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Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

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1) Drought conditions since November 2004 resulted in below normal harvests last season across Centre and Artibonite Departments of Haiti, as well as the surrounding areas. Across southern Haiti, drought conditions led to below average harvests and reduced flow from springs. The drought has also reduced moisture for this season's crop planting and emergence. However, recently rains have been heavy and have greatly improved the drought conditions in many areas. The forecast calls for a continuation of rain during the upcoming week.

* Tropical Storm Adrian is currently threatening Central America and is forecasted to move into the Caribbean Sea by the weekend. This storm could redevelop in the Caribbean and pose a threat to Hispaniola over the weekend.

