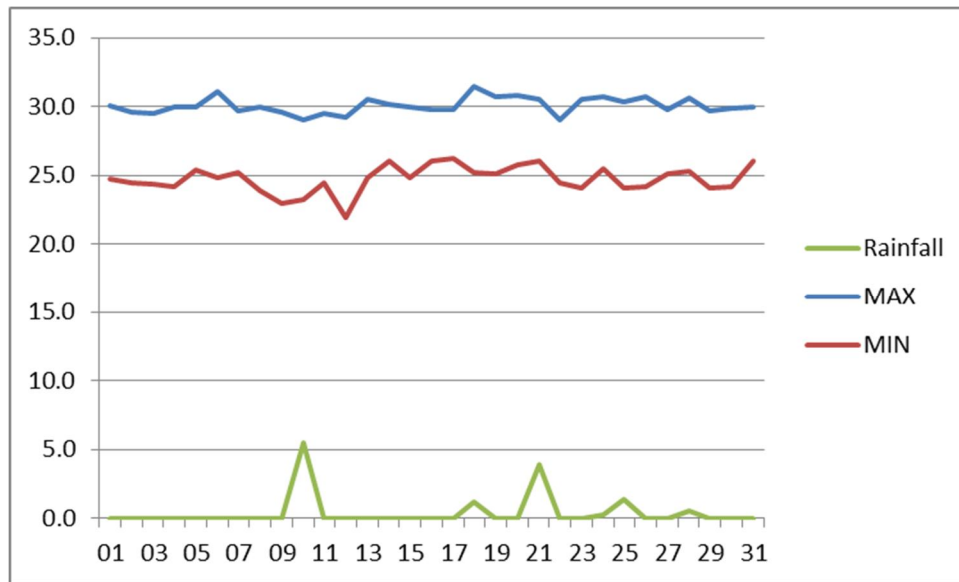




March 2016 Agro-met Summary



Drought condition prevailed over the island affecting the agriculture and water sectors.



Low level moisture pushed by the Trade Winds produced a few light brief shows, mainly towards the end of the month. Total rainfall for the month was 12.8mm. The long term average is 26.9mm. The highest 24hr rainfall was 5.5mm which occurred on the 10th. There was only one day of rainfall within the first thirteen days of March.

The highest temperature recorded was 31.5°C on the 19th while the lowest was 21.9°C on the 12th. The average minimum temperature was 25°C, while the average minimum for non-rain days was 25.9°C.

With the Central Atlantic High Pressure ridging towards the islands and with significant transfer of momentum from the 850mb level to the surface, brisk to strong winds were experienced. The met office at M.B.I.A. issued Marine Advisories from the 11th to 29th March. These conditions made life somewhat challenging for our fisher folk. As a result the months catch was minimal. Tunas, Barracudas and small jacks were some of the species caught.

Although there was significant dryness both in the atmosphere and the soil, yams, potatoes, Talias, Dasheen, Pumpkins and Plantains did well.