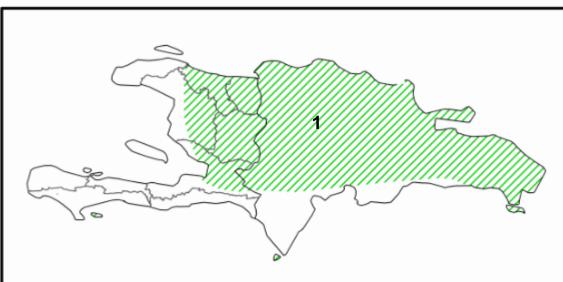


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1) Good May rains favored 1st season crops across much of Hispaniola.

While rainfall during April was rather light, abundant, well distributed rains during the month of May favored first season maize, rice, beans and rangeland across the Dominican Republic and much of Haiti. In some areas, these rains came in the form of heavy downpours which triggered some localized flooding problems. Conditions were drier, as is typically the case, across the far southern and western portions of Haiti.

During June, first season crops are typically harvested while planting efforts get underway for sorghum and second season beans. During the period, occasional showers are expected across the island. The highest amounts of rainfall are expected over northern and eastern areas. Showers will maintain moisture for pastures second season crop planting and maturing corn. However, the showers may briefly interrupt first season crop harvesting activities and slow maturation.