

Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

November 20 – November 26, 2008



Low precipitation amounts were observed across Haiti and the Dominican Republic during the last observation period. Trace amounts of rain between 5 – 10 mm were observed along the southern coastline of Haiti, with higher amounts (10- 25 mm) seen in the higher elevations of the country along the Haiti / D.R. border. Since the start of November, much of Haiti has been experiencing a normal decrease in late-season rains with some local areas observing rainfall deficits in excess of 100mm for the secondary crop season. This acute dryness has reported affected crop production in some local areas; however no major reductions in seasonal crop harvests are expected. Precipitation forecasts for the current observation period (Nov 20 – Nov 26), show low to moderate rainfall accumulations across Hispaniola, with locally heavier totals (20 - 50 mm) along the northern coastline.