

Above-average vegetation health across most areas in Haiti

Key Messages

- Seasonal rainfall distribution has been erratic across Haiti.
- Vegetation health as indicated by NDVI is mostly above average with localized areas of below average conditions.
- Rainfall conditions have been near average over the last month.

Average start of sowing activities in printemps season

Positive NDVI anomalies have persisted for a second consecutive month, indicating sustained favorable vegetation conditions (Figure 1). Residual soil moisture from late December, near-average temperatures, and generally timely, though erratic rainfall have supported these positive vegetation conditions. Parts of Artibonite, Ouest, Sud-Est, and the Gonaïves area are reporting the best vegetation health conditions. However, localized pockets of vegetation stress remain primarily due to intermittent rainfall.

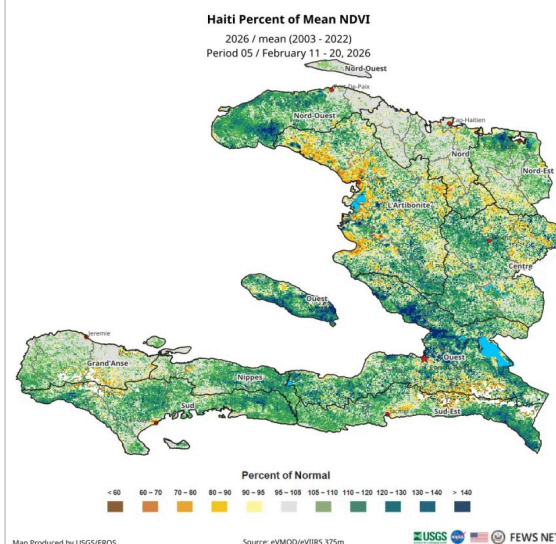
Current soil moisture conditions are favorable for sowing activities and preparations for the Printemps rainy season beginning in March. Short-term forecasts suggest generally average rainfall, but with some positive anomalies of 10–25 millimeters over central parts of Haiti (Figure 2). These conditions are expected to support adequate water levels in Lac de Péligre and Étang Saumâtre lakes. Average temperature is forecast to persist through March 2026, which should limit evapotranspiration and rapid soil moisture depletion.

Temperature and rainfall forecasts suggest an average start to sowing activities for the Printemps growing season. However, challenges are likely in some areas where infrastructure was impacted by Hurricane Melissa in late 2025.

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Figure 1

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

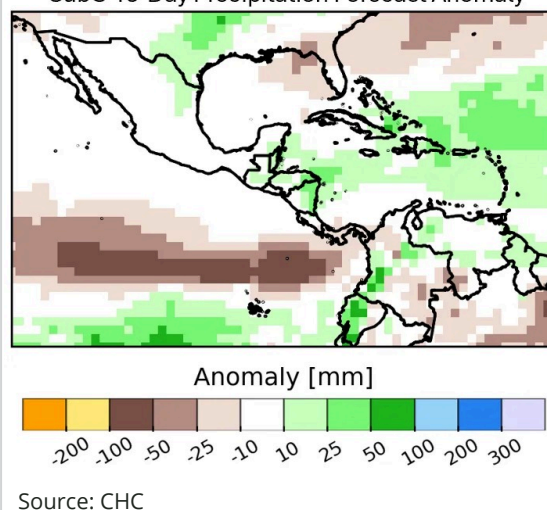


Source: CHC-USGS/FEWSNET

Figure 2

Anomaly in mm of rainfall forecast, February 28 – March 14, 2026.

SubC 15-Day Precipitation Forecast Anomaly



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