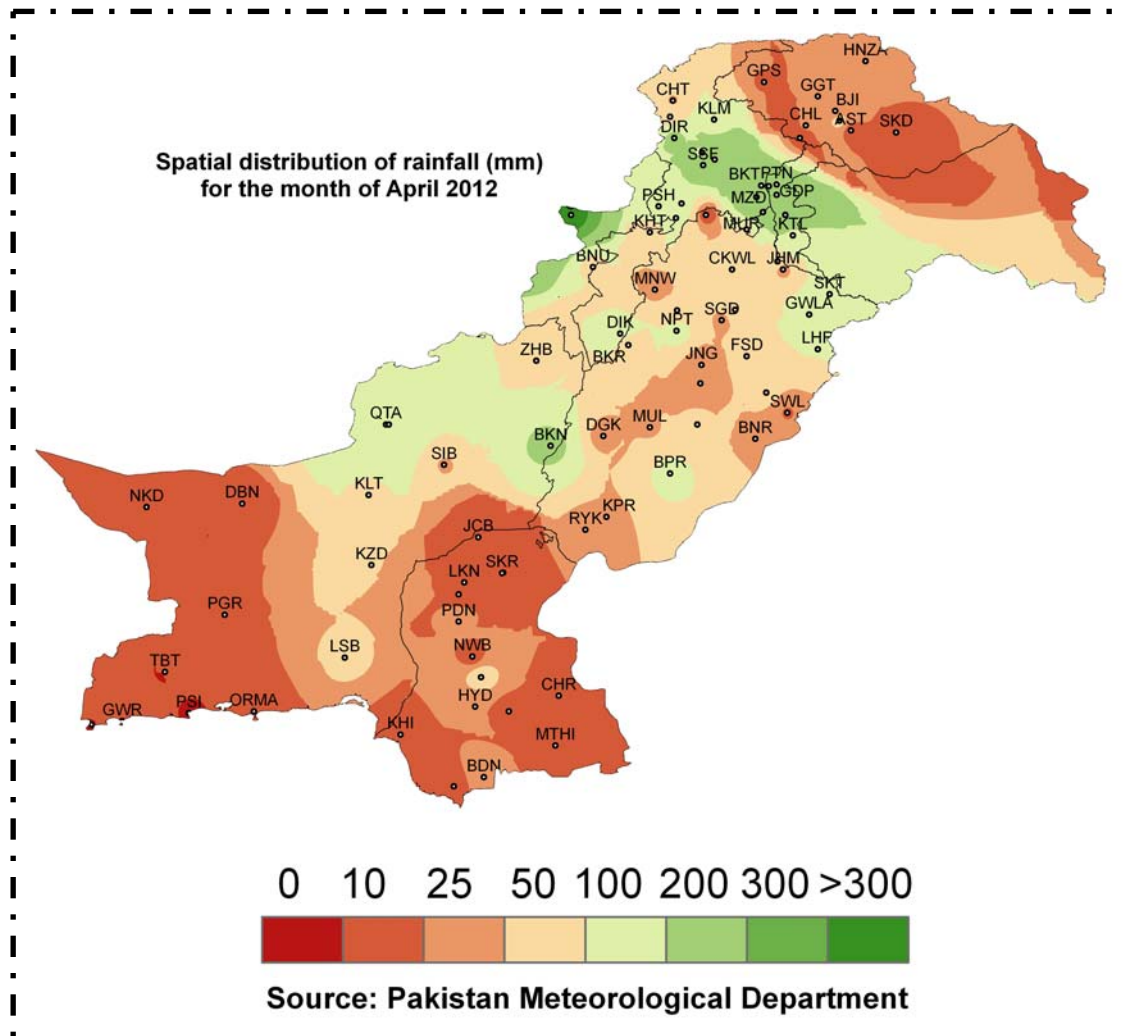


WEATHER SUMMARY DURING APRIL, 2012

Two to Three weak westerly waves passed across the country during the month of March. Due to which light to moderate was reported from the agricultural plains of the country during the month. Dust storms with gusty winds were also reported in most of the agricultural plains of the country during the month.

Chief amount of rainfall (mm) during the month:

Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)	Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)
Parachinar	359	Rawalakot	128
Malamjabba	208	Barkhan	119
Kakul	208	Dir	117
Garhi Dopatta	179	Samungli	103
Balakot	152	Saidusharif	100
Muzaffarabad	144	Kotli	97
Murree	130	Sialkot	87



CROP REPORT DURING APRIL, 2012

Harvesting/threshing of wheat and other Rabi crops and sowing of Kharif crops especially cotton and maize were the major field activities during the month. Operations of chemical spraying against pest attacks on fruit orchards and irrigation practices as per requirement were also in progress during the month. Harvesting of wheat and other Rabi crops were partially disturbed and delayed due to abnormal rains and cloudy atmosphere, mostly in upper parts of the country during the month.

In Punjab: Harvesting and threshing of wheat crop is in full swing and good yield is expected this year both in rainfed and irrigated planes. Harvesting and threshing of oilseed, Gram and Lentil is also in progress and better yield is expected due to favorable weather conditions during the season. Growth of seasonal vegetables is reported satisfactory and picking of early grown varieties is in progress. Growth of fruit orchards including mangos is reported satisfactory. Mango orchards are reported mostly at fruit formation stage.

In Sindh: Threshing of wheat crop is almost completed in the province and good yield is expected. Sowing of cotton crop has been completed in most of the growing area and the crop is at emergence/germination stages. Castor oil is growing satisfactory and its picking is in progress. Safflower is near to maturity stage and its growth has reported well. Threshing of linseed has been reported in progress. Sunflower is growing well and is reported at full flowering stage. Growth of summer vegetables is reported satisfactory and their picking is in full swing. Mangoes are growing at fruit formation stage.

In Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa: Overall growth and development of wheat crop in the province is reported satisfactory. The crop is growing at milk/wax/full maturity stages in different parts of the province. The crop is badly affected in central and lower rainfed areas of the province due to mostly dry weather reported in March. No pest attack has been reported so far on the crop. Harvesting/threshing of the crop has started in the lower planes of the province. Growth of summer vegetables has been reported satisfactory. Harvesting/marketing of winter vegetables is also in progress in upper hilly areas of the province. Growth of fruit orchards is also reported satisfactory and are at flowering stage. Chemical spraying on orchards against insects and fungus attacks was in progress. Attacks of aphids and mealy bug have been reported.

In **Balochistan**: Condition of standing crops like wheat, maize and canola has been reported satisfactory. Wheat crop is at maturity/full maturity and its growth is reported satisfactory. Growth of fruit orchards and that of seasonal vegetables is satisfactory and picking/harvesting is in progress.

In **Gilgit Baltistan**: The growth of wheat crop is in progress and is reported satisfactory. The crop is at stem extension/shooting stage in most of the region. The growth of seasonal orchards and vegetables is also reported satisfactory.