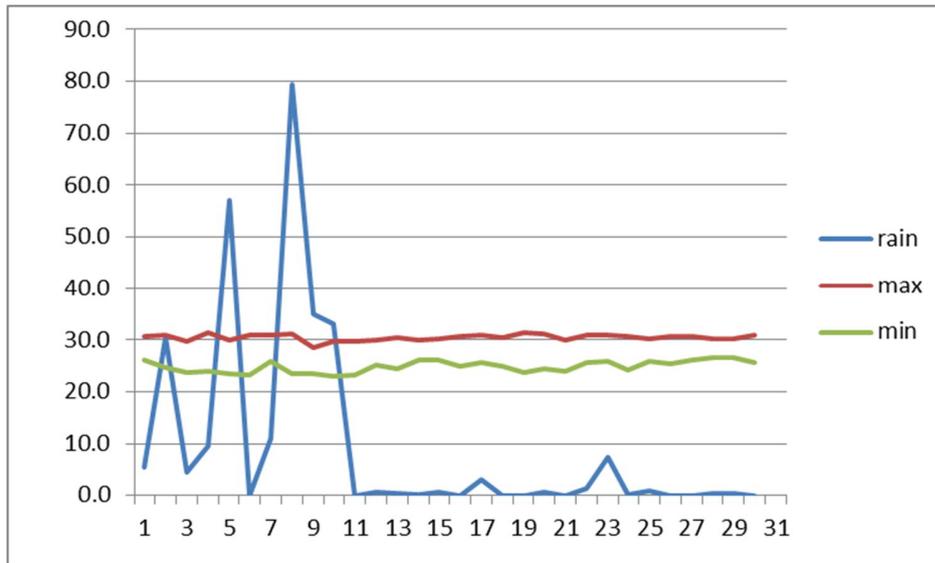


Grenada's Agro-met Summary (November 2015)

November lived up to its reputation as the wettest month of the year as it produced 279.5mm of rainfall. Most of this total fell in the first twelve days with an astonishing 79.5mm occurring on the 9th after the passage of a tropical wave. Trough systems were responsible for the other significant rain days of the 6th which yielded 57.1mm and the 10th which contributed 35.1mm. The month's 30 year and the long term average were both exceeded by 118.7mm and 114.9mm respectively. The persistent rainfall caused several landslides around the country, the most noticeable occurred on the 11th in White Gate St. John's which blocked the major Western main road. Two rivers, Balthazar and Point Fields overflowed their banks. The meteorological office issued flooding and landslides warnings on the 5th, 8th, 9th and 10th. There was weather related fatality.

The Bermuda/Azores High was rather high this month peaking at 1048mb. This resulted in the region being constantly fed with moderate to strong Trades throughout the month. The Met office at M.B.I.A. was forced to issue marine advisories on the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th -10th & 28th as the steep pressure gradient across the Atlantic produced above normal seas.

Consequently the moderate to strong Trades keep temperatures relatively cool. The highest max recorded was 31.5°C on the 20th & 5th with the lowest min 23°C occurring in the 10th. Average max temp for the month was 30.4°C which is 0.2°C below the 30yr average, while the average min was 24.8°C, 0.8°C above the average.



Despite the significant rainfall some crops made the departure from the local market. Water melon and plums were most noticeable. Citrus had another low yield and corn, a seasonal favorite at this time of year was in lower than normal numbers. On the other hand the green leafy vegetables were quit prevalent. The same can be said for root crops.

Although there were some challenges the fisher folk still held their own. Small jacks were king of the seas this month with almost a daily fish market flurry. Larger species like King Fish and Dolphin recorded good tonnage.

