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- Good “kiremti” rains (June-September) benefited 2016 main season cereal crops
- Moisture deficits affect grazing resources in most coastal areas

Good prospects for yields of 2016 main “kiremti” season crops

Harvesting of the 2016 main season crops started in early November and it expected to be completed at the beginning of next year. According to remote sensing analysis, production prospects in the main agricultural areas of Debub, Maekel, Gash Barka and Anseba zobas are favourable (see NDVI anomaly map). The 2016 “kiremti” rains, which normally extend from late June to September, had a timely onset and have been characterized by above average and well-distributed precipitation amounts in most cropping areas.

Below-average vegetation conditions, mostly pasture land, are reported in northern coastal areas, where “kiremti” rains had an early cessation at the end of August. In most coastal areas, “bahri” rains (December-March) had an early onset in November, likely bringing some relief in terms of pasture and water availability.

