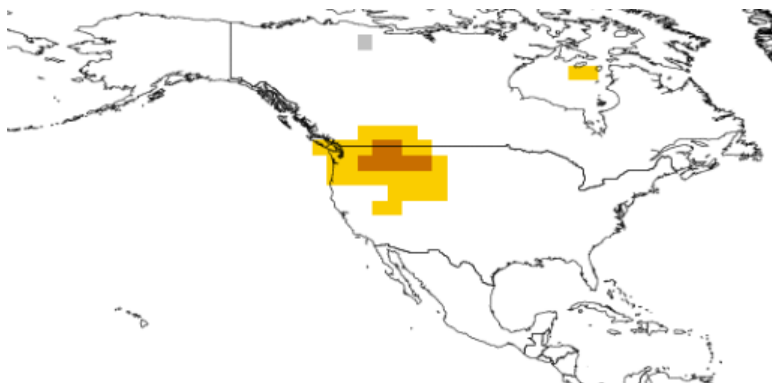


## North America Regional Forecast: Total Rain and Snow for May-July 2012

Produced by the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society

**Forecast Update:** There are few strong forecast signals this month, as we are no longer in a La Niña or El Niño phase.

**IRI Global Forecast Map:** Colours on this map show areas with an increased chance of having an unusually wet or dry season. The darker the colour, the more confident we are.



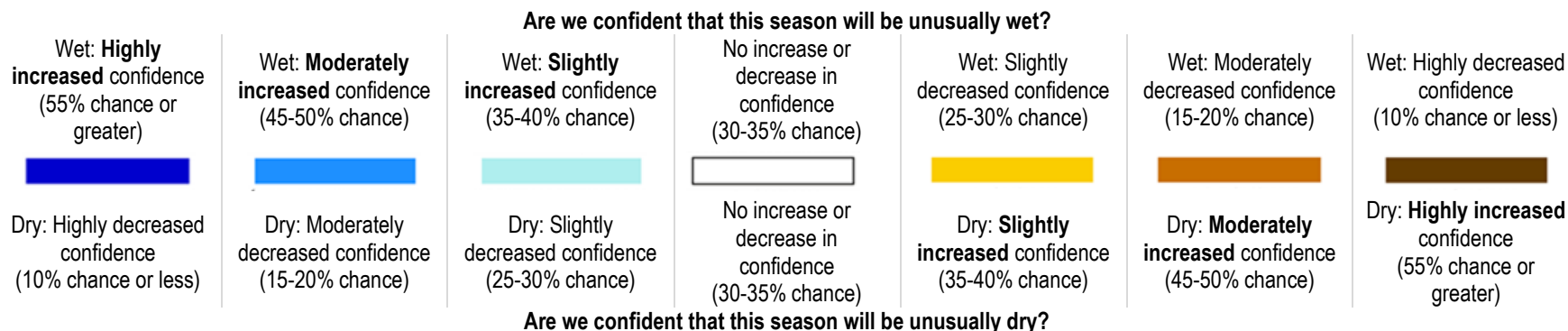
### Areas of Concern

**North America:** There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the **northwestern United States** and **southwestern Canada** will be unusually dry this May-July.

### What can I do?

To anticipate impacts, monitor local rainfall forecasts to see when and where rainfall events might occur. Some regional resources include: [NOAA](http://www.noaa.gov)  
If below-normal rainfall does occur, the following sectoral impacts are possible:

- Watsan: poor water quality
- Food security: change in planting/harvesting times, crop drying/storage



For more information to help interpret the forecast, see accompanying document called: 'Important Forecast Guidance and Resources'.  
If you have any questions, please e-mail the IFRC Helpdesk at IRI: [ifrc@iri.columbia.edu](mailto:ifrc@iri.columbia.edu).