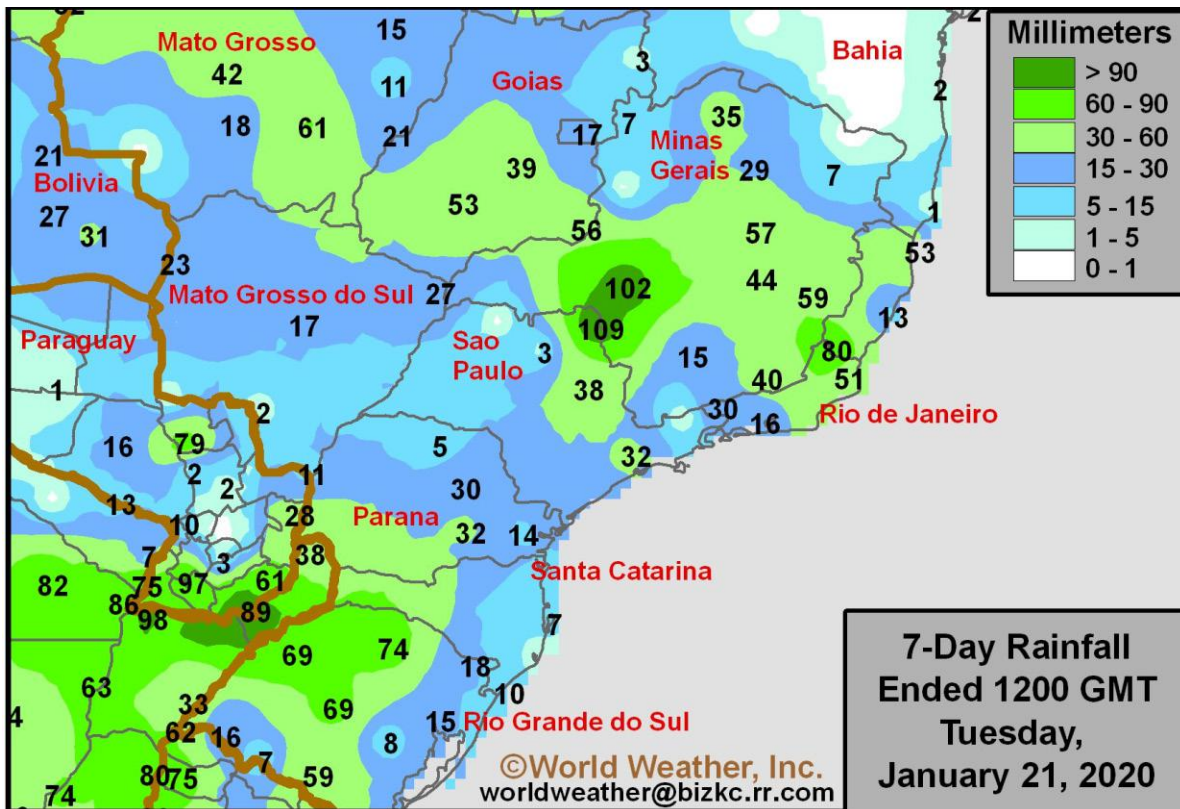


# Southern Brazil Will See Drier Biased Weather Return

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Kansas City, January 21 (World Weather Inc.) – [Additional rain in southern Brazil over this past week further completed the recovery from low soil moisture noted earlier this month.](#) Drier weather is slated to return during the next seven days that will again firm up the topsoil. There is enough subsoil moisture to maintain aggressive growth through all of next week, although timely rain will be needed soon thereafter to prevent moisture stress from threatening full season soybeans and corn. Mato Grosso, western Sao Paulo, and neighboring areas will dry down during the coming week as well. Minor stress due to the drying trend is expected by next week, but no impact on production is expected for any of these areas unless the dryness lasts into February. [In the meantime, too much rain is expected to bring on a little flooding in parts of Minas Gerais and neighboring areas during the coming week.](#)

Variable rainfall was noted in Brazil during the past week. Minas Gerais, eastern Sao Paulo and much of Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo into Goias and Mato Grosso reported 0.28 to 2.40 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending this morning. Portions of southwestern Minas Gerais received upwards of 4.29 inches while one location in southern Espirito Santo reported 3.15 inches. Central and western Rio Grande do Sul through Santa Catarina to southern Parana received 1.00 to 2.91 inches of moisture while Mato Grosso do Sul, northern Parana, and western Sao Paulo experienced net drying due to less than 0.67 inch of moisture. Bahia was mostly dry..

