

March 2015 Agro-Met Report

Dry air and subsidence from the upper level prevented deep convection across Grenada and the rest of the Caribbean basin during this month. Patches of shallow moisture produced scattered to isolated showers resulting in March's rainfall been 37.4mm. This was higher than last year's by 4.1mm, and higher than the ten year's average by 11.4mm. The highest daily rainfall of 16.4mm fell on the 19th, with seventeen days of measurable rainfall during the month. The ten year highest rainfall for the month is 82.2mm which took place in 2012. The lowest is 1.6mm which happened in 2001.

The highest maximum temperature was 31.8°C recorded on the 14th of the month, while the lowest minimum of 21.7°C was recorded on the first of the month.

The Bermuda/Azores High peaked at 1039mb, and produced tight pressure gradients and near gale force wind across the region. As a result, small craft advisories were issued for moderate to rough seas for sixteen days during the month. From the first (1st) to the fourteen (14th) along with the 28th and 29th of the month warnings were issued restricting fisher folks from venturing out of port.

Minimum catch was experienced, Tuna, Small Jacks, Conch, Ocean Gar and Hinds were available but in reduced quantities

The month of March saw farmers continuing to enjoy good production in root crops, vegetables, and fruits. Pumpkins, dasheen, sweet-potatoes, ginger, tannia, limes, oranges and grapefruits were abundant on the market.

