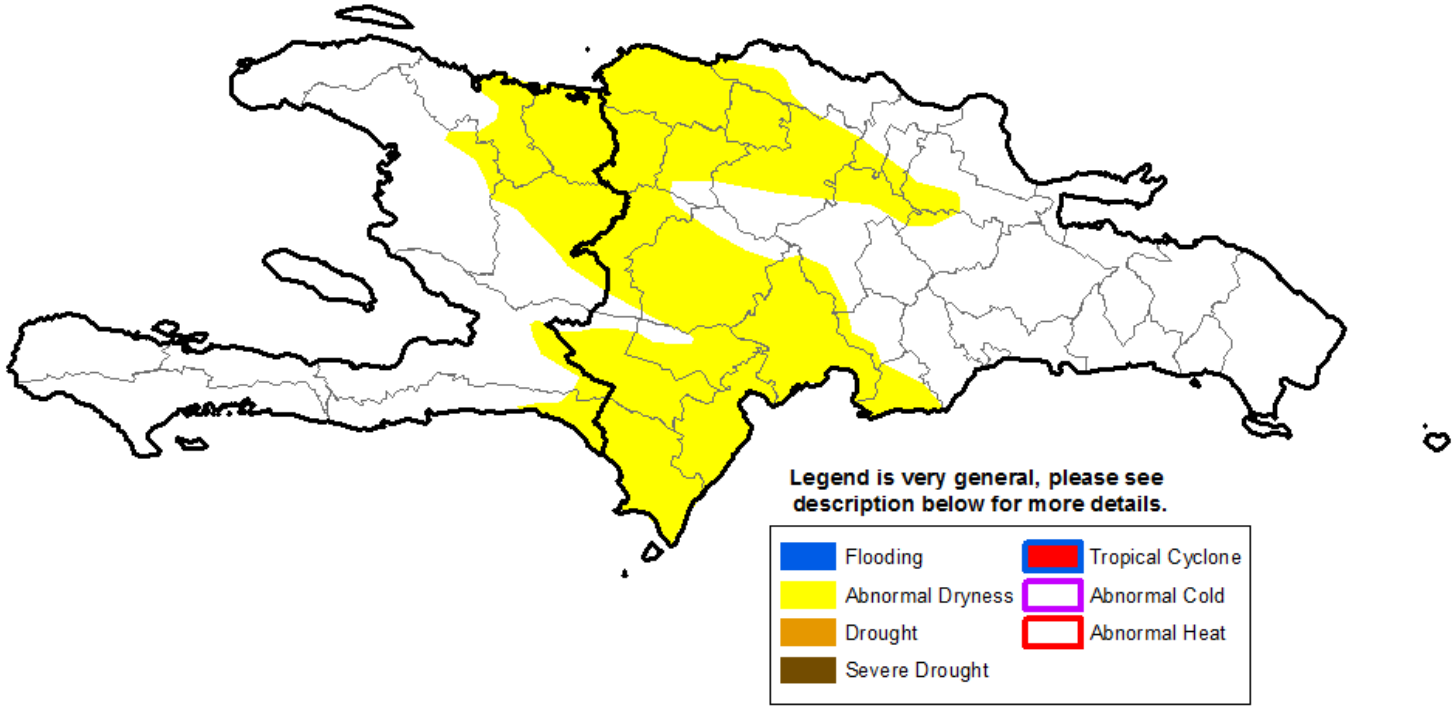
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
May 21 – May 27, 2015

- **Increased rains do little to improve early season dryness throughout Hispaniola.**



In the middle of May, a small increase in early season rainfall was received throughout central and northern Haiti, and along the eastern border of the Dominican Republic. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>75mm) were felt in the Centre and Nor-Est departments, with more moderate amounts (10-50mm) received in the northern coastal departments. Despite this increase in rains compared to previous weeks, precipitation remained average to below-average during the middle of May. Since the beginning of April, several consecutive weeks of below-average rainfall have resulted in rainfall deficits ranging between 25 to 80 percent of normal throughout much of Hispaniola. The poorly distributed rainfall has already negatively impacted ground conditions according to recent vegetation indices, and are likely to lead to failed crops that had been planted during March and April. This early season dryness has also led to increased concerns of domestic water availability. For the upcoming outlook period, a favorable increase in rainfall mainly across Haiti is forecast.

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