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Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

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1) Long term multi-year drought continues across Haiti's Northwest Department. Rains during October helped to increase soil moisture and ease short term deficits but November rains have been virtually nonexistent. The outlook for the next week is dry.

2) Pockets of short terms dryness are evident over the southeaster corner of Haiti which may have a negative effect on sorghum and reduce moisture for third season bean planting. Dry conditions are expected once again during the next week.

3) The lack of precipitation during November has led to pockets of short term dryness on the southwestern peninsula of Haiti. Recent weeks have been dry and the forecast for next week indicates much of the same.

