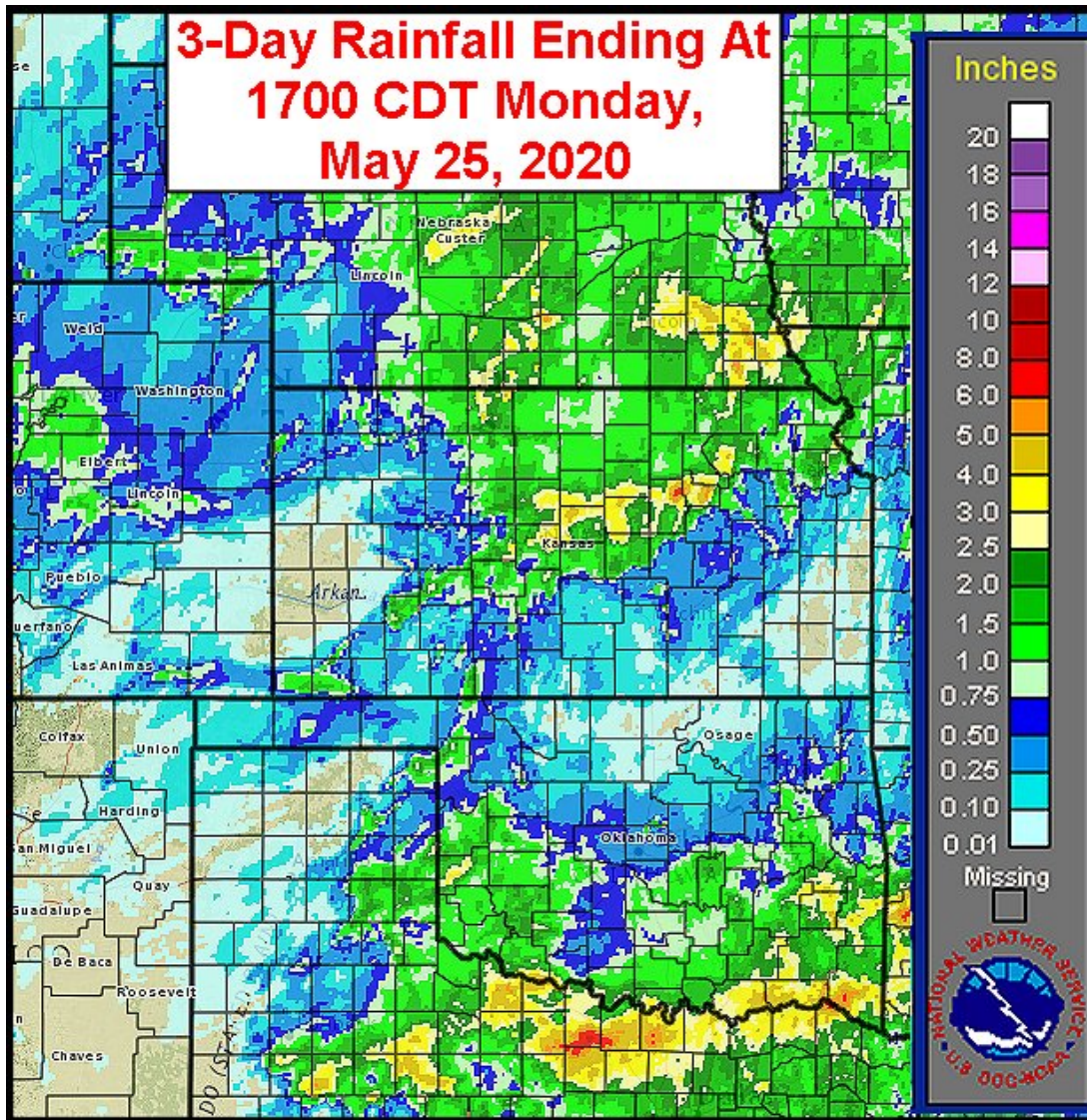


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Kansas City, May 25 (World Weather Inc.) – Scattered showers and thunderstorms occurred in the U.S. central and southern Great Plains Friday through Monday, but the rain proved to be inadequate in the west-central and southwestern high Plains where it was needed most. The outlook is not very good for these areas to receive much rain in the coming week, although a few more sporadic showers of limited significance will occur.



