

Subseasonal rainfall and temperature outlook based on ECMWF ensemble forecasts

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Week 1 Forecast Summary

Highest rainfall over Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State.

Drier conditions over North West, Limpopo.

Warmest conditions over KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, Western Cape.

Rainfall Category Definition:

Heavy Rain ≥ 50 mm/week

Moderate Rain = 20–49.9 mm/week

Light Rain < 20 mm/week

No Rain < 1mm/week

Province	Rainfall (mm/week)	Temp (°C)	Rainfall Category
Limpopo	0.6	14.1	No Rain
Mpumalanga	2.4	13.2	Light Rain
Gauteng	1.7	11.6	Light Rain
KwaZulu-Natal	23.8	15.6	Moderate Rain
Eastern Cape	25.0	14.3	Moderate Rain
Western Cape	3.9	14.6	Light Rain
Northern Cape	1.1	15.0	Light Rain
North West	0.2	13.5	No Rain
Free State	9.4	9.8	Light Rain

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Week 2 Forecast Summary

Highest rainfall over KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape.

Drier conditions over North West, Gauteng.

Warmest conditions over KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Limpopo.

Province	Rainfall (mm/week)	Temp (°C)	Rainfall Category
Limpopo	1.0	14.1	No Rain
Mpumalanga	1.7	13.7	Light Rain
Gauteng	0.6	11.5	No Rain
KwaZulu-Natal	7.5	16.6	Light Rain
Eastern Cape	6.5	14.4	Light Rain
Western Cape	5.6	12.9	Light Rain
Northern Cape	2.3	14.1	Light Rain
North West	0.3	12.9	No Rain
Free State	1.5	10.0	Light Rain

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Week 3 Forecast Summary

Highest rainfall over KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape.

Drier conditions over North West, Limpopo.

Warmest conditions over KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga.

Province	Rainfall (mm/week)	Temp (°C)	Rainfall Category
Limpopo	2.9	14.9	Light Rain
Mpumalanga	5.1	13.8	Light Rain
Gauteng	3.4	11.9	Light Rain
KwaZulu-Natal	12.4	16.1	Light Rain
Eastern Cape	11.3	11.9	Light Rain
Western Cape	6.8	11.7	Light Rain
Northern Cape	3.3	12.8	Light Rain
North West	2.2	13.7	Light Rain
Free State	5.5	9.4	Light Rain

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Week 4 Forecast Summary

Highest rainfall over Eastern Cape, Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal.

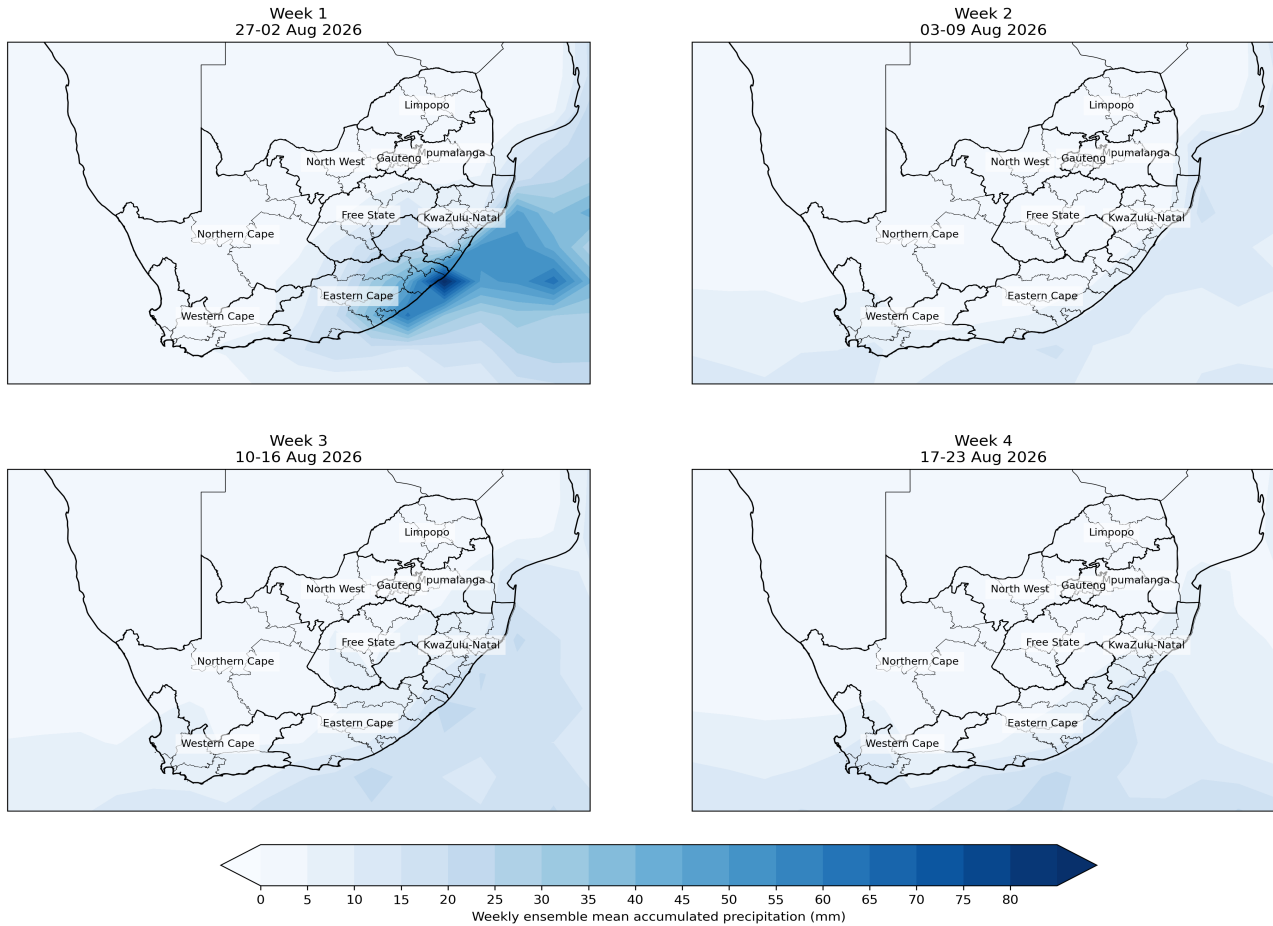
Drier conditions over Limpopo, North West.

