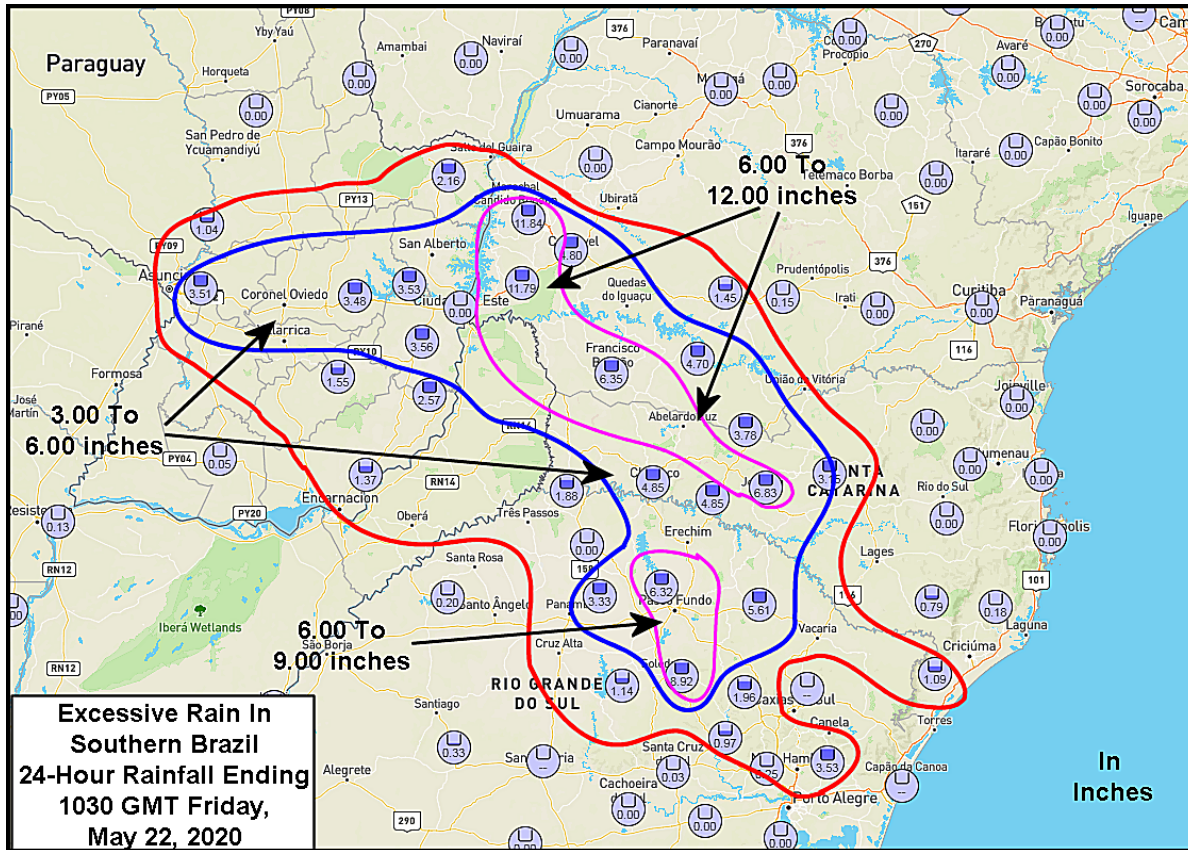


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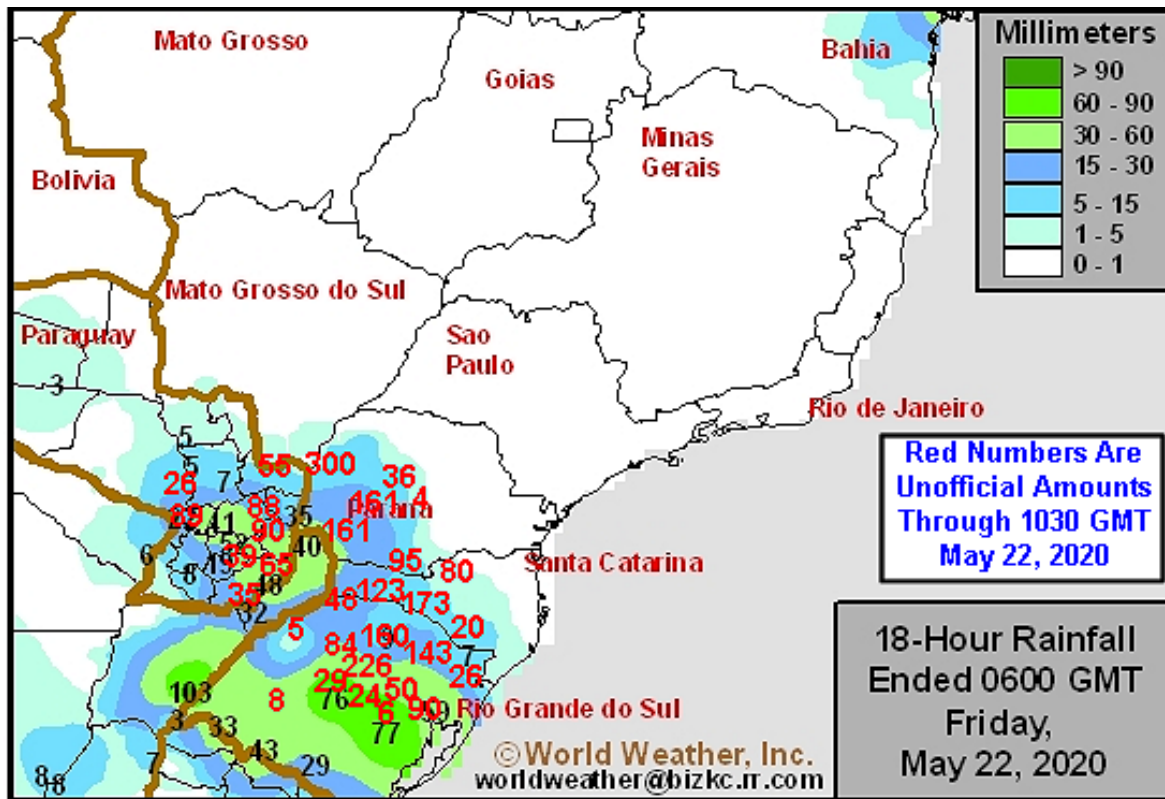
Kansas City, May 22 (World Weather Inc.) – Excessive rain over a large area in southern Brazil overnight is causing flood conditions from southeastern Paraguay and southwestern Parana into north-central Rio Grande do Sul. Damage to crops and personal property may be occurring.



Excessive rain has fallen over interior southern Brazil overnight and some of this event is still under way at the time of this writing. Rain totals through 1030 GMT today had already reached nearly 12.00 inches in far western Parana and varied from 3.00 to 6.00 inches over a broad region from interior southern Paraguay through southwestern Parana. The heavy rain event continued from southwestern Parana south southeast through western and central Santa Catarina to north-central Rio Grande do Sul.

Flooding is suspected of being widespread and with rain still falling at the time of this writing. The situation may become more serious as the morning moves along. The greatest rainfall will expand to the north into southwestern Sao Paulo and extreme southeastern Mato Grosso do Sul during the day today. The greatest rain will shift farther to the north as the day moves along and there will be a decrease in rain intensity tonight and Saturday as the precipitation advances northward into Mato Grosso do Sul and Sao Paulo. Additional amounts today will vary from 0.75 to 2.50 inches with local totals over 5.00 inches with the greatest rain expected in southern Parana.

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