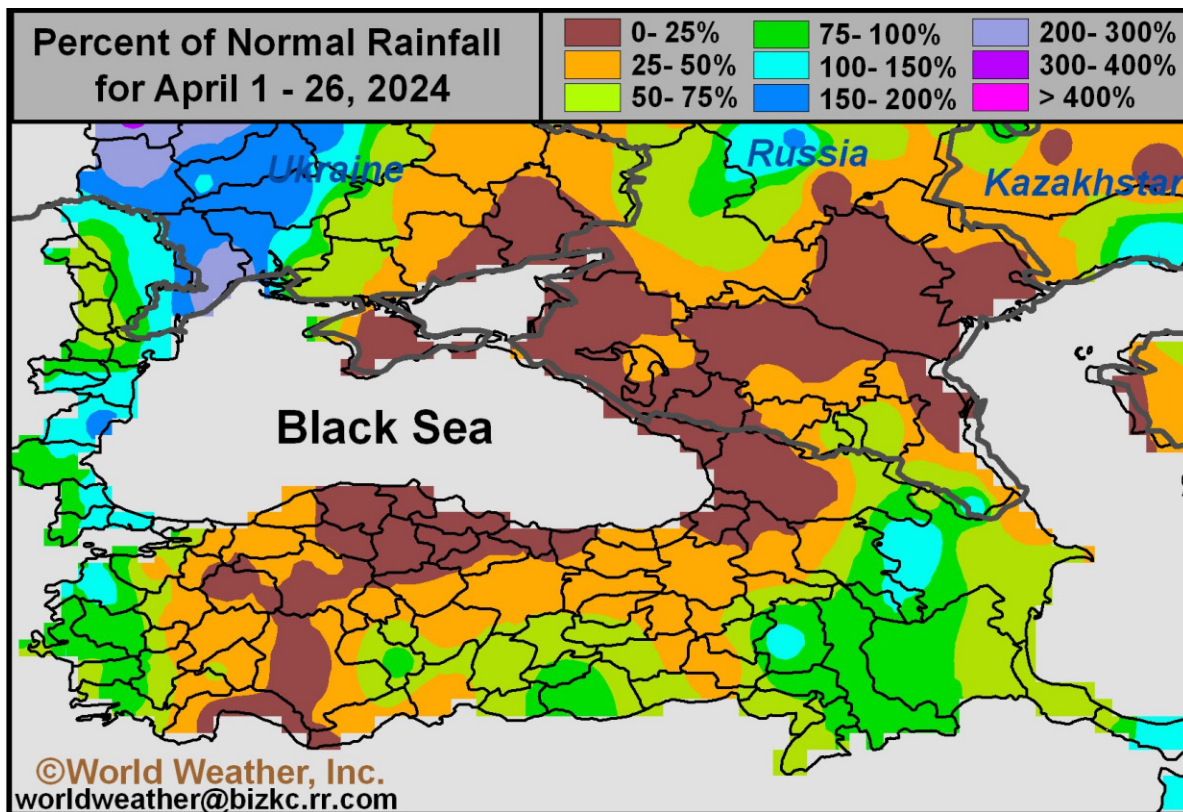


# Turkey To See Increased Rainfall In Coming Weeks

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Kansas City, April 26 (World Weather Inc.) – [A large section of Turkey has trended drier than normal since the beginning of April. The ground firmed at a time when planting should have been aggressive which may have supported great field progress, but may have delayed the emergence and establishment of some crops. Winter wheat and other winter grown crops will need significant moisture soon to get production potential back on track.](#) Much of the country outside the interior west will have several opportunities for rain through the end of next week that should start to improve the moisture profile. Additional rain will be possible during the second week of the outlook that could further increase soil moisture. The situation should improve, though additional rain will be needed to completely fix moisture deficits in the driest locations.

Since the beginning of the month, a large section of Turkey was drier than normal. Only a few locations in the far west received near or slightly above normal rainfall. Other locations received 25-75% of normal rainfall with pockets in western and northern Turkey receiving less than 25% of the norm. A few locations in the far southeast and south-central Turkey also received near normal precipitation. Much of the country also received near to below normal precipitation for the 90-day period ending April 24 outside a few pockets in the southeast.

