Average start of sowing season in Haiti

Key Messages

- Average start of sowing activities observed in Haiti.
- Vegetation conditions are mostly above-average with localized areas of below-average conditions.
- Increased rainfall is improving soil moisture and supporting agricultural activities.

Moisture conditions favor sowing activities

During recent weeks, from February 21 to March 20, rainfall was average to above average across Haiti. Large surpluses of more than 200mm were observed in Centre region, eastern Haiti. Adequate and timely rainfall distribution has maintained favorable conditions for irrigation systems and soil moisture in cultivated areas. Rainfall received during the past two months has supported vegetation productivity into mid-March based on above-average NDVI values (Figure 1) across much of the country. Notably, vegetation health in the Centre and Artibonite regions has improved compared to the previous month. However, localized pockets of vegetation stress have emerged in central areas of Haiti (western Ouest), southwestern Haiti (Les Cayes), and in northwestern Haiti (Gonaïves), primarily due to intermittent rainfall.

The sustained period of above-average rainfall across most areas continues to support agricultural activities and normal crop development. Reports of pests and diseases remain within normal ranges, reducing the risk of related losses.

Rainfall is expected to remain above-average over the next 30 days, according to the SubC Multimodel Ensemble forecast (Figure 2). Combined with forecasts for slightly below-average temperatures, these conditions are expected to further support ongoing agricultural activities and crop development.

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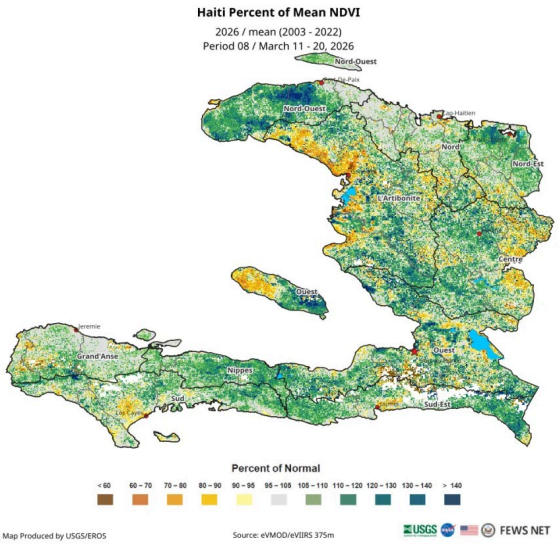
Figure 1

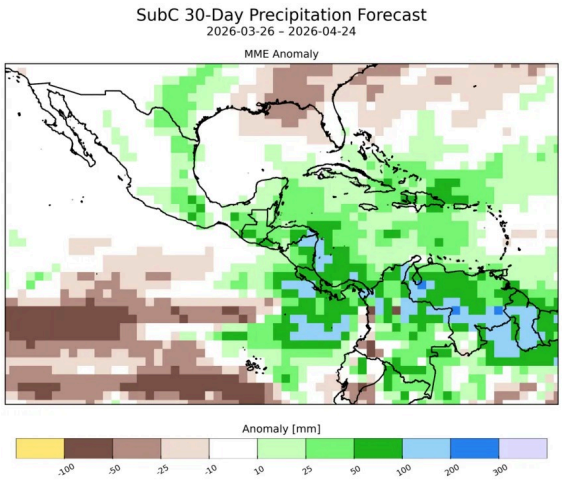
Percent of mean Normalized Difference Vegetation Index, March 11 – 20, 2026.



Source: CHC-USGS/FEWSNET

Figure 2

Average 30-day rainfall anomaly (Mar. 26 – Apr. 24) forecast by SubC models, from March 26th, 2026.



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