

Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For
October 23– 29, 2008



Hurricane Omar remained far east of the island leaving it unscathed. During the October 16 – 22nd observation period the majority of Hispaniola received only light rainfall totals. This is a continuance of the recent pattern of tapering rains, which is a needed relief following excessive tropical activity August and Septembers. Fortunately, most of the harvest activities associated with first season crops were complete by the time storms hit the island. However, first season beans were impacted and the storms delayed the sowing of second season crops. In Haiti, the southern peninsula departments of Ouest and Sud-Est received heavy rains associated with a frontal passage on October 19th. Moderate rains are expected during the October 23 – 29th observation period.