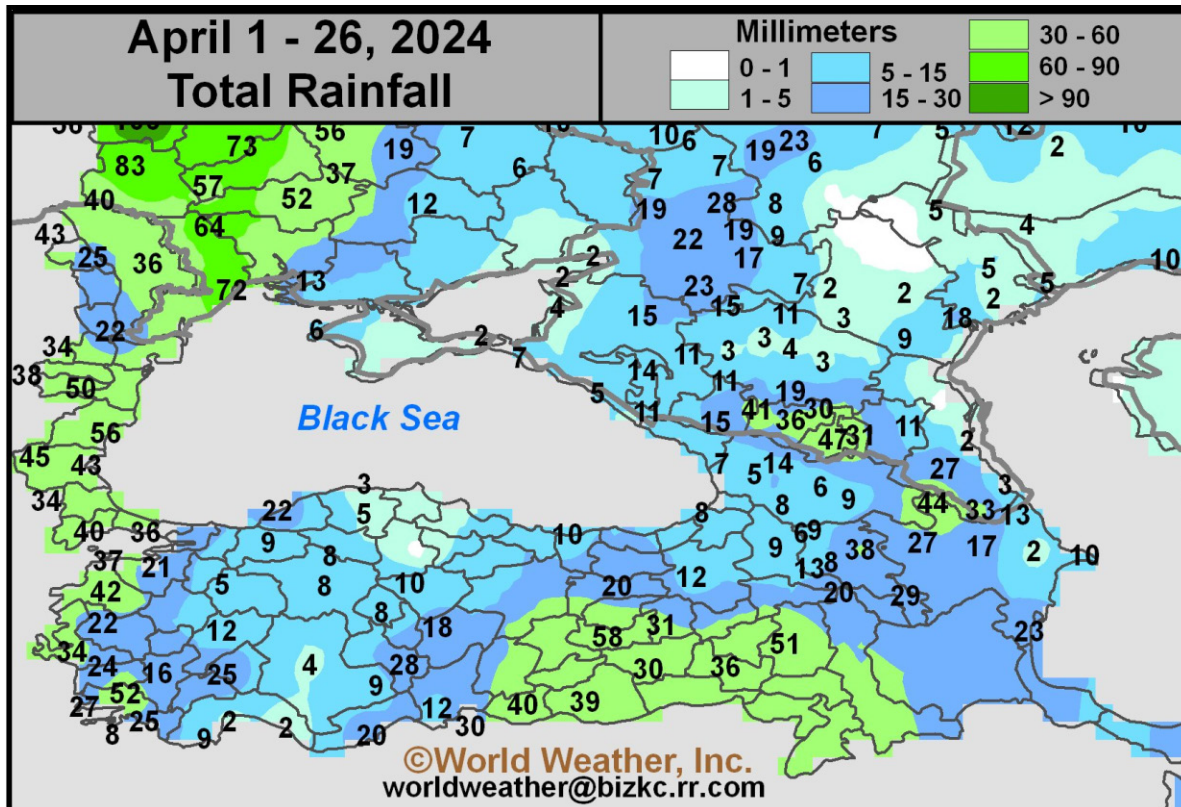


[So far this month, through April 26, the driest area in the nation has been Central Anatolia where a huge percentage of the nation's agriculture is grown. Rainfall in that](#)

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region varied from 0.10 to 0.72 inch with a few locations getting up to 1.10 inches, but such amounts are far lighter than that needed to replenish soil moisture and support the best crop development. Nearly half of the barley crop, 31% of the wheat and 68% of the rye come from Central Anatolia. The region also produces 45% of the oat crop and there is a small amount of sunseed, soybean and rapeseed produced there along with 16% of the corn crop. Some of the dry area also includes the central Black Sea region, the central and eastern Mediterranean region which also produce crops.

Far western and portions of southeastern Turkey received the greatest rainfall varying from 0.62 to 2.28 inches.



