Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
February 11 – 17, 2016

- **Enhanced and widespread rain expected across much of Hispaniola during the next week.**

From February 3-9, light to no rainfall was observed throughout much of Hispaniola. The highest (< 25 mm) amounts were received over parts of northern and central Haiti. Over the past thirty days, near-average rain has been observed throughout Hispaniola, sustaining adequate soil moisture for winter-season crops. Moreover, since December of the past year, seasonal surpluses exceeding 50 mm have been recorded across the Island. Recent vegetation indices such as the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index and Vegetation Health Index have indicated average to above-average conditions over most areas, except the northwestern and northeastern parts of Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic, where below-average conditions have been observed. For next week, increased and widespread rain is forecast over Hispaniola. Moderate to locally heavy showers are expected over the northern and central portions of Hispaniola, in particular the Dominican Republic. The return of favorable rain should help reduce moisture deficits and benefit cropping activities over the dry portions of the Island.