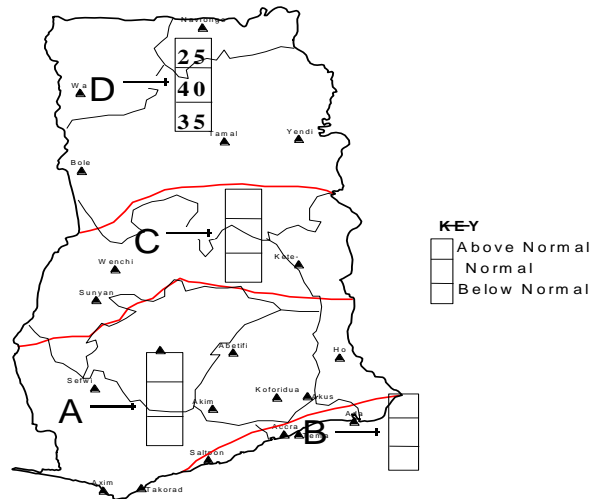


SEASONAL FORECAST

Observed atmospheric conditions over land and oceans and outputs from major World forecast Centres like International Research Institute for climate and Society (IRI), America, Climate Prediction Centre (CPC), America and European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF) Reading, together with output of the Agency’s model, do suggest that the May-Jul (MJJ) rainy season over the country is expected to be as below;



The expected rainfall amounts are as follows:

Sectors	Rainfall amounts (mm)
Northern Region	800 – 1330mm
Upper West	740 – 1230mm
Upper East	710 – 1190mm

The rainy season will be characterised by thunderstorms which will be accompanied by strong winds.

SUMMARY

1. Below normal to normal rainfall is expected over northern sector.
2. Most stations will experience dry spells.
3. There will be early cessation (short rainy season) for almost the whole country.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conservation of water should be practiced.
2. Farmers are encouraged to go for short life span crops because the rainy season will be short.
3. Farmers are encouraged to consult agricultural extension officers for advice/guidance.

NB:

Jul-Sep (JAS) would be communicated to you soon.