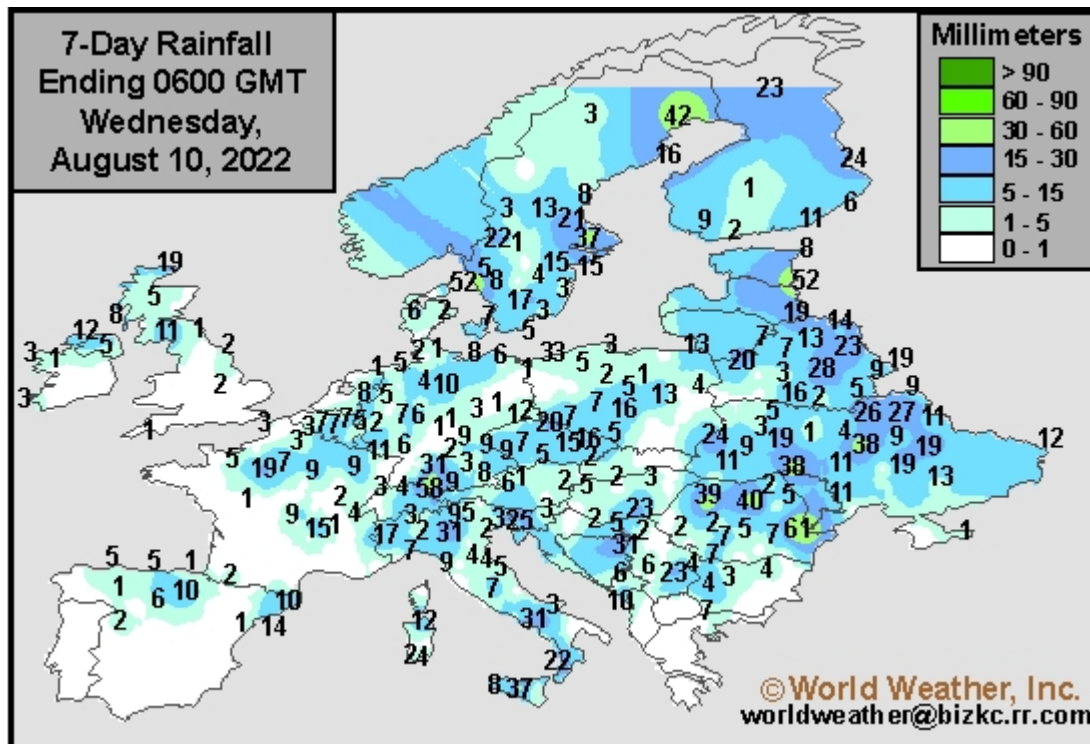


Europe Drought Relief To Be Very Slow

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Kansas City, August 11 (World Weather Inc.) – [Dryness persists across the Balkans region despite some spotty rainfall during the past week. Crop conditions remained less than favorable to poor due to ongoing dryness and concern over production potential losses are increasing.](#) The region will see a mix of rain and sunshine through the middle of next week that will offer some relief the crops. Rainfall will be too light to fully restore soil moisture and the need for much more rain will continue. In the meantime, other areas in Eastern Europe will have opportunities for rain that will help to maintain generally favorable crop conditions. [Drought in Western Europe remains very serious, especially in France, and showers advertised through the middle of next week will not offer any serious relief. Crop prospects in Western Europe will further deteriorate especially in France, Germany, southeastern England, and neighboring areas through the weekend and then perhaps some of the showers will slow additional changes through Aug. 25.](#)

