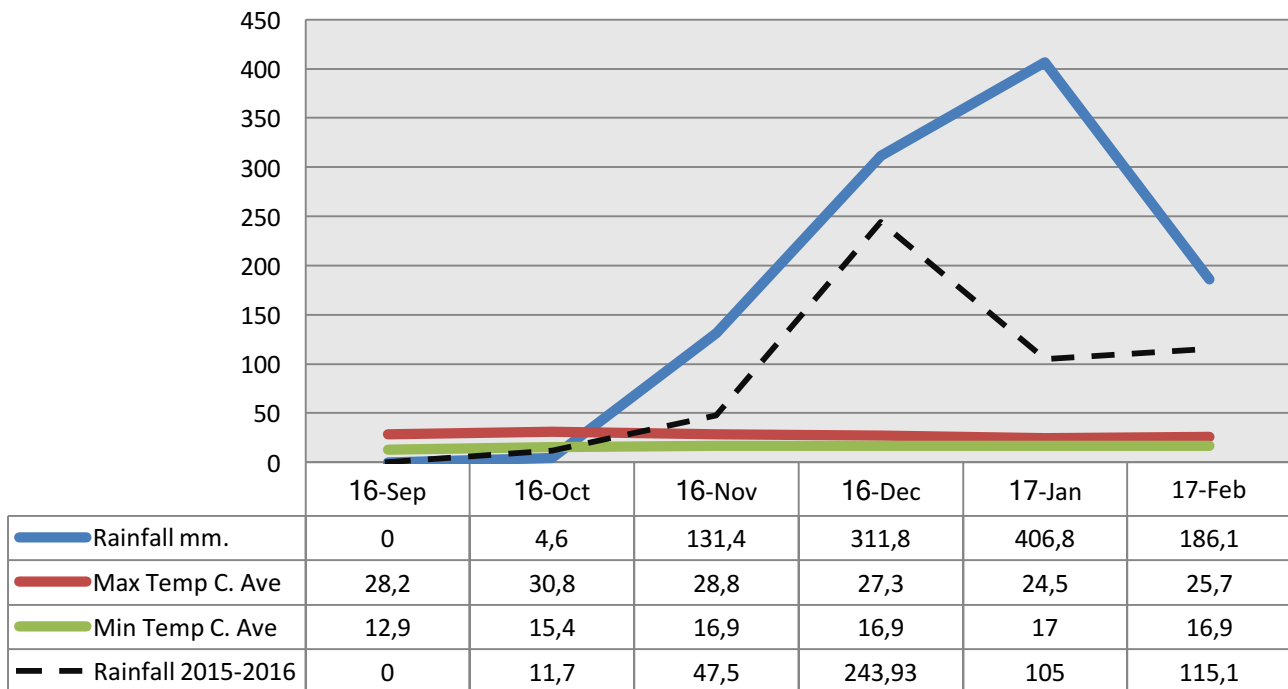




WEATHER CONDITIONS



Source of information: Kutsaga Research Station

WEATHER FORECAST 20 FEB – 08 MARCH 2017

- Precipitation in the northern growing areas of the country looks to continue to be lower than the rest of the country.
- Towards the western growing areas of the country rainfall will continue for the duration of this time period and is predicted to fall between 90-100mm.
- Looking to the eastern growing areas of the country rainfall seems to calm down until later stages of this time period, where it will once again increase and is predicted to be between 80-90mm.
- Temperature forecasts for the next 17 days look to be stable and range from 20-25°C.

Source of information: wxmaps.org/outlooks.php



IRRIGATED CROP

Crop Status:

- There has been fairly favorable weather this past week, which has made working conditions a lot easier.
- The majority of the irrigated crop has been reaped and farmers are now well into the curing and grading of their tobacco. The styles of tobacco being seen in the grading shed range from soft lemon to full orange.
- Due to the high levels of rainfall experienced throughout the season; especially between December and January, the weights of the crop will be slightly lower than the previous season.



*Insert: Irrigated curing of Priming's, Lugs
and Cutters*



DRY LAND CROP:

Crop Status:

- All areas have been reasonably dry this last week which is encouraging for the crop as it allows the plant to fully grow out.
- On average our farmers are on their 4th to 5th reap. Priming's, lugs and cutters are being cured and seem to be of good and clean qualities.
- Difficulties with colouring have eased off. For the most part a lemon crop seems to be dominant for the small scale farmers.
- For the weeks ahead until the end of the season, crop focus will be on reaping, curing and grading to ensure all are done to CTP standards.

