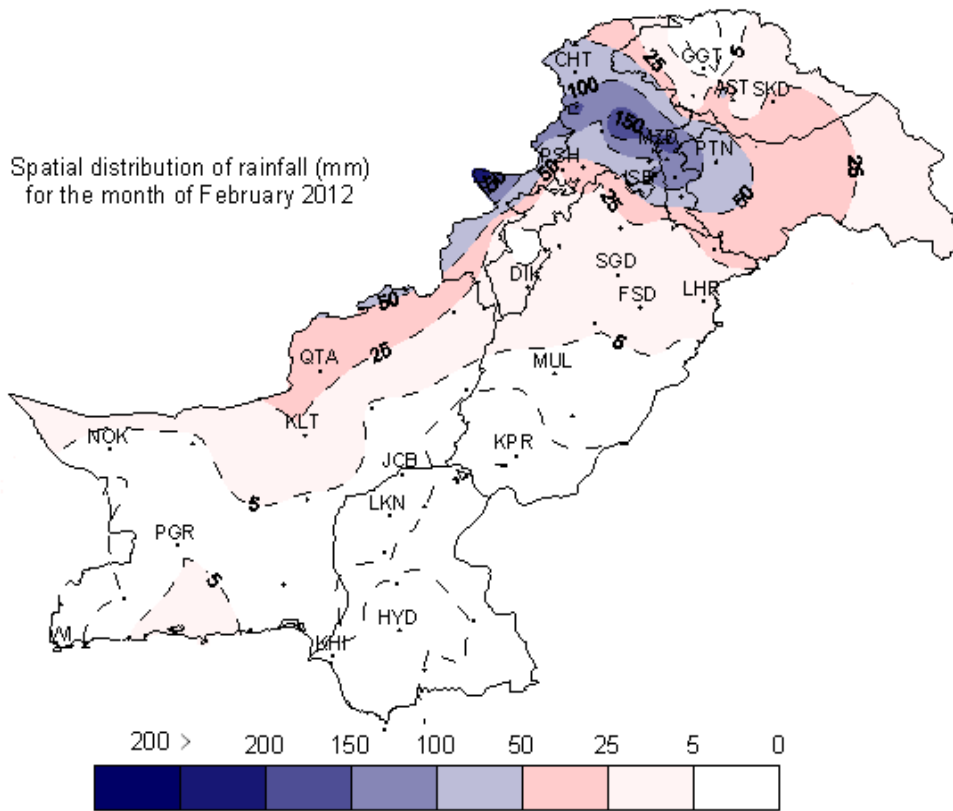


WEATHER SUMMARY DURING FEBRUARY, 2012

Three westerly waves passed across the country during the month of February. Due to which light to moderate rain with snowfall over hills was reported from the agricultural plains of GB, Kashmir, Punjab, KPK and Balochistan. Meager rain was reported at a few places in agricultural plains of Sindh during the month.

Chief amount of rainfall (mm) during the month:

Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)	Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)
Parachinar	221	Kalam	124
Malam Jabba	211	Murree	123
Pattan	209	Muzaffarabad	114
Dir	181	Garhidopatta	95
Rawalakot	146	Kotli	68
Balakot	139	Islamabad (AP)	57



Source: Pakistan Meteorological Department

CROP REPORT DURING FEBRUARY, 2012

Spraying/manual Weedicides operations on wheat and other Rabi crops and preparation of land/transplantation of summer vegetables nursery were the major field activities in most of the agricultural plains of the country during the month. Operations of chemical spraying against pest attacks on fruit orchards during the month were also in progress. Pace of growth and development of the crops both in irrigated and rainfed areas remained satisfactory due to in time rains in the agricultural plains of the country in this month.

In Punjab: Growth of wheat crop is reported satisfactory both in rainfed and irrigated areas due to satisfactory rainfall during the month. The crop is reported at shooting/heading/flowering stages in most of the agricultural plains of the province. Growth of oilseed is reported satisfactory and the crop is at flowering/pod formation stages. Growth of gram and lentil has also been reported satisfactory and the crops are at flowering/pod formation stage. No serious pest attack has been reported on these crops. Harvesting/crushing of sugarcane has almost completed and good yield is reported. Picking of newly introduced biofuel crop Jtropa is in progress. Sowing/land preparation for summer vegetables is in progress.

In Sindh: Growth and development of wheat crop in the province is reported satisfactory. The crop is at wax/milk stages. No pest attack has been reported on the crop so far. Caster oil is growing satisfactory and is growing at capsule formation stage. Safflower/sunflower is at vegetative stage and growth has reported well. Growth of linseed has been reported well and the crop is at capsule formation stage. Mangoes are at flowering stage and Hopper attack has been reported in some areas of lower Sindh. The growth of other seasonal fruits like guava, banana, Cheeko is in good condition.

In Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa: Overall growth and development of wheat crop in the province is reported satisfactory. The crop is at shooting/heading/flowering stage. No pest attack has been reported on the crop. Harvesting/crushing of sugarcane has almost completed and good yield has been reported. Sowing/land preparation for summer vegetables has started but farmers are facing problems in transplantation and sowing of vegetables nursery in the fields due to heavy rains reported in this February. In case of more rains, sowing of vegetables may delay in the province.

In Balochistan: Condition of standing crops like wheat, maize and canola has been reported satisfactory. All these crops are at their early growing stage. Growth of fruit orchards and that of seasonal vegetables is satisfactory and harvesting is in progress.

In Gilgit Baltistan: Most of the agricultural activities stop during the winter season in the area.