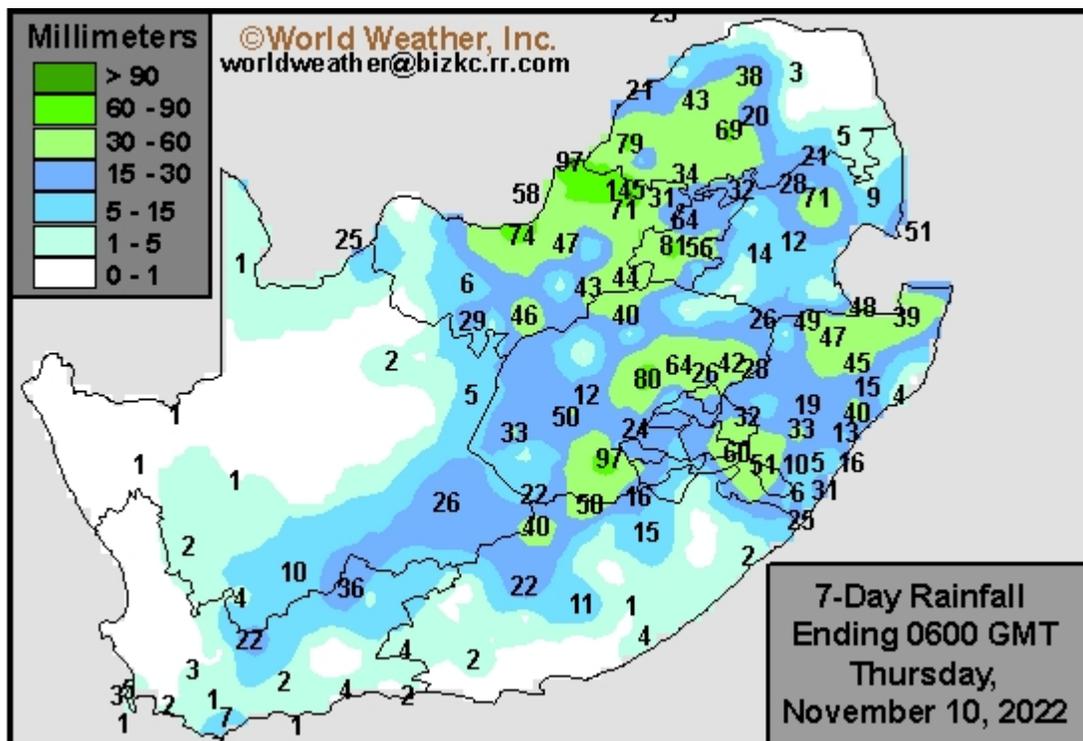


South Africa To Receive More Rain Into Early Next Week

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Kansas City, November 10 (World Weather Inc.) – [The main grain, oilseed, cotton, and other crop areas in eastern and central South Africa saw several waves of rain during the past week. Planting may have advanced slowly, though establishment and development conditions were generally favorable. Frequent rainfall will persist into this weekend before a period of drier weather evolves next week. Prospects will remain favorable for aggressive growth.](#) Winter wheat harvesting will also advance swiftly in western South Africa during the coming week. The harvest may otherwise be sluggish in Free State due to the rain.

