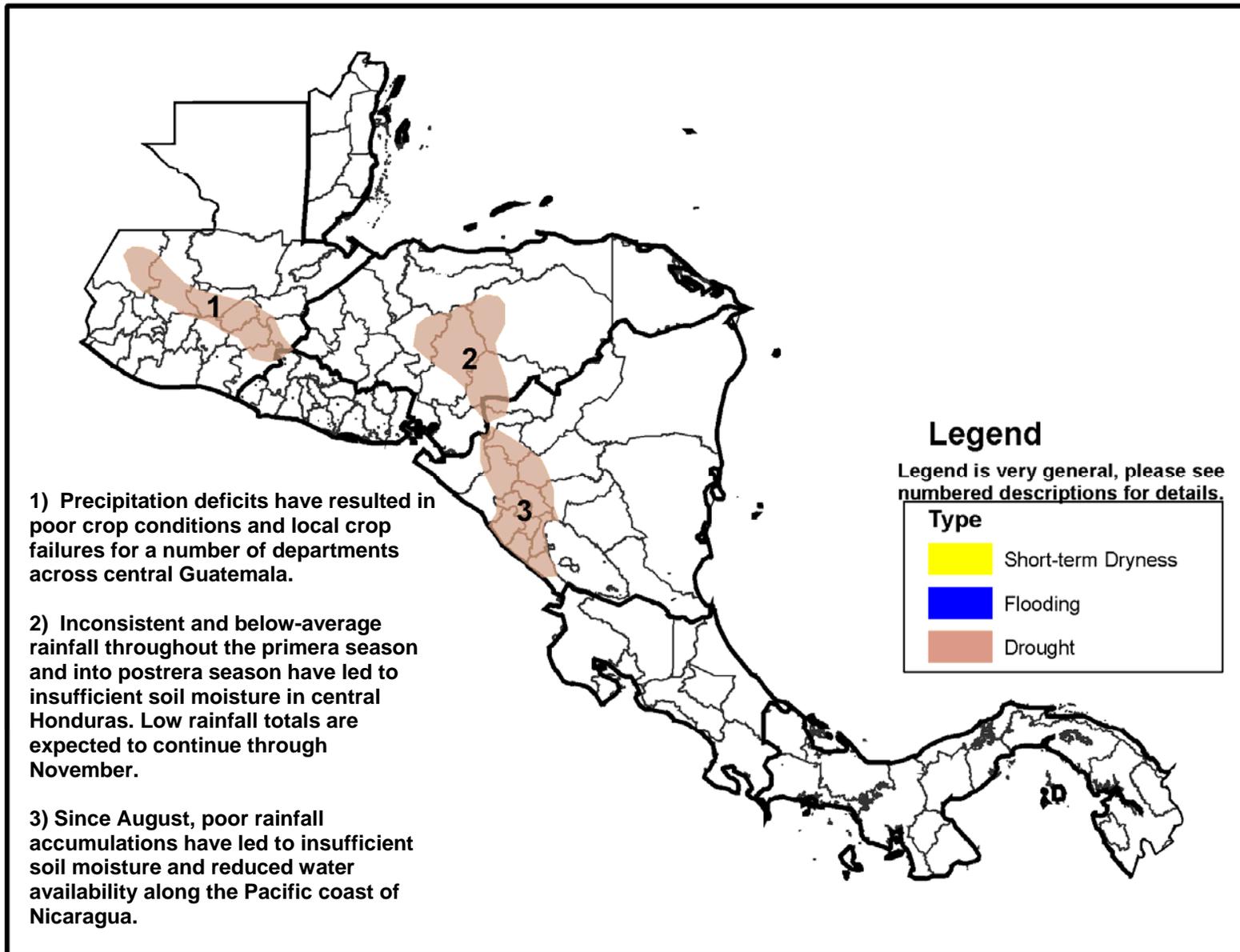


- Isolated and heavy rains expected to lessen seasonal deficits in southern Guatemala.
- The continued absence of precipitation over central parts of Honduras and Nicaragua worsens seasonal drought for many local areas.



Some Improvement is expected for dry areas in Nicaragua and Guatemala

During the last observation period, below-average rainfall was observed across much of Central America. In northern and central Guatemala, little to no rainfall was observed in the last seven days. This is expected to worsen the seasonally dry conditions in the Huehuetenango, Quiche, Jalapa, Zacapa, El Progreso, Baja Verapaz and Jutiapa departments. Towards the south, increased rains in excess of 30 mm were observed, which is expected to improve locally dry conditions in southern Guatemala. In Honduras and Nicaragua, the seven-day rainfall totals ranging between 25-50 mm were received for many departments on the Atlantic side. In Costa Rica and Panama, moderate amounts precipitation was observed.

Seven-day model outlook suggests an increase in rainfall along the Pacific side of Central America. While this is expected to bring much needed improvement to parts of Guatemala, El Salvador, and coastal parts of Honduras and Nicaragua, there is the potential for isolated flooding and landslides in the Escuintla, Suchitepequez, and Retalhuleu departments of southern Guatemala during the earlier portion of the observation period.