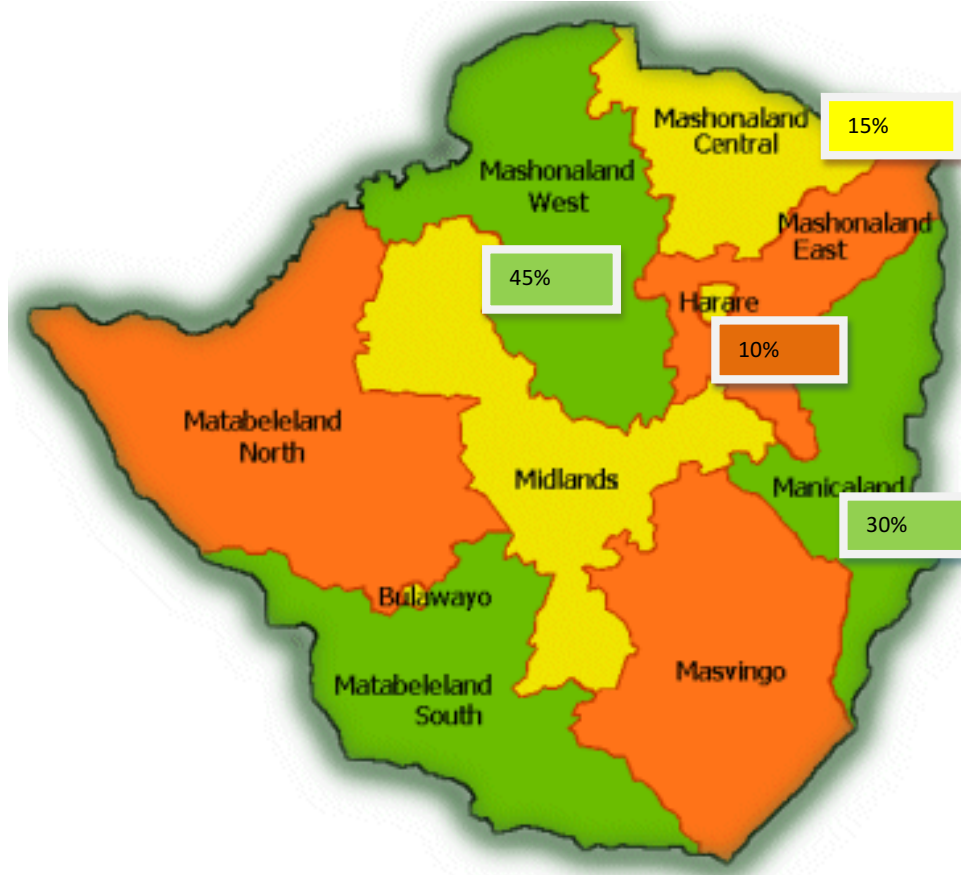


Insert: Dry Land crop



CTP GROWING AREAS

Figure 1: Geographic Percentages of Hectares Farmed For CTP



NATIONAL GROWING AREAS

	Area planted (ha) 2015/2016			Area planted (ha) 2016/2017		
	irrigated	Dry land	total	Irrigated	Dry land	Total
Mashonaland Central	3,537	27,154	30,691	3,878	26,611	30,489
Mashonaland West	4,065	30,690	34,755	4,015	34,438	38,453
Mashonaland East	5,450	12,667	18,117	6,177	12,289	18,466
Manicaland	1,830	9,123	10,953	1,983	17,363	19,346
Midlands	209	364	573	183	45	228
Masvingo	7	64	71	9	44	53
Total	15,098	80,062	95,160	16,245	90,790	107,035