Scattered showers and thunderstorms occurred over a large part of the central and southern Great Plains Friday through Monday afternoon. However, the precipitation was a little too erratic and light in areas that needed it most to seriously change topsoil moisture. Many of the dryland wheat, corn, sorghum, sunseed and cotton areas in the west-central and southwestern Plains needed significant rain to bolster soil moisture for improved crop development. However, the precipitation proved to be a little too light and erratic for

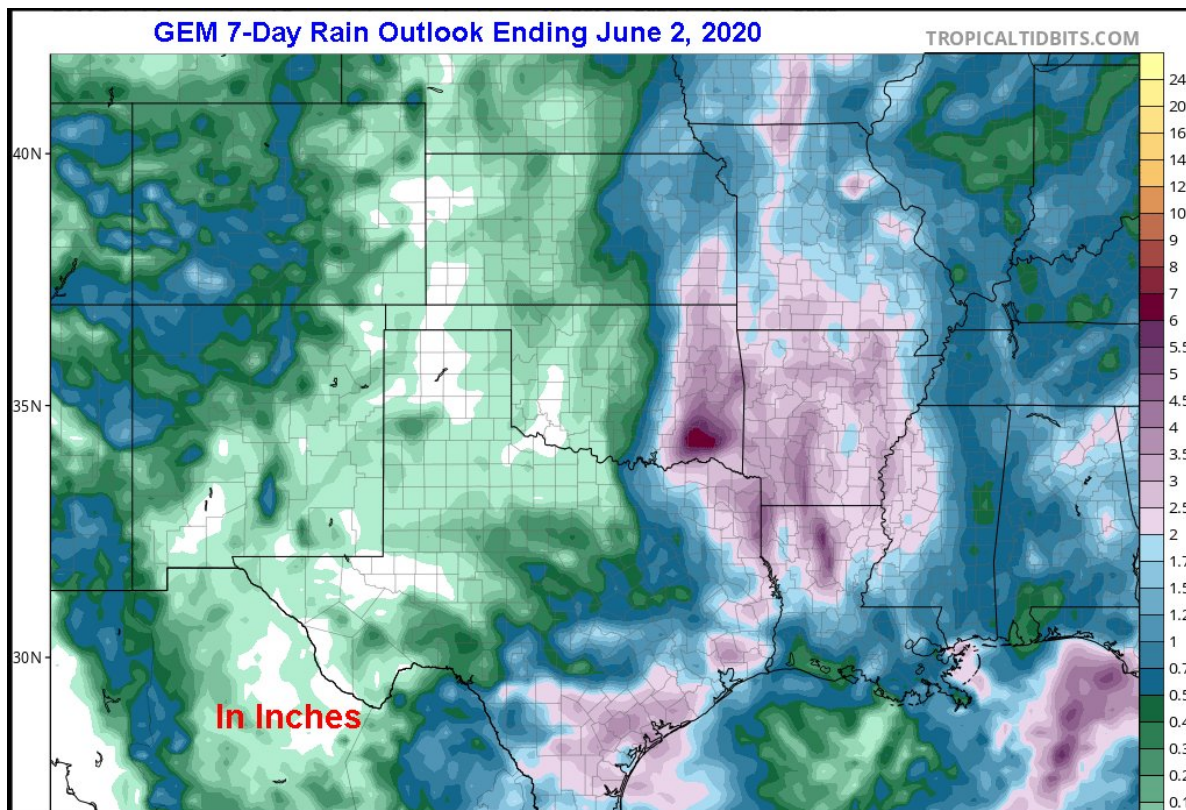
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[a serious improvement which is likely to lead to smaller wheat yields and a growing concern for dryland summer crops in the region.](#)

Several counties and parts of counties in west-central and southwestern Kansas and east-central and southeastern Colorado reported little to no rainfall. Similar conditions occurred in the northern and western parts of the Texas Panhandle. Those areas that did receive rain probably did not get much relief from it because of warm to hot temperatures and high evaporation rates.

Rainfall farther to the east in southern Oklahoma, north-central Texas and areas from central through northern Kansas to central and eastern Nebraska was great enough for a notable boost in soil moisture. Excessive rainfall occurred near and south of the Red River separating Oklahoma from Texas. Several counties in north-central Texas received 2.00 to more than 4.00 inches with Doppler radar suggesting a few amounts over 6.00 inches. The rain in these southern wheat production areas was not welcome because most of the crop was filling and maturing and my have suffered a quality deceling because of too much moisture.

The area benefiting most of the weekend rain was from central Kansas into central and eastern Nebraska where the moisture varyinjg from 0.50 to 1.50 inches with local totals over 2.00 inches occurred while the crop was reproducing and filling. Yields were likely bolstered in these areas.



Rainfall in this coming week is not expected to be nearly as great as that of the past few days. Most areas will experience a net decline in soil moisture that will help spring fieldwork advance in those areas that have good soil moisture or just recently received rain. The next better opportunity for rain is expected next week.

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