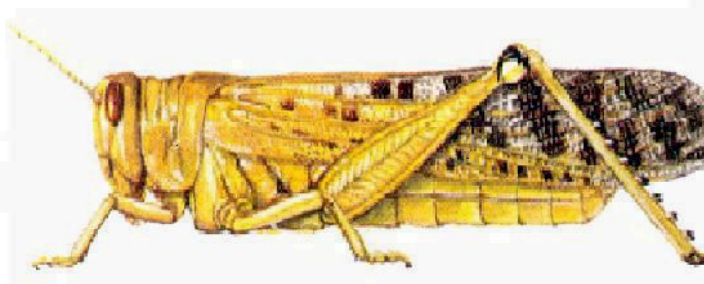


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Introduction

In April, Desert Locust situation remained calm throughout Ethiopia. Survey was not conducted by locust information officers, but the desert locust focal persons and scouts monitored the locust situation in their respective areas and all reported calm situations. Most parts of the country including the eastern part, where spring breeding takes place have been received low to moderate amount of rainfall during the month. Consequently, both the annual and perennial vegetation's are green and the soil is wet. Though the habitat is remained favorable but, the locust situation generally is very calm.

Ecological conditions

Vegetation status – Generally the annual vegetation and perennials are green in which desert locust spring breeding is used to take place.

Temperature – The temperature has increased slowly and sunny weather conditions prevailed in most part of the country including desert locust spring breeding areas.

Rainfall – low to moderate amount of rainfall was fallen in most part of the country including desert locust spring breeding areas.

Desert Locust Situation-

The locust situation remained calm during the month of April in spring breeding areas.

Forecasting

The desert locust status in Ethiopia expected to remain calm in May too. However, close monitoring of the situation is required in spring Breeding areas.

OVERVIEW OF SURVEY AND CONTROL CAPACITY IN ETHIOPIA

Two 4WD pickup vehicles are available for regular locust operation.

Sprayers available in central store (Addis Ababa):

- Mist blower AU 8000 - 36
- Spinning disk - 170
- Vehicle mounted sprayers - 8
- E-Pesticide loading pumps - 12

Pesticides available in central store (Addis Ababa)

- ULV - 1000 lit.
- EC - 14,000 lit.

Pesticides available in central store (Dire Dawa and Somali Admin.Regions)

- ULV - 120 lit.

Survey and Communication equipments available in locust unit (Addis Ababa):-

- e Locust 2 - 6 – 2 of them are in the Regions.
- eLocust 3 - 5
- Tachometer - 24
- GPS - 26
- Compass - 6
- Anemometer - 6
- Stop watch - 6

Staff composition

In the Plant Health Regulatory Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture, the migratory pests monitoring and control section is composed of:-

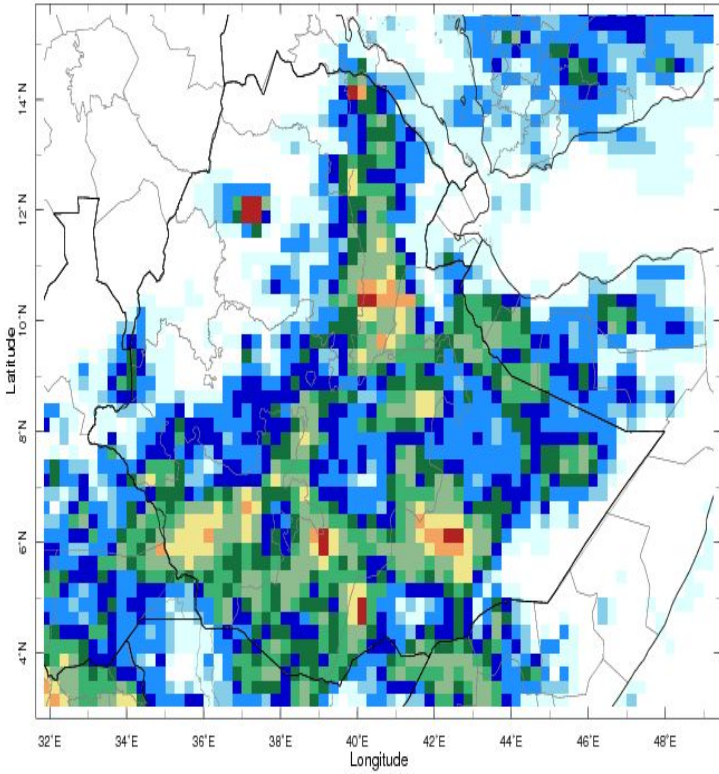
- 4 entomologists (two of them are locust officers) and 1 pesticide and sprayers use
- At Regional Administrative level
- Plant Health Clinics (16 PHCs) -15 crop protection experts among these 6 are Locust Focal Persons and 5 more technicians
- 26 Scouts (at locust prone districts)

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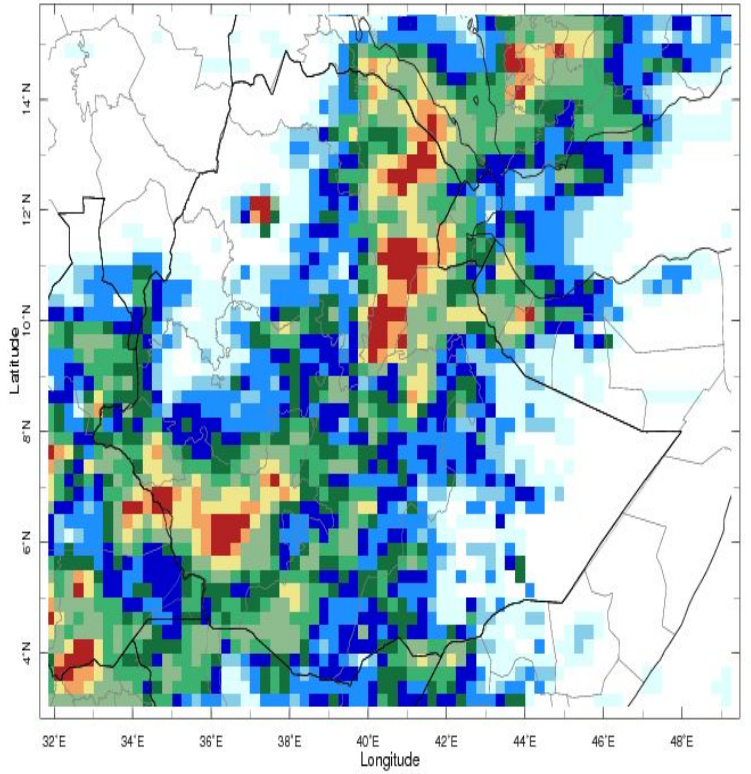
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Rainfall Estimates for 1st and 2nd decades of April 2016 in Ethiopia



1-10 Apr 2016



11-20 Apr 2016

