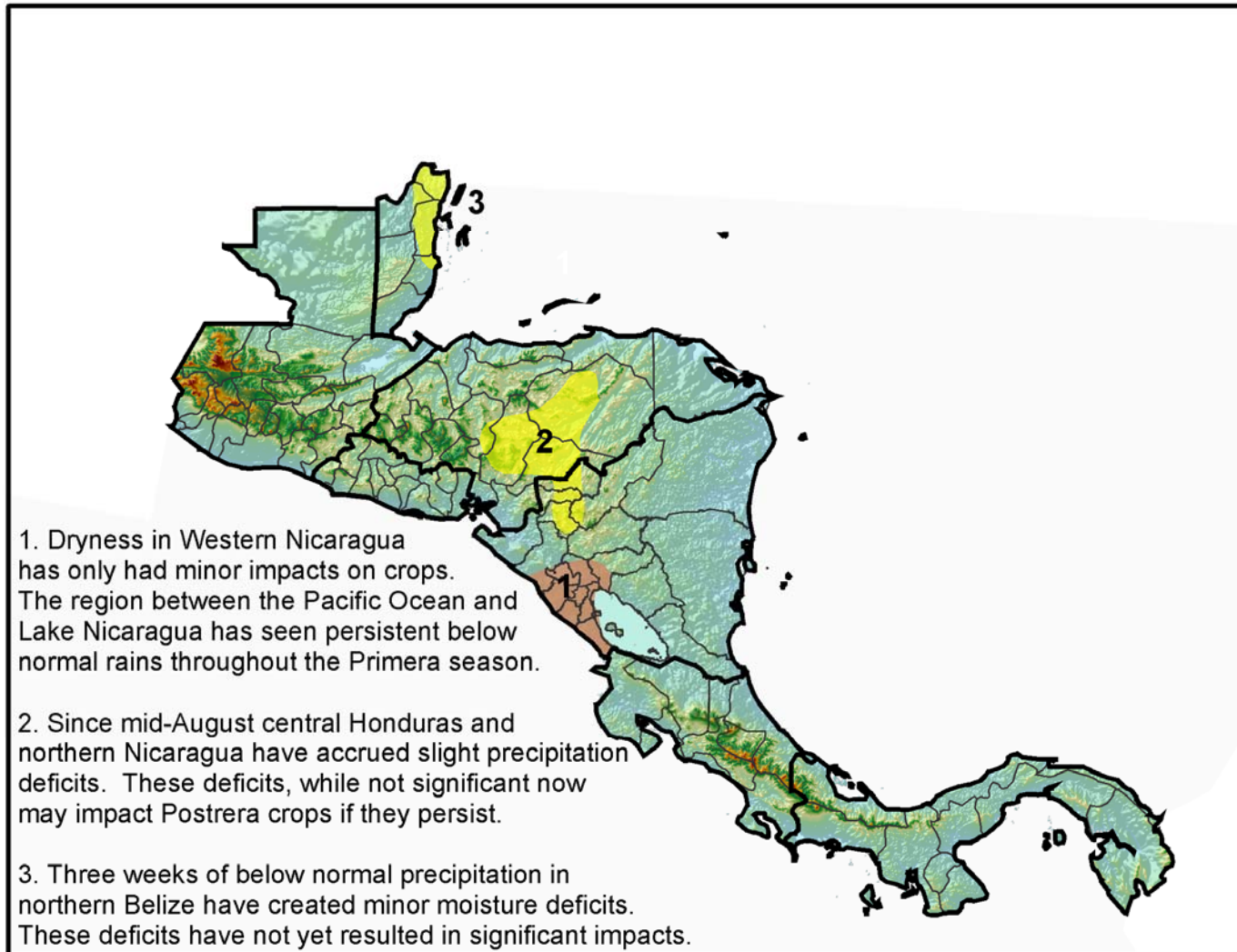


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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) Throughout the Primera season the Intertropical Convergence Zone was displaced to the north. This has denied the area between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific Ocean moisture. Satellite precipitation estimates show deficits as low as 50% of normal rainfall. It should be noted, however that the agricultural impact is not as significant in this area because of the growing of drought resistant crops, such as pineapple.
- 2) In the central Honduras provinces of Olancho, Francisco Morazan, and El Paraíso as well as adjacent portions of Nicaragua precipitation totals began to drop off towards the end of the Primera season. This had little impact on the region, which is largely reliant on the Postrera season crops. If the dryness Postrera season, there will be agricultural impacts, however if the rains increase there will be little to no impacts.
- 3) The concentration of rainfall over the Yucatan Peninsula has denied northern Belize its normal rainfall. This precipitation pattern does appear to be shifting, as rainfall during the past week has increased significantly on the area. Continued rainfall will return conditions to near normal.

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