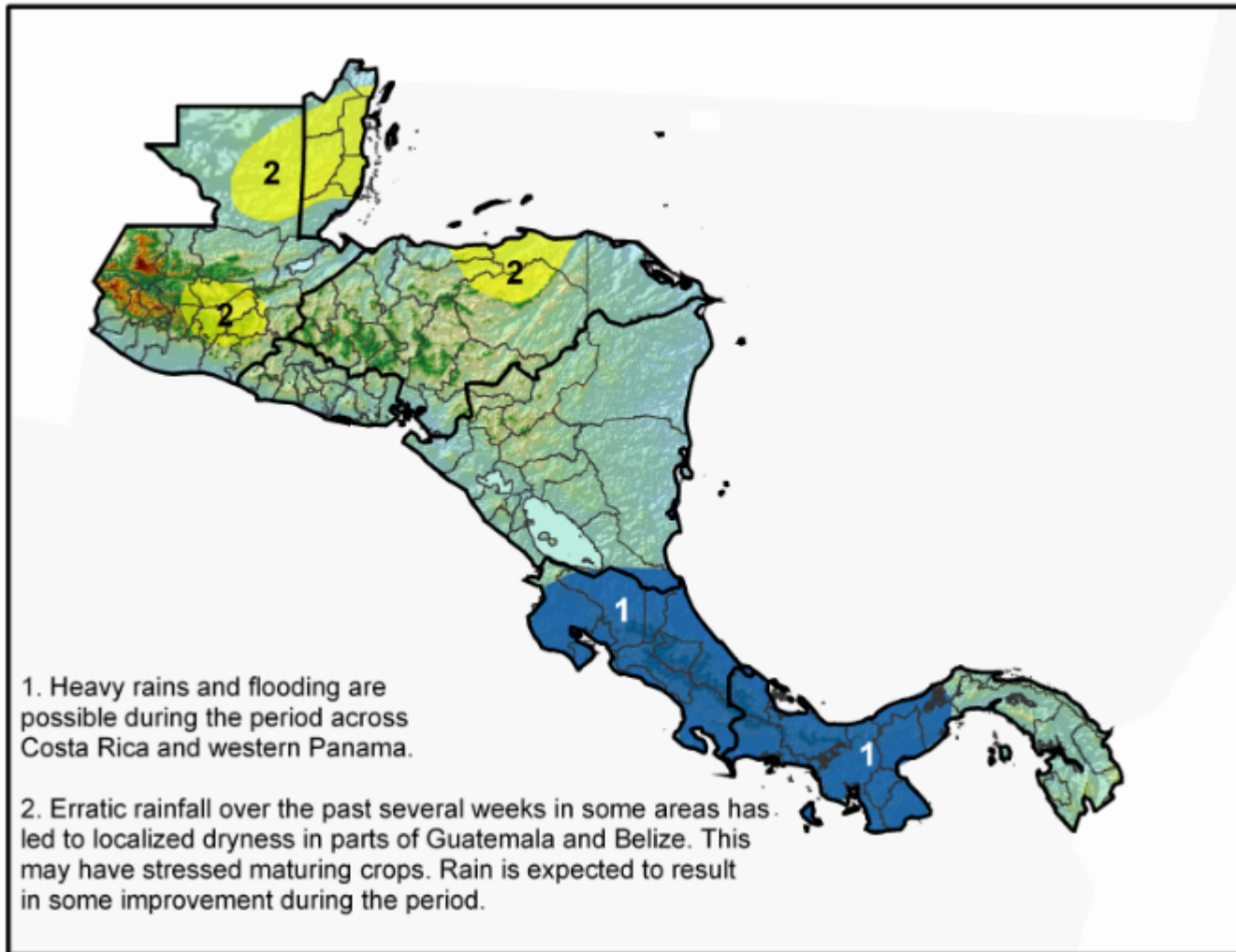


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## Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

for

August 4 - 10, 2005



1) Conditions will be favorable for the development of locally heavy rain across much of Costa Rica and western Panama during the period. This includes the mountains and the Pacific side of Costa Rica. Heavy rains may trigger flooding, landslides and localized crop damage in some areas. Widespread flooding, however, is not expected.

2) Rainfall over the past 3 to 5 weeks has been erratic across portions of Belize, Guatemala and north-central Honduras. This has led to pockets of dryness in these areas. However, not all areas within the polygons are experiencing dryness. Within localized areas of short term dryness, maturing first season crops may be experiencing some moisture stress. This may also reduce moisture for second season crop planting and emergence. The forecast indicates some improvement, with a good chance for some significant rainfall over most of Belize and Guatemala. Rain chances are somewhat lower over northern Honduras.

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