

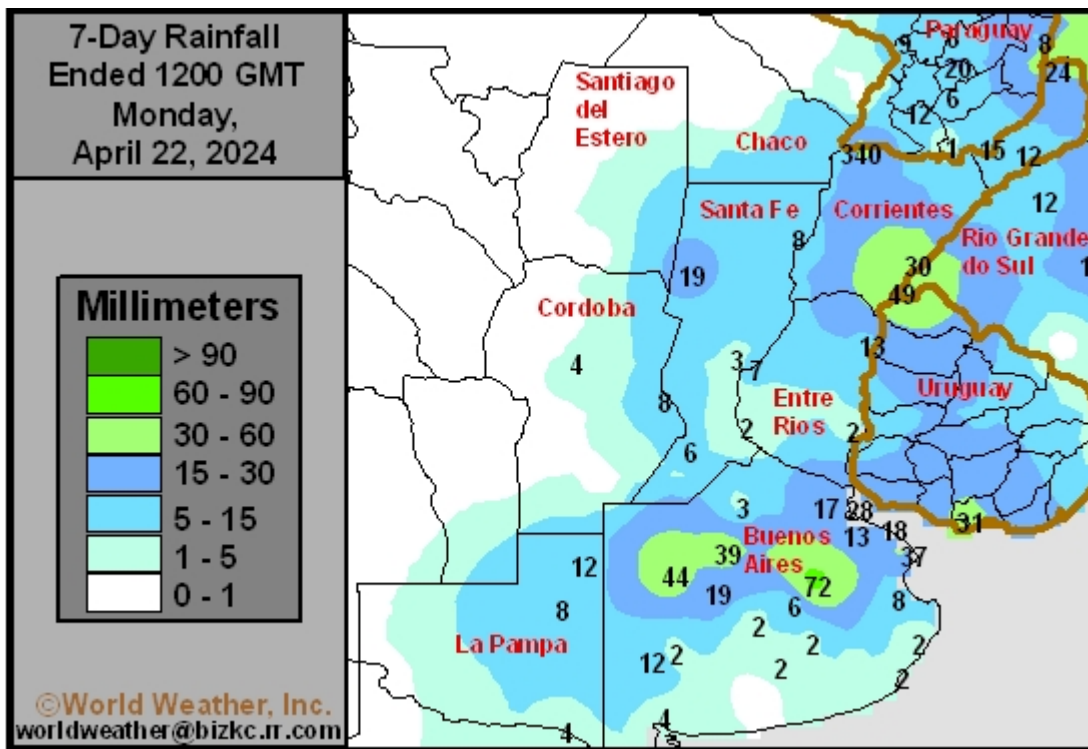
# Eastern Argentina Rain Will Disrupt Harvest

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Kansas City, April 23 (World Weather Inc.) – *Field conditions in eastern Argentina are still quite wet after recent past storm systems that produced abundant rainfall in the region. Less intensive rain occurred in this past week, though there is more heavy rain coming later this week that will restore excessive moisture and flooding. Most of the torrential rain, though, will stay east of the primary grain and oilseed production areas.*

Precipitation varied across Argentina during the past week. Several areas in the northern half of Buenos Aires received 0.51 to 1.73 inches of rain with a local amount of 2.83 inches for the seven-day period ending this morning. Corrientes received 0.32 to 1.58 inches of rain. La Pampa, Santa Fe, Entre Rios, and eastern fringes of Cordoba received 0.12 to 0.75 inch of rain. Southern Buenos Aires and pockets in central Cordoba received 0.08 to 0.47 inch of moisture. Little to no rain was noted elsewhere.

Periods of warmer than normal weather were noted with highest readings reaching the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit in the southern half of the country. Northern Argentina experienced highest temperatures in the 80s and 90s.

