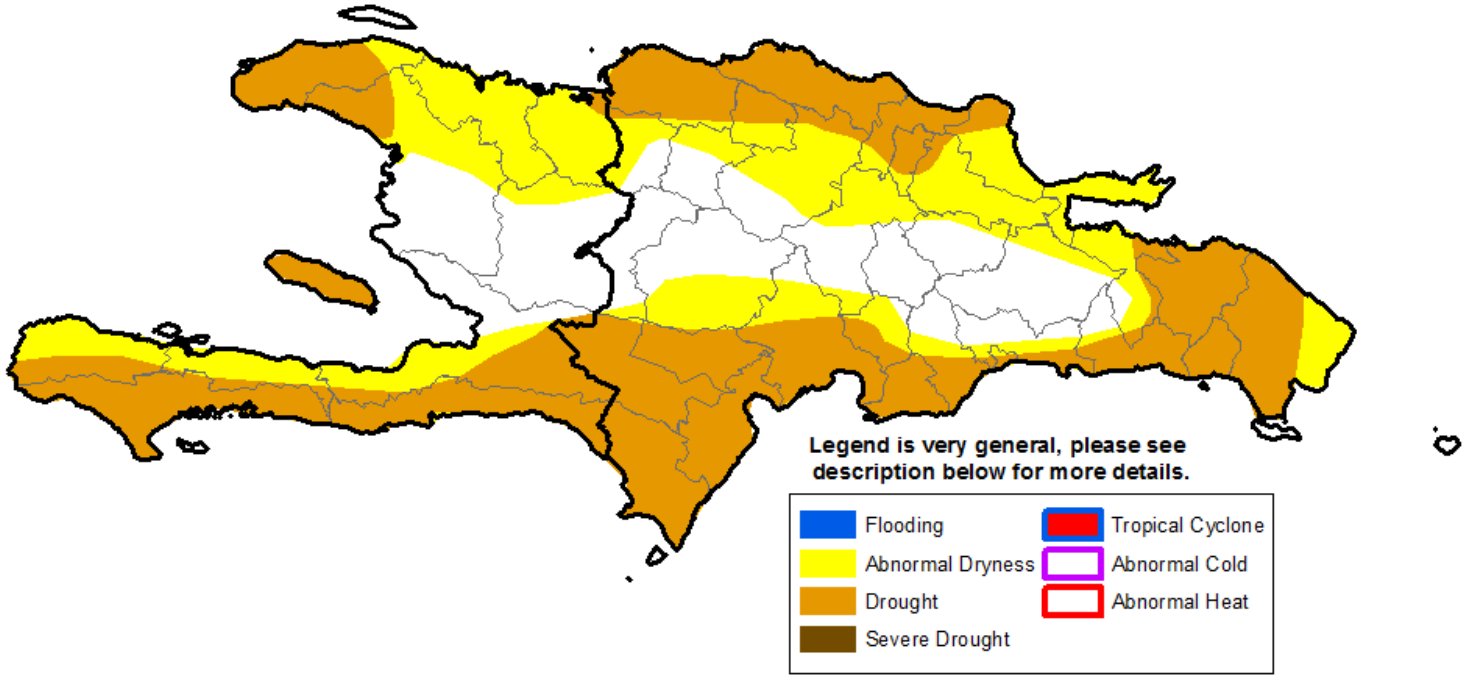
# Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
## September 17 – September 23, 2015

- **Indications point towards worsening drought conditions as rainfall continues to be suppressed**




Drier-than-normal conditions prevailed across Hispaniola over the past 7 days. The heaviest areas of rain fell over La Estrelleta, Dajabón, and Santiago Rodrígues provinces of the Dominican Republic, and neighboring Centre Department in Haiti. Greater than 100mm were observed in these areas according to TRMM estimates. The majority of the island however, experienced below-average rainfall. The southern tip of the Dominican Republic, as well as areas around Puerto Plata and Santiago, received very little rainfall this past week. Over the previous 90-day period, rainfall continues to run anywhere from near-normal in the center of Hispaniola to less than 50% of normal in coastal regions. The prolonged dryness continues to negatively impact ground conditions. Vegetation indices, along with WRSI, indicate conditions that remain very poor, or are continuing to degrade, particularly now in the north. During the coming outlook period, rainfall is expected to be near or slightly below average. This is the expected pattern resulting from the presence of El Nino conditions. The GFS model indicates that the best chance for heavy rainfall this coming week is over the higher elevations of central Dominican Republic. Heavier showers are also possible across much of Haiti. There is no threat from tropical cyclone activity during the outlook period.

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