Warmest conditions over KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, North West.

Province	Rainfall (mm/week)	Temp (°C)	Rainfall Category
Limpopo	1.2	14.9	Light Rain
Mpumalanga	2.5	13.6	Light Rain
Gauteng	2.0	12.2	Light Rain
KwaZulu-Natal	6.8	15.2	Light Rain
Eastern Cape	9.7	11.2	Light Rain
Western Cape	7.3	11.3	Light Rain
Northern Cape	3.1	12.1	Light Rain
North West	1.4	14.1	Light Rain
Free State	3.8	8.8	Light Rain

1. Subseasonal Precipitation Forecast

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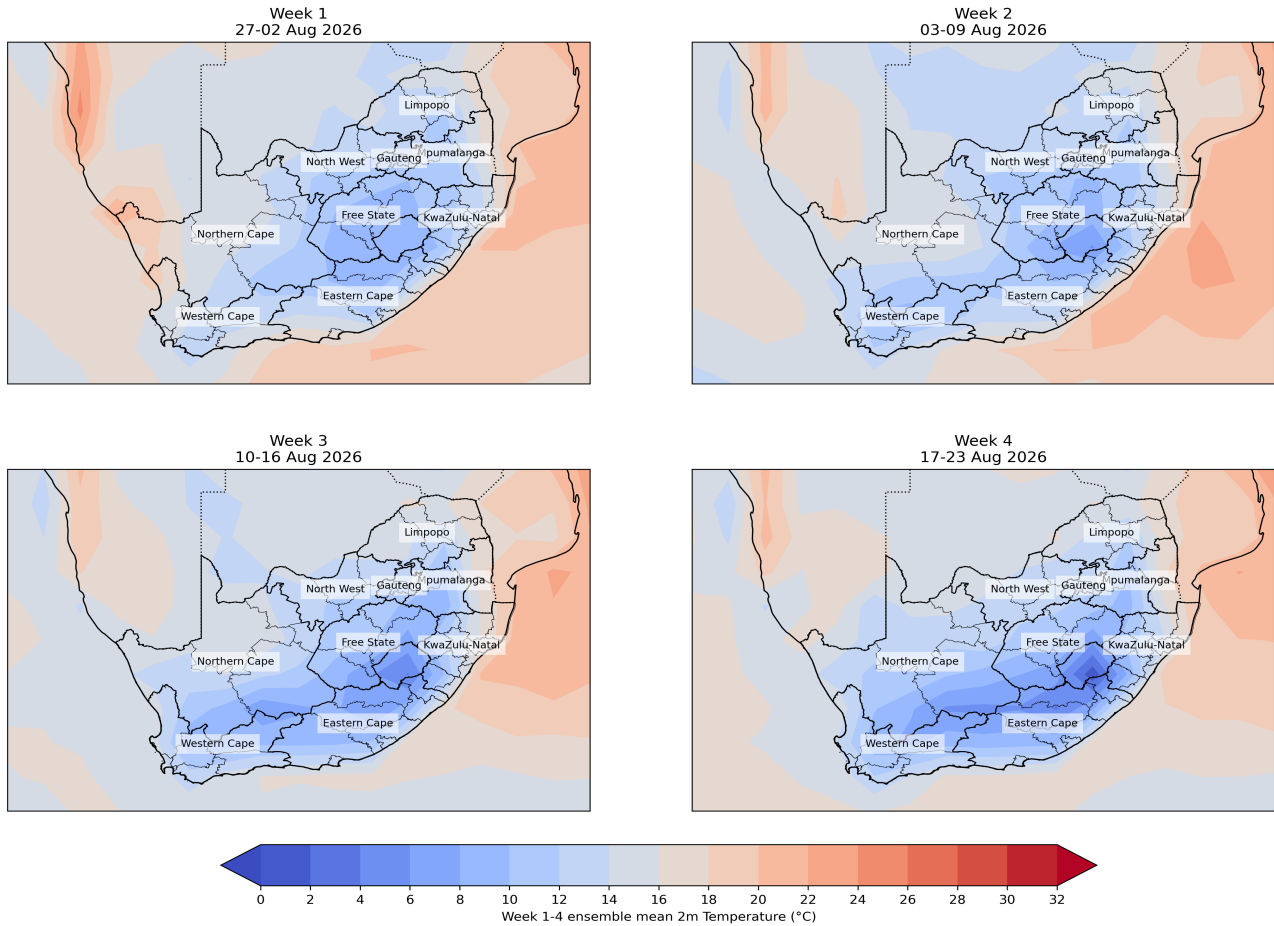


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2. Subseasonal 2m Temperature Forecast

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3. District Outlook Summary (Weeks 1–4)

Eastern Cape

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Alfred Nzo	21.9	8.1	2.4	5.8	7.1	4.2	4.9	2.3
Amathole	39.0	12.1	6.1	13.4	10.2	10.5	8.4	9.9
Buffalo City	39.0	12.1	6.1	13.4	10.2	10.5	8.4	9.9
Chris Hani	21.5	9.2	2.5	10.3	5.7	7.2	4.1	5.5
Joe Gqabi	29.7	8.6	3.2	10.1	6.9	6.2	5.1	4.4
Nelson Mandela Bay	19.2	18.6	13.9	18.6	16.1	16.5	16.7	16.9
O.R.Tambo	43.2	11.8	4.2	11.6	9.0	9.2	8.7	7.8
Sarah Baartman	14.1	14.0	4.0	13.0	6.0	9.5	5.1	9.1

