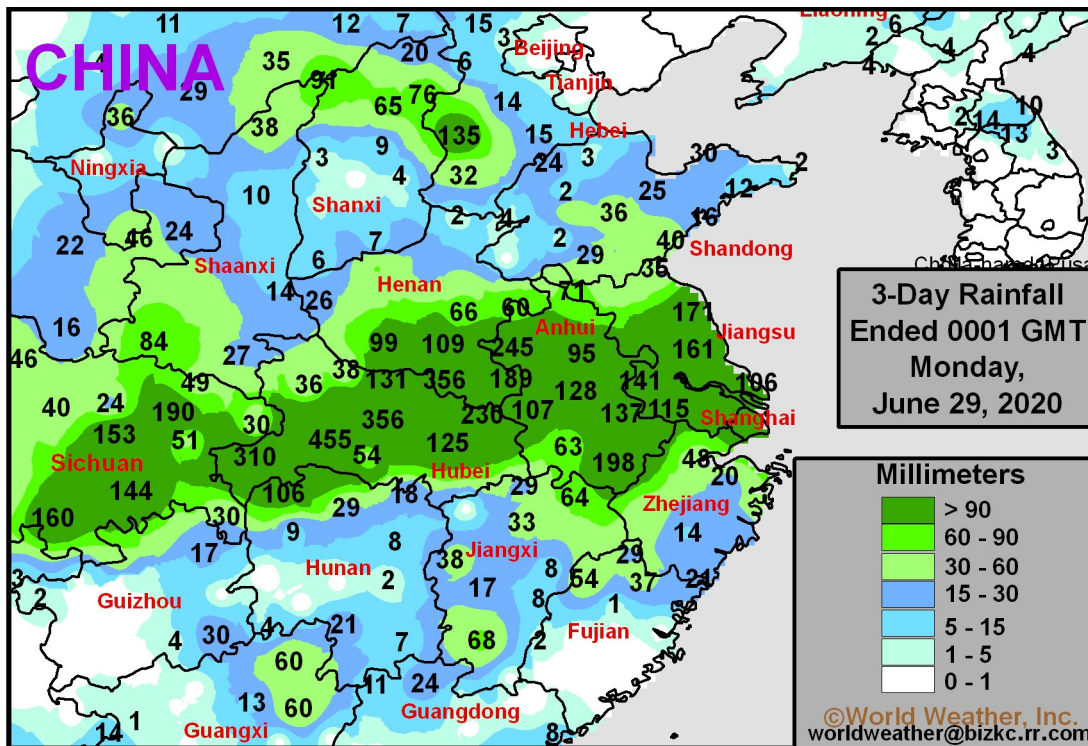


China Sees More Flooding Sichuan to Anhui

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Note: This is an updated report from that originally released Sunday morning, June 28

Kansas City, June 29 (World Weather Inc.) – There have been few weekends that have passed since early March that a part of southern or east-central China has not experienced flooding this year. The latest reports of torrential rain came from the region from Sichuan to parts of Anhui and more damage to crops and personal property has likely occurred. Some of the flooding rainfall has been the worst in 40-80 years depending upon location and rice and rapeseed have likely been most significantly impacted.



