

Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

September 17 – September 23, 2009



In the last seven days, beneficial rains were received across many parts of Haiti. Precipitation amounts in excess of 40 mm were observed throughout central and southern departments, with locally higher rainfall totals observed in the central highlands along the Haiti and Dominican Republic border. Earlier this month, favorable amounts of rain alleviated some dryness in the northwest department; however some local areas remain below-normal. Since August, rainfall continues to remain below normal for many local areas in the Sud-Ouest department. In the Nippes, Sud, and Grand'Anse department, precipitation has been near-normal, resulting in favorable conditions for bean harvests this season. Precipitation forecasts suggest a continuation of moderate to locally heavy rains over Hispaniola, with higher amounts in excess of 75mm expected over many drier than normal areas along the southern coastline. No significant tropical activity is expected for the next seven days.