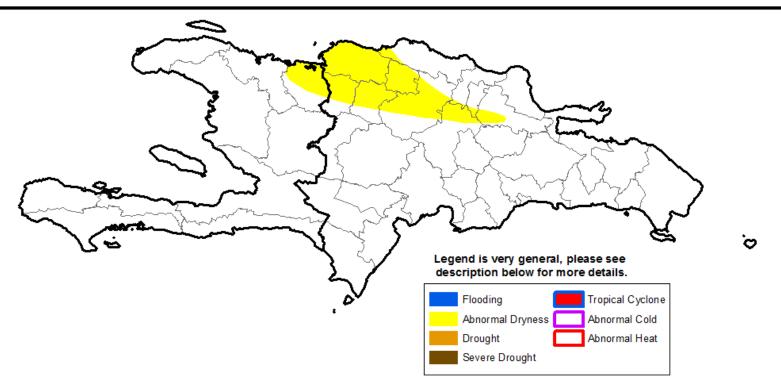


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 30 – May 6, 2015

• Persistent, below-average rain has led to abnormal dryness in northern Hispaniola.



Several consecutive weeks with below-average rain have increased rainfall deficits and resulted in abnormal dryness across the Nord-Est department of northeastern Haiti and northwestern parts of the Dominican Republic. Since late March, rain has largely been insufficient throughout northern Hispaniola, with deficits ranging between 100-300 mm across the northern two-thirds of the Dominican Republic. Over the past four weeks, a poor distribution of rainfall has already negatively impacted land surface conditions over northeastern Haiti and north west-central Dominican Republic, according to recent vegetation indices. During the past week, little to no rain was again observed over much of Hispaniola, except central Haiti and neighboring western Dominican Republic, where light rains were recorded. During the next week, dry weather, with suppressed and below-average rain is expected to continue across Hispaniola. However, light rains are possible along the coastal areas of northern Haiti and northern Dominican Republic. The forecast continuation of poor rains is likely to worsen ground conditions, which could adversely affect the first rainy season's cropping activities over many local areas.