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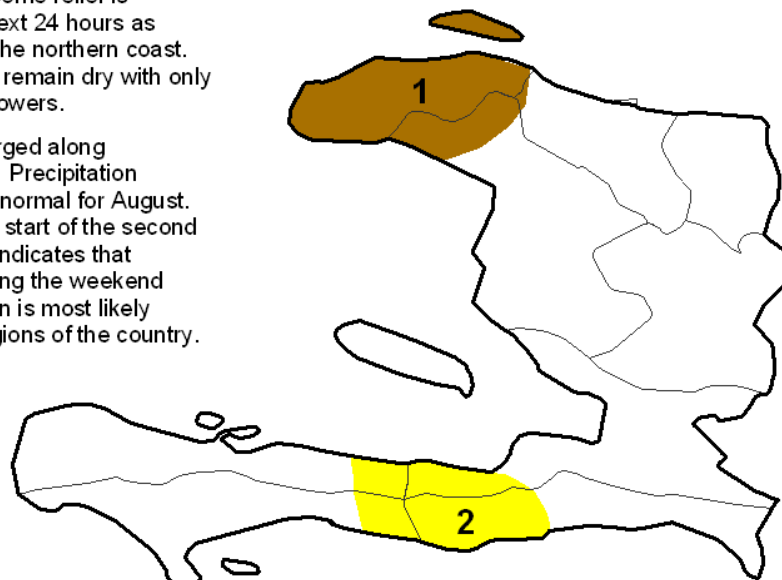
Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

for

September 2 - 8, 2004

1) Long term, multi-year drought continues across Haiti's Northwest Department. Some relief is possible, but unlikely over the next 24 hours as hurricane Frances approaches the northern coast. The remainder of the period will remain dry with only a slight chance for afternoon showers.

2) Short term dryness has emerged along the southern peninsula of Haiti. Precipitation estimates are less than 50% of normal for August. The lack of rain could affect the start of the second growing season. The forecast indicates that showers are likely to return during the weekend and early next week, but the rain is most likely to be confined to the central regions of the country.



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