Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
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- **An increase in rainfall was observed across Haiti during the past week.**

During the past seven days, Haiti has experienced an increase in rainfall accumulation. Heavy (> 50mm) rains were observed across the northern half of the country, including the Centre, Nord, Nord Est, and portions of the Artibonite and Ouest departments during the past week. Light to moderate (< 20mm) rains were observed elsewhere. Since the beginning of the second rainy season in August, much of Haiti has received seasonable rainfall with the exception of the southern and Artibonite departments, where rainfall deficits have ranged between 50 and 150mm. The continuation of seasonal rainfall is expected to replenish the ground moisture and aid cropping activities in Haiti. For the upcoming week, rainfall forecasts suggest the continuation of increased rains across Haiti. This is due to influx of moisture that is associated with the passage of weather disturbance in the region. In addition, tropical storm OPHELIA is developing over the Atlantic Ocean and could reach Hispaniola toward the end of the next observation period.

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