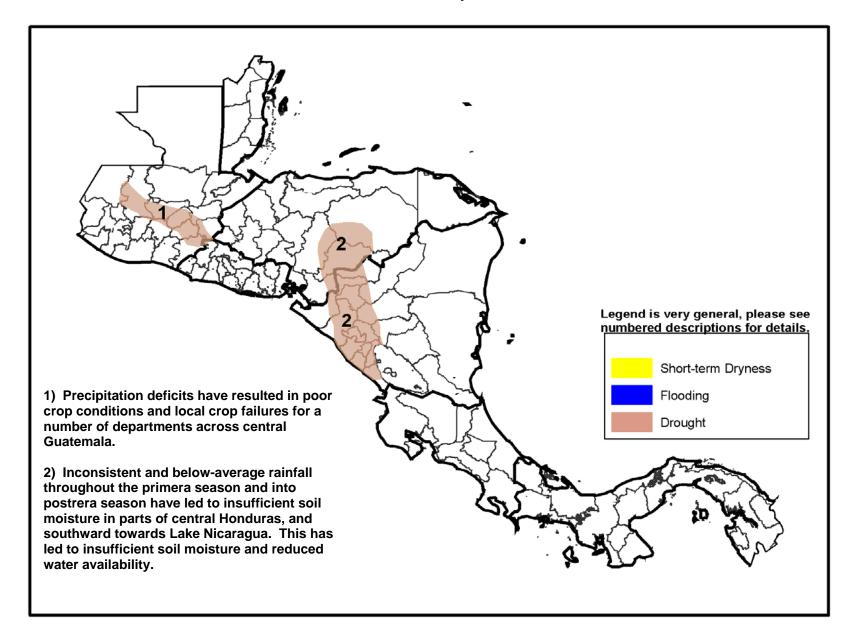


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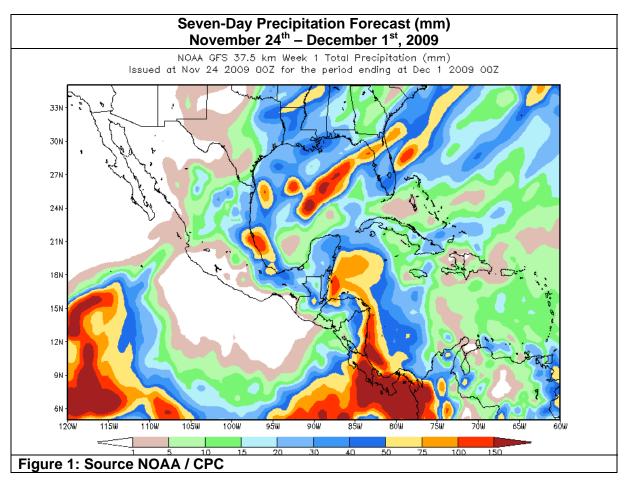
• Little rainfall was observed throughout Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, with more moderate precipitation observed along the northern coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama over the last seven days.



Some continued relief to heavy rains and flooding.

During the last observation period, seasonably light rainfall was observed throughout Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Locally, the heaviest rains were received in central Guatemala (25-35 mm), with light showers (10 -25 mm) observed along the southern departments, and across the border into El Salvador. In Costa Rica and Panama, more moderate precipitation accumulations were observed across the northern coastline, with amounts ranging between 25-50mm, and locally heavier amounts in Panama. This decrease in rainfall is expected to provide continued relief for areas that were significantly impacted with localized flooding, landslides and damages to infrastructure across Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

Precipitation forecasts suggest a moderate increase in rainfall for the next observation period. Moderate to heavy precipitation totals ranging between 50-75mm are expected for northern Costa Rica and Panama, with slightly lesser totals expected along northern parts of Honduras and Guatemala in the next seven days.



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