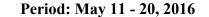
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1. METEOROLOGICAL SITUATION

1.1. SYNOPTIC SITUATION

N/A

1.2. WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE GAMBIA

N/A

1.3. WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT DEKAD

N/A

2. AGROMETEOROLOGICAL SITUATION

2.1 RAINFALLSITUATION

Like the first dekad there was no rainfall recorded throughout the country. However in the Eastern Third, Basse recorded trace which is insignificant or immeasurable rainfall.

2.2 TEMPERATURE

Mean temperature for this dekad vary between 27°C in the Western Third, 32°C in the Middle Third; and 34°C in the Eastern Third of the Country. Lowest minimum temperature of 14°C, 21°C and 24°C were recorded in the Western Third, Middle and Eastern Third respectively, whilst maximum temperatures reached 45°C in the Middle Third, (highest), 42 in the Eastern Third and 34 in the Western Thirds respectively.

23 WINDS

Mean wind speed were generally light across the country, however maximum wind speed recorded during the dekad were 28km/h over the Eastern Third to 22km/h across the rest of the country.

2.4 SUNSHINE DURATION

Sunshine duration was above 10 hours on average country wide.

2.5 RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Mean Relative Humidity (RH) was below 50% in the Middle and Eastern Thirds, but above 50% in the Western Third, a situation that could be attributed to the influx of moisturized winds blowing from the ocean.

3. HYDROLOGICAL SITUATION

N/A

4. AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WEST COAST REGION

The major Agricultural activity in this Region is field clearing, acquisition and treatment of seeds and repairing of tools.

NORTH BANK REGION

The major Agricultural activity in this Region like other places is field clearing, the acquisition and treatment of seeds and repairing of tools.

LOWER RIVER REGION

N/A

CENTRAL RIVER REGION NORTH

N/A

CENTRAL RIVER REGION SOUTH

In this Region, transplanting is ongoing in the Tidal fields (90% completed), whilst in the Upland the major Agricultural activity is field clearing, acquisition and treatment of seeds, repairing of farming tools and the acquisition of new ones where necessary.

UPPER RIVER REGION

N/A

5. COMMODITY PRICES

N/A

6. CROP PROTECTION

N/A

7. LIVESTOCK

N/A

8. ENVIRONMENT

N/A

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