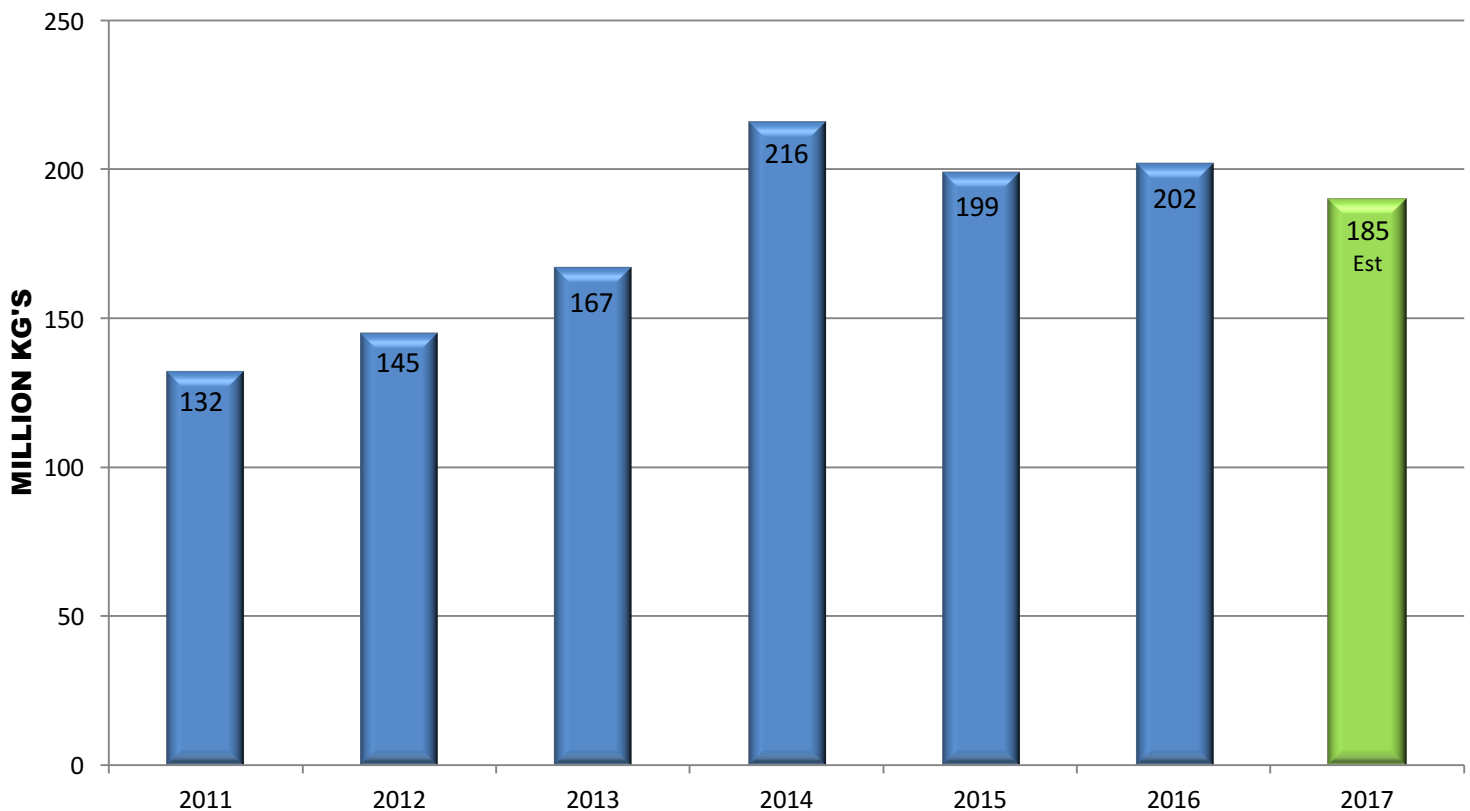
Source of information: Tobacco Industries marketing board (T.I.M.B)



SEED SALES 2011-2016/17

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ZTSA	Flue-cured	197,565	215,541	230,165	184,029	174,820	275,824
TRB	Flue-cured	454,298	598,195	804,770	852,855	508,965	527,755
Total FC (g)	Total FC (g)	651,863	813,736	1,034,935	1,036,884	683,785	803,579

HISTORICAL CROP SIZE FOR ZIMBABWE FCV



GENERAL SUMMARY

We still believe this season's crop size to be estimated between **175 – 185 Million Kg's**. It has been discussed and agreed between the Stakeholders and the Tobacco Industries Marketing Board that the marketing season will commence from the 15th of March 2017.