The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Hispaniola March 17 – March 23, 2011

- **Increased amounts of rainfall across portions of southern Haiti are expected during the next seven days.**

Another week of light rainfall was observed throughout Hispaniola. In Haiti, little to no rainfall accumulation was received, with the highest rainfall totals in excess of 50mm observed just offshore of the southern coastal departments during the last week. This weekly distribution of precipitation marks the second consecutive week where moisture conditions have been marginally below-average. Although the month of March is climatologically drier than most months in Hispaniola, moisture anomalies still remain neutral, and this is expected to not pose any concern to ongoing winter cropping activities. Precipitation forecasts indicate a continuation of potentially high rainfall and anomalous moisture over southern Haiti, as well as over parts of northeastern Hispaniola during the next week. Elsewhere, light rains (5-20mm) are expected to continue into the middle of March.

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