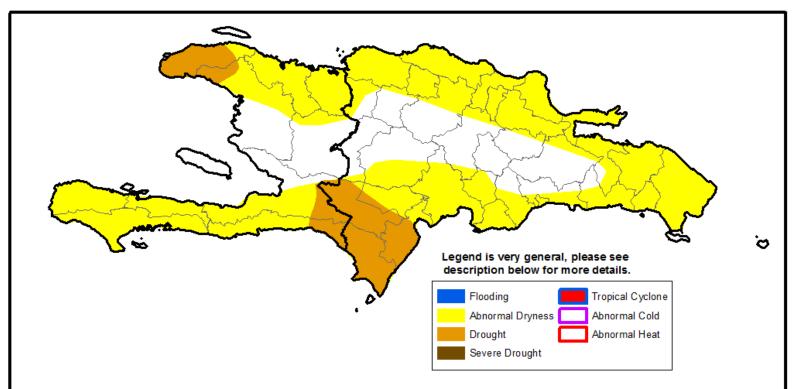


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 9 – 15, 2015

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According to the TRMM data set, insufficient rainfall has been recorded across much of Hispaniola since early April. Rainfall deficits have ranged between 100-500 mm throughout the Island, with the largest negative departures from normal observed along the coasts. During the past week, Light to moderate rain fell only throughout central Hispaniola, while suppressed rain was observed elsewhere. Although, recent vegetation indices have indicated some improvement across the central portions of the Island due to some increase in rainfall during the past two weeks, ground conditions have worsened elsewhere. Based on local media reports, the poorly-distributed rain since the start of the first rainfall season has already reduced water availability, adversely impacted crops and livestock, and affected the livelihoods of many people in the Sud-Est, Nord-Ouest, L'Artibonite, Centre, and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. For next week, scattered moderate showers are forecast over central Hispaniola. However, little to light and likely to be below-average rain is expected across the interior and along the coastlines of the Island. The forecast below-average rain during the next week could further deteriorate conditions on the ground and negatively affect cropping activities over many local areas.