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Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For **July 30 – August 5, 2009**



On July 22^{nd} a tropical wave was situated over Hispaniola bringing showers and thunderstorms to the island. Rainfall totals were moderate in the Dominican Republic, ranging from 25 - 100mm. In Haiti, light totals were observed in the northwest and moderate totals elsewhere. The rains improved negative rainfall anomalies that have developed in coastal areas since the start of July associated with Haiti's seasonal "dry period" that occurs at this time of year.

Haiti is currently between cropping seasons. Positive NDVI and rainfall anomalies indicate a favorable "main" cropping season in Haiti. Harvest activities are currently taking place for maize, rice, and bean crops.