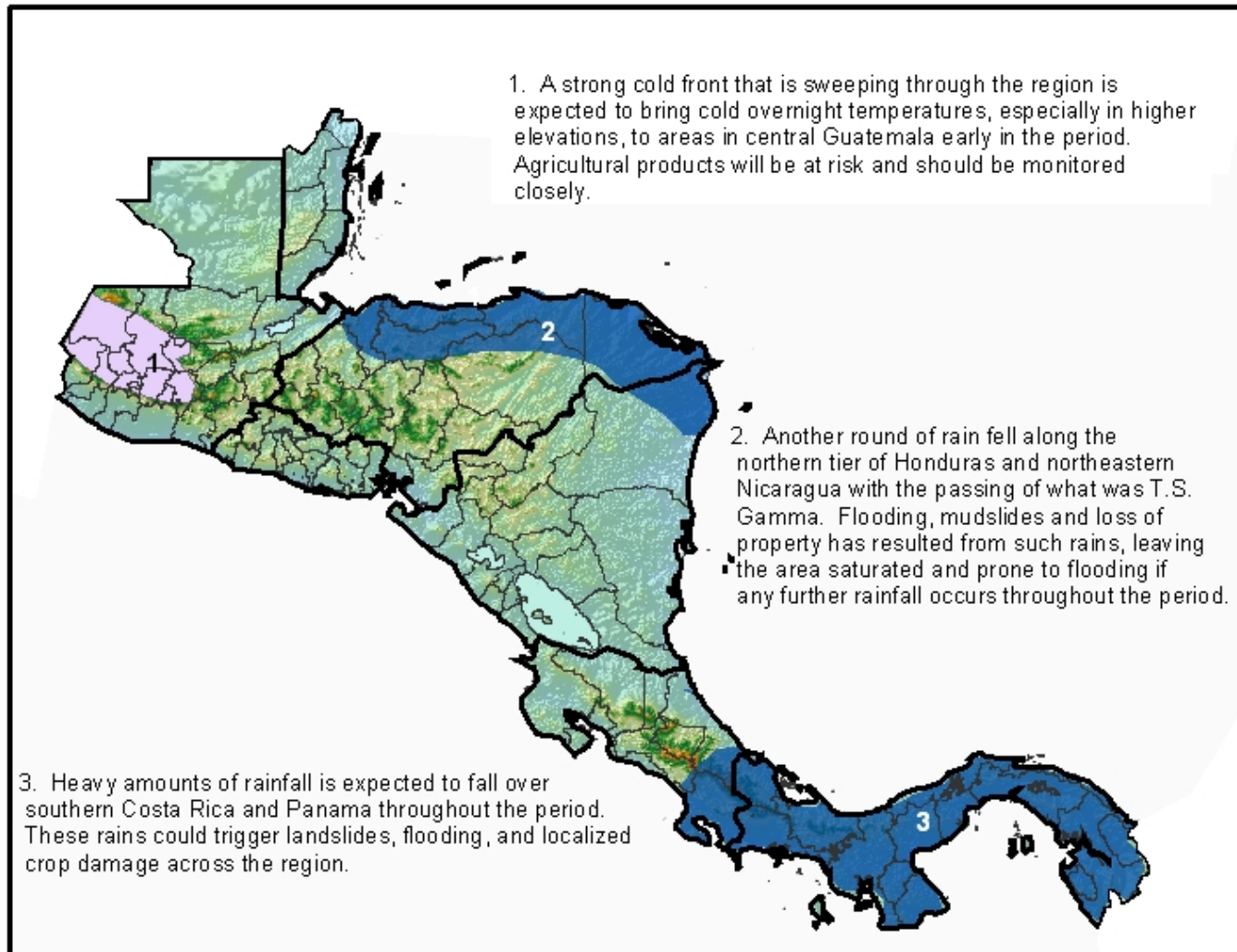


The MFEWS

Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

for

November 24 – November 30, 2005



Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) A strong cold front sweeping through the region is expected to bring near freezing overnight temperatures to the normally cooler high elevation valley areas in west-central Guatemala early in the period. Minimum temperatures of 0 to 10 degrees Celsius can be expected, placing concerns on agricultural products. With temperatures approaching the freezing mark, agricultural products are at risk and should be monitored closely.
- 2) Northeastern Nicaragua and the northern tier of Honduras experienced another round of rainfall this past week due to tropical storm Gamma with rainfall amounts ranging from 100 to 250 mm, with locally higher amounts throughout the region. These rains caused intense flooding, mudslides and property damage to the already saturated terrain and have left the area prone to more flooding if any further rainfall occurs. Fortunately, no major rainfall events are expected for the upcoming period, giving the area a chance to recuperate and dry out.
- 3) Heavy rain is possible across Panama and southern portions of Costa Rica for most of the period. Rainfall totals look to range from 100 to 250 mm, with locally heavier amounts. The persistent rains from the past few weeks have made this area prone to flooding, causing property damage and damage to crops. The occurrence of landslides remains a threat as well.

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