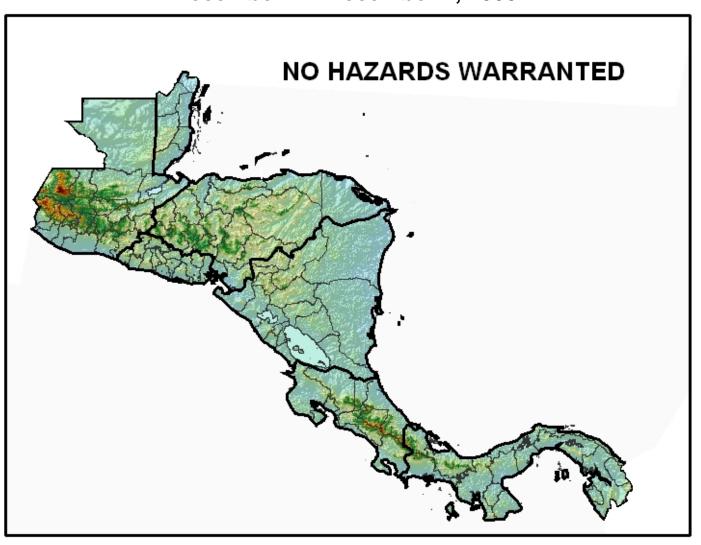


The MFEWS

Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

For

December 1 – December 7, 2005



Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- * Much drier conditions will prevail over Central America for this upcoming period allowing portions of northern Honduras and north-eastern Nicaragua to dry out a bit, along with portions of Panama and south-eastern Costa Rica. These areas have been receiving ample amounts of rainfall and this brief relief of heavy rainfall will be a good opportunity for any harvesting or planting of crops that may need to be completed.
- * Though drier conditions will be the main topic of discussion over the next few days, expect areas of central Guatemala eastward along the Caribbean coastline toward the Gulf of Honduras region, to receive rainfall early in the period with estimated amounts ranging from 20 to 30 mm, with locally higher amounts. This rain will be associated with a frontal-boundary that will bring slightly cooler conditions to the area, however will pose no threat to crops. Another area for sporadic shower activity will be along Nicaragua's extreme eastern seaboard. Look for rainfall amounts to range from 45 to 55 mm throughout the period. With rainfall amounts to be minimal and the overall conditions to be drier across Central America, no hazards were warranted for the upcoming period.

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