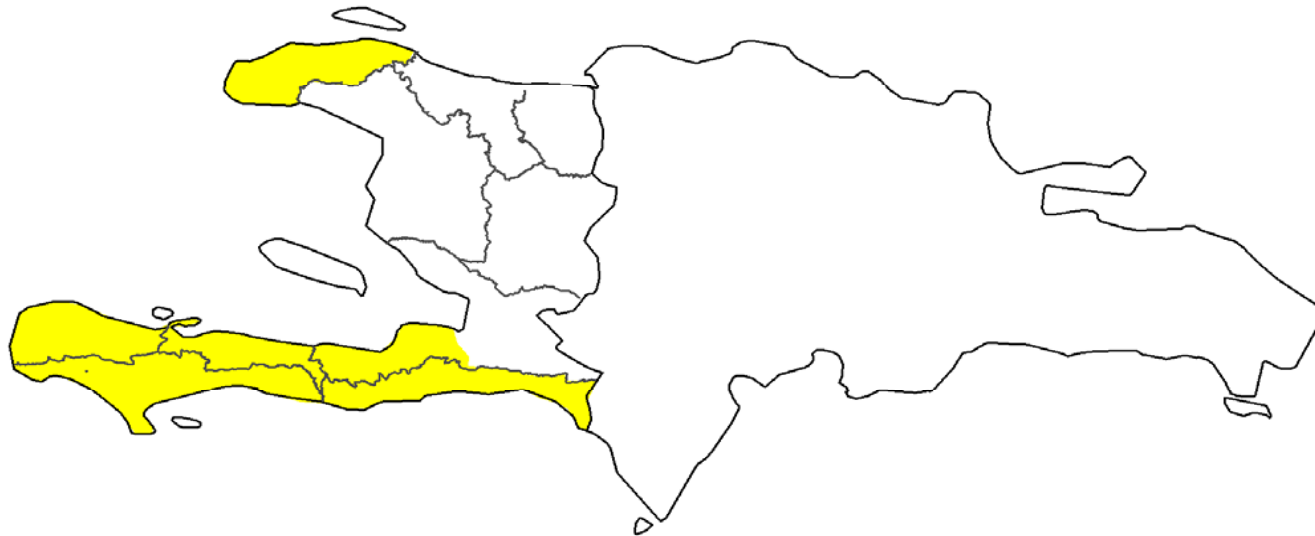


Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

September 3 – September 9, 2009



In the last seven days, reduced amounts of precipitation were observed throughout much of Hispaniola. The central highlands of Haiti received 25 – 50 mm of precipitation, while many local areas along the northern and southern coastline saw precipitation accumulations less than 10mm. Since August, poorly distributed and below-average rains have led to deteriorating soil conditions for cropping areas in the Nord Ouest, Sud, Nippes, and Sud Est departments of Haiti. Precipitation models show moderate amounts rainfall for much of Haiti (30-50 mm) with lesser amounts forecast along the southern coast and in the northwest. Potentially higher precipitation amounts (> 50 mm) are expected for much of the Dominican Republic associated with tropical storm “Erika” during the earlier part of the observation period. This system is not expected to significantly impact Haiti, as it is forecast to remain to the north of Hispaniola over the next seven days.