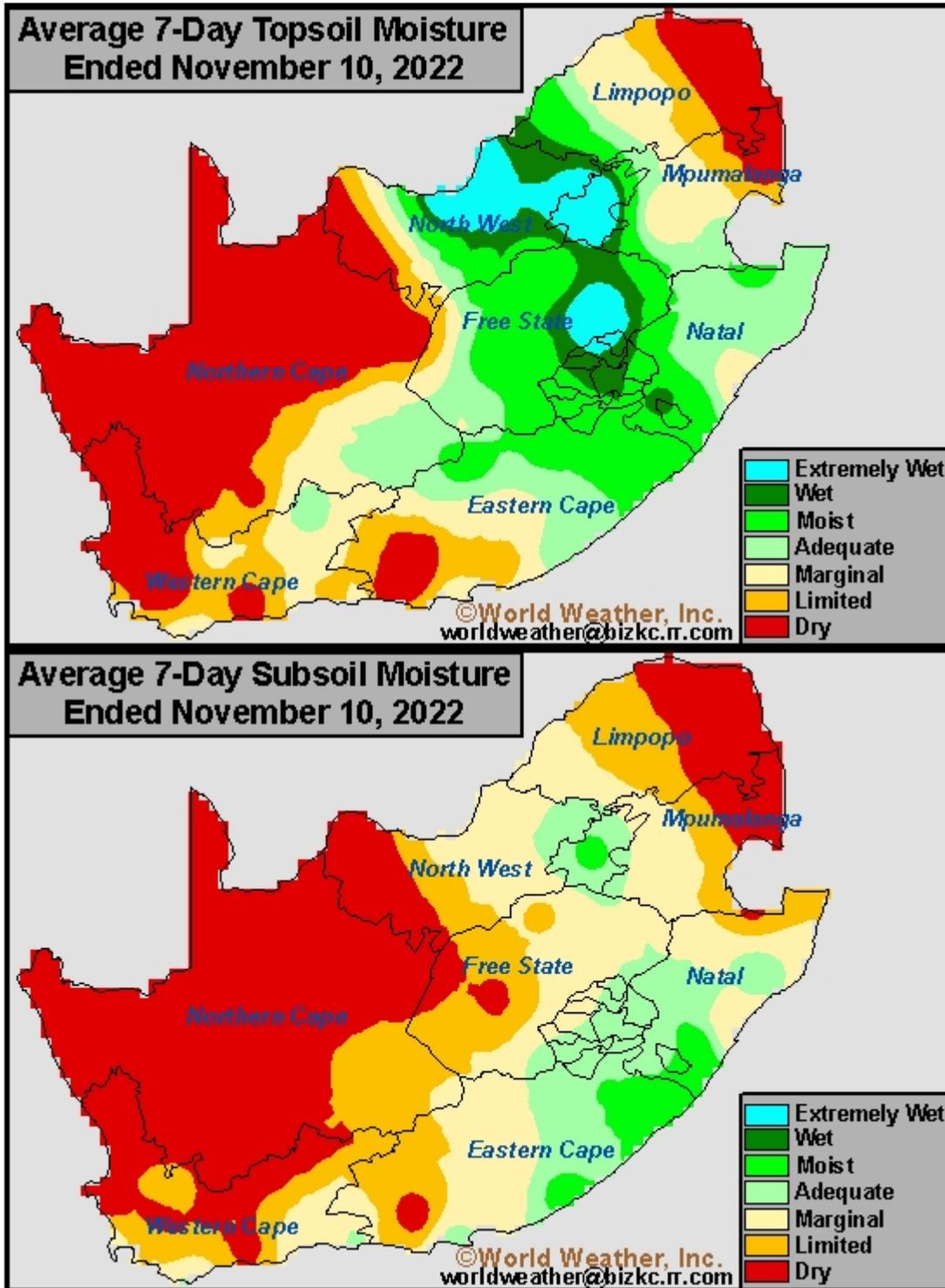
Frequent waves of rain were noted from Natal, Mpumalanga, and western and central Limpopo into Free State and a large portion of North West during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning were greatest in western Limpopo, central and eastern North West, southern Free State, interior northeastern Mpumalanga and northern and western Natal where 1.00 to 3.00 inches resulted often with local totals reaching 3.82 inches in south-central Free State and 5.71 inches in northeastern parts of Northwest. Rainfall elsewhere varied from 0.25 inch to 1.00 inch with net drying in most of Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Northern Cape. There was a band of 0.40 to 2.20 inches of rain that occurred from northeastern parts of Western Cape into southeastern Northern Cape.



The main production areas in eastern and central South Africa received enough rain in recent weeks to lift topsoil moisture to adequate and excessive levels. However, eastern Limpopo and neighboring areas still have a shortage of topsoil moisture. Subsoil moisture is

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generally adequate to marginally adequate. Western South Africa has short to very short soil moisture, which is common for this time of year.



