

13 April 2020

Stormy and cooler weather expected to set in over South Africa, 14-15 April 2020

The South African Weather Service is advising South Africans of adverse weather conditions that are expected over parts of the country from tomorrow, Tuesday 14 April 2020. This will be in the form of widespread thundershowers over the central, southern and eastern provinces (Figure 1 Left). It is expected that some of these storms will become severe, with potential to produce heavy downpours, large hail and/or strong damaging surface winds (Figure 1 Right). Areas expected to be mostly affected are the eastern parts of Eastern Cape, north-eastern Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and the Highveld of Mpumalanga.

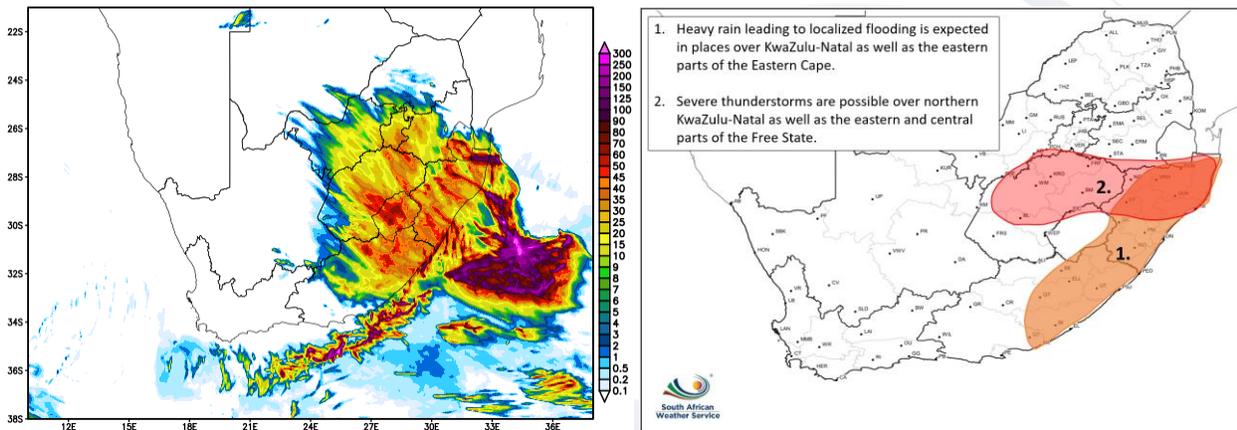


Figure 1 Left: Expected 24 hour rainfall accumulation for 14 April 2020. Right: Severe weather alerts

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The potential impacts caused by the expected weather include localised flooding of susceptible roads, low-lying areas and bridges as well as localised structural damage (informal homes/roofs, car ports etc) due to hail and/or strong winds. In addition, much cooler conditions are also expected over central and southern provinces on Tuesday, spreading north and east by

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Wednesday (Figure 2 & 3). There are also expectations of light snowfall on the peaks of the southern parts of the Drakensberg and Malutis.

These conditions are anticipated following the development of a steep upper trough which could potentially develop into a cut-off low pressure system during late Tuesday. This will be accompanied by a cold front which will be situated across the central and south-eastern parts of the country by Tuesday midday.

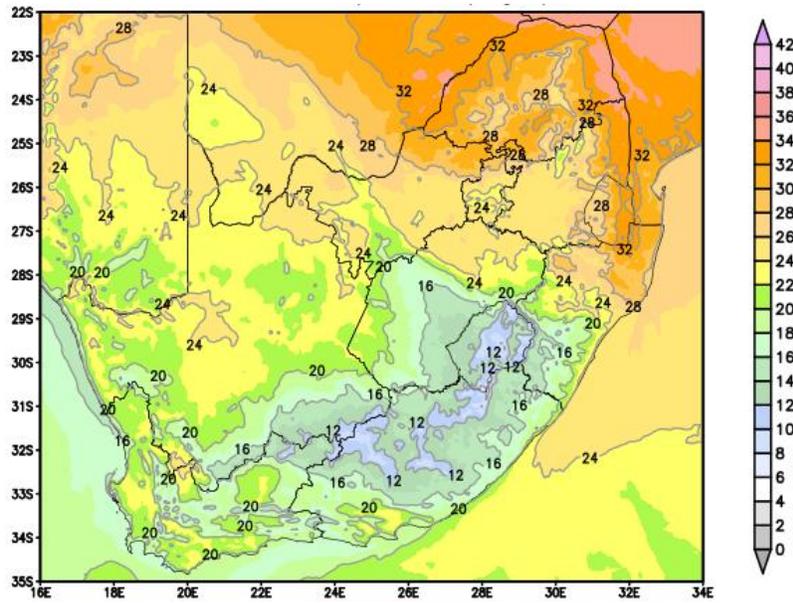


Figure 2. Expected Maximum temperatures for 14 April 2020. ©SAWS 2020

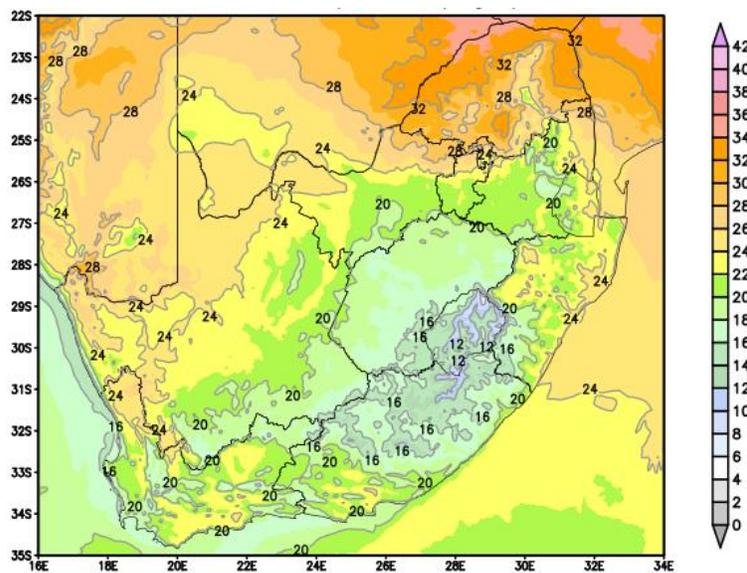


Figure 3. Expected Maximum temperatures for 15 April 2020. ©SAWS 2020

The South African Weather Service will continue to monitor any further developments relating to this weather system and will issue subsequent updates as required. Furthermore, the public are urged and encouraged to regularly follow weather forecasts on television and radio.

Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at www.weathersa.co.za as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account @SAWeatherServic

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