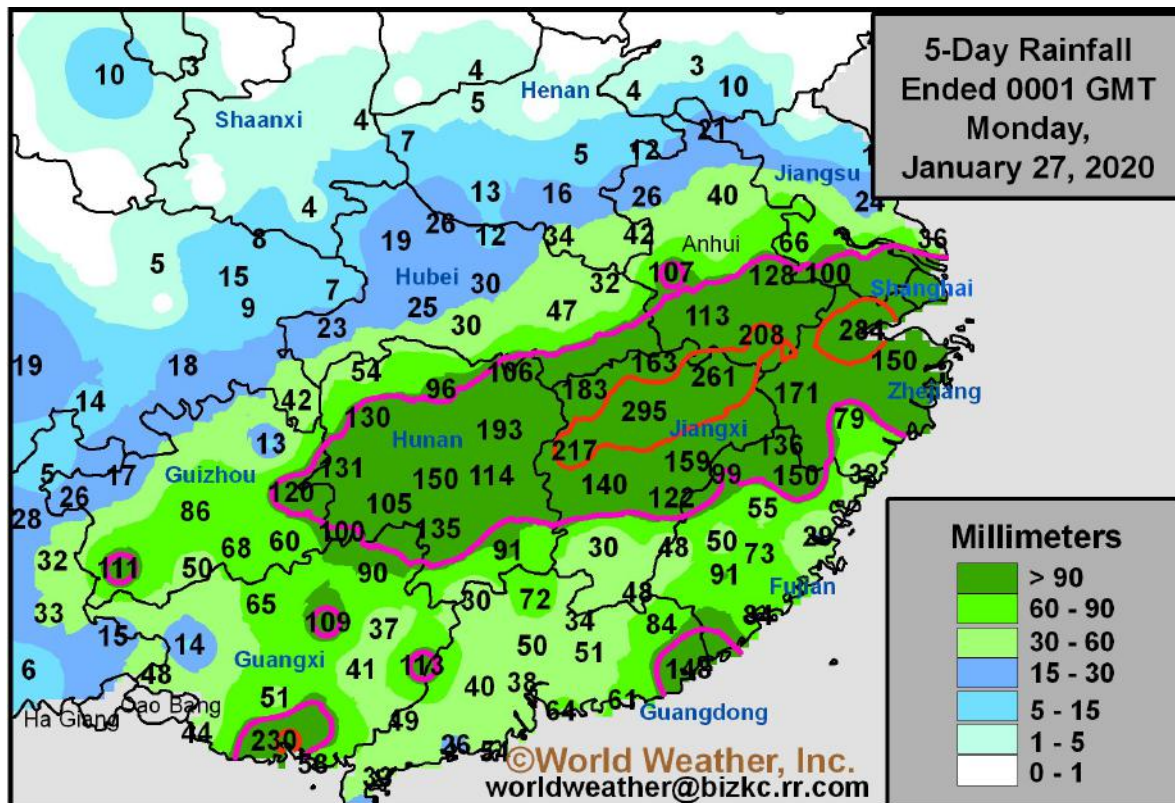


China Flood Water To Recede From Yangtze Basin This Week

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Kansas City, January 27 (World Weather Inc.) – [Saturated soil conditions present in China's Yangtze River Basin Friday contributed to some weekend flooding as additional heavy rain fell over the region. It was just a few months ago that the region was suffering from drought conditions. The weekend flooding may have had some negative impact on rapeseed and winter wheat, but most of the crops are not likely to be seriously impacted. The same precipitation event also brought some relief to ongoing dryness in the southern coastal provinces.](#)



[The past few days of rain in interior southeastern China was the greatest seen in months and the moisture was good in restoring water supply after autumn and early winter drought.](#) Rain totals were greatest near and south of the Yangtze River where amounts of 4.00 to more than 8.00 inches were widespread from Hunan to Zhejiang and southern Jiangsu with local totals as great as 11.61 inches. Surrounding the region of greatest rainfall was rain totals that varied from 1.00 to 3.00 inches with a few local totals of more than 4.00 inches. One location in southern Guangxi reported more than 9.00 inches of rain.

Much of the rain in the Yangtze River Basin occurred in areas that were already saturated resulting in 100% of the moisture occurring as runoff. The Yangtze River is likely handling much of the runoff without serious incident, but many of the region's smaller rivers and streams have flooded causing some infrastructure and transportation issues.

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Crop damage is not likely widespread, but some rapeseed and winter wheat is produced in a part of the flooded region. A little crop damage cannot be ruled out, but widespread losses are unlikely.

The moisture farther south in the coastal provinces from Guangxi through Guangdong to southern Fujian was extremely important and beneficial after months of drought. The region was very short of moisture late last week and the precipitation was helping to raise topsoil moisture for future planting of rice and corn and for the development of sugarcane. Most of the rain in Guangdong, southern Jiangxi and southwestern Fujian ranged from 1.00 to 2.00 inches with a few amounts over 3.00 inches. That was sufficient to ease long term dryness, but there is still need for additional moisture. Guangxi received greater rainfall with some central and eastern parts of the province getting 1.50 to more than 4.00 inches of rain. Guangxi's soil conditions likely improved more than the coastal provinces farther to the east. *Guangdong will have the greatest ongoing need for moisture.*

This week's weather will improve quickly with no significant precipitation likely in the flooded areas of the southeastern China through Thursday. A small weather disturbance is expected to produce another 0.50 to 2.00 inches of rain in parts of eastern Guizhou, southern Hunan, northern Guangxi and a part of northern Guangdong. No new flooding worse than that of the weekend is expected, but there may be a short term increase in runoff and river and stream flows briefly during the weekend in response the new rain event.

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