

Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 03 – March 09, 2016

Light rains were observed this past week in Haiti and western Dominican Republic.



During the past week, light and moderate rainfall fell over Haiti, while lighter rains fell over western departments of the Dominican Republic. As much as 25mm of rain was observed over Ganâve Island where the highest totals occurred. Observed rainfall has been on par with climatology, or slightly above, over the last 30days. A normal frequency of rain events has been observed, as well, over the period. Both the VHI and NDVI indicate positive vegetation conditions. Only a few vestiges of last year's dryness remain in northern Dominican Republic. During the outlook period, forecast models indicate widespread precipitation coverage over the island. Some local areas are likely to receive in excess of 100mm of rain, where the heaviest showers occur. These amounts are most likely for central parts of the Dominican Republic. An increase in rain is consistent with climatology as we head through the month of March.