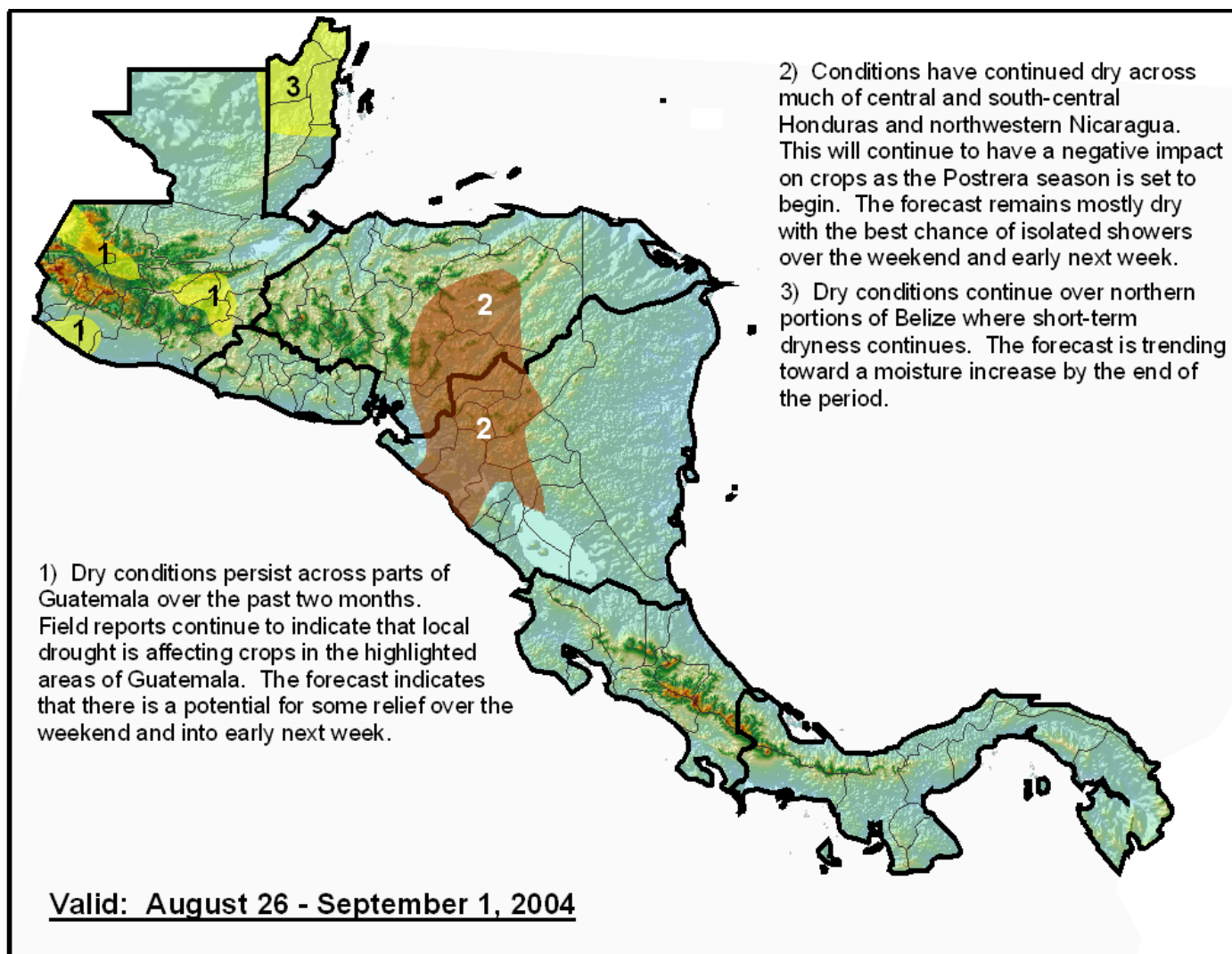


The MFEWS

Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

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1. Precipitation totals along the highlighted regions in central and southern Guatemala are running 25 to 75% of normal for the month of August. Field reports have indicated that several municipalities located within the polygons have sustained significant damage and immature crops due to the lack of appreciable rainfall. Rain showers are forecasted to be on the increase during the next period especially over the weekend and early next week. This will help with a positive start to the Postrera season.
2. Rainfall has been well below normal for the past several months in portions of central Honduras and northwestern Nicaragua. Over the previous week isolated showers fell over parts of the highlighted region in Nicaragua, but the Primera season deficits still remain. Another round of showers may positively impact the region over the latter part of the current hazard period. The moisture increase will be beneficial to the start of the Postrera season.
3. Short-term precipitation deficits remain in northern Belize where the rainfall was 25 to 75% of normal for the month of August. Crop yields may be affected by this recent drying trend. There is a chance of daily showers over the region starting on Saturday through next week.

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