

Below average rainfall in May

Key messages

- Below-average rainfall was observed during last 30 days over the major area of Haiti (Figure 1).
- Below-average vegetation conditions in some southern areas.
- Below average rainfall is expected during June.

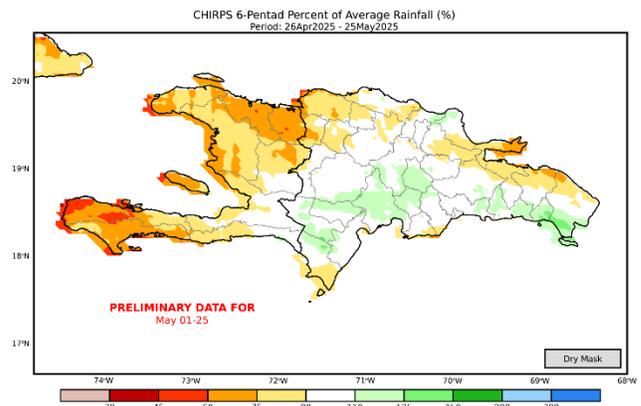
BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL ACROSS HAITI

Figure 1 shows below-average rainfall has been observed throughout May across most of Haiti, and particularly over the western half of the southern peninsula. Despite this reduction, vegetation health remains average to above-average across most of the island. This is due to above-average rainfall in March and April, which helped maintain soil moisture in the upper reaches of the watersheds, favoring irrigation activities. Above-average temperatures have not negatively affected crop growth.

The rainfall forecast shown in Figure 2 indicates that below-average rainfall conditions will likely persist into June. This, coupled with a forecast of above-average temperatures, could negatively affect the development of crops, primarily bean crops in the intermediate and advanced stages.

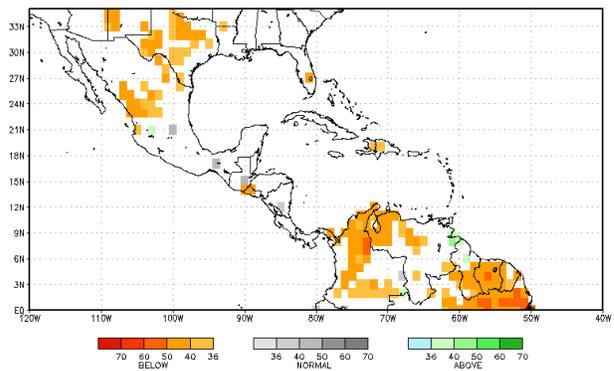
Forecasts from the University of Colorado and NOAA indicate an above-average hurricane season in the Caribbean Basin. It is important to monitor hurricane development and trajectories beginning June 1, the season's start date.

Figure 1. Percent of average rainfall (%), April 26th – May 25th, 2025.



Source: UCSB/USGS/FEWSNET

Figure 2. NMME probabilistic forecast for June 2025.



Source: CPC/NOAA



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