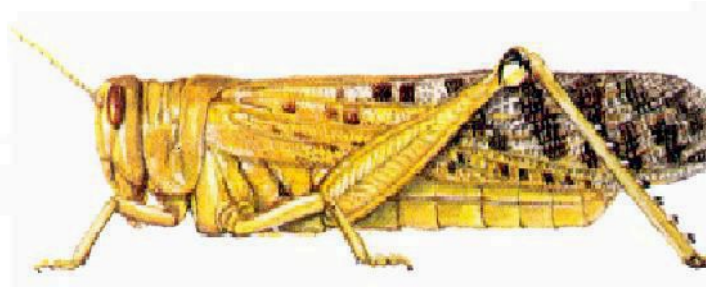


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Introduction

January, Desert Locust situation remained calm throughout Ethiopia. Survey was not conducted, however Desert locust information officers gathered information from DL scouts and have reported the absence of Desert Locust activities in winter breeding areas of Eastern Ethiopia. Annual and perennial vegetations were dry. Most areas including Desert Locust winter breeding areas of Eastern Ethiopia were not received rain at all and the soil was dry. In general the conditions were not favorable hence the locust situation appeared calm throughout the month including Desert Locust winter breeding areas.

Ecological conditions

Vegetation status – Generally the annual and perennial vegetation appears dry in which desert locust winter breeding is used to take place.

Temperature – The temperature has increased and sunny weather conditions prevailed in most part of the country.

Rainfall – No rainfall was fallen in desert locust winter breeding areas throughout the month.

Desert Locust Situation-

The locust situation remained calm during the month of January in winter breeding areas.

Forecasting

The desert locust status in Ethiopia expected to remain calm in October too. However, close monitoring of the situation is required particularly in the winter 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:-

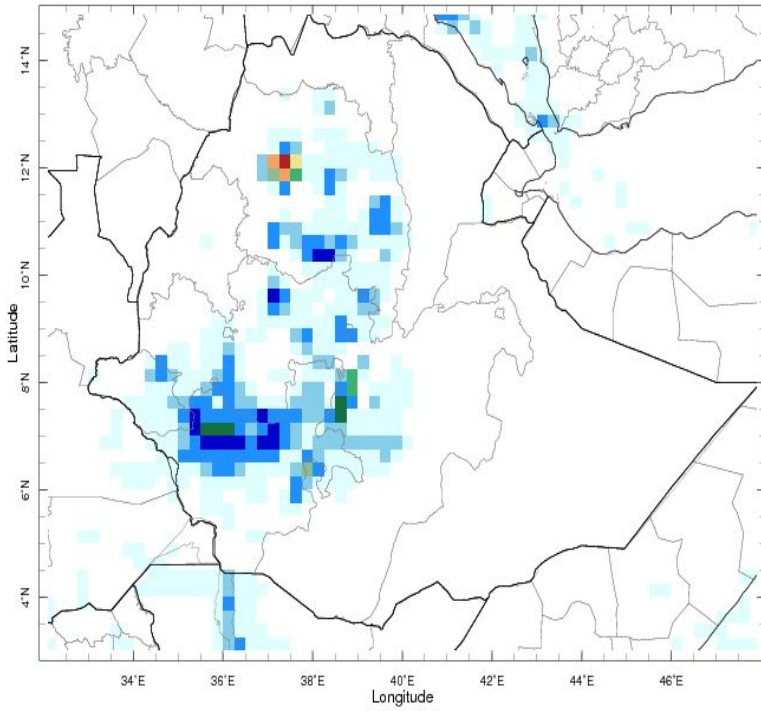
- 6 entomologists (two of them are locust officers) and 1 pesticide and sprayers use
- At Regional Administrative level
- Plant Health Clinics (16 PHCs) -15 crop protection experts among these 6 are Locust Focal Persons and 5 more technicians
- 26 Scouts (at locust prone districts)

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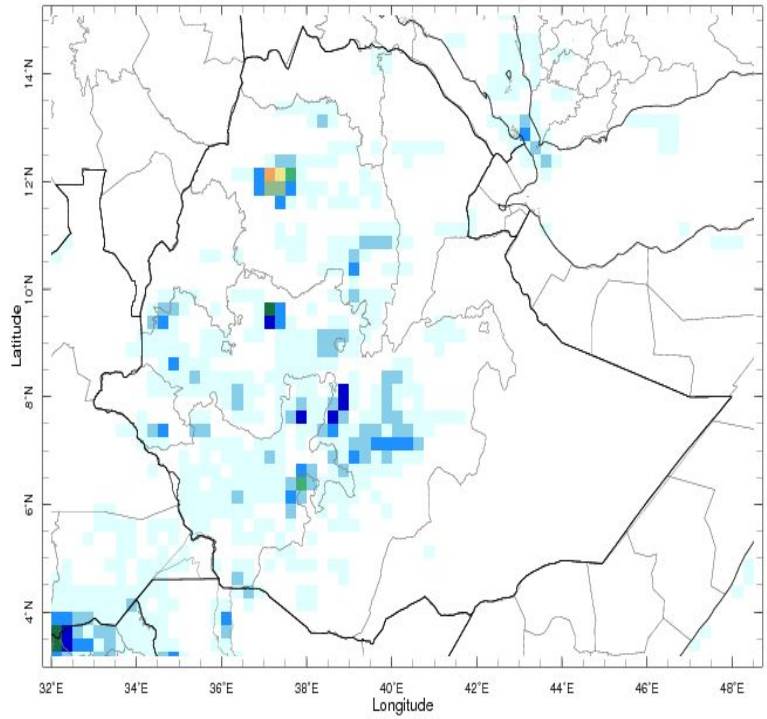
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Rainfall Estimates for 1st and 2nd decades of January 2016 in Ethiopia



1-10 Jan 2016



11-20 Jan 2016

