



## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 10 – May 16, 2012

- Rainfall increases along the Pacific in the Central America.



## Suppressed rains observed across Guatemala.

In the last seven days, enhanced precipitation was observed across the Caribbean with lesser amounts received across many inland areas of Central America. Weekly rainfall accumulations ranging between 30-70mm were observed across portions of El Salvador and southern Honduras, as well as throughout the Pacific coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama. In Guatemala, little to no rains were received during the last week. Since the beginning of April, much of Central America and the Caribbean have observed average to above-average rainfall, however seasonal rainfall deficits are beginning to develop in many local areas in Guatemala and northern Honduras. The suppression of rainfall in May in Guatemala is not expected to negatively impact Primera crops at this time. However, wetter than average conditions along the Pacific coastline and in southern Central America are expected to provide favorable ground moisture for the planting of Primera crops.

For the upcoming outlook period, disturbed weather conditions are expected across the tropical Atlantic and the Caribbean, however the potential for enhanced rainfall does not appear high over Central America. Seasonable weekly precipitation amounts ranging between 30-75mm are forecast for portions of southern Guatemala, western Nicaragua and Panama, with lesser amounts expected for coastal areas along the Atlantic coastline.

