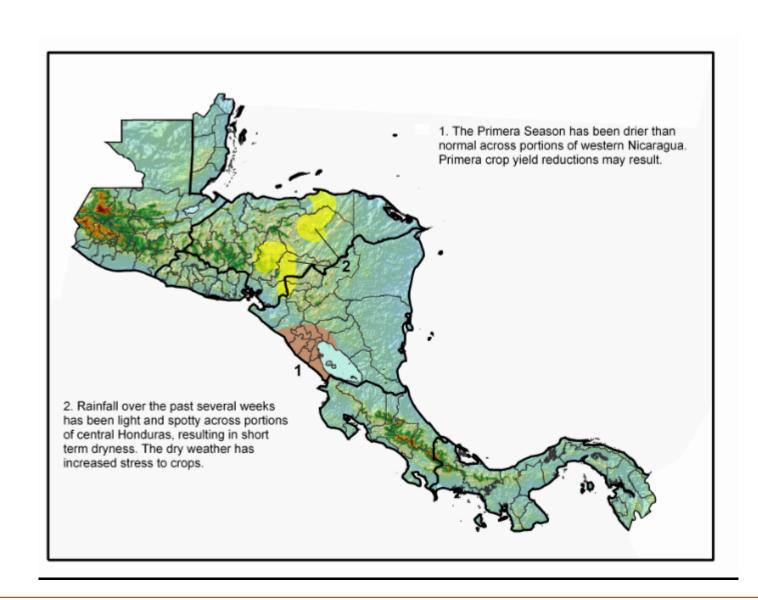


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Hazards Benefits Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) Primera rains have been erratic and lighter than normal across coastal portions of western Nicaragua. The dry spell may result in crop stress, yield reductions, and a reduction of water supplies. Scattered showers are expected during the period. However, significant rainfall is not expected.
- 2) Seasonal rains have been light across portions of Honduras since the beginning of July, resulting is some localized dryness. Rainfall totals since early July are less than 100 mm across much of Francisco Morazan, portions of El Paraiso, Olancho and Colon. In some areas, less than 50 mm has been reported. Although recent reports from the field did not indicate any stress to crops, the dry spell may begin to have a negative impact on crops. Satellite imagery indicates that vegetation may be becoming stressed. Scattered showers are possible, but the prospects for significant rains are poor during the period.

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