

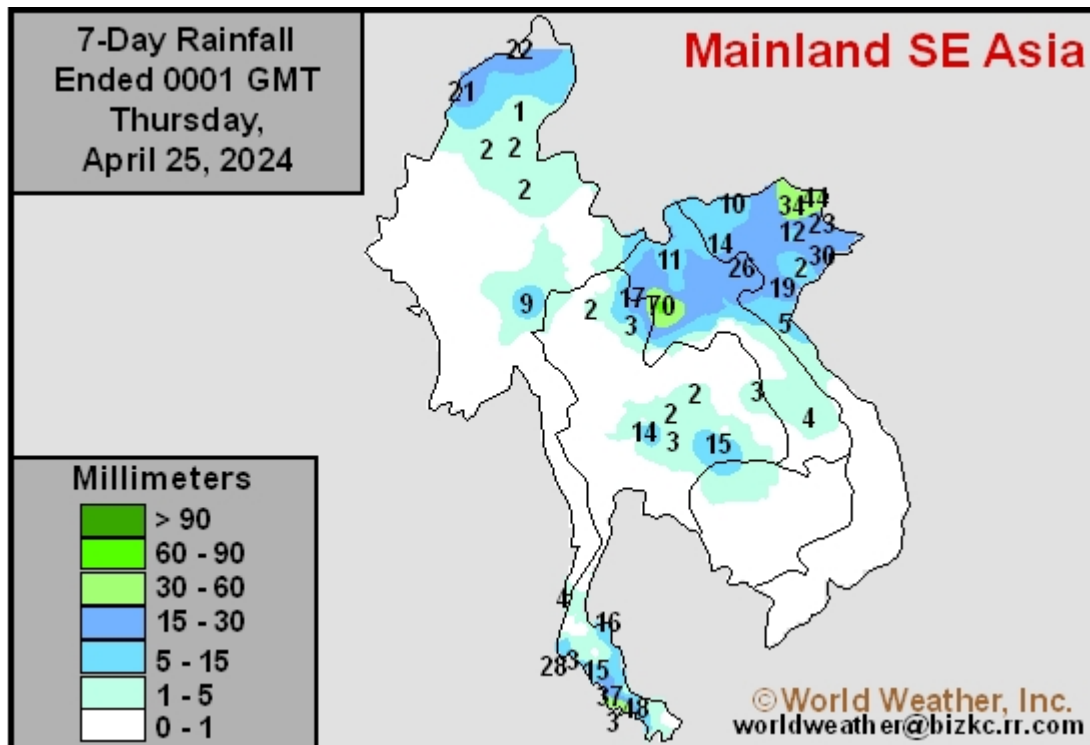
Philippines, Mainland Southeast Asia Rain Still Limited

By Andrew Owen

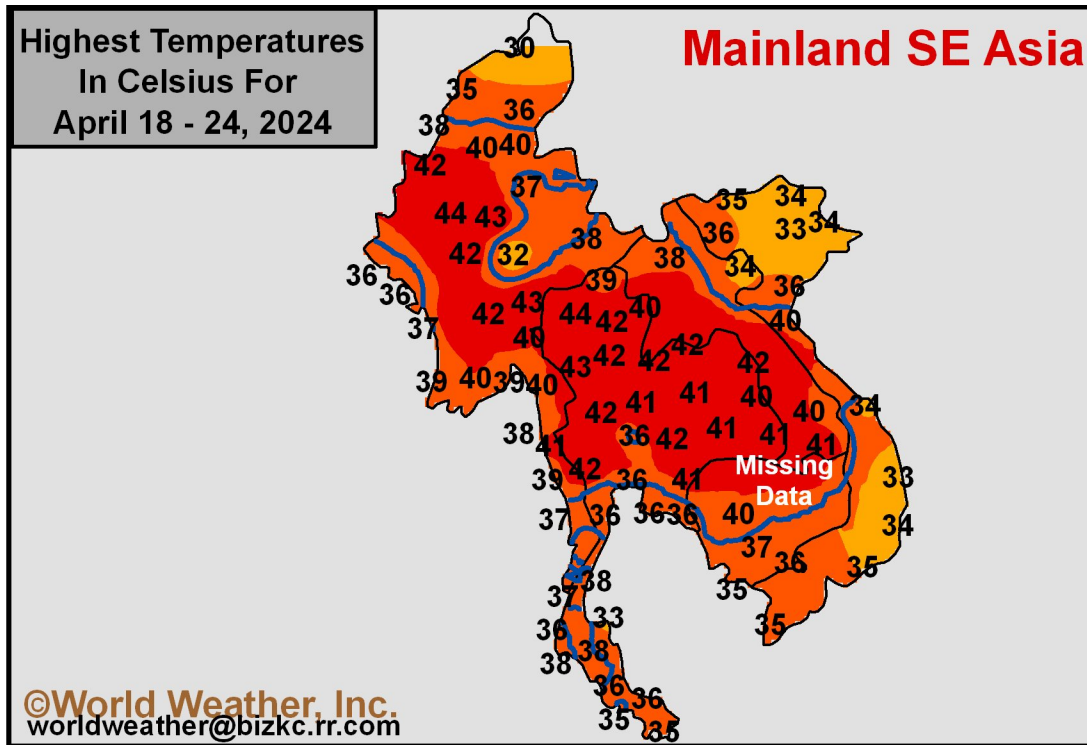
Kansas City, April 25 (World Weather Inc.) – **Despite some spotty rain during the past week, a large section of mainland Southeast Asia and Philippines remained drier than normal.** The rain was welcome where it fell and may have supported some planting and establishment; though, ongoing dryness continues to limit aggressive crop development and the planting of new season crops. Harvesting of off season crops and general fieldwork otherwise advanced under good conditions. **Drier-than-normal weather will persist for most locations during the coming week. The southern half of Vietnam and portions of Mindanao and Luzon Island in the Philippines will see periods of more significant rain that will help improve the moisture profile while other areas trend dry or do not receive enough rain to impact long-term soil conditions. Rain potentials could increase during the second week of the outlook as the monsoon finally gets underway.**

