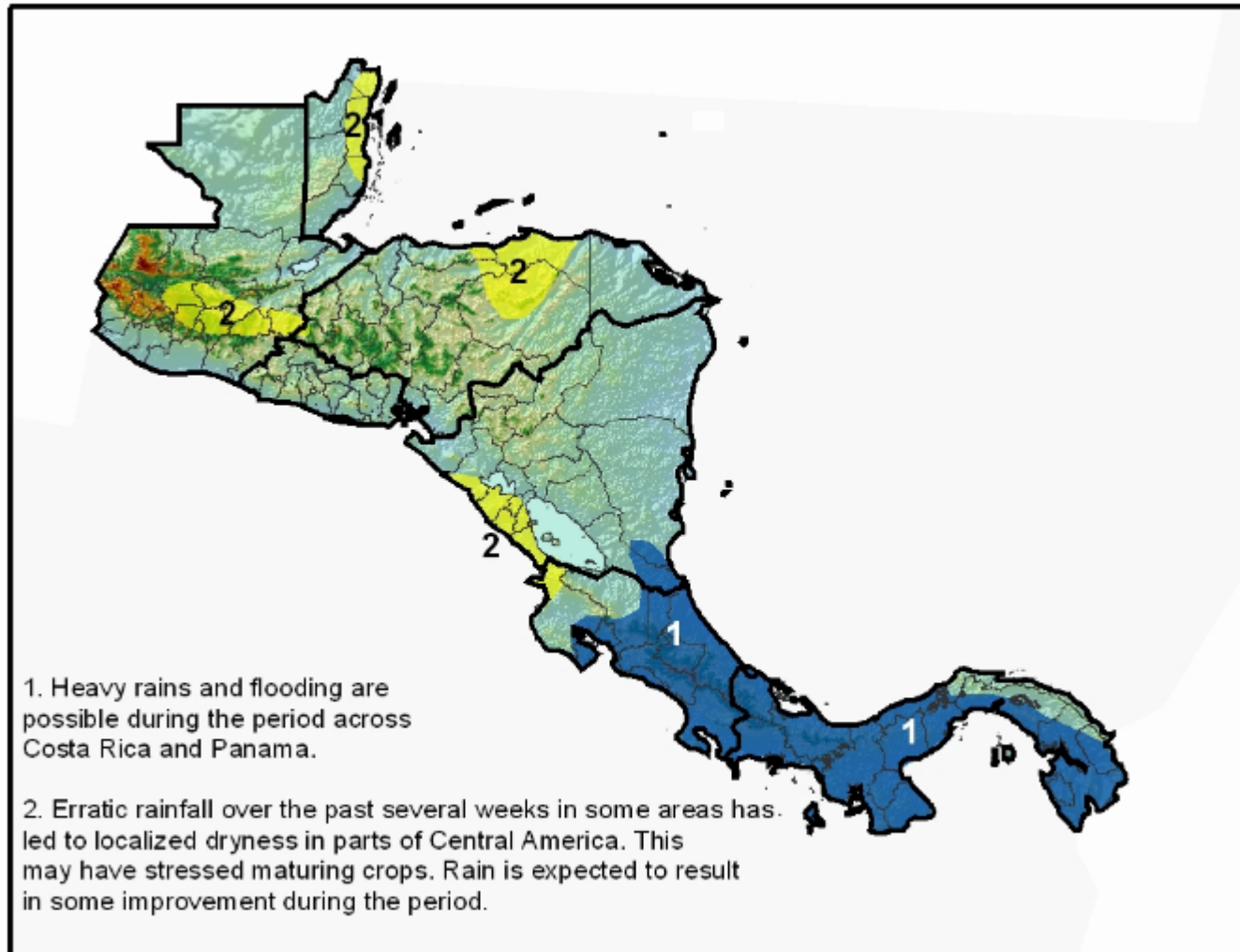


The MFEWS

Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

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- 1) Conditions will be favorable for the development of locally heavy rain across much of Costa Rica and 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 6 weeks has been erratic across portions of eastern Belize, southern Guatemala, north-central Honduras and the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua. 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 these areas. Rain chances are somewhat lower over the Nicaraguan Pacific Coastal Region.

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