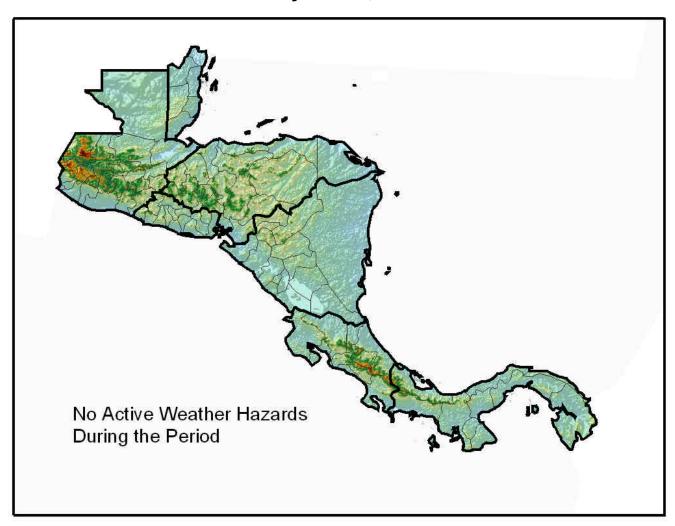


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Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

No weather hazards are anticipated during the period.

Recent developments in the tropical atmosphere and in the ocean water temperature structure in the eastern tropical Pacific may result in a dry period during the second and third weeks of May. This may result in a shaky start to the wet season for Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and northwestern Costa Rica. This will have to be closely monitored during the next couple of weeks.

Widespread forest and brush fires have encompassed much of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. While food security implications should be minimal, the fires can cause additional problems in these areas.

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