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Central America Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

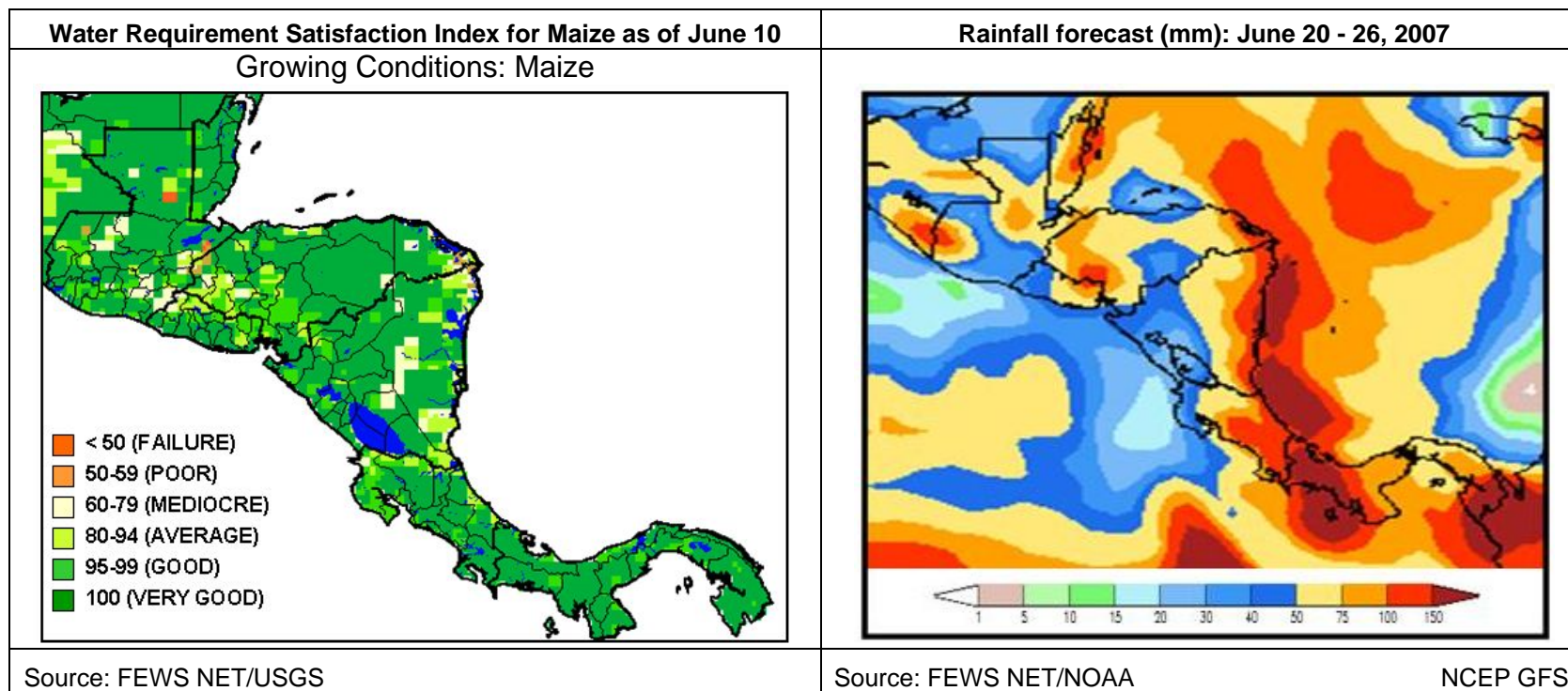
For
June 21 - 27, 2007



Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

Seasonal rains generally started on time or a little early across most of Central America. The onset was about 20 days late in northwestern Honduras; however impacts will be minimal if the rains continue through July. Since the onset of the rainy season, the rains have been adequate to abundant, with some areas receiving excessive rains. Rain has been heavy over the past few weeks across southern portions of Guatemala and Honduras. During the assessment period, the rains are expected to be more scattered across Guatemala, Honduras and northern Nicaragua. However, isolated heavy downpours, flash floods and landslides are still possible over southern portions of Honduras and Guatemala. The rains will be heavier over Costa Rica and Panama.

Concerning La Niña: Oceanic and atmospheric conditions indicate that La Niña conditions could develop over the next 1-3 months. The chances are roughly 50/50 regarding La Niña development. In fact, IMN of Costa Rica has already declared that the region is under the effect of Niña.



The evaluation of climatologic threats of MFEWS include the participation of the central and local offices of FEWS-NET, NOAA-CPC, USGS, NASA, INETER of Nicaragua, Meteorological Service of Honduras, IMN of Costa Rica, INSIVUMEH of Guatemala, and SNET of El Salvador. Any questions or comments on this product can be directed to Chet.Schmitt@noaa.gov