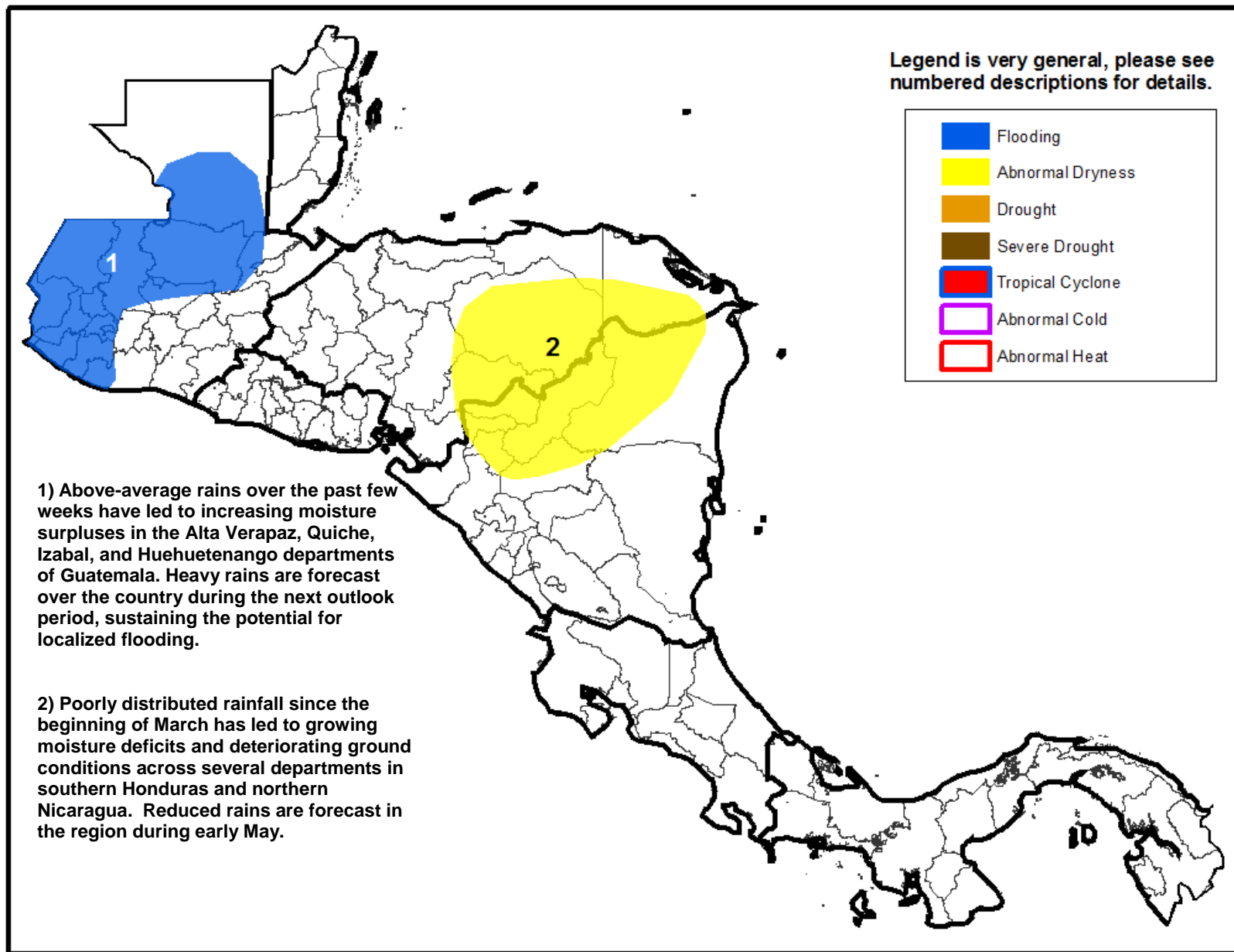




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook May 22 – May 28, 2014

- Many portions of Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador are experiencing a delayed start of the Primera rains.



## Evidence of delayed rainfall in parts of El Salvador and Honduras.

During the last week, moderate to heavy amounts of rainfall continued throughout the northern and southern portions of Central America. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations were received throughout northern Guatemala, and across Panama and Costa Rica. However, a large suppression of rainfall was observed throughout Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua, where light rains (5-20mm) were limited in western Honduras with lesser amounts elsewhere in the region. During the last 30 days, above-average precipitation has been observed across much of Guatemala, and neighboring portions of Honduras and El Salvador. The largest seasonal moisture surpluses remain across the Alta Verapaz, Quiché, Huehuetenango, and southwestern departments of Guatemala. However, consistently poor rainfall in Honduras and northern Nicaragua has led to developing dryness, which is likely to lead to unfavorable ground conditions for early Primera season cropping activities. A delayed start to the Primera rains has also been observed in portions of western El Salvador as well. Many local areas in western El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua have experienced less than half of their normal rainfall totals since the beginning of April.

For the upcoming outlook period, rainfall forecasts indicate a continuation of locally heavy rains over the northern half of Central America. The potential for the highest weekly precipitation accumulations remain across many anomalously wet areas of Guatemala. Light to moderate rainfall is forecast across Nicaragua and eastern Honduras, possibly heavier amounts expected in El Salvador during the next week.

