



Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 22 – November 28, 2012

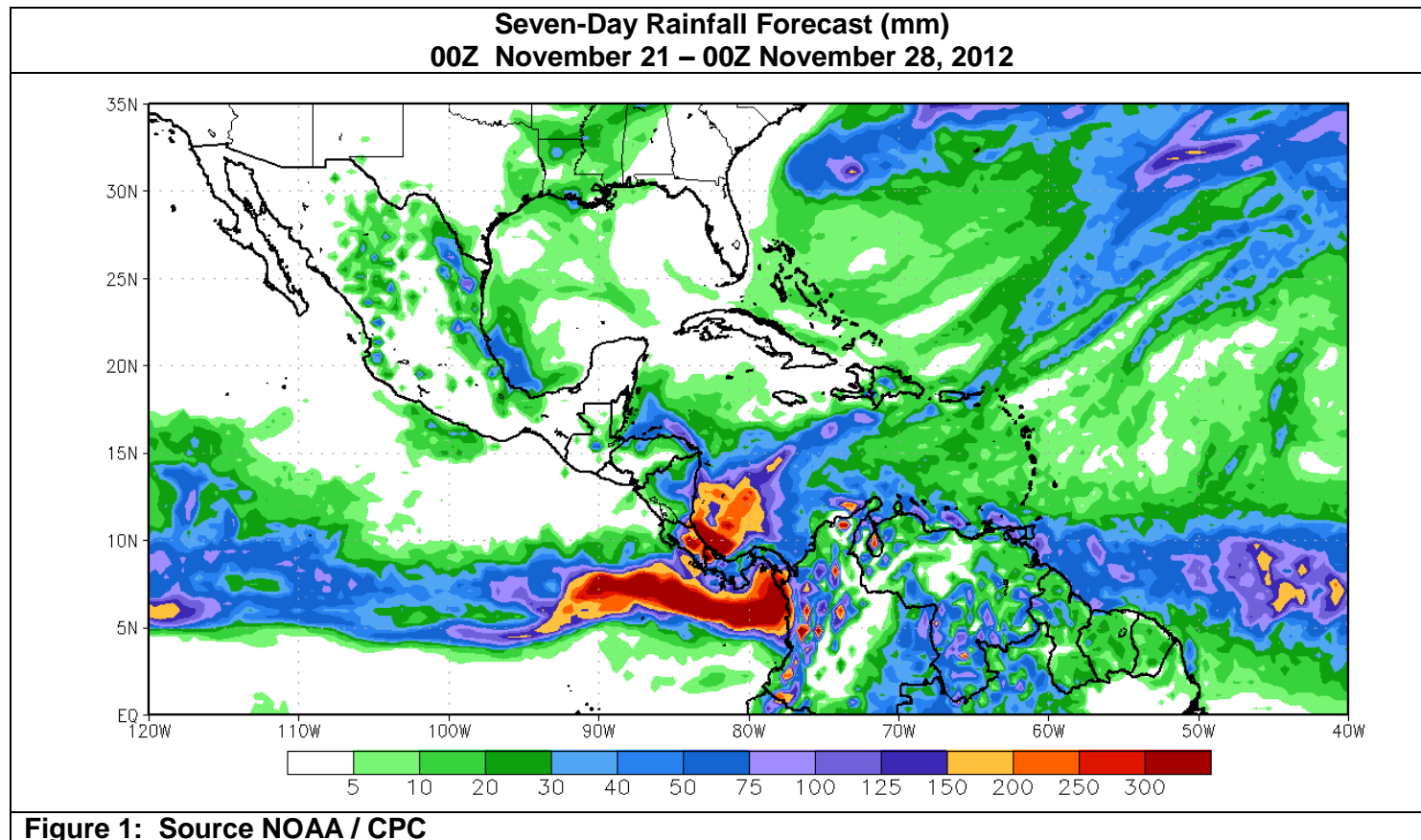
- Heavy coastal showers impact Costa Rica and northern Honduras.
- Cold nightly temperatures (0-5 °C) are observed across higher elevations in western Guatemala.



Heavy rains fall across the Caribbean coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama.

During the past week, heavy rains (>50mm) were recorded along the northern Honduran coastline and along the Caribbean coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama. The heaviest rains (>100mm) were observed across coastal Costa Rica as 196mm fell in Limon, Costa Rica. The copious amounts of rain in coastal Costa Rica helped to relieve recently drier-than-average conditions and have reduced thirty-day rainfall deficits. Farther north, heavy coastal showers (>40mm) in northern Honduras were observed for the third consecutive week. 44mm of rain was observed at Roatán, Honduras. In contrast, dry conditions were observed across inland and western portions of northern Central America, although, rains are seasonally expected to become lighter during this time. Dry conditions dating back to October had negatively impacted crops in the Olancho department of Honduras. Meanwhile, high pressure and an increase in cold northerly winds have resulted in minimum temperatures approaching 0°C across the western and central highlands of Guatemala.

For the next seven days, anomalous northerly winds are forecast across much of northern Central America resulting in colder nighttime temperatures (0-5°C) across higher elevations in Guatemala, as well as little to no rains across northern Central America. Moderate coastal showers (10-40mm) along the Gulf of Honduras are still possible. The heaviest rains (>50mm) are forecast across southern Central America, including portions of Costa Rica and Panama which received heavy rains during the past week.



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