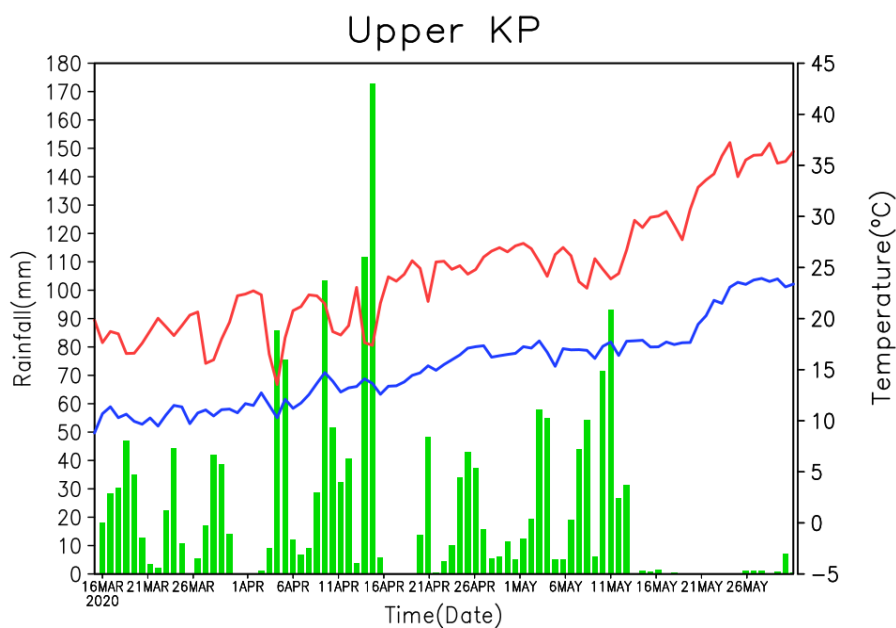


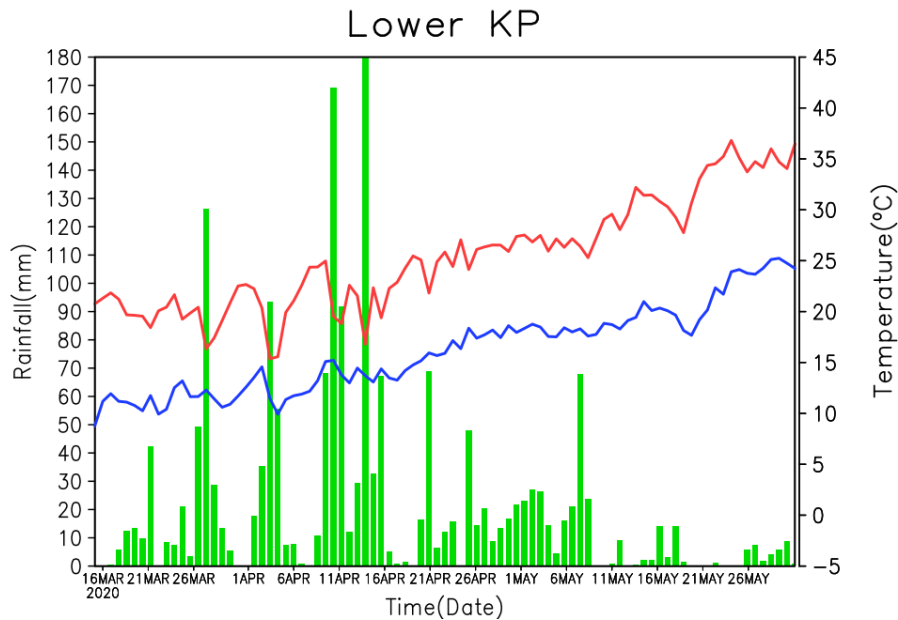
Seasonal Agro-Climat outlook for Mar- May 2020

Seasonal climate outlook for mid of Mar- May 2020, is based on the coupled forecast system models. The outlook is depicted in figures in terms of daily fluctuations of Maximum and Minimum Temperatures and Precipitation with a focus on major agriculture zones. The main purpose of seasonal outlook is to facilitate agriculture community for pre-planning their field activities as per expected weather conditions. Dry/ wet spells during the season as well as periods of cold-waves are highlighted. This forecast is a careful estimation of aforementioned weather parameters averaged over a specific area.

Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is expected to receive several spells of light to moderate rainfalls during the period mainly from mid of March till the 1st decade of May. Wheat is normally at final stages at the end of March and harvested during 2nd to 3rd decades of April. So, these rains may not be favorable for the crop in terms of dry matter production and final yield. The minimum temperature would remain between 10°C to 24°C following the season. The maximum temperature may remain within the range of 15°C to 37°C as per seasonal pattern.



Lower Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would receive consecutive spells of rainfalls during the period particularly during the 2nd decade of April. More rainy days are expected from the mid of March till the 1st week of May with gradually decreasing intensity. In most parts of this region wheat crop is normally harvested by the end of April. So, rains during this month may cause the delay the harvesting activities.



The minimum temperature would remain in the range 10°C to 25°C following the season. The maximum temperature may remain within the range of 17°C to 37°C following the seasonal pattern.