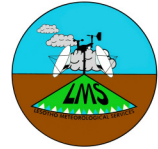




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Agro-Met Monthly Update:

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Highlights

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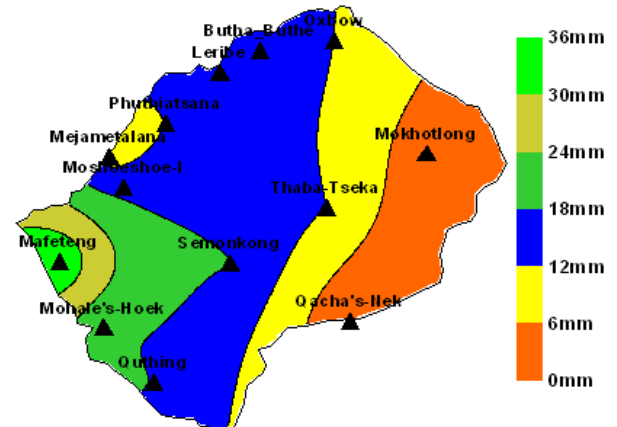
Rainfall

Monthly Actual Rainfall

The month of May 2010 was dry at most parts of the country. The highest rainfall of the month was 35.5mm at Mafeteng and the lowest monthly rainfall was 0.0mm at Qacha's Nek (see Map 1).

Rain days range from zero at Qacha's Nek to five days at Mohale's Hoek. That shows a great temporal variation of the rainfall during this

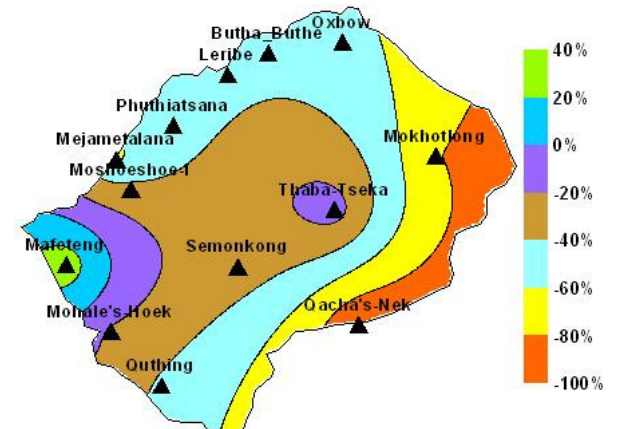
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Map 1: May 2010 Rainfall

Cumulative Rainfall since May 2010

The month of May 2010 recorded above normal rainfall at Mafeteng. Monthly rainfall was normal at Thaba-Tseka. Otherwise it was below normal at other parts of the country (see Map 2).



Map 2: Cumulative Rainfall % Departure from Normal

Temperatures

Temperatures were mostly normal in the most parts of the country during the month of May

2010, except at Semonkong where they were above normal.

Crop Stage and Conditions

Harvesting at some places has commenced. Some crops had matured fully while others were caught by frost which was mostly late at most places.

In some areas, land preparation for winter ploughing has started.

SEASONAL OUTLOOK (MAY – JULY 2010)

Much of the Lowlands including central and southern parts have high chances of receiving normal to below normal rainfall, while the northern parts including parts of the eastern Highlands have increased chances of receiving below normal rainfall.
