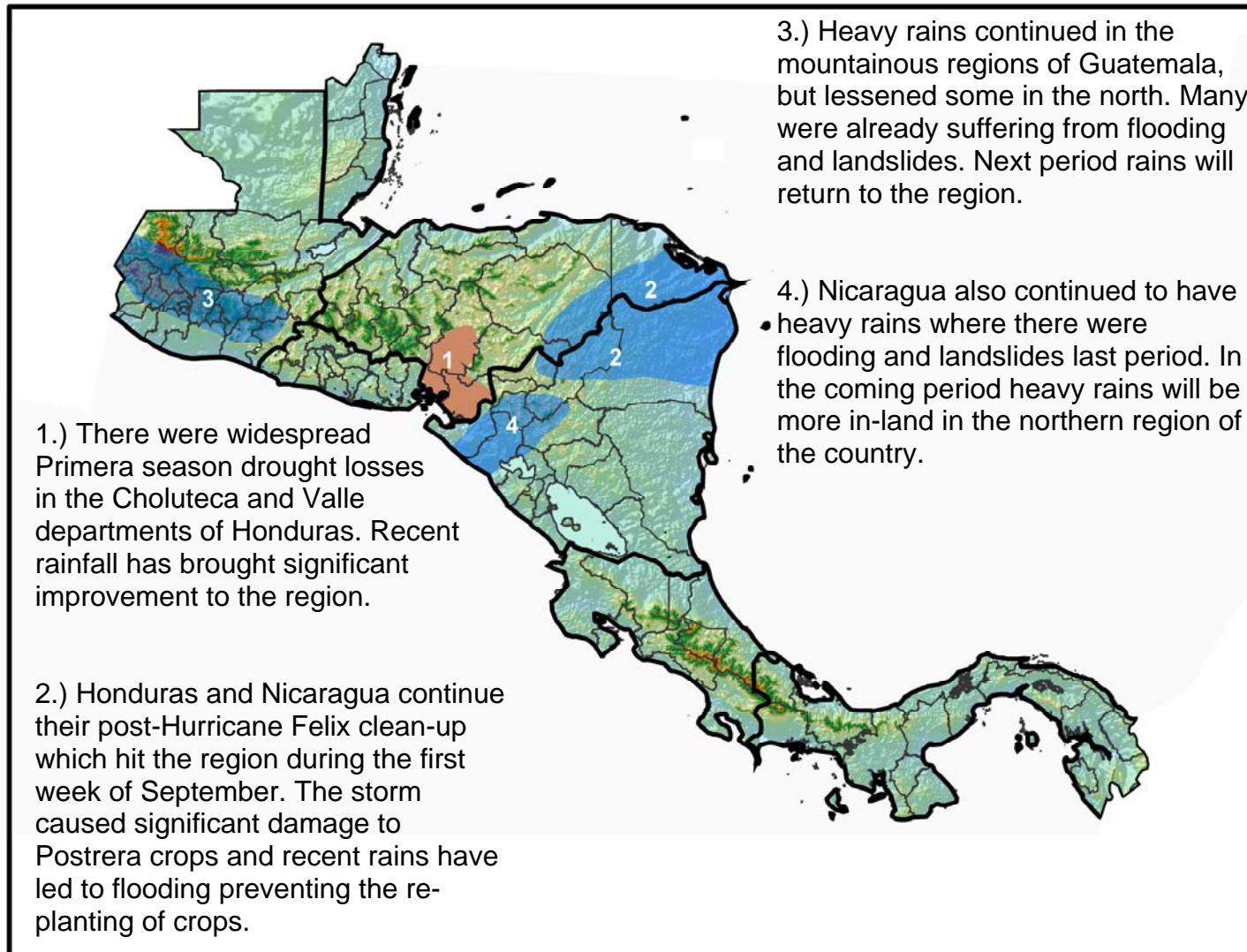


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For

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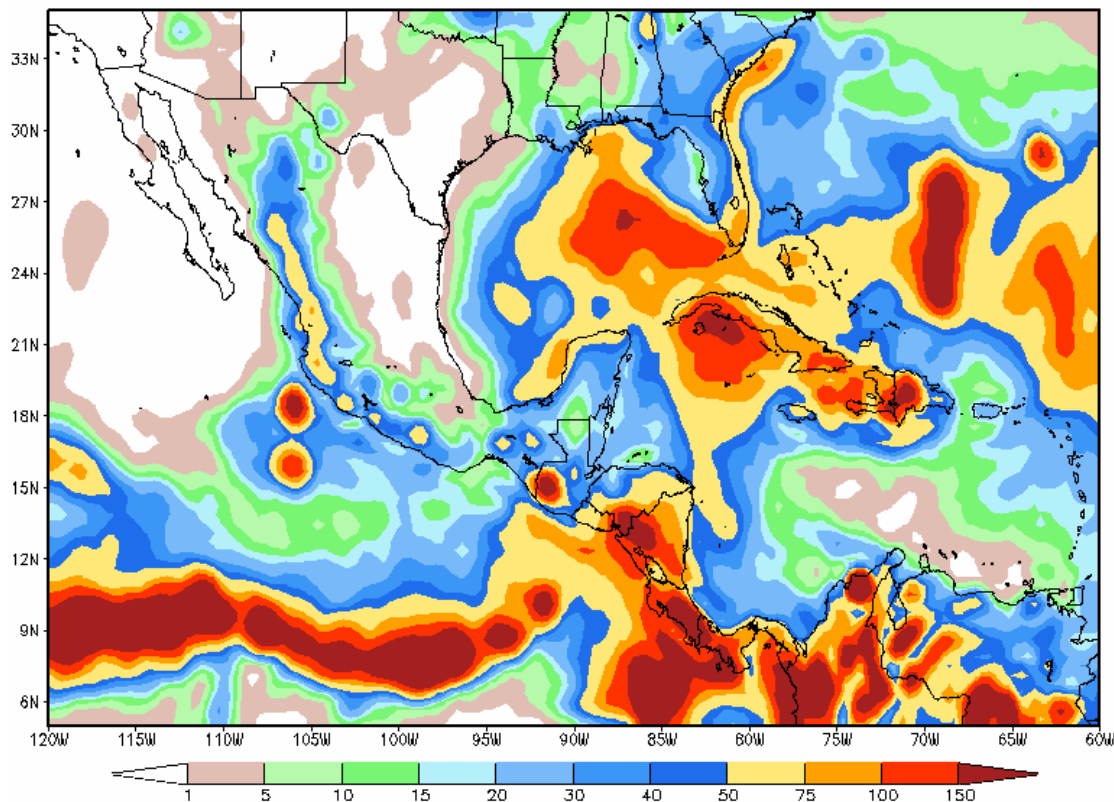
Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

Nicaragua and Honduras continue their post Hurricane Felix clean up. During the last observation period heavier rains were situated in the northeastern region of Nicaragua adding to the saturated soil conditions and hampering clean-up activity. Over saturated soil has made re-seeding efforts difficult. Continuous rains have the potential to do more harm than good to the Postrera crops. Unfortunately, the developing La Nina conditions will bring more rain to the region, continuing to saturate already thoroughly moist soil. NOAA will release the latest La Nina forecast during the next period.

At present the rains and moist conditions are beneficial to improving the dry conditions experienced during Primera in the Choluteca and Valle departments of Honduras, but the region suffered from food shortages early on due to the significant loss of maize crops.

During the last period rainfall continued in Guatemala and Nicaragua where they suffered landslides and flooding the week before. However, showers did taper off in the northern mountainous area of Guatemala. Later in the coming observation period heavy rains will return to those regions.

GFS Forecast for October 3, 2007 – October 10



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