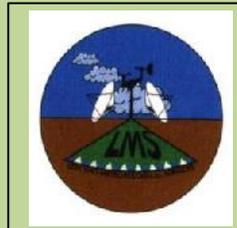




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Highlights

- Normal to Above Normal Cumulative rainfall across the country
- Above average maximum and minimum temperatures
- Rangelands in good condition
- Maize staking and third leaf stages, Winter Wheat is ripening and maturing

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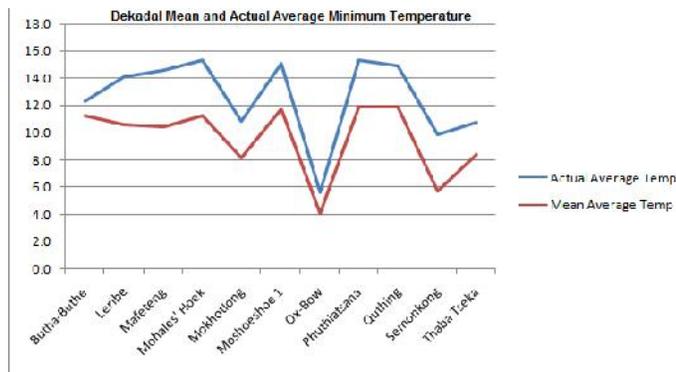


Figure 4: Minimum Temperature during 01 - 10 November2016

CROPSTAGEANDCONDITIONS

Mountains

Maize Crop Stage and Condition

Most of the maize in the mountains is at second stalk with some fields a little bit behind at third leaf.

Lowlands

Maize at third leaf but most of the fields are planted winter wheat which is maturing and ripening but at some certain fields wheat is at heading and flowering stage.



Figure 5: Wheat at ripening stage in Leribe district

RANGELANDCONDITIONS

Rangelands are in good condition hence livestock feed is sufficient

Map.3

Outlook for 15th-21st November 2016

The southern parts of the country (Mafeteng, Mohale’s Hoek and Quthing will experience decreasing chances of rain throughout the forecast period. This is also the case with the western Lowlands of Maseru and Berea. Therefore isolated to Scattered (40%) rain and thundershowers anticipated tomorrow,16 November over these areas becoming isolated (20%) from Thursday, 17th until the 21st.

As for the rest of the country there is a chance (40%) of scattered rain and thundershowers on Wednesday, 16th becoming isolated (30%) thereafter till the 21st Nov.

Soil Moisture

Sufficient soil moisture is anticipated countrywide for good crop growth.

