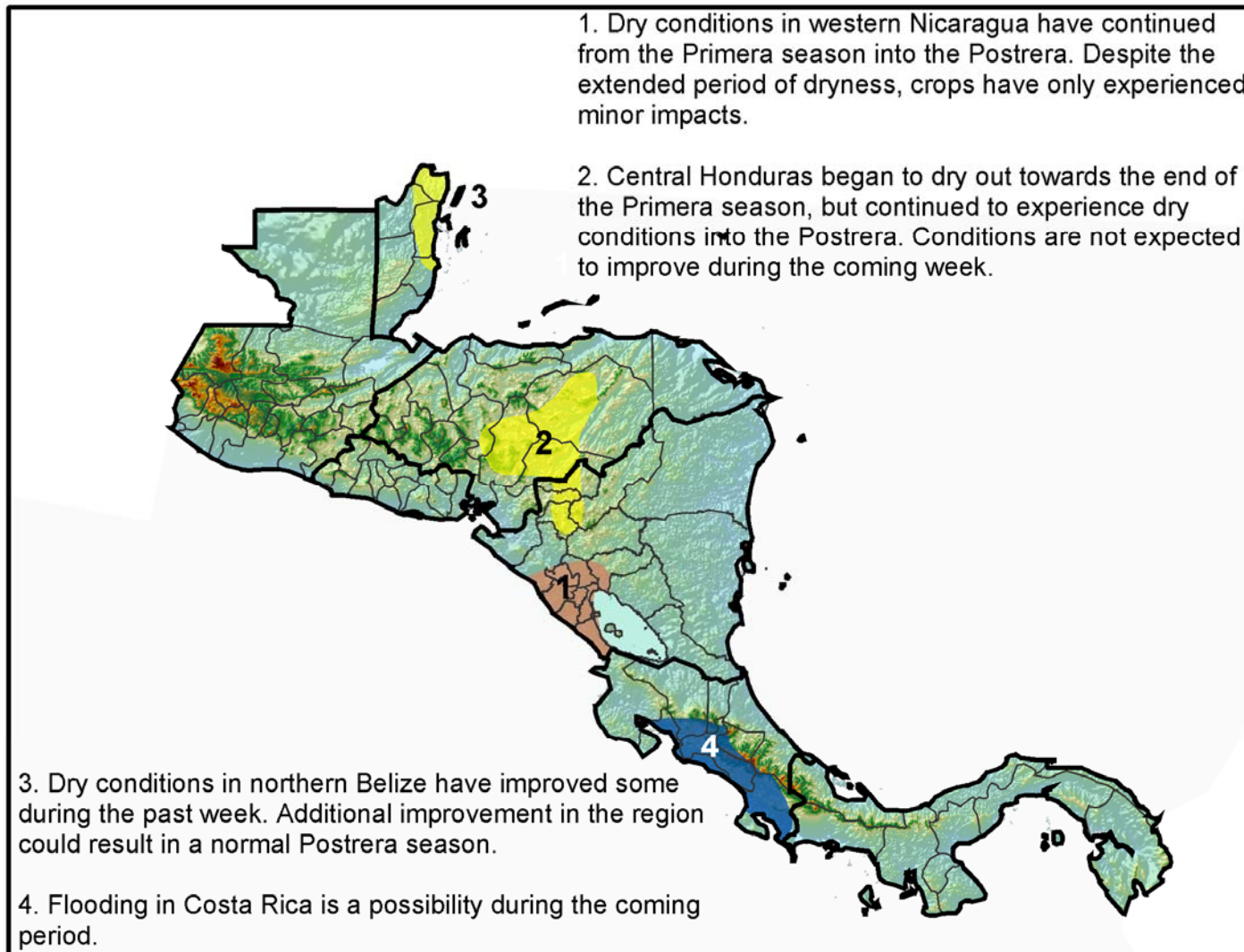


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# Central America Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

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## ***Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:***

- 1) There has been significant improvement in the narrow stretch of land between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific Ocean. Although impacts on the Primera season were minimal as significant moisture deficit accrued in the area. As a result of drought resistant crops grown in the area, such as pineapple, the season progressed without large scale problems. The current Postrera season is off to a better start. Rainfall is closer to normal and the rains are becoming more regular throughout the region.
- 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. Conditions are worsening in the area, which is largely reliant on the Postrera crops. Francisco Morazan is by far in the worse condition having received less than 75 mm of precipitation since the beginning of August as estimated by satellites.
- 3) Rainfall has return to the northern section of coastal Belize. As rainfall has intensified over the area, moisture deficits continue to slowly drop. Additional rain is expected during the coming period.
- 4) The Pacific side of Costa Rica is expected to receive heavy rainfall during the coming week. This precipitation could result in localized flooding and possibly landslides.

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