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STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT RAINS BEING EXPERIENCED OVER THE COUNTRY

OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT RAINS

The period of December, January and February is generally characterized by sunny, dry and hazy conditions over most parts of the country. However, there are some occasional rains that normally occur during this season (off seasonal rains). The off seasonal rains have been experienced over most parts of the country since 14th January, 2022 after the dry conditions associated with the recent high temperatures.

The current rains have been attributed to the strengthening of Southern Pressure Systems (rain bearing systems) whose orientation shifted the rainfall belt over the country and consequently led to the observed rainfall events over most parts of the country.

FURTHER OUTLOOK

The current rainfall is expected to gradually reduce over most parts of the country in about one week and later on dry conditions are expected to resume until the end of February.

ADVISORY

The farming community can take advantage of the current rains to carry out land preparation in anticipation for the first seasonal rains of March to May season. UNMA will continue to monitor weather systems and provide further guidance regarding the March-May season in February, 2022.



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