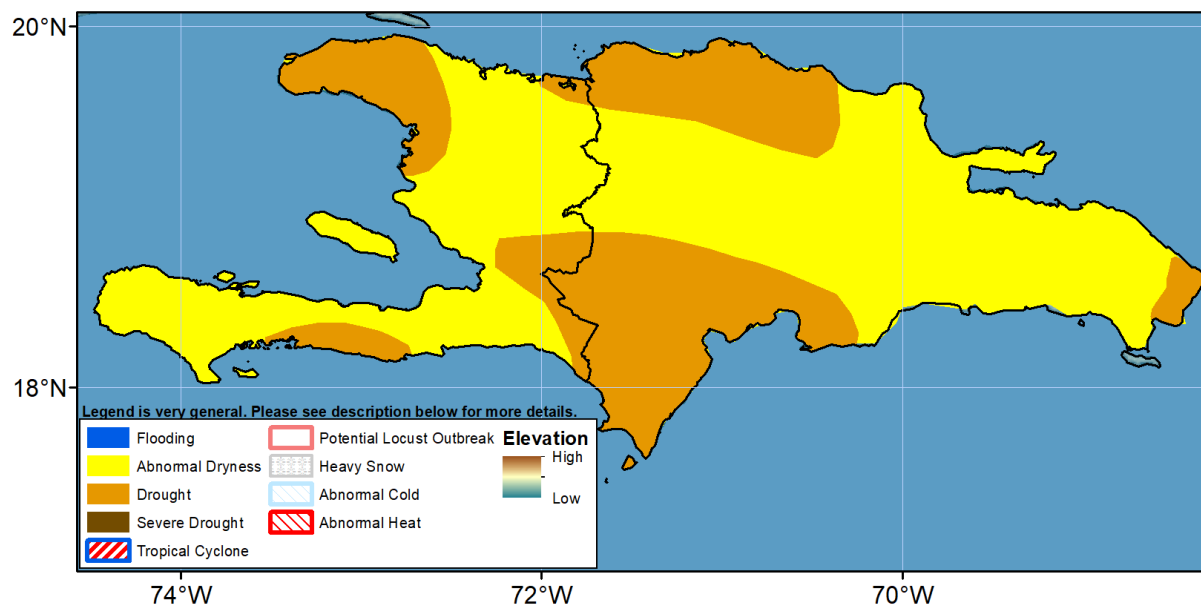


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET 18 – 24 August 2022

Abnormal dryness and droughts to continue over Hispaniola despite the expected increase in rainfall during the next week



During the past week, moderate (25 – 50 mm) rain was received over localized areas in central and southern Haiti and central Dominican Republic. Meanwhile, little to light rain was observed over the remainders of Hispaniola. This past week's accumulation was below-average, which contributed to maintain drier-than-average conditions across much of the Island over both the past thirty days and ninety days. Since mid-May to present, cumulative rain has accounted for only between 25 – 50 percent of the average over much of Hispaniola. Consequently, negatively-impacted ground conditions and droughts have been depicted over areas in southern, central, and northwestern Haiti and northwestern, southwestern, and eastern Dominican Republic, based on the latest Soil Water Index (SWI).

During the next week, a return in wetter-than-average conditions is forecast over Hispaniola. Widespread, moderate to locally heavy rain is expected over the Island, which should partially help reduce accumulated rainfall deficits and aid cropping activities over many local areas for the second rainfall season.

Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium-range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), sub-seasonal forecasts up to 4 weeks, and assesses the potential impact of extreme events on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed and predicted to continue during the outlook period. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at the spatial scale of the map. This product takes into account long-range seasonal climate forecasts but does not reflect current or projected food security conditions. FEWS NET is a USAID-funded activity whose purpose is to provide objective information about food security conditions. Its views are not necessarily reflective of those of USAID or the U.S. Government. The FEWS NET weather hazards outlook process and products include participation by FEWS NET field and home offices, NOAA-CPC, USGS, USDA, NASA, and a number of other national and regional organizations in the countries concerned.

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