moderate southeasterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| $14^{\text {th }}$ | " <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $36-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 55-75\% | Moderate Easterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ | $\therefore m$ <br> $40 \%$ chance of showers | Less than 6.0 mm of rainfall is possible | Partly cloudy with few showers |  | Feels like $34-42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 50-75\% | Moderate Easterly $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ Gust 40 km/h |

Trinidad Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of May ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}-15^{\text {th }}\right) 2024$.


Figure 1. Rainfall map of Trinidad showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Trinidad during the 15-day period $\left(1^{\text {st }}-15^{\text {th }}\right)$ May 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

## Eastern, and North-Eastern areas:

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.6 mm .

## South-Eastern areas:

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.6 mm .

## Southern areas

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.6 mm .

## South-Western areas

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 4.6 mm .

## Central, West-Central, and inland areas

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.8 mm .

## Northern, North-Western areas

Moderate chance ( $40 \%-60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.8 mm .

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Tobago Rainfall Forecast for the 15-Day period of May ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}-\mathbf{1 5}^{\text {th }}\right) 2024$.


Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing expected mean rainfall totals for districts across Tobago during the 15 -day period $\left(1^{\text {st }}-15^{\text {th }}\right)$ May 2024 and percentage probability of occurrence.

## North-Eastern areas

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

## South-Western areas

Moderate chance ( $60 \%$ ) of mean daily rainfall up to 1.3 mm .

Sun and Moon Positions in the Sky May ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}-15^{\text {th }}\right) 2024$.
The sun is presently at 15.5 degrees North latitude and with this position, the day-length or number of sunlight hours in Trinidad and Tobago from May $1^{\text {st }}$ will be 12 hours and 30 minutes, increasing slightly to 12 hours and 37 minutes by $15^{\text {th }}$ of May 2024.

According to the moon's phases, (Last Quarter Phase) May $1^{\text {st }}, 4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ are poor planting days and should be used for removing weeds, clearing land and ploughing fields. May $2^{\text {nd }}-3^{\text {rd }}$ are good days for planting belowground crops. During (New Moon Phase) May $6^{\text {th }}-7^{\text {th }}$ and $10^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ are good days for planting aboveground crops. However, the $13^{\text {th }}-15^{\text {th }}$ May (First Quarter Phase) are poor planting days. These days should be used for removing weeds, clearing land and ploughing fields.

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## Summary of Expected Weather:

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

Wet days are expected for the second 15 days of May from $5^{\text {th }}-7^{\text {th }}$ with relatively wet days also possible on $2^{\text {nd }}, 4^{\text {th }}, 8^{\text {th }}, 9^{\text {th }}, 14^{\text {th }}$ and $15^{\text {th }}$ 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 18.0 mm across different farmlands across the islands, favouring the southern, eastern and northeastern coastal areas of Trinidad and southwestern and eastern Tobago. The 15-day rainfall totals range between 20.0 mm and 70.0 mm in Trinidad, and range between 20.0 mm and 35.0 mm in Tobago.

## Temperatures \& Winds:

Very warm to hot conditions are expected. Daily Maximum temperatures range between $31.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to 34.0 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ throughout the period. However, temperatures are expected to have a real-feel or feels-like between $35.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $45.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ on most days. The minimum temperatures will range between $24.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $25.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 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 $20-40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ are expected. Moderate 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 moderate with average daytime relative humidity values in the lower 50 s to upper 70 s , in terms of percentage.

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## Highlighted Possible Impacts on Agriculture:

Expect a few showery interruptions during the first week in May. Partly sunny and at times breezy with very warm to hot conditions interrupted by cloudy spells with showery outbreaks becoming heavy at times are expected during this 15 -day forecast period of May 2024. Therefore, greening of grazing pastures should continue. However, scheduling of irrigation days on fields to maintain optimal soil moisture would remain 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 $16^{\text {th }}$ to $\mathbf{3 0}^{\text {th }} 2024$.
Following moderate rainfall during the first 15 days of April, low to extremely low rainfall amounts occurred during the second half of April across Trinidad and Tobago. The rainfall totals maps for the period $16^{\text {th }}$ to $30^{\text {th }}$ 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 $16^{\text {th }}$ to $\mathbf{3 0}^{\text {th }}$ of April 2024.

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## Rainfall Totals for Tobago for the Period 16th to 30th April, 2024.



Figure 2. Rainfall map of Tobago showing measured rainfall totals for varying districts during period $16^{\text {th }}$ to $\mathbf{3 0}^{\text {th }}$ of April 2024.

## Temperatures:

Temperatures were warm to hot during the period $16^{\text {th }}-30^{\text {th }}$ of April with the minimum nighttime temperature ranging from $23.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(29^{\text {th }}\right.$ April) to $25.4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(5^{\text {th }}\right.$ April). Hot days (over $34.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) occurred on $18^{\text {th }}, 20^{\text {th }}, 23^{\text {rd }}, 24^{\text {th }}, 27^{\text {th }}$ and $29^{\text {th }}$ with the maximum daytime temperature $34.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(29^{\text {th }}\right.$ April) in Trinidad.

Similarly, temperatures in Tobago were warm to hot during the period $16^{\text {th }}-30^{\text {th }}$ of April with the minimum nighttime temperature ranging from $24.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(16^{\text {th }}\right.$ April) to above $27.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(17^{\text {th }}-19^{\text {th }}\right.$ April $)$ and the maximum daytime temperature rising to $33.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(20^{\text {th }}\right.$ April).

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Definitions used in the forecast and bulletin:

| Term | Meaning |
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| 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 | $1-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Heavy Rainfall | $10-50 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Very heavy Rainfall | Greater than 50 mm |
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| Probability of 1-30 \% | Low Chance |
| Probability of 30-70 \% | Moderate Chance |
| Probability greater than 70\% | High Chance |
| Term | Amount of Rain |
| Scanty Rainfall | Type of day |
| Moderate Rainfall | $1-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Heavy Rainfall | $10-50 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Very heavy Rainfall | Greater than 50 mm |