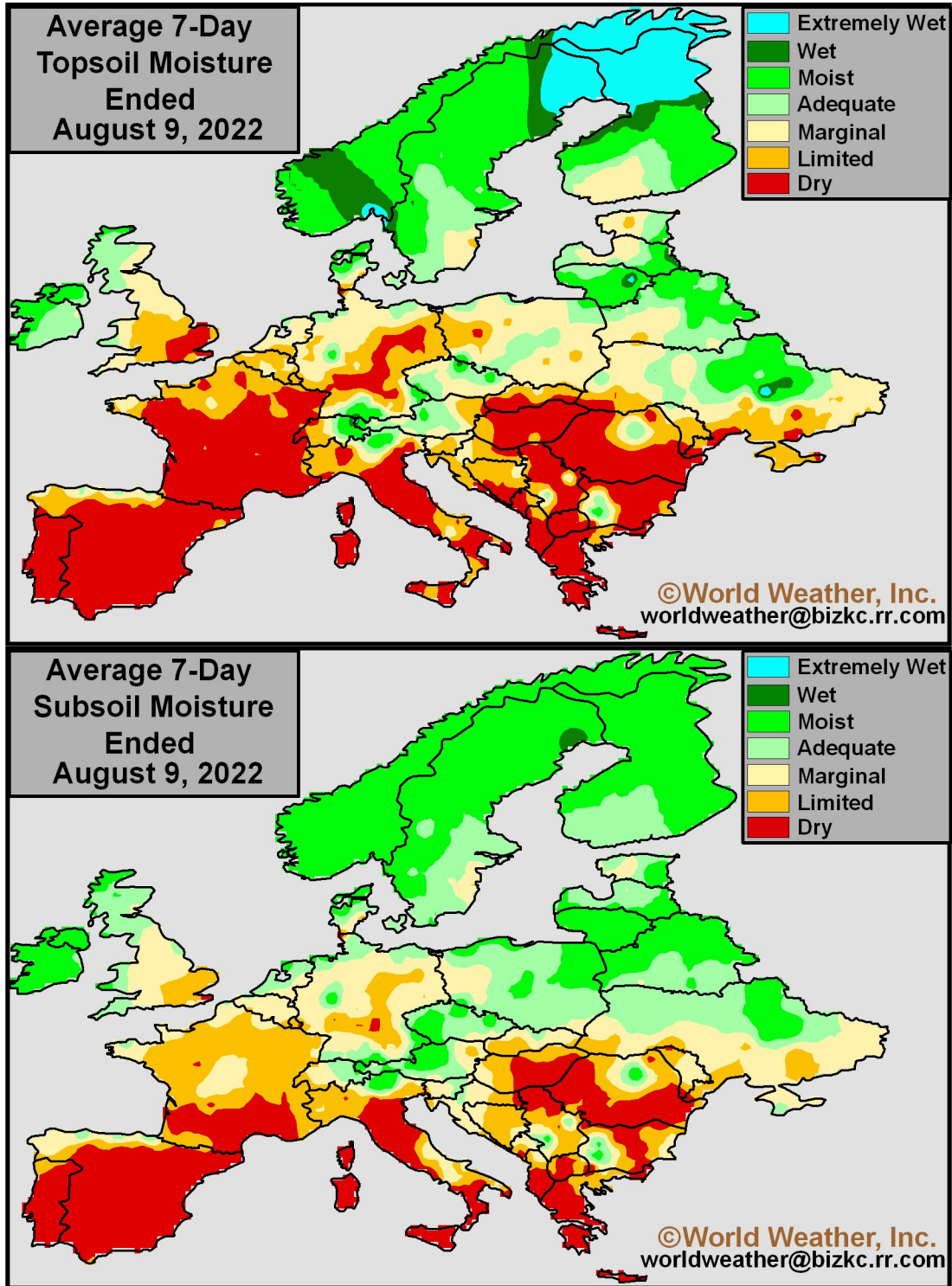
[Despite scattered showers and thunderstorms occurring in various parts of Europe during the seven-day period ending Wednesday, the majority of the continent failed to get enough rain to counter evaporative moisture losses.](#) Very few areas reported more than 0.40 inch of moisture for the week, but there were a number of locations in north-central France, Bosnia, from Czech Republic to central Poland, and from Romania into parts of Ukraine and eastern Belarus that reported 0.75 to 1.57 inches. [The vast majority of Europe experienced net drying even though the showers were welcome wherever they occurred.](#)



[France, the Iberian Peninsula and the Balkans region remain dry to critically dry, despite a few showers this past week. Many areas in southern and eastern Germany,](#)

