



MARCH – APRIL – MAY 2025 SEASONAL RAINFALL FORECAST

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Upper Zone Wards: Mbooni, Kithungo/Kitundu, Kilungu, Ilima, Ukia, Kee

Advisories Based on Rainfall Lower Limit Forecast

Crops	Varieties
1. Maize	DHO ₂₋₄ , Sungura, Kishindo, Haraka, Duma series, Pioneer and DK series, PANNAR3M-05, Tosheka, Tsavo
2. Beans	Kat B1, GLP 92, KatX56, Kat B9, Locals, KatX69, Nyota, Faida, Angaza
3. Cow Peas	K80, M66, Locals Ken Kunde, Kunde mboga, Kunde Tamu, Kunde Soko
4. Pigeon peas	Maintain the existing short rains crop; - ICEAP 00936, ICEAP 00554, Mpesa, Mituki
5. Dolichos	Maintenance of existing crop (DL 1002, DL 1009)
6. Cassava	Maintenance of existing crop (KME 1, Mucericeri, KME 61, Red Stemmed Varieties, Locals)
7. Sweet potatoes	Maintenance of existing crop (Locals, KSP 20, Kemp 10, SPK 004)
8. Sorghum	Gadam, Serena, Seredo, Kari Mtama 1, Kari Mtama 2, Macia, Sila, local varieties
9. Millets	Finger millet, Pearl Millet varieties PM 1, PM2, PM3
10. Sunflower	KENYA FEDHA, 8998, HYSUN 33

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Middle Zone: Wards (Tulimani, Kako/Waia, Kisau/Kiteta, Kasikeu, Mukaa, KiimaKiu/Kalanzoni, Nzaui/Kiili/Kalamba, Emaili/Mulala, Wote/Nziu, Muvau/Kikumini, Mbitini)

Advisories Based on Rainfall Lower Limit Forecast

Crops	Varieties
1. Maize	DUMA 43,DH01, DHO2, KISHINDO, SUNGURA,DK 8031, HARAKA
2. Beans	KAT B1,KAT X56, NYOTA, KATB9, GLP 92, KATX69, NYOTA, FAIDA, ANGAZA
3. Green/Black Grams	BIASHARA, KAREMBO, KS20, N26, NDENGU TOSHA
4. Cow peas	K80, M66, KUNDE SOKO, KUNDE TAMU, KVVU-27-1, M66, KEN KUNDE, BLACK EYE (Kang'au), KUNDE MBOGA
5. Dolichos	DL1002, DL1009
6. Sorghum	GADAM, KARI MTAMA 1, KARI MTAMA 2, SEREDO, MACIA, SERENA, SILA
7. Millets	KAT PM-1,2,3.
8. Finger Millet	LOCAL VARIETIES

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Lower Zone (Wards: Makindu, Nguu/Masumba, Kalawa, Kikumbulyu South, Kikumbulyu North, Nguumo, Thange, Nzambani/Vingoni, Mavindini, Kathonzweni, Kitse/kithuki, Masongaleni, Mito Andei).

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Crop	Variety
1. Maize	No variety recommended due to the forecast erratic rainfall for Lower Zone
2. Beans	No variety recommended due to the forecast erratic rainfall for Lower Zone
3. Green Grams	N26, KS20, Biashara, Karemba and Ndengu Tosha
4. Cow Peas	K80, M66, KVVU419, , KVVU27-1, Locals (Kangau), Ken Kunde, KUNDE Soko, Kunde Mboga
5. Sorghum	Gadam, Kari Mtama 1 & 2, Serena, Serendo, Sila, locals, Kamani
6. Pearl Millet	PM1, PM2, PM3
7. Sunflower	KENYA FEDHA , H998, HYSUN 33
8. Sweet potatoes	Locals, KSP 20, Kemp 10, SPK 004 local Kingee, (areas along chyulu hills) with water harvesting structures and earthing up

Livestock Advisories – Pasture/Fodder to be established

Upper Zone (350 – 600) mm	Middle Zone (200 – 500) mm	Lower Zone (250 – 350) mm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cow peas(M66) • Desmodium • Calliandra • Sudan grass • Bracharia species • Sorghum Fodder • Pennisetum species (forage millet) • Cenchrusciliaris • Nappier grass (hybrid varieties) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorghum Fodder • Sudan grass • Bracharia species • Cenchrusciliaris (Ndatakivumbu) • EragrostisSuperba (Mbeetwa) • Forage sweet potato • Pennisetum species (forage millet) • Lucerne • Dolichos lablab • Nappier grass (hybrid varieties) • Chloris Roxburghiana (Kilili) • Cow peas(M66) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ratoon pasture grasses such as Ndata Kivumbu (<i>EragrostisSuperba</i>), •<i>Bracharia Mulato</i> •Boma Rhodes •Sugar Graze •Nutri-feeds •<i>Panicum species</i> (Mbwea) •Masai Love Grass etc.

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