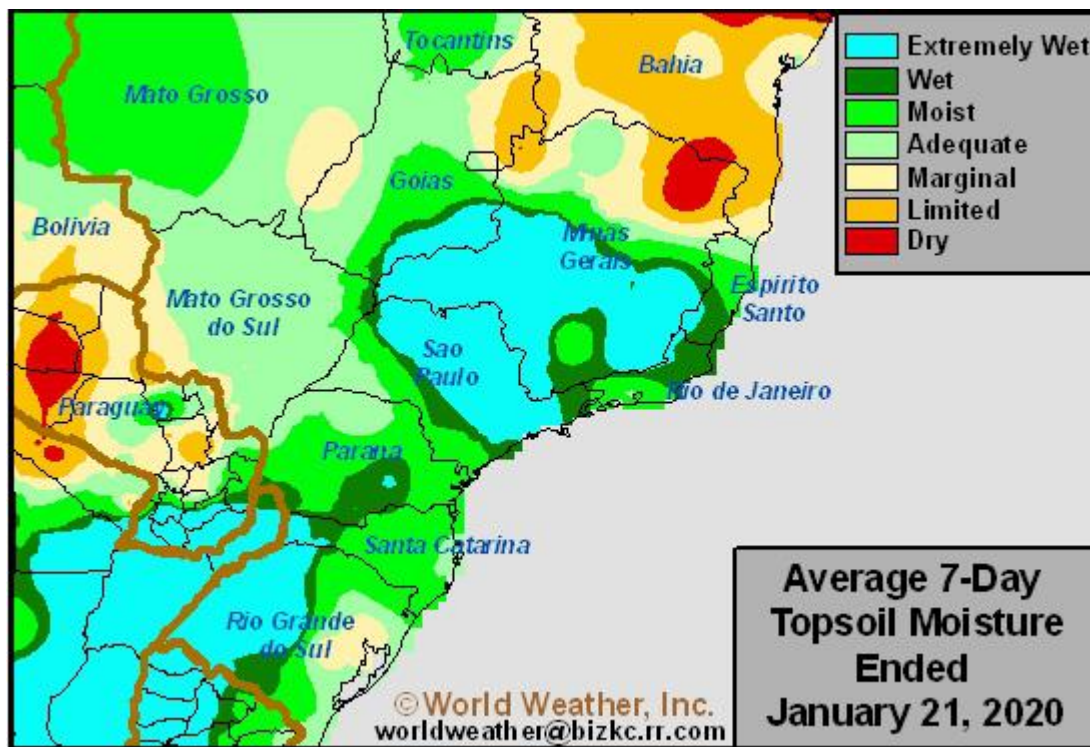


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Soil moisture is rated excessive for southern Minas Gerais and portions of Sao Paulo and western Rio Grande do Sul due to the recent rainfall. Other portions of southern, center-south and center-west Brazil have adequate to marginally adequate moisture. Bahia and northeastern Minas Gerais dried down during the past week due to the lack of rain and warm weather. Topsoil moisture is rated short to very short while subsoil moisture is adequate to marginally adequate.

Northeast Brazil had enough moisture in the soil to support aggressive growth outside some of the driest locations during the past week. The region only produces a small amount of coarse grains and oilseeds and no significant production impacts are expected. The region would still benefit from timely rain in the near future.

Corn and soybean conditions were rated mostly very good in far southern, center-south, and center-west Brazil during the past week. Only the northeast was considered to be dry enough in the topsoil for a little stress especially in northeastern Minas Gerais where extreme high temperatures reached into the middle and upper 90s with one extreme to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. Production potentials for the nation are very high.