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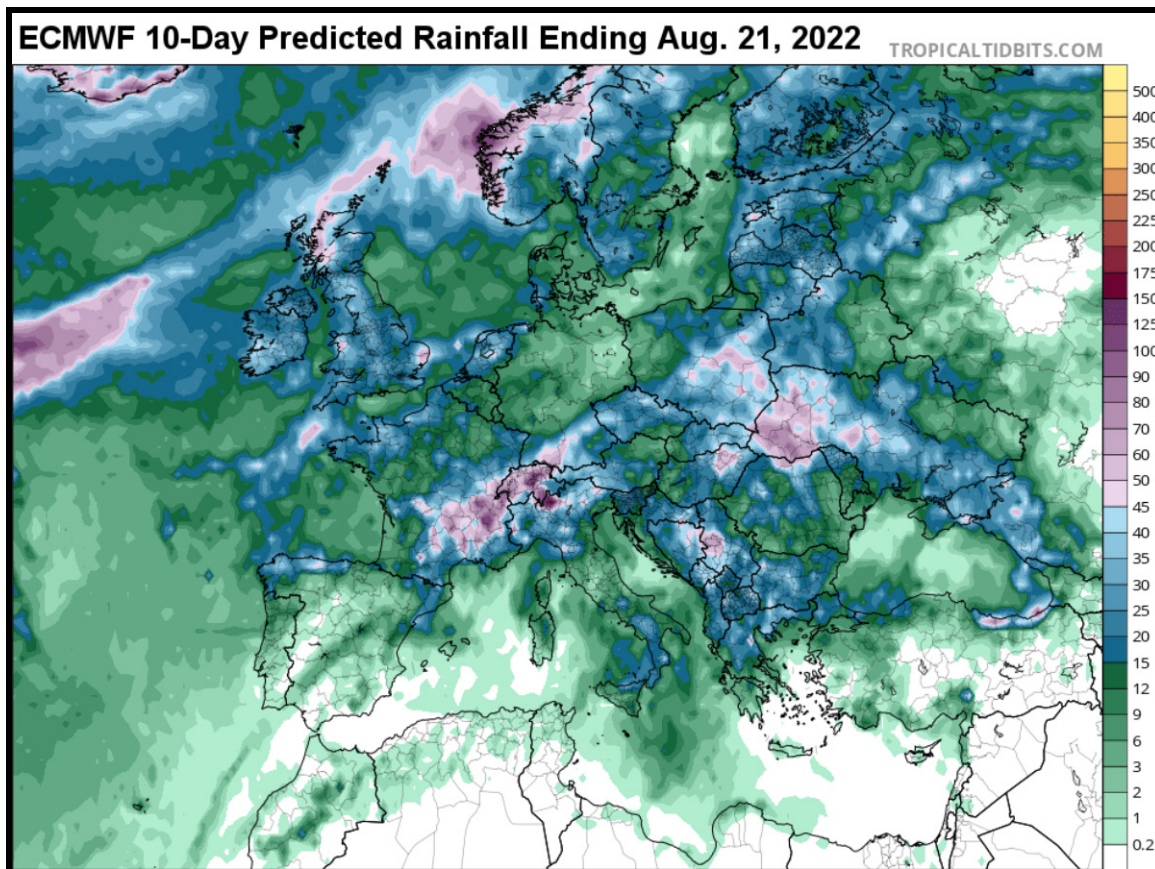
southeastern England and neighboring locations also have short to very short moisture. Ukraine, Poland, Belarus, the Baltic States and the remaining portions of the United Kingdom have been drying down, but are not nearly as dry as these other areas and crop development has been advancing relatively well.



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Drought continues serious and has been expanding in recent weeks. Production cuts will be notable throughout the continent and it is quickly getting to be too late to turn around crop production potential in a significant manner. Another week and possibly two will go by without a general soaking rain, although precipitation is going to increase for a while next week at which time there will be some partial relief. Some improvement could still occur in late August and early September, but by then the potential change in yield will be greatly limited.

The Balkan Countries are also too dry to support aggressive growth and some production potential has already been lost. Continued dryness in the coming weeks would further impact yield potentials in late season crops. The remainder of Eastern Europe has experienced better weather and crop conditions than in most other areas in the continent and production potentials may still be fully intact.



A large portion of Western Europe will be drier and warmer than normal through the middle of next week. Periods of erratic rain will still occur, most notably this weekend into the first half of next week as two upper-level disturbances track into the region. Portions of southern and east-central France and northern fringes of Spain will receive 0.50 to 1.50 inches of rain with local amounts over 2.00 inches by next Thursday. The remaining locations will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with many areas in Germany, Belgium and southern sections of the Iberian Peninsula trending mostly dry. Daytime high temperatures during this period of time will peak to the 80s and 90s Fahrenheit in much of France and the

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Iberian Peninsula while highs elsewhere are in the 70s and 80s with pockets in the lower 90s.

The areas in southern and east-central France and northern Spain that receive the most rain through the middle of next week will see the moisture profile improve marginally. The rain will be too light to fix the drought in crop areas, although some of the mountains of southeastern France will do better with the rain event. Dryness will otherwise either remain about the same in the remaining production areas of Western Europe, despite anticipated showers.

Eastern Europe will generally see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. Some of the most widespread rain will evolve this weekend and the first part of next week as an upper-level disturbance meanders around the region. Belarus, The Baltic States, Hungary and neighboring areas will only receive trace amounts to 0.50 inch of rain by next Wednesday morning. Most other areas will receive 0.35 to 2.00 inches of rain with the locally greater amounts in the Balkans and western Ukraine. Temperatures will be mild with daytime highs peaking to the 70s and 80s most often. However, portions of Ukraine and the Balkans will still warm to the 90s at times this weekend and the first half of next week.

The erratic rainfall in the **Balkans region, Ukraine, and Poland** will help improve the moisture profile or keep soil moisture near current levels by this time next week. Crop conditions will likely improve in some of the driest areas in the Balkans. Additional rain will be needed to completely fix the moisture deficits, though concerns may decrease for significant production impacts in the driest areas of southeastern Europe. The remaining locations in Eastern Europe will still have plenty of moisture to support new growth despite many areas receiving little to no rain.

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