Northern sections of Vietnam and Laos, along with Peninsular Thailand, saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.39 to 1.89 inches with a local amount of 2.76 inches in northwestern Laos. Pockets in north-central, central, and east-central Thailand received 0.12 to 0.67 inch of rain as well. Little to no rain was noted elsewhere in mainland Southeast Asia.

Temperatures surged above normal at times with highest reading ranging from 90 to 111 degrees Fahrenheit in most locations. The heat depleted usable moisture within hours after rain fell.



Philippines, Mainland Southeast Asia Rain Still Limited



Significant moisture shortages are ongoing for much of mainland Southeast Asia. El Nino helped limit rainfall for the past several months and the need for abundant precipitation is high. Winter rice, corn, and other crop yields are expected to be lower than normal this season due to the lack of moisture. Harvesting and general fieldwork otherwise advanced with few disruptions in recent weeks outside the pockets that received the greatest amount of rain.

Planting of the wet-season crops has likely begun sluggishly across the region as well this month. Producers are likely waiting for increased rainfall before planting a significant amount of crop. Palm oil production may also be reduced later this year if the dryness prevails for an extended period of time which does not seem very likely.

PHILIPPINES

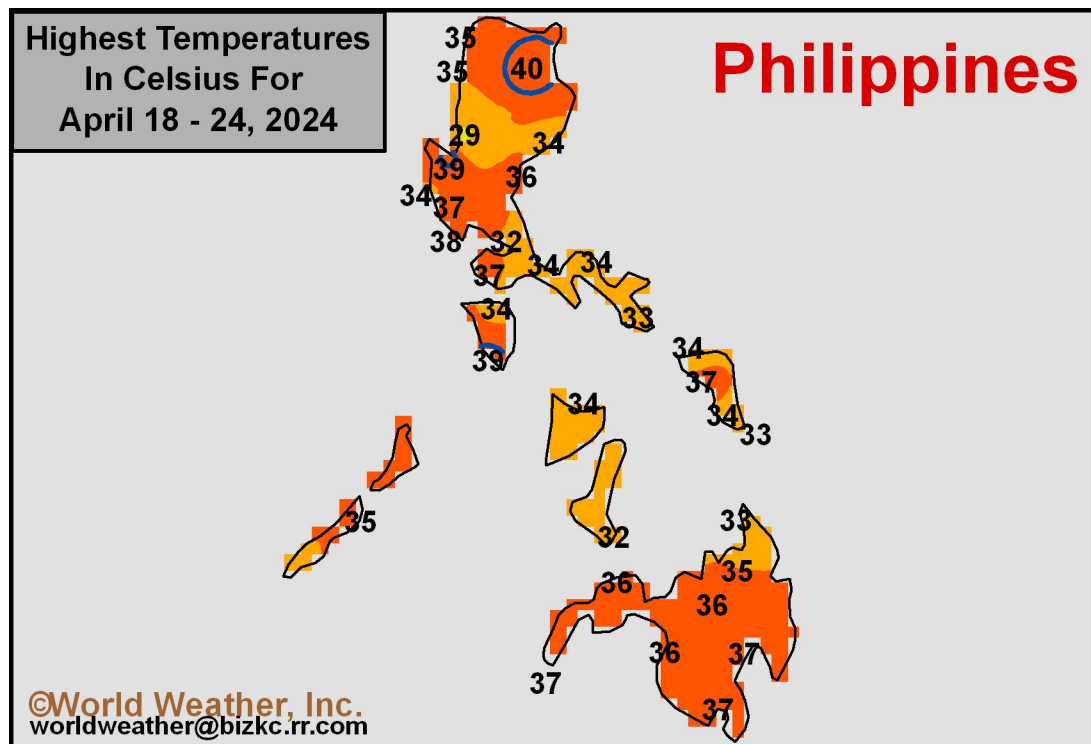
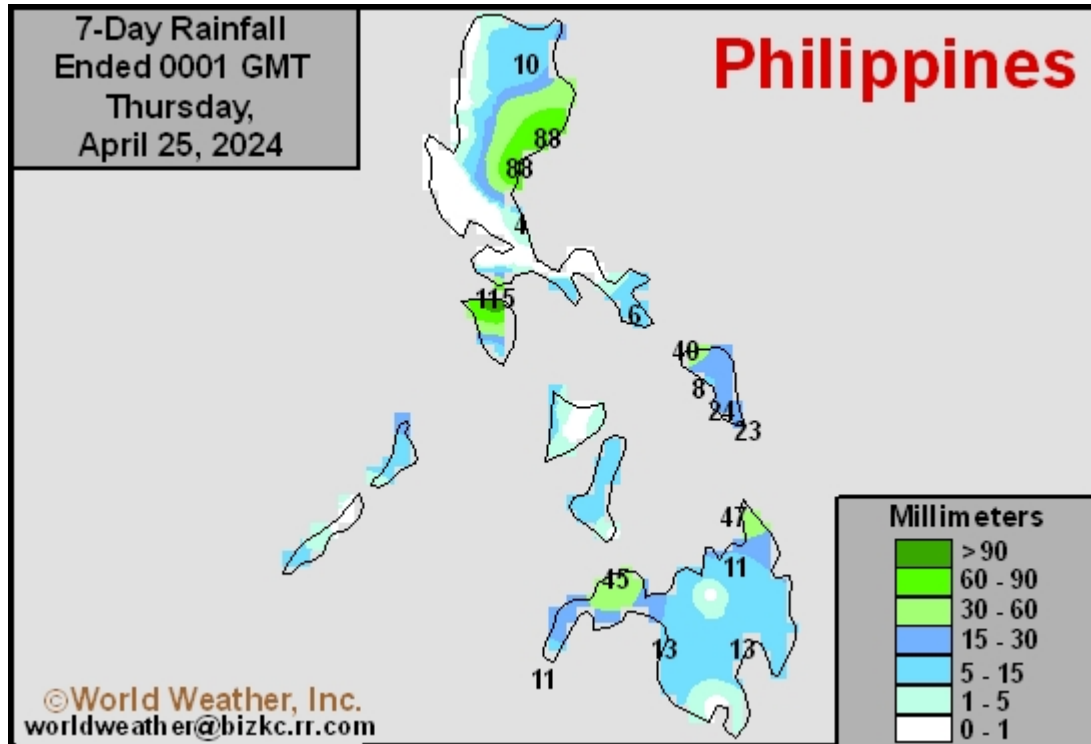
Rainfall varied for the Philippines during the past week; though, most of it was quite limited. Pockets in east-central Luzon Island and northern Mindoro received 3.46 to 4.53 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending this morning the Luzon Island coastal rain occurring overnight. Samar Island and portions of Mindanao received 0.43 to 1.85 inches of rain. Other locations were either dry or received limited rainfall.

Much like mainland Southeast Asia, temperatures often surged above normal during the past week. Highest readings were in the 90s with pockets in Luzon Island and Mindoro warming slightly above 100 degrees.