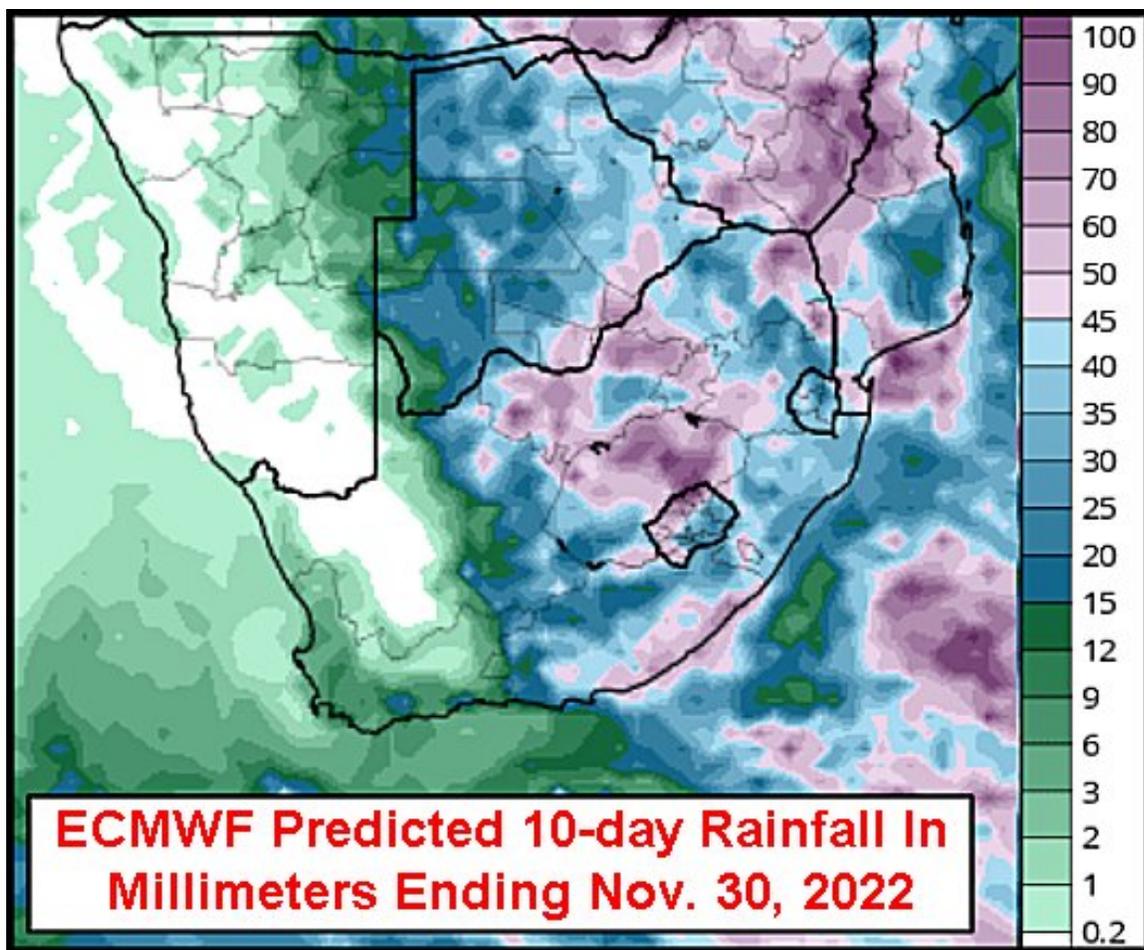
Seasonal rainfall began relatively well this year beginning sluggishly in early October and then increasing during the latter part of October and early November. The

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rainfall has helped bolster soil moisture that promoted more aggressive establishment and growth. Planting may have been disrupted or delayed in the wettest fields; though, most producers had opportunities to get into the fields between rain events. Production potentials this season are good due to recent rainfall. La Nina tends to support wetter than normal conditions during the growing season as well and it is projected to continue influencing world weather for several more weeks, despite a gradual weakening trend.

Winter wheat harvesting has advanced swiftly in Western Cape and Northern Cape in recent weeks despite some spotty rainfall. The harvest should come to an end later this month. In Free State, rainfall may have slowed the harvest at times in recent weeks. Minor quality reductions were possible in the wettest locations.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue on a frequent basis for the main summer crop production areas in eastern and central South Africa through the end of the weekend. Light showers will persist Monday and Tuesday with a few isolated showers also expected Wednesday. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 1.00 to 4.00 inches with locally greater amounts. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs in the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit, though several pockets will only warm to the 60s

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during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s most days.

Rainfall in the coming days will help keep soil moisture rated adequately in eastern and central South Africa. The environment will remain favorable for aggressive growth. Winter wheat harvesting may otherwise remain sluggish in Free State.

Western South Africa will remain drier biased during the coming week. The lack of rain and warm weather will support a generally favorable environment for aggressive winter wheat harvesting.

Weather conditions from the latter part of next week through November 20 is expected to trend drier, although completely dry weather is not likely. The change will offer a great opportunity for aggressive field progress and early season crop development. Temperatures during that period of time are projected to be near to slightly above normal.

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