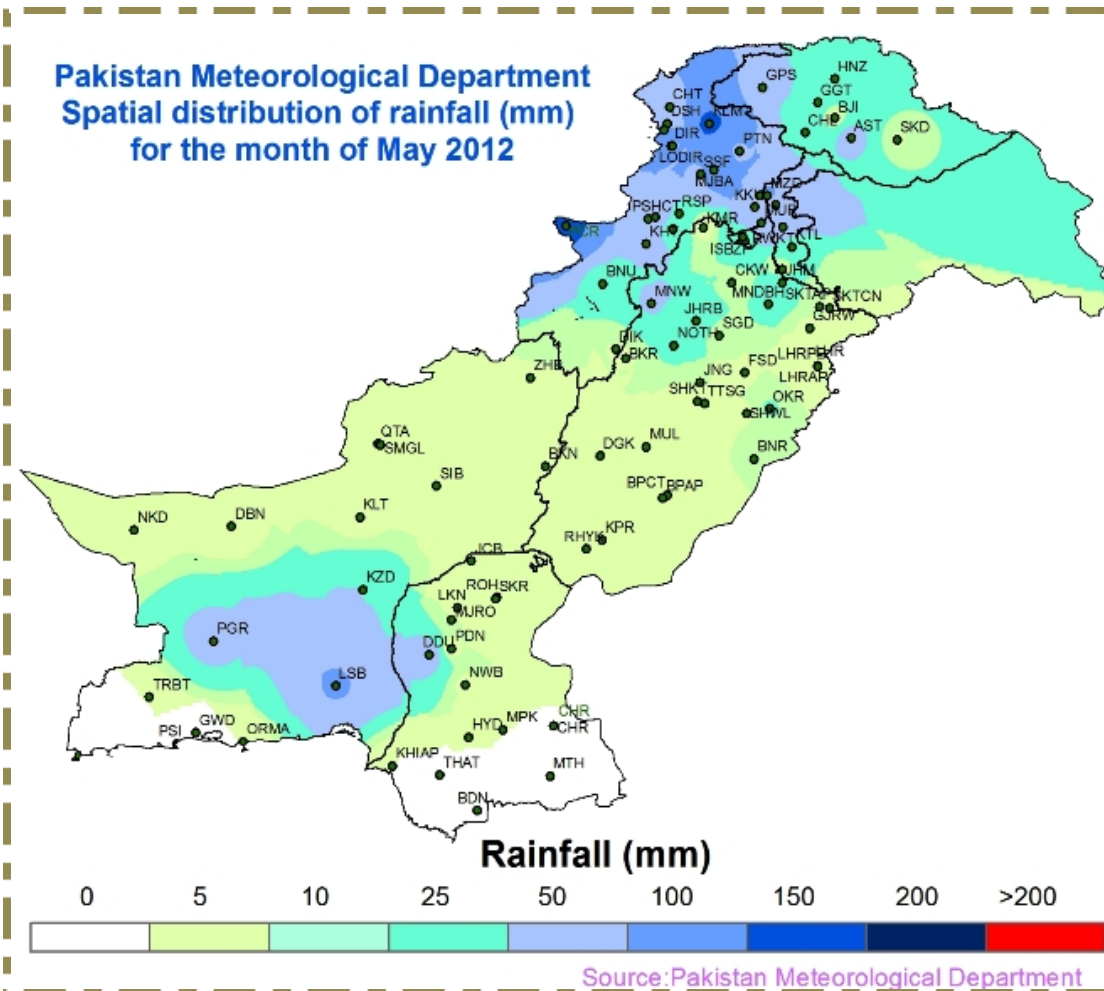


**WEATHER SUMMARY DURING MAY, 2012**

Four westerly waves passed across the country during the month of May. Due to which light to moderate rain was reported from KPK, GB, Kashmir, Punjab and Balochistan during the month. Meager rain was reported from agricultural plains of Sindh. Dry, hot and gusty winds were also reported in lower agricultural plains of the country including South Punjab and Sindh.

**Chief amount of rainfall (mm) during the month:**

Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)	Station	Amount of rainfall received (mm)
Parachinar	125	Lasbella	52
Kalam	112	Drosh	49
Malam Jabba	84	Rawalakot	47
Dir	65	Dadu	45
Muzaffarabad	56	Murree	42



## **CROP REPORT DURING MAY, 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 weeds removing and chemical spraying against pest attacks on fruit orchards and irrigation practices as per requirement were also in progress during the month. Pace of growth and development of standing crops both in irrigated and rainfed areas remained satisfactory due to favorable weather conditions.

In **Punjab:** Harvesting and threshing of wheat crop was in full swing and good yield is expected this year both irrigated planes. However in rainfed areas the crop was affected negatively due to below normal rains during grain formation stages. 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/picking of wheat and other Rabi crops like castor oil, linseed and safflower has been completed and good yield is expected. The sunflower is reported at maturity stage and its growth is satisfactory. Sowing of cotton crop has been completed in most of the growing area and the crop was observed at germination/third true leaf stage. Growth of summer vegetables is reported satisfactory and their picking is in full swing. Mangoes are growing at full fruit formation stage. However gusty wind reported in the last days of this month have damaged the orchards to some extent.

In **Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa:** Overall growth and development of wheat crop in the province is reported satisfactory. Harvesting/threshing of the crop is reported in progress during the month in most areas of the province. Above normal yield is expected in the irrigated areas of the province. However the crop at lower rainfed areas is affected to some extent due to dry weather in the later stages of the crop. 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.

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 regions. The growth of seasonal orchards and vegetables is also reported satisfactory.