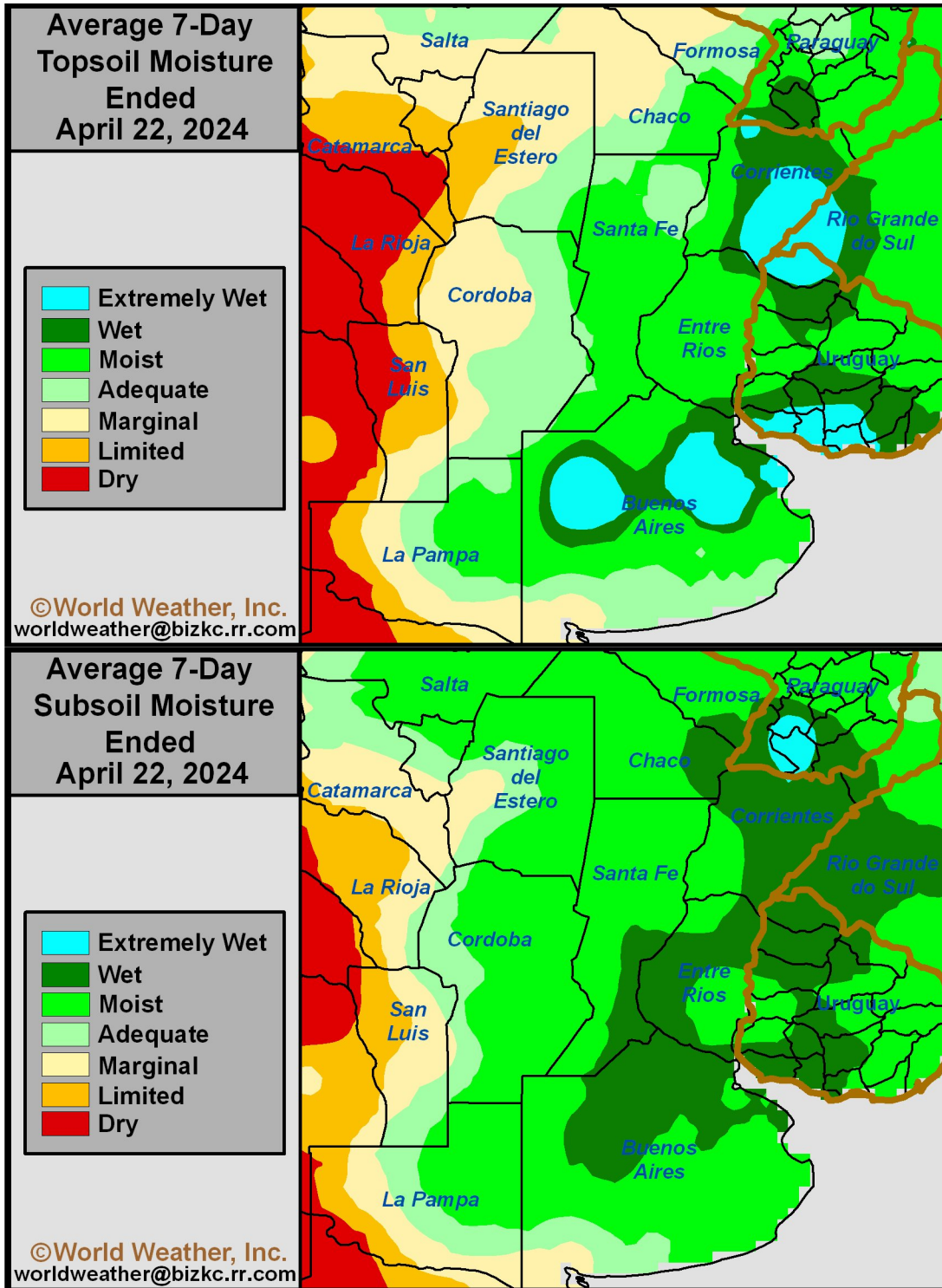


Soil moisture is rated adequate to excessive in much of Argentina. However, many areas in San Luis and pockets in Santiago del Estero have a shortage of moisture. Pockets in Cordoba also have marginally adequate moisture in the topsoil.

Harvesting is advancing across Argentina. As of April 18, corn harvesting was 20% complete, the same as last year. Soybean harvesting was 14% complete, down from 20% this time last year. Approximately 17% of the sorghum was out of the ground, up from 7%

