



Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook March 27 – April 2, 2014

- Average to below-average rains expected during the next week.



Decreased amounts of rainfall forecast during late March and into April.

During the last observation period, low to locally moderate amounts of precipitation were received throughout Central America. The highest weekly accumulations (20-40mm) were observed in northern Belize, and along the Pacific departments of Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Lighter amounts were observed for many interior departments. During first half of March, two consecutive weeks of enhanced Apante rainfall led to the development of moisture surpluses throughout many parts of Guatemala and Honduras. The above-average rainfall in these areas brought relief to anomalously dry conditions that had developed since the beginning of year. However, rainfall still remains slightly below-average throughout parts of northern Honduras and along the Atlantic departments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica during the month of March.

During the next seven days, precipitation forecast suggest a continued reduction in the amount of rainfall compared to the last several weeks. Weekly rainfall accumulations are expected to be very light throughout parts of Guatemala and western Honduras. Little to no rainfall is expected for many interior regions on the Pacific side of Central America.

