Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
February 19 – 25, 2015

- **Heavy rains observed in eastern Dominican Republic.**

During the past week, little to no rainfall was observed over Hispaniola. However, local rain gauge measurements recorded over 120 mm of rainfall in Punta Cana of eastern Dominican Republic. Compared to climatology, this past week's rainfall totals were mostly average over the Island. Although Hispaniola has received average to above-average rainfall since January, seasonal rainfall accumulation has remained below-average since the beginning of the winter rainy season. Many areas have received only less than 50 percent of their average rainfall since December of last year. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor conditions over many areas, including northwestern and southeastern Haiti and western and east-central Dominican Republic. During the next week, moderate to heavy rains are expected to return along northern Hispaniola, particularly the Nord Est department of northeastern Haiti and northern coasts of the Dominican Republic. Moderate showers are also forecast over the Grand'Anse department of southwestern Haiti and southeastern Dominican Republic. In contrast, little to locally light rains are expected throughout the interior of Hispaniola. The forecast continuation of rains should help erode seasonal deficits further and aid winter season cropping activities over many local areas.

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