

Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

October 30 – November 5, 2008



Hispaniola has seen another week of very light rainfall totals. This is a continuance of the recent pattern of low rainfall accumulation since October, which is a needed relief in some areas following the excessive tropical activity of August and September. 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. Sorghum has been negatively affected by the dwindling rainfall totals. The departments of Centre, Artibonite, Nippes, and Sud report localized withering of the crop. Its season is from November to January. Moderate rains are expected across the island during the October 30 – November 5 observation period, with possible totals in excess of 50 mm near Port-au-Prince.