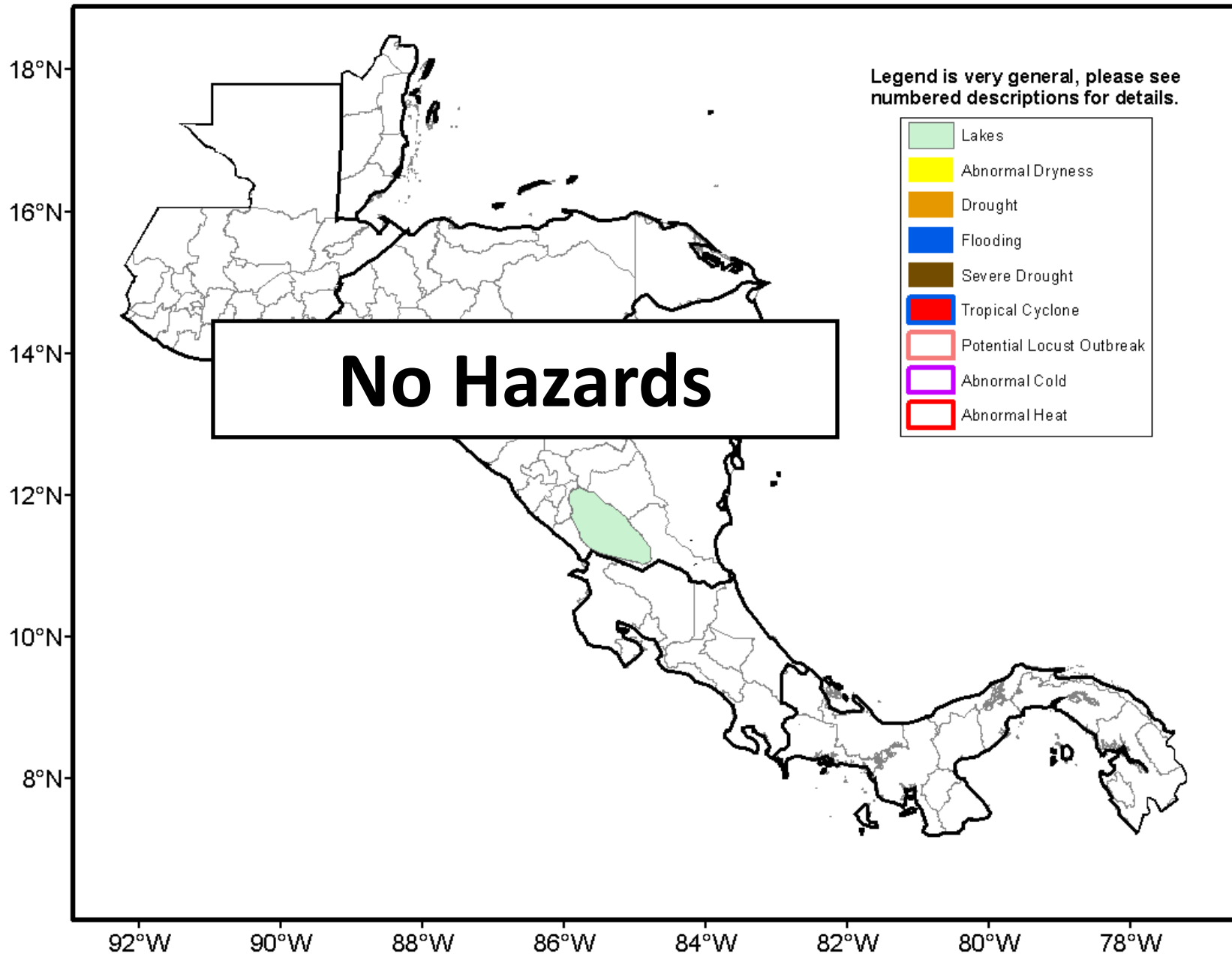




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook May 3 – 9, 2018

Seasonal rain is expected to continue over most areas of Central America during the next outlook period.



This past week's increased rain helped to reduce moisture deficits over many parts of Guatemala and Honduras.

During late April, heavy rain was received across the Pacific regions of northern Central America, including Guatemala, El Salvador, southern Honduras, and northwestern Nicaragua. Moderate to heavy rain also fell over southern Costa Rica and portions of Nicaragua. Light to moderate rain was recorded throughout the interior of Guatemala, central Honduras, and northern Nicaragua, while suppressed rain was recorded elsewhere. Compared to climatology, this past week's rain was above-average and contributed to reduce or eliminate previous thirty-day rainfall deficits over many local areas of Guatemala and Honduras. As a result, rainfall anomalies over the past thirty days indicated surpluses over southern and eastern Guatemala, El Salvador, southern and northern Honduras, and northwestern Nicaragua. However, small to moderate deficits persisted over central and northern Guatemala and parts of western Honduras and western Nicaragua. As far as the December-April rainfall season is concerned, favorable performance, with seasonal surpluses exceeding twice the average amounts, was recorded over southern Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, eastern Honduras, and eastern Nicaragua. In contrast, below-average rain, with accumulated amounts below 80 percent of average, was registered over localized portions of central Guatemala, western Honduras, and western Nicaragua.

During the next week, moderate to heavy rain is forecast to continue over western and southern Guatemala, El Salvador, southern Honduras, and the southern Caribbean. Widespread light to moderate rain is also expected across the interior of Central America. The continuation of seasonal rain is expected to provide favorable conditions for the upcoming *Primera*, May-August season, cropping activities.

