

the Outlook

Tropical storm activity is on the rise in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as we move into peak tropical season. Two disturbances in the Pacific may reach Cyclone/Hurricane status, but these systems will track out to the open sea with no impact on the mainland of Mexico. In the Atlantic, Hurricane Gaston looks to track northeastward out to open water over the next five days. The greatest concern at the moment is a broad low pressure area and tropical wave near Puerto Rico and the Leeward Islands. Although current environmental conditions are only marginally conducive for development, this system could become a tropical depression or storm at any time over the next few days. Forecasts give this system an 80% chance of formation over the next five days as it moves west-northwestward at 15mph. Strong winds, heavy rains, floods, and mudslides are expected over Puerto Rico, Haiti, and the Bahamas over the next few days as this system tracks toward Southern Florida. At the moment, the system is expected to impact Florida late Sunday or Monday. Heavy rains and strong winds will be possible for much of Florida early next week with several inches likely especially along the eastern shore. Light fall plantings have begun in Southern Florida, however the majority of the crops are not yet in the ground as growers monitor this system. We will be closely monitoring this system and keep you up to date as we get a better idea of its track and intensity over the next few days.

