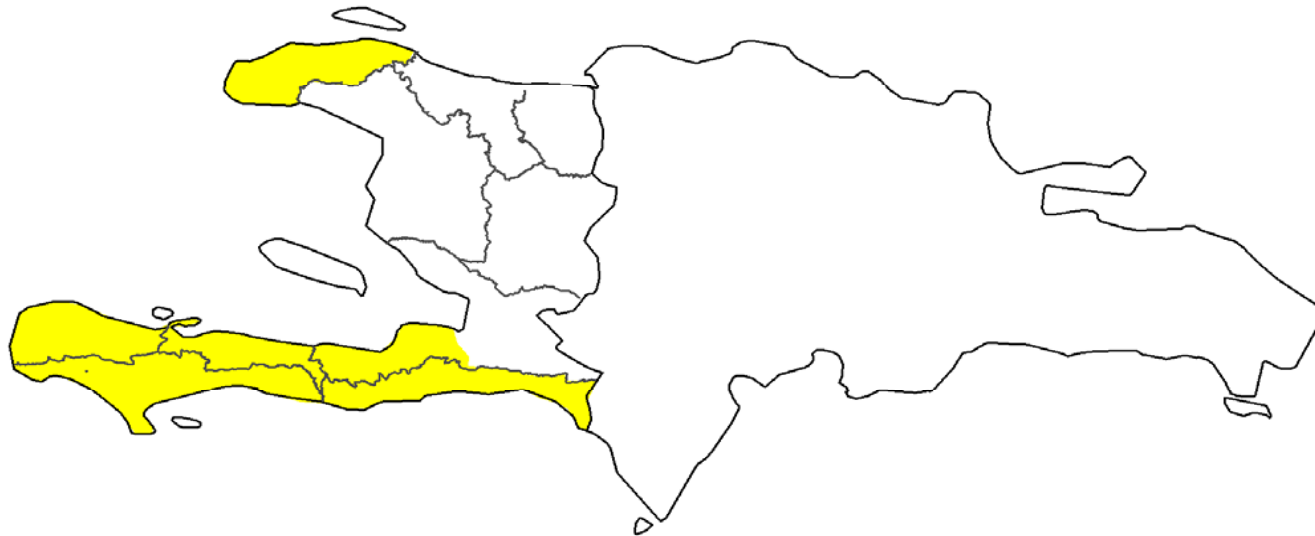


Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

September 10 – September 16, 2009



During the last observation period, increased rainfall accumulations were received throughout much of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The remnants of tropical storm “Erika” produced precipitation amounts greater than 75 mm across central highlands of Haiti, with moderate amounts (25- 50 mm) observed across northern coastline of Hispaniola. 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 forecasts suggest a continuation of moderate to locally heavy rains for much the island. Rainfall totals in excess of 50mm are expected to alleviate some drier than average areas along the southern coastline of Haiti. No significant tropical activity is expected for the next seven days.