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **O.R.Tambo**, while drier conditions are expected over **Sarah Baartman**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Nelson Mandela Bay**.

Free State

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Fezile Dabi	3.0	10.1	0.8	10.0	3.7	10.5	2.3	11.0
Lejweleputswa	5.6	9.9	0.9	10.8	4.8	10.5	3.0	10.2
Mangaung	18.0	8.2	2.0	8.0	5.0	7.1	4.1	6.5
Thabo Mofutsanyane	14.7	9.2	1.7	9.0	6.4	7.3	4.3	6.0
Xhariep	10.9	9.1	1.4	10.5	5.2	9.2	3.2	7.6

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Mangaung**, while drier conditions are expected over **Fezile Dabi**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Fezile Dabi**.

GT

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
City of Johannesburg	0.7	13.2	0.4	13.5	2.6	13.7	1.8	13.7
City of Tshwane	0.7	13.2	0.4	13.5	2.6	13.7	1.8	13.7
Ekurhuleni	0.7	13.2	0.4	13.5	2.6	13.7	1.8	13.7
Sedibeng	4.1	10.1	1.1	9.8	3.9	9.9	2.7	10.2
West Rand	0.3	13.0	0.3	12.7	3.6	12.8	1.4	13.2

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Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Sedibeng**, while drier conditions are expected over **West Rand**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Ekurhuleni**.

