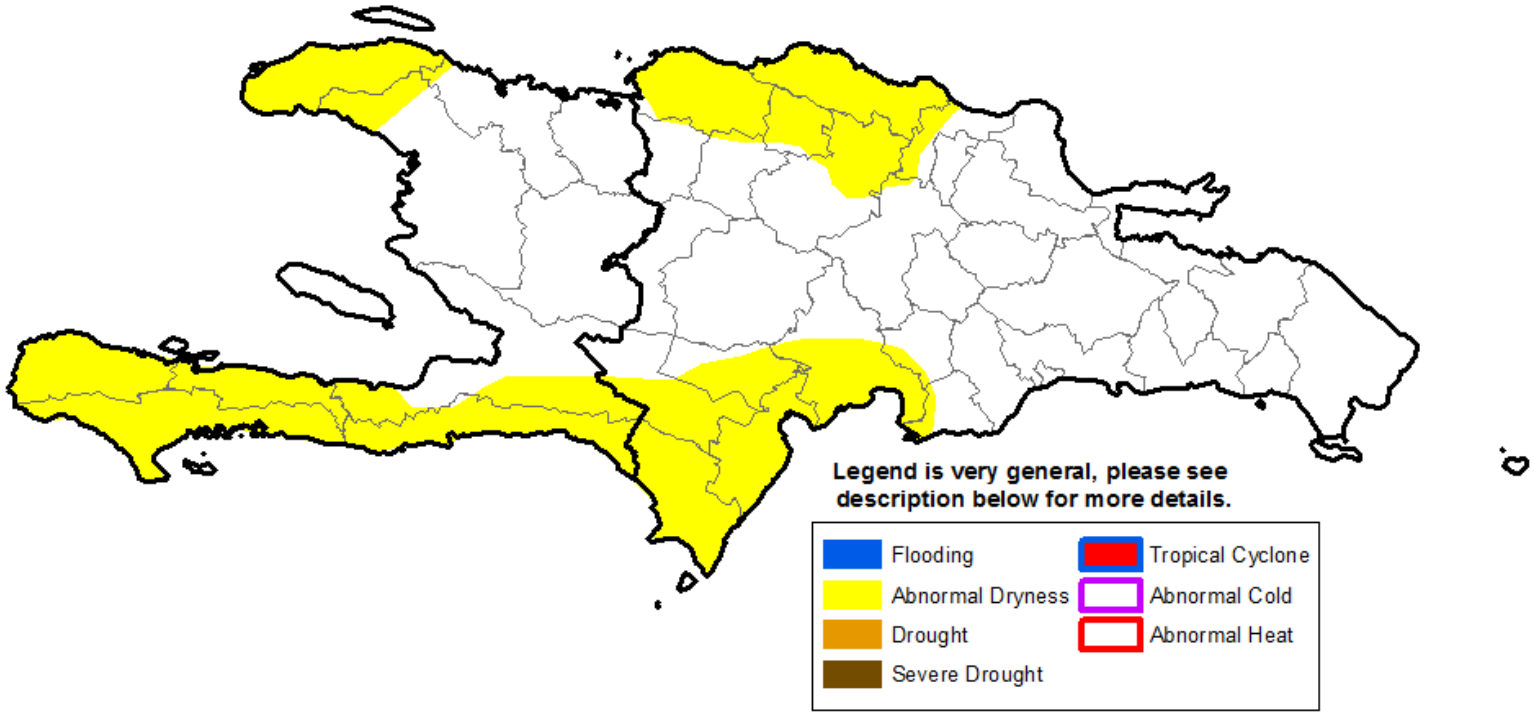
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
November 26 – December 2, 2015

- **It was a week of well-distributed rainfall for Hispaniola**



During the past week, scattered near-average rainfall was observed across Hispaniola. Rainfall amounts between 10mm and 25mm were prevalent throughout the island. Other scattered regions received very little rain over the period. Many regions in northern and southern portions of western Dominican Republic and southern Haiti still exhibit deficits well in excess of 50mm over the past 30 days. Rainfall has been consistently below average nearly every week for these locations dating to the beginning of the summer, with few exceptions. Similar deficits can be traced back over longer time periods for the same areas. Uneven distribution of rainfall in both space and time over Hispaniola has resulted in negative impacts on soil moisture and, consequently, vegetation health across the island. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor and degraded conditions over many local areas along the northern and southern coasts of Hispaniola. Similar conditions exist in Ouest Department of Haiti and neighboring Indepedencia Province in the Dominican Republic. Neutral conditions are generally observed across the rest of the island. During the upcoming outlook period, an above-average rainfall pattern is forecast over Hispaniola. Locally heavy showers are possible throughout the island; amounts could exceed 150mm. Since crops are entering harvesting phase, increases in rainfall will mainly benefit water storage and availability.