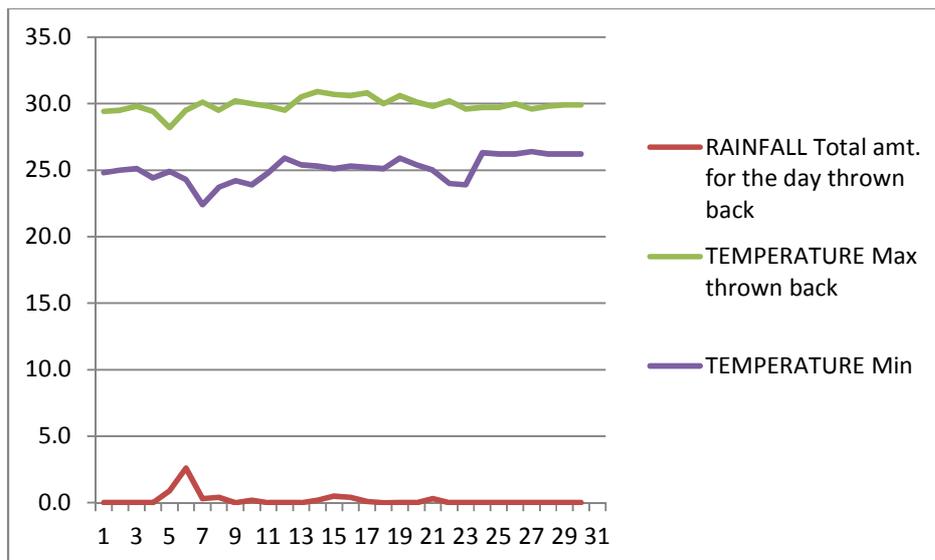


Grenada Agro-Met Report for April 2015

April's weather condition was characterized by dry, hazy and windy conditions. Low level moisture was the lowest for the year thus far generally under 60% on a daily basis. Additionally the Tropical Atlantic experienced daily moderate to dense haze which was transported by brisk to strong trades. The low moisture and haze were largely responsible for the low rainfall. A total of 5.9mm of rain fell during the month making it the 4th lowest April rainfall over the last thirty years. The lowest April rainfall 3.2mm fell in 2006 while the highest, 224.2mm occurred in 2004. There were twenty (20) days with no or insignificant rainfall this month hence the total is way below the thirty years average rainfall of 33.1mm.

The month lowest minimum temperature of 22.4 °c took place on the 7th the monthly average was 25.1°C while the highest maximum of 30.9 °C occurred on the 14th, with 29.9°C being the mean.



Tight pressure gradient extending from the Bermuda/Azores High southwards and often ridging into the Caribbean produced a constant supply of wind at a daily average of about 15mph. As a result, small craft advisories due to strong winds and rough seas were issued, by the Met office on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 21st of the month.

Nevertheless, fisher folk enjoyed a relatively good month's catch despite the rough seas and strong winds. Tuna, Bonita, ocean-jar, round robin, small jacks, and snapper were available on the market for customers

While the dry season raged on, some fruits and root tubers were still present on the market. Dasheen, Tannia, Eddoes, Carrots, Sapodillas, plantains and cucumber were available in good numbers.

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