Portions of Mindanao and pockets in Mindoro and eastern Luzon Island received enough rain in recent weeks to bring soil moisture to adequate or excessive levels. However, a large section of the Philippines is still struggling with severe moisture deficits. Production for the winter rice and corn is expected to be lower than usual this season and some palm oil

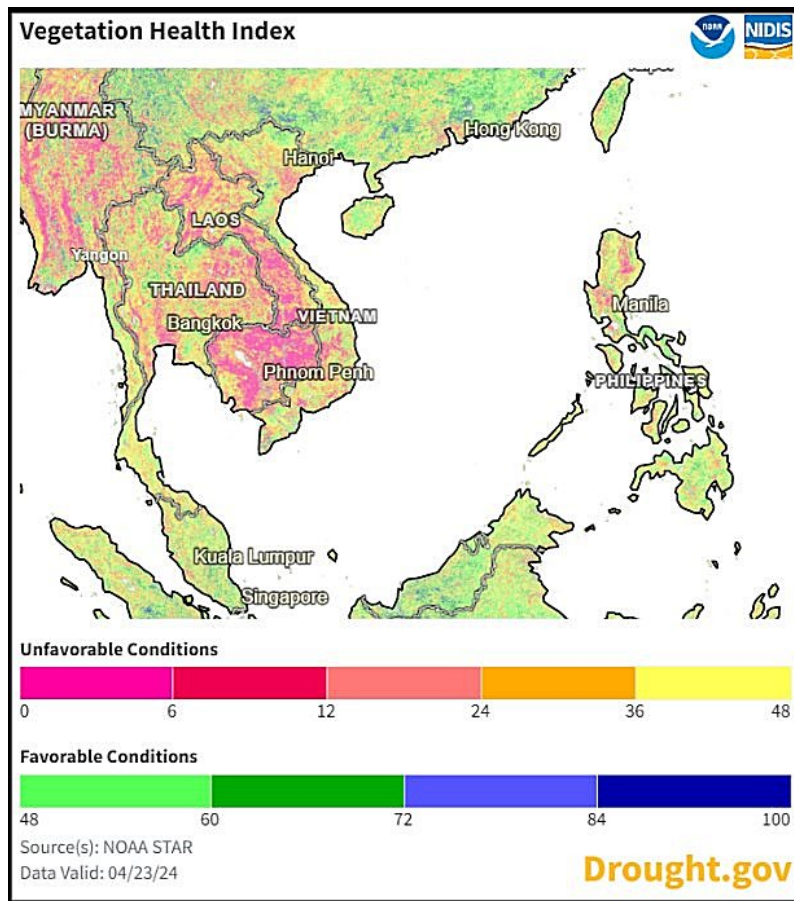
Philippines, Mainland Southeast Asia Rain Still Limited

production losses will be possible as well. Abundant rainfall is needed in coming weeks to support better planting conditions and long-term development of the summer crops.



Philippines, Mainland Southeast Asia Rain Still Limited

WEATHER OUTLOOK



A large section of mainland Southeast Asia and the Philippines will remain drier biased for at least another seven-day period with a few exceptions. The southern half of Vietnam and immediate neighboring areas in Cambodia and Laos will see periods of erratic rainfall with the most widespread precipitation occurring later this weekend into the middle of next week. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches and locally more. Several other areas in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain as well. In the Philippines, Mindanao and portions of northern

Luzon Island will see several waves of rain with totals ranging from 0.75 to 4.00 inches and locally more. The remaining locations will either be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation.

Several of this morning's forecast models suggest an evolution in the monsoon for mainland Southeast Asia May 3 – 9. Winds will likely shift out of the southwest during this time, bringing much needed moisture to the region. Precipitation totals will be enough to alleviate some of the dryness, though not enough to completely fix the moisture deficits. The Philippines could see a gradual increase in rain during this time as well.

The spotty rainfall during the coming week will be welcome where it occurs in mainland Southeast Asia and the Philippines. Planting may commence or continue depending on the amount of rain and soil moisture. The potential for more widespread and significant rain during the second week of the outlook may also cause more aggressive planting. Harvesting of off season crops will advance swiftly during the next several days before the onset of the monsoon.

World Weather, Inc. forecasts and comments pertaining to present, past and future weather conditions included in this report constitute the corporation's judgment as of the date of this report and are subject to change without notice. Comments regarding damage or the impact of weather on agricultural and energy as well as comments made regarding the impact of weather on the commodity and financial markets are the explicit opinions of World

Philippines, Mainland Southeast Asia Rain Still Limited

Weather, Inc. World Weather, Inc. can not be held responsible for decisions made by users of the Corporation's information in any business, trade or investment decision.

©2024 World Weather, Inc. Any unauthorized redistribution, duplication or disclosure is prohibited by law and will result in prosecution.