

SEASONAL CALENDAR

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ABOUT NASFAM

- Farmer member organization across Malawi
- Organized in 54 associations
- This year, 64000 farmers have been registered

ACCESS TO CLIMATE INFORMATION

Primary source of info

- Department of Climate Change and Metrological services-Usually in the month of September and October
- National and districts information is provided
- Based on the outlook, agriculture advisories are developed and given to farmers.
- Together with other stakeholder including the government and other players in the sector.

Seasonal outlook

- Normal to below normal in southern and Northern districts
- Unlike last year when we had flood and cyclones, Pockets of dry spells expected in January and February (same season)
- This is quite worrisome considering that we experienced catastrophic cyclone during the last season.

Dissemination of climate information

- Formal meetings
- Social media
- SMS platforms
- Pre recorded radio programs aired on radio station-We are working with 5 national and community radio station

Farming calendar

- Divided into two seasons
 1. Rainy season-Late October to May(Crop production)
 2. Dry season-May to late October (Marketing, Irrigation)

Access to farming calendars

- Calendars are developed with several stakeholders including government to ensure harmonization of activities and agriculture advisories
- Based on the downscaled seasonal forecasts from the DCCMS, the calendars are updated to suit the climate.

Other climate information need

- Forecast of more than a year which will assist in irrigation investment, resource mobilization, and planning in general.