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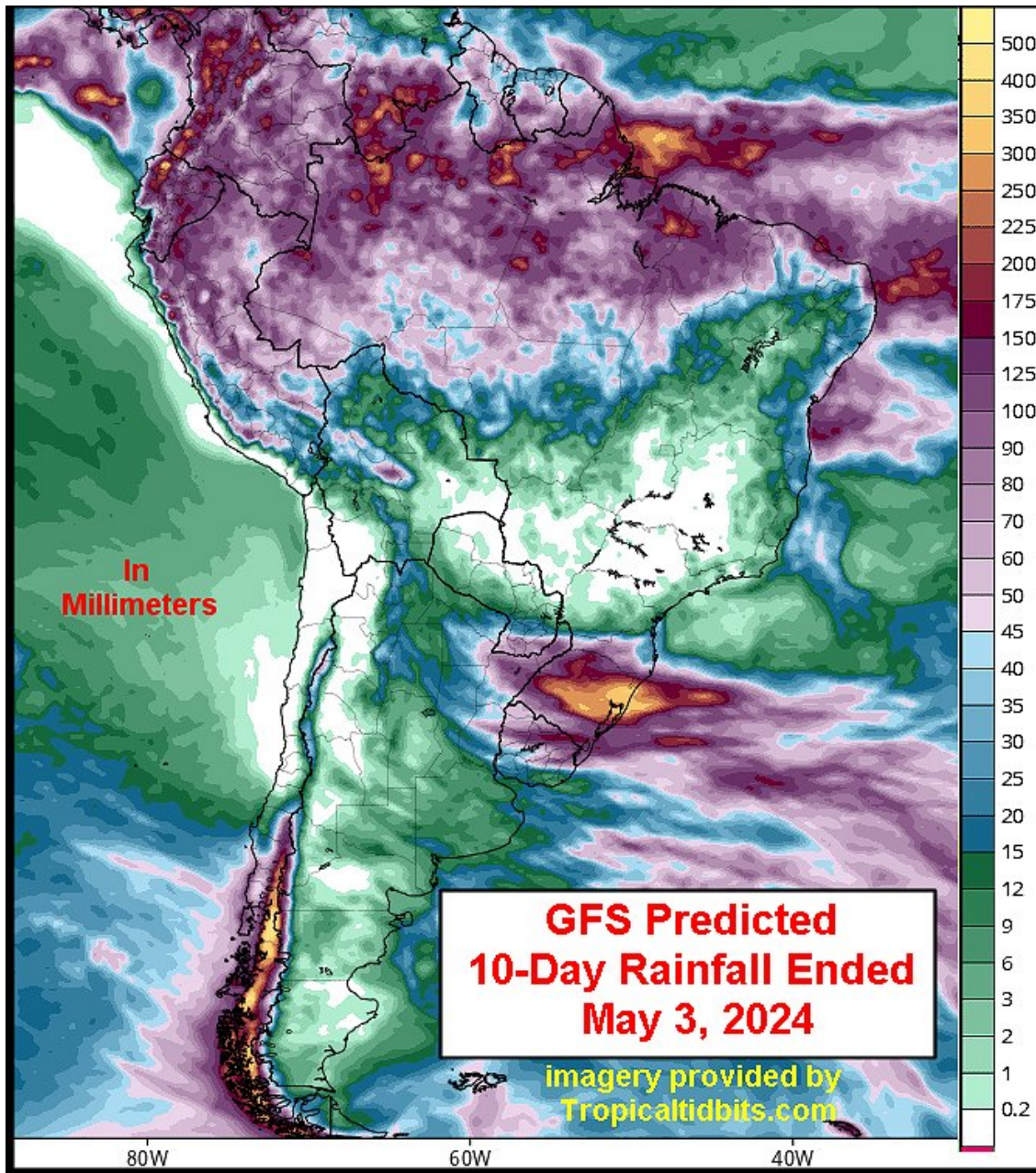
last year. Rice harvesting was 73% finished and 9% of the cotton was out of the ground. Sunseed harvesting was virtually complete.



The wettest locations in Buenos Aires likely received enough rain to impact harvesting and general fieldwork during the past week. However, a large section of

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Argentina had several opportunities for aggressive fieldwork. Yields are still expected to be much larger than the previous year that was severely impacted by the ongoing drought. However, corn losses have been noted in recent weeks due to disease.



## WEATHER OUTLOOK

The main Pampas farming region will see a mix of rain and sunshine this week. Disturbances will initially generate erratic rainfall for the region today and Tuesday. A new disturbance will bring light rain to northern Argentina Wednesday morning and afternoon before more widespread rain evolves late Wednesday into Friday. Isolated showers will be possible over the weekend as well. Entre Rios, Corrientes, eastern Chaco, and southeastern

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Formosa will receive 0.75 to 3.00 inches of rain by next Monday morning. Other locations will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain with drier pockets in Cordoba and La Pampa. Drier than normal weather is then slated for much of Argentina April 30 – May 6.

*The periods of rain this week will likely slow or even delay harvesting at times, most notably in Entre Rios, Corrientes, eastern Chaco, and southeastern Formosa. Minor quality reductions will be possible in the wettest locations, though production potentials should be mostly unchanged.* Other locations will have opportunities for aggressive harvesting despite the periodic rainfall. *The precipitation in western parts of the nation should be favorably mixed to protect grain and oilseed quality while allowing some early season crop maturation and harvest progress to prevail.* Drier weather during the second week of the outlook will likely promote more aggressive harvesting across the country.

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