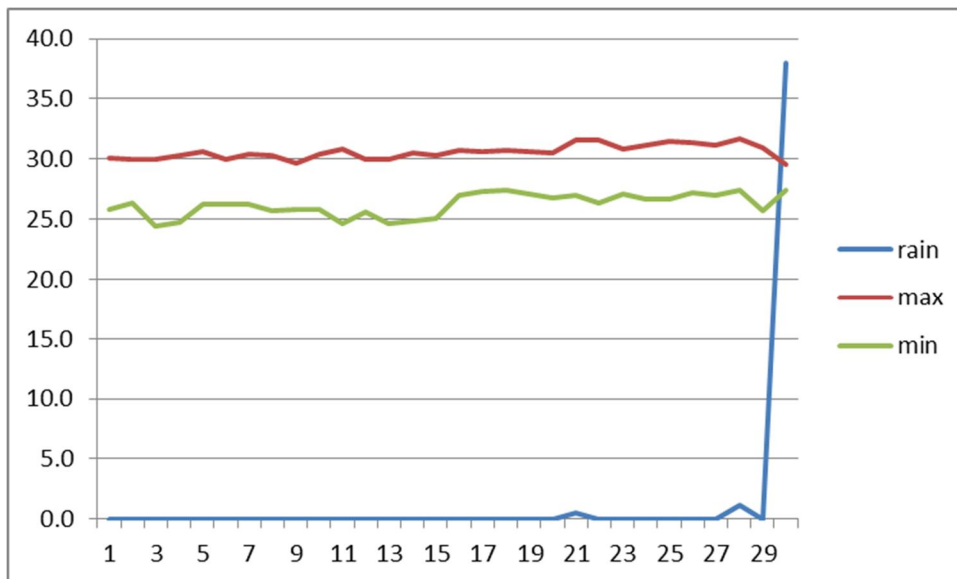


Grenada Agro—Met Report for April 2016

The Socioeconomic drought which we are experiencing continues to affect our island during the month of April. Crops such as citrus, cocoa and nutmeg trees were severely affected. Frequent fires fueled by the hot and dry conditions and enhanced by strong winds were wide spread. Low moisture within the trade wind flow produces only 1.7mm of rainfall up to the 29th day of the month. On the last day, deep layer moisture surge push moisture from South America over the south eastern Caribbean. This coupled with upper level diversion to the east of an upper level trough produces heavy showers of 38mm, bringing the total for the month to 39.7mm of rain. April's thirty year average is 33.9mm.



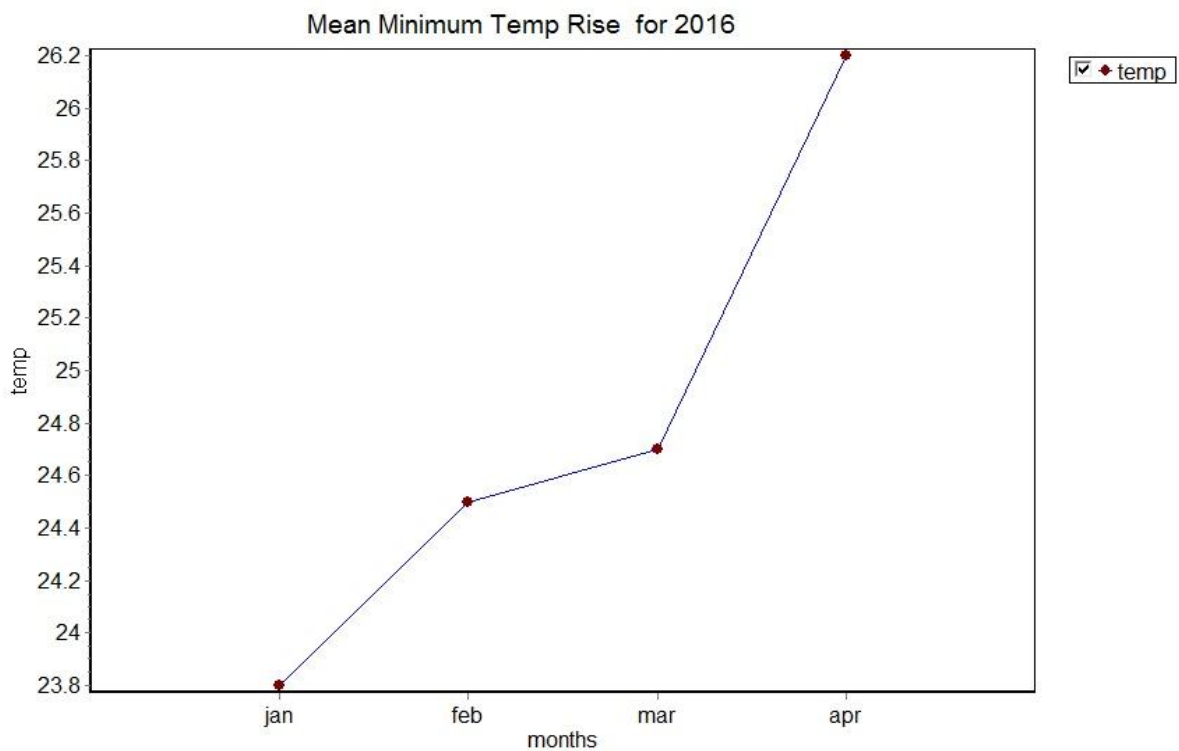
The Atlantic High pressure system was ridging into our area, for most of the month. There was significant amount of subsidence hence the low rainfall up to the 29th.

The steep pressure gradient across the Southern Atlantic and the Eastern Caribbean produced strong winds. Rough seas resulted at

times. Small craft advisories for rough seas and strong winds were issued for thirteen days during the month.

Strong winds and rough seas prohibit fisher folks from venturing out of port and so restricting fish catch. Small Jacks, Tuna and King fish were sold.

The mean minimum for the first four months of the year shows temperature increasing. Heat stroke warning was issued in St. Lucia and Grenada.



Mainly underground vegetables and fruits were sold. Yams Dasheen, Sweet-Potatoes, Tannia along with Sweet peppers, Lettuce Cabbage and seasoning were on display.

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