Far southern Brazil into Mato Grosso do Sul and western Sao Paulo will be drier biased during the coming week. Rain will still be scattered across the region at times, most notably today and Wednesday. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.50 inches and local amounts over 2.00 inches for Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. Many areas in Mato Grosso do Sul and western Parana will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation.

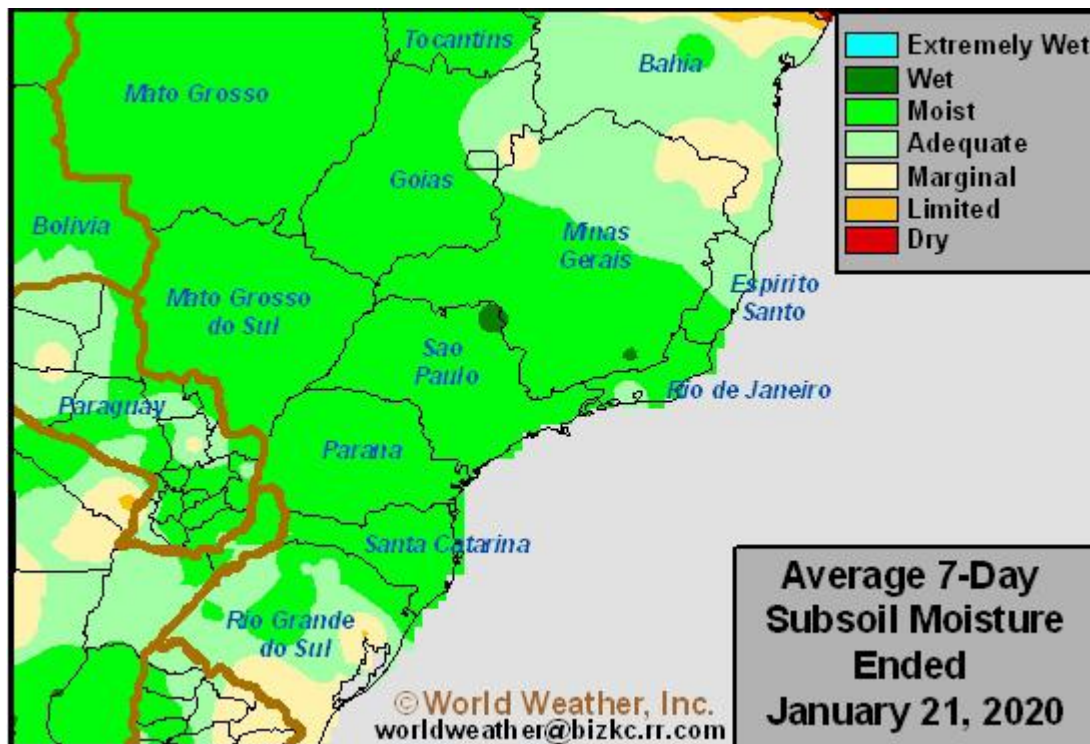
Portions of far southern Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul, and western Sao Paulo will slowly dry down during the coming week. There will initially be enough moisture to maintain aggressive corn and soybean development, though dryness may be a concern toward the beginning of next week. No significant crop stress is expected prior to that time.

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Timely rain will be needed during the last few days of January and early February to ease dryness concerns, but there will be no potential production changes through most of the week next week despite the drying trend. That could change if the drier bias prevails any longer than that. Early maturing soybeans will benefit from the drier weather will help speed those crops to maturity and that could help get some second season corn in the ground a little faster than feared once soybeans are harvested.

Mato Grosso and Goias into Minas Gerais, Bahia, eastern Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Espirito Santo will see several waves of rain during the coming week. West-central Minas Gerais into Rio de Janeiro and southern Espirito Santo will receive excessive rainfall and some flooding is expected. Rain totals in these wettest areas will range from 3.00 to 6.00 inches with local amounts of 6.00 to more than 10.00 inches by the latter part of next week. The remaining areas will receive 1.00 to 4.00 inches of rain.

Many areas in Minas Gerais may trend too wet at times to support ideal crop development. Minor damage will be possible due to flooding as well. Corn, soybean, and other crop prospects will remain favorable for the remaining areas in Northeast Brazil, Goias, and Mato Grosso.



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