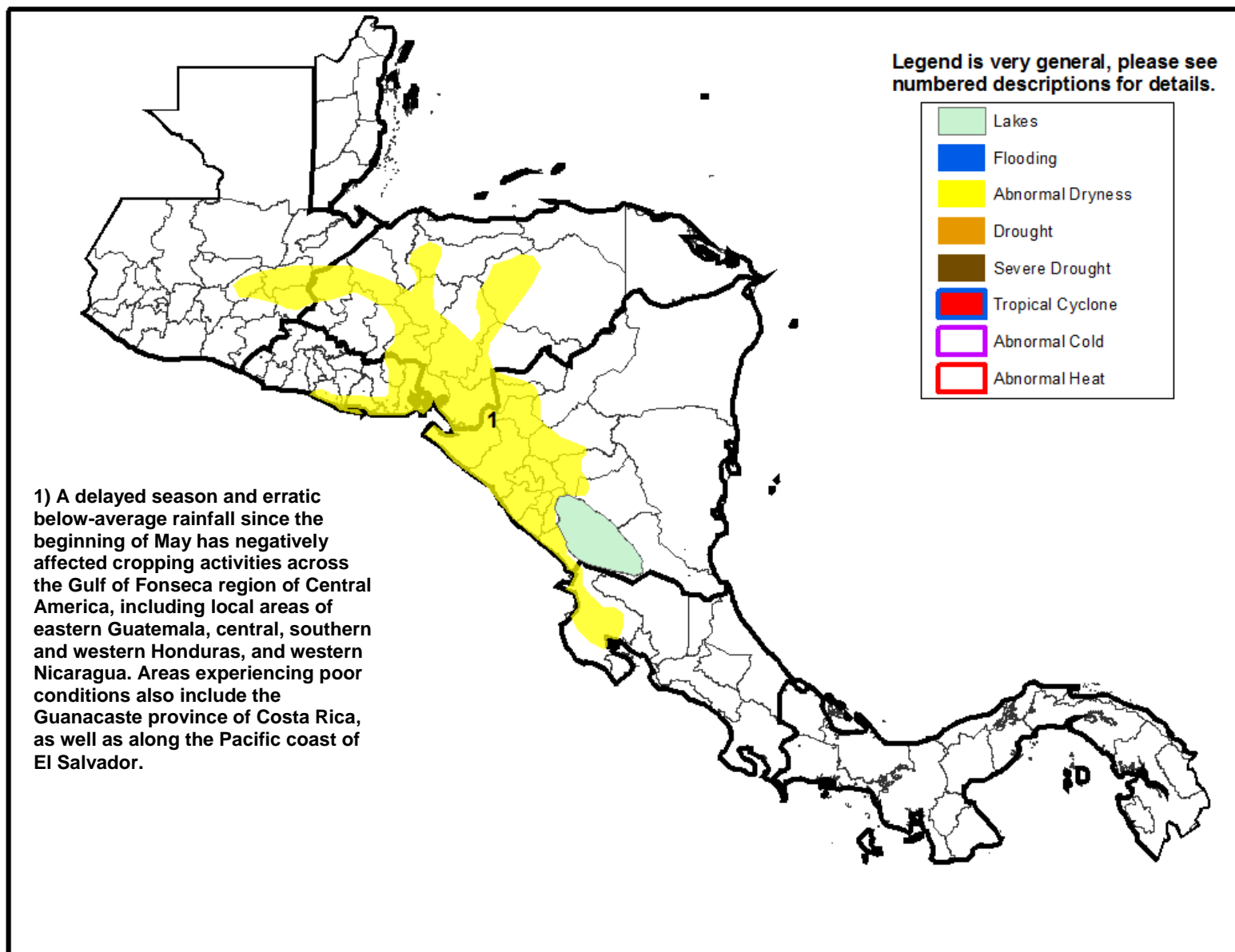




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook July 9 – 15, 2015

- Enhanced rain is expected along the Pacific rim of Central America during the next week.



## Above-average rainfall is forecast along the Pacific Basin.

During late June and early July, reduced and below-average rainfall was observed across Central America. Moderate rain was observed over localized areas of western Guatemala, eastern Honduras, central Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, while little to light rain was recorded elsewhere. Rainfall anomalies over the past thirty days have indicated drier than average conditions throughout Central America, with cumulative rainfall accounting for 50-80 percent and even less than 50 percent of the average over El Salvador and southeastern Nicaragua. Due to the prolonged *Canicula*, dry and hot period, the persistent lack of rainfall has further degraded vegetation conditions over many local areas of Central America, including the Gulf of Fonseca region. In contrast, wetter than average conditions have been registered over Honduras and parts of northwestern Nicaragua as a result of heavy and above-average rain during few weeks ago. The continued irregular distribution of rainfall could further deplete soil moisture, negatively impact crops, and significantly reduce yields during the *Primera*, May-August, rainfall season.

During the next week, rainfall forecasts suggest enhanced and above-average rain along the Pacific Basin of Central America and Atlantic coasts of Nicaragua. Abundant rain is also forecast over localized areas of western Guatemala, Costa Rica, and western Panama. Meanwhile, light to moderate and likely below-average rain is expected across Honduras and northern Nicaragua.

