Below-average rainfall in November over Haiti

Key Messages

- Below-average rainfall over Haiti during November 2025.
- Average rainfall forecast for next seven days suggest average conditions.

Below-average rainfall after hurricane Melissa over Haiti

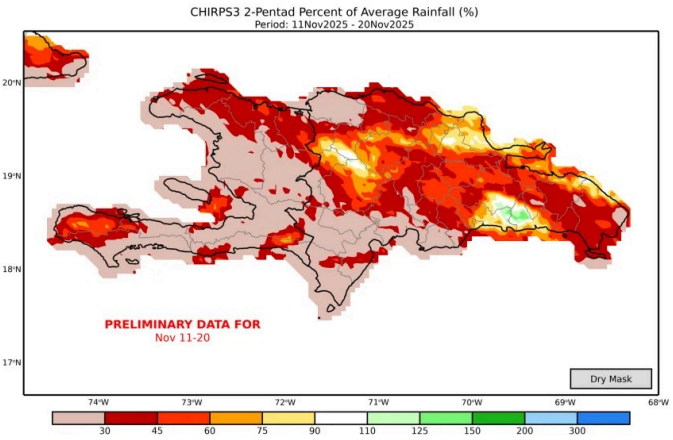
Hurricane Melissa brought catastrophic impacts to Haiti in late October, resulting in fatalities and significant damage to infrastructure and cropland. The highest rainfall totals—exceeding 300 percent of the historical average—were reported in Grand'Anse, Sud, Nippes, Sud-Est, Ouest, and L'Artibonite. Over a five-day period, rainfall surpassed 400 mm. The accompanying gusty winds, flooding, and landslides damaged irrigation systems, which could pose a challenge for farmers in the upcoming planting seasons.

Since the beginning of November, rainfall has been sporadic and light. This has aided the drainage of flooded areas, replenished water storage in reservoirs, and facilitated crop activity in areas where irrigation systems were not severely affected. As shown in Figure 1, rainfall across most of Haiti for the period of November 11-20 did not exceed 30 percent of the usual amounts, which supports recovery efforts and crop development. Additionally, observed high temperatures are directly related to above-average evapotranspiration rates.

The rainfall forecast for next seven days (Figure 2) indicates average conditions for Haiti. This is favorable for agricultural activities and allows for the utilization of excess rainfall following Hurricane Melissa. Temperatures are expected to be slightly above-average, providing some relief to communities engaged in rebuilding infrastructure and production systems.

Figure 1

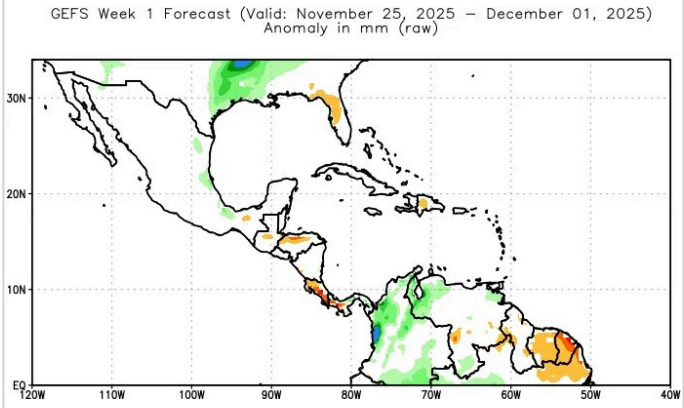
Percent of rainfall November 11 – 20, 2025.



Source: CHC/USGS/FEWSNET

Figure 2

Rainfall anomaly in mm November 25 – December 1, 2025.



Source: CPC/NOAA

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