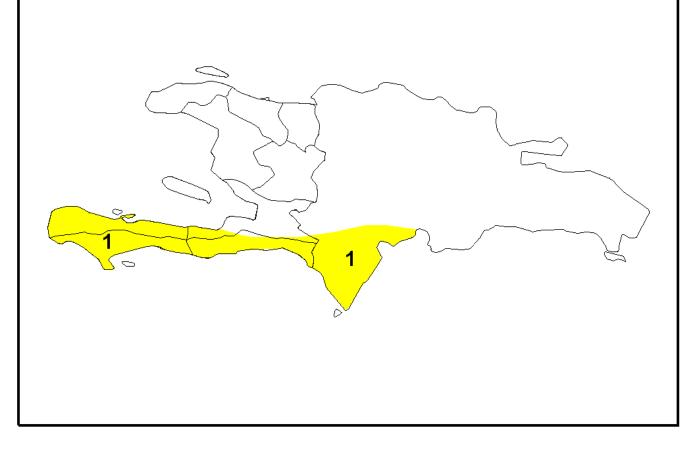


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1. Drier than normal conditions over the past 3 to 6 weeks has reduced topsoil moisture for the planting of sorghum, second season rice and second season beans over far southern Haiti and extreme southwestern parts of the Dominican Republic. The dryness has likely had minimal negative impact on first season crops and has favored fieldwork. Recent rains combined with beneficial showers this week should boost top soil moisture for recent crop plantings.



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