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# Zimbabwe FCV Crop Report

## February 2017

### Weather:

- The rainfall pattern during the past 4 weeks has remained relatively unchanged, with Harare and outlying areas experiencing the majority of the prolonged periods of rainfall.
- Compared to the previous season there has been heavier than normal rainfall within the CTP growing areas (less than other areas) interspersed with a fair amount of sunlight showing during the days.

### 10 day forecast.

Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb	Thursday 9 Feb	Friday 10 Feb	Saturday 11 Feb	Sunday 12 Feb	Monday 13 Feb	Tuesday 14 Feb	Wednesday 15 Feb
									
22°	23°	25°	24°	24°	24°	23°	25°	25°	22°
Lowest 19°	Lowest 18°	Lowest 17°	Lowest 17°	Lowest 19°	Lowest 16°	Lowest 19°	Lowest 18°	Lowest 19°	Lowest 18°

- Of late there has been some reprieve in the rainfall pattern (see above table). The forecast is that the conditions will improve countrywide. This will have a profound positive effect, especially for the dry land crop.



# Irrigated and Dry Land Crop Overview

## Irrigated Crop:

### **Crop Status:**

- Growers with irrigated crops are anticipating to have completed harvesting this crop within the next 2-3 weeks.
- Irrigated crop curings thus far are clean with very little pest or disease issues.
- Yields are slightly lower compared to last year. Generally we anticipate good growers to achieve yields comparable to 2016.

### **Quality:**

- Lower reaping's are proving difficult to colour.
- Middle and Upper stalk is of good quality, wholesome, oily, deeper/full orange tobacco, predominantly first and second quality tobaccos.





## Dry land Crop:

### **Crop Status:**

- The majority of dry land crops were planted with the first rains and are reasonably established at this stage.
- The more than usual rain received during the past month will undoubtedly have an effect on the crop. However with the forecast of some sunny spells the crop is growing out well which will enable the crop to possibly reach close to its potential.
- The average crop is being topped at 18 leaves. A small amount of growers have reported pest and disease but at this stage we do not foresee any problems in this regard.
- 75-80% of the farmers have initiated their first reaping of this crop and curing is underway.

### **General:**

- Currently the predicted crop size is estimated as follows: **190- 200 Million Kg's**

