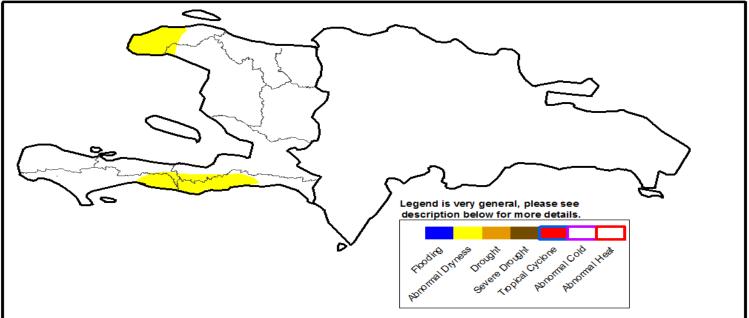






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET August 1 – August 7, 2013

Reduced rain was observed over Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, a reduction in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola, with little to light rain received across most parts of the Island except central Haiti and portions of western and eastern Dominican Republic, where moderate to heavy rain was recorded. Across Haiti, the observed near-average rain during the past week has helped to maintain rainfall deficits over the Grand'Anse, western L'Artibonite, and northern departments of the country during the past thirty days. However, light to moderate rain over the past week has helped farmers to plant maize and bean crops in the southwest. Meanwhile, average to above-average rain has persisted over much of the Dominican Republic during the past thirty days. For next week, limited rainfall amounts are forecast to persist throughout Hispaniola, with little to light rain expected across much of the Island. Isolated, moderate to heavy showers are, however, possible over west-central Dominican Republic. The continuation of poor rainfall distribution could further increase moisture deficits and negatively impact crops over the dry portions of Hispaniola.