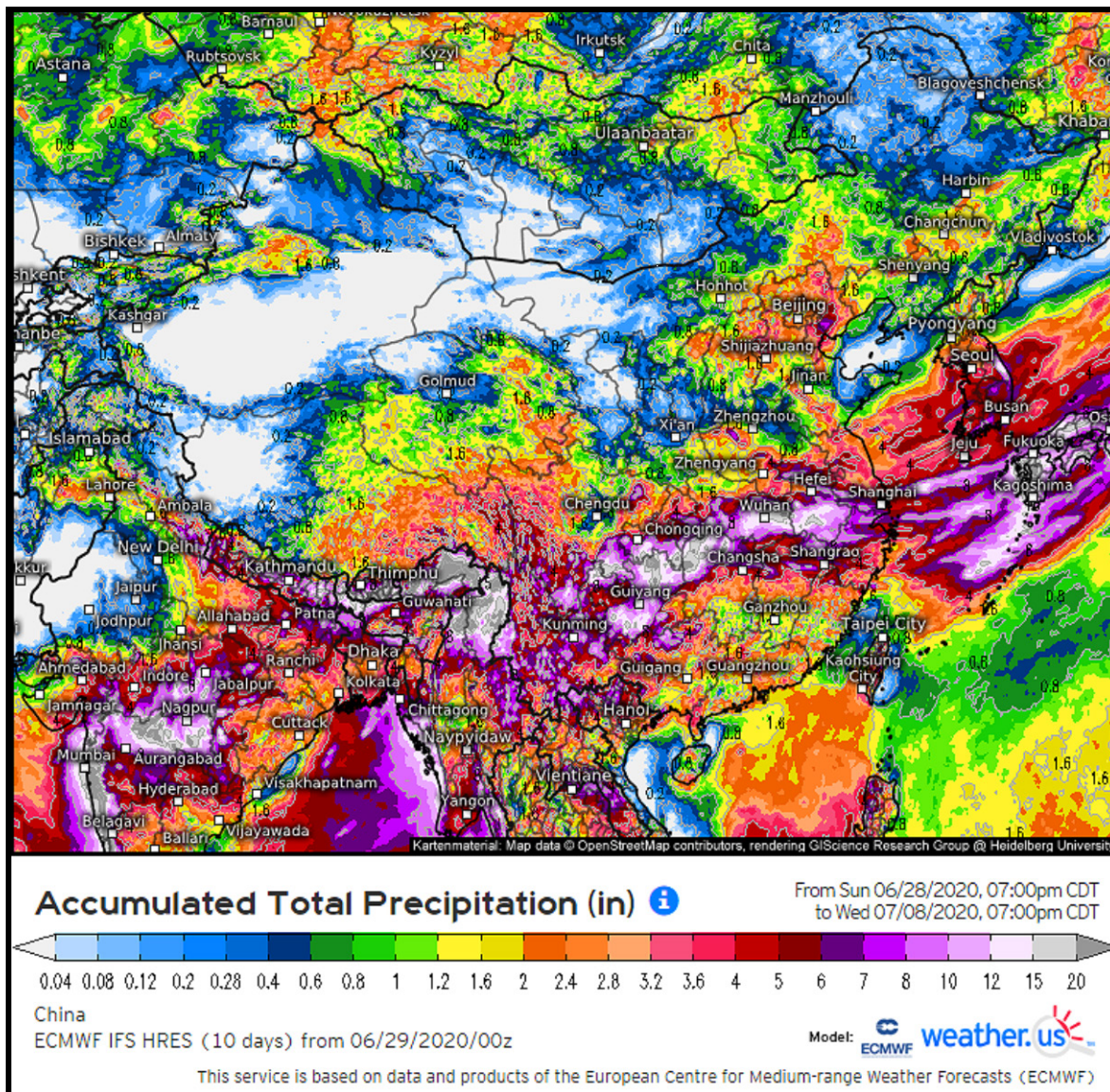
Rain totals of 5.00 to 14.00 inches occurred from eastern Sichuan through central portions of Anhui to parts of Jiangsu Friday through 0001 GMT today (Monday). By far, the greatest rainfall occurred from southwestern through central Hubei where upwards to 12.20 to 17.91 inches resulted. The city of Yichang was reporting the greatest rainfall.

Finally, after months of torrential rain and rumors of serious flooding there is more confirmation coming from China now. Some of the flooding in that country is the worst in 40 to 80 years depending on location. Worry has been rising over the Three Gorges Dam built on the Yangtze River many years ago to reduce the damage from flooding rains like this, but some are concerned that the dam may not hold. Conflicting comments have been made by various sources as to the integrity of the dam sending fear to the 400 million people that live downstream from the dam. Most likely the dam will hold the water, but there is certainly reason to be concerned about crop and property damage from the yangtze River Basin southward to the interior southern parts of the nation from all of the excessive rain this year.

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Most of the weekend rain was confined to a relatively narrow area leaving the southern parts of the nation with much less rain and allowing past flood water to recede. It will be very interesting to hear what crop production will be in 2020 since a large part of Southern China was inundated by excessive rain in recent months. **World Weather, Inc. anticipates large cuts in rice and rapeseed production with much smaller losses in sugarcane, corn, soybeans and groundnuts.**

