Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
April 7 – April 13, 2016

- **Rainfall continues to remain below-average for many local areas in Hispaniola.**

During the last week, a slight increase in rainfall was observed throughout some parts of central and southern Haiti, however, little rainfall accumulation was registered throughout many other areas of the island. Several consecutive weeks of suppressed March rainfall has led to the development of spring dryness throughout the island. Since early March, many local areas in northern Haiti and northern Dominican Republic have received less than a quarter of their normal rainfall accumulation, with drier than average conditions also being felt across the southern Haitian peninsula. Remotely sensed vegetation indices depict generally favorable conditions across many areas in Haiti and Dominican Republic, some deterioration has been observed over some areas in the Centre, Nord, and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. Indications from Haiti are that ground conditions are positive for early planting activities. For the upcoming outlook period, precipitation models suggest a seasonable distribution of rainfall for early April. Moderate to locally heavy amounts of precipitation are likely throughout central Hispaniola, with less amounts expected for many coastal areas.