

The USAID FEWS-NET

Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

for

September 23 - 29, 2004

1) Widespread showers moved across Haiti's Northwest Department for the second straight week. According to satellite precipitation estimates, much of the highlighted region is 200 to 400% above normal for the month of September. This should be beneficial to any second season crops that were planted. The rain will also help to increase general water supplies and soil moisture. The forecast remains mostly dry for the current week, with only a slight chance of daily showers and storms.

2) Isolated flooding occurred with Tropical Storm Jeanne during the past week. Several news reports indicate that several hundred people perished and thousands more are homeless because of raging flood waters near the city of Gonaives. Any additional showers this week will only act to aggravate the assessment and clean-up activities.



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