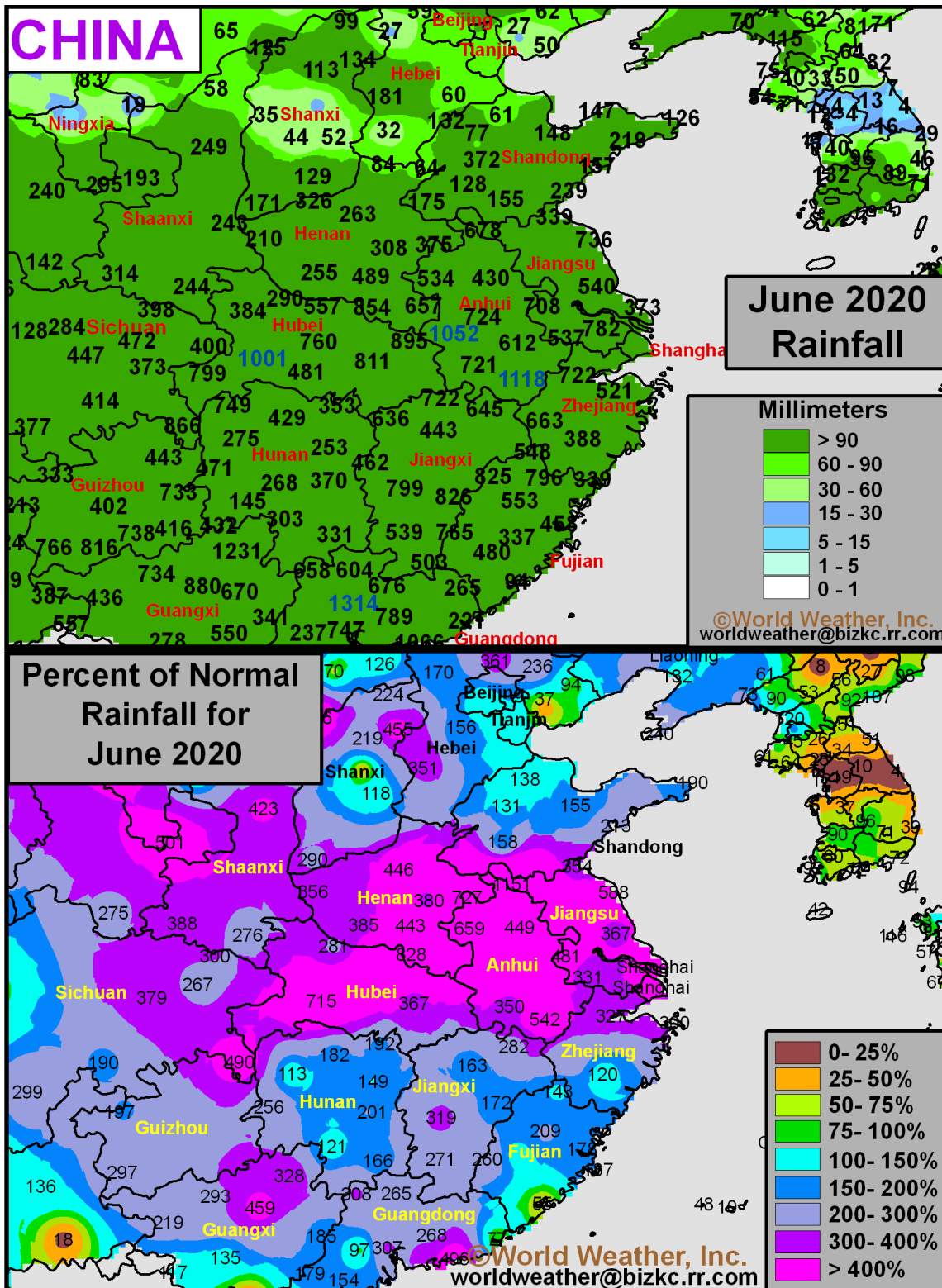
The main corn, soybean and cotton production areas east of Tibet are located mostly to the north of where the greatest flooding rains have occurred this year with the exception of a couple of weeks ago when excessive rain reached Henan, northern Anhui, northern Jiangsu and neighboring areas.



Waves of additional heavy rain are expected over the next ten days in the Yangtze River Basin and some areas to the southwest. The additional rainfall will maintain very wet conditions, but there should be enough breaks between the events to keep flood water

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from getting much worse than it has been. However, the European weather forecast model has suggested additional amounts of 7.00 to 15.00 inches will occur from southern Sichuan and northern Guizhou to parts fo Jiangsu in the next ten days.



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Rain totals for July ranged from 10.00 to 31.50 inches in east-central through southern China with local totals to 51.73 inches in central Guangdong, 44.06 inches in southeastern Jiangxi, 41.42 inches in west-central Anhui and 39.41 inches in southwestern Hubei. Some of the rainfall in east-central China has been four to nearly eight times' normal.

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