KwaZulu-Natal

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Amajuba	4.7	10.0	1.4	10.6	5.1	9.0	3.6	8.9
Harry Gwala	18.9	10.4	3.9	11.0	10.8	10.1	8.9	8.6
King Cetshwayo	9.1	13.3	3.2	14.9	9.1	15.2	7.3	13.8
Ugu	18.9	10.4	3.9	11.0	10.8	10.1	8.9	8.6
Umgungundlovu	18.9	10.4	3.9	11.0	10.8	10.1	8.9	8.6
Umkhanyakude	17.7	19.6	14.5	19.9	15.1	20.2	6.5	19.7
Umzinyathi	6.5	11.6	1.5	12.1	5.2	12.0	3.5	11.3
Uthukela	6.5	11.6	1.5	12.1	5.2	12.0	3.5	11.3
Zululand	9.1	13.3	3.2	14.9	9.1	15.2	7.3	13.8
eThekwini	52.8	20.2	13.1	21.3	20.4	20.5	10.4	19.3
iLembe	52.8	20.2	13.1	21.3	20.4	20.5	10.4	19.3

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **iLembe**, while drier conditions are expected over **Amajuba**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **iLembe**.

LIM

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Capricorn	0.5	11.7	1.4	12.3	4.5	12.6	1.3	12.6
Mopani	0.5	16.4	1.6	16.7	4.2	17.6	0.7	17.8
Sekhukhune	1.3	10.7	0.9	10.8	4.4	10.1	2.2	9.7
Vhembe	0.2	15.0	0.8	14.6	1.5	15.9	0.4	15.9
Waterberg	0.1	13.8	0.3	13.8	1.9	15.1	0.7	14.9

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Sekhukhune**, while drier conditions are expected over **Waterberg**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Mopani**.

Mpumalanga

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District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Ehlanzeni	1.9	16.1	2.6	16.7	5.5	17.7	2.8	17.5
Gert Sibande	4.7	10.0	1.4	10.6	5.1	9.0	3.6	8.9
Nkangala	1.3	10.7	0.9	10.8	4.4	10.1	2.2	9.7

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Gert Sibande**, while drier conditions are expected over **Nkangala**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Ehlanzeni**.

Northern Cape

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Frances Baard	0.9	12.5	0.7	13.6	2.8	12.9	2.2	11.8
John Taolo Gaetsewe	0.1	13.0	0.4	12.8	2.2	13.6	2.0	13.5
Namakwa	0.1	15.5	2.5	14.2	3.6	12.1	3.1	11.4
Pixley ka Seme	3.2	12.3	1.4	13.4	3.7	10.4	2.4	9.0
Z F Mgcawu	0.0	15.1	0.5	15.7	1.8	14.8	1.1	13.4

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Pixley ka Seme**, while drier conditions are expected over **Z F Mgcawu**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Namakwa**.

North West

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Bojanala	0.3	13.0	0.3	12.7	3.6	12.8	1.4	13.2
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	2.0	10.2	0.4	10.2	3.4	11.1	2.0	11.8
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati	2.5	11.3	0.6	11.5	4.0	11.7	2.2	11.9
Ngaka Modiri Molema	0.0	12.9	0.3	12.6	3.1	13.3	1.3	13.7

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Dr Kenneth Kaunda**, while drier conditions are expected over **Ngaka Modiri Molema**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Bojanala**.

Western Cape

District	Wk1 R	Wk1 T	Wk2 R	Wk2 T	Wk3 R	Wk3 T	Wk4 R	Wk4 T
Cape Winelands	0.1	14.3	7.3	9.4	8.1	8.8	12.2	8.3
Central Karoo	2.7	12.9	2.9	10.0	4.4	8.7	3.5	8.0

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City of Cape Town	0.8	15.6	10.0	15.8	9.4	15.4	14.1	15.3
Garden Route	8.1	17.5	7.7	16.4	8.7	16.0	9.0	16.4
Overberg	4.1	12.3	10.7	12.3	9.5	12.6	13.1	12.3
West Coast	0.1	15.9	6.9	14.8	6.9	14.8	8.0	13.6

Week 1 rainfall is forecast to be highest over **Garden Route**, while drier conditions are expected over **West Coast**. The warmest conditions are forecast over **Garden Route**.

4. Technical Notes

- Forecast source: ECMWF S2S
- Variables: Total precipitation and 2m temperature
- Forecast type: Ensemble mean
- Weekly rainfall totals are independently de-accumulated
- Region: South Africa
- Time scale: Weekly outlook (Weeks 1–4)