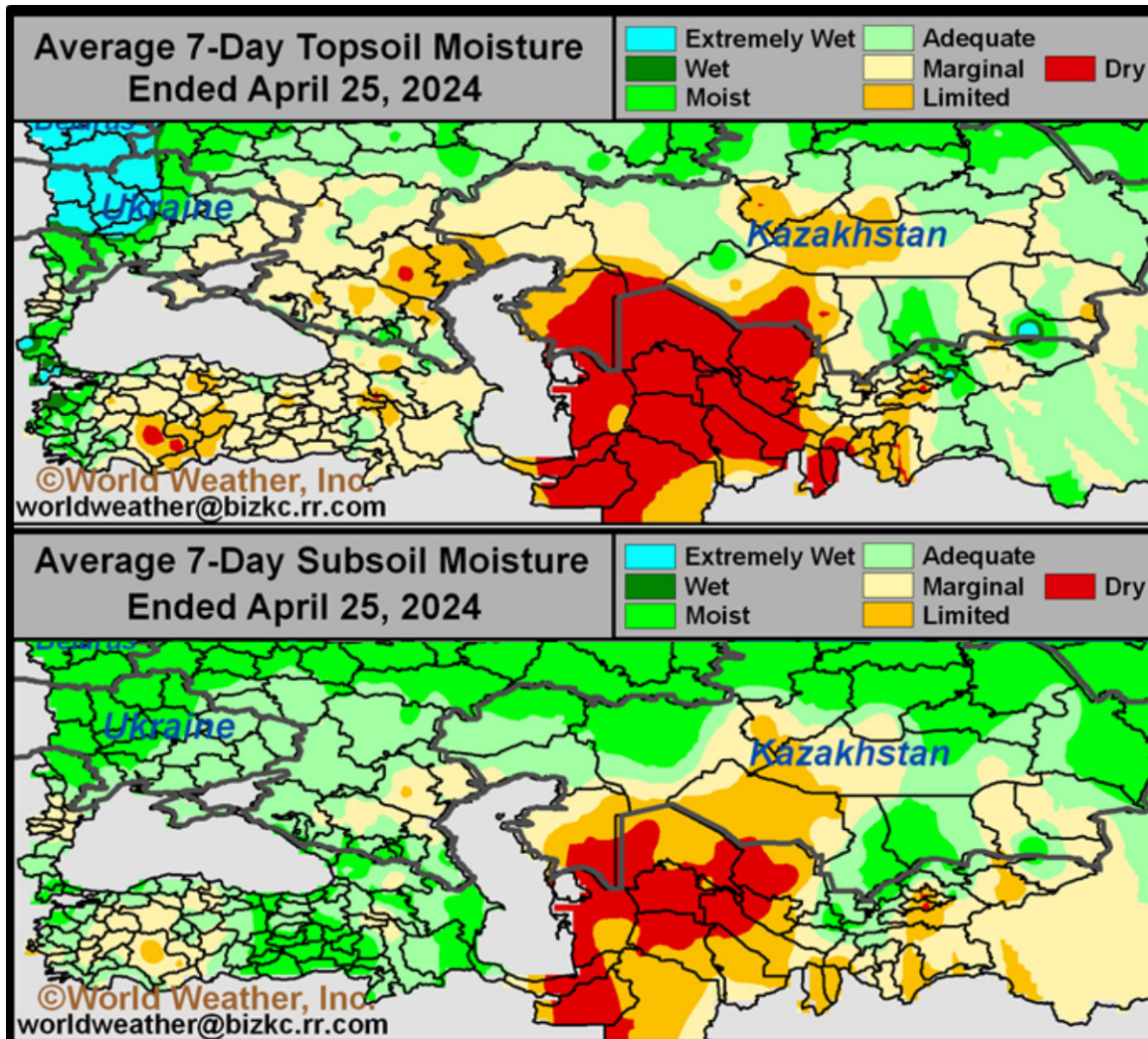
Several areas in western and central Turkey are abnormally dry or in a drought. Early-season planting and establishment conditions have been less than ideal and the need for abundant rain is high. Producers in the driest fields may be waiting for improved rainfall before putting a significant amount of crop in the ground. Planting normally continues through May depending on the crop and there is still plenty of time to increase soil moisture.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK

An unusually wet weather pattern is slated for Turkey through the end of next week. A series of disturbances combined with moisture primarily from the Black Sea will generate scattered showers on a near daily basis. Much of the country will receive 0.75 to 3.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 4.00 inches or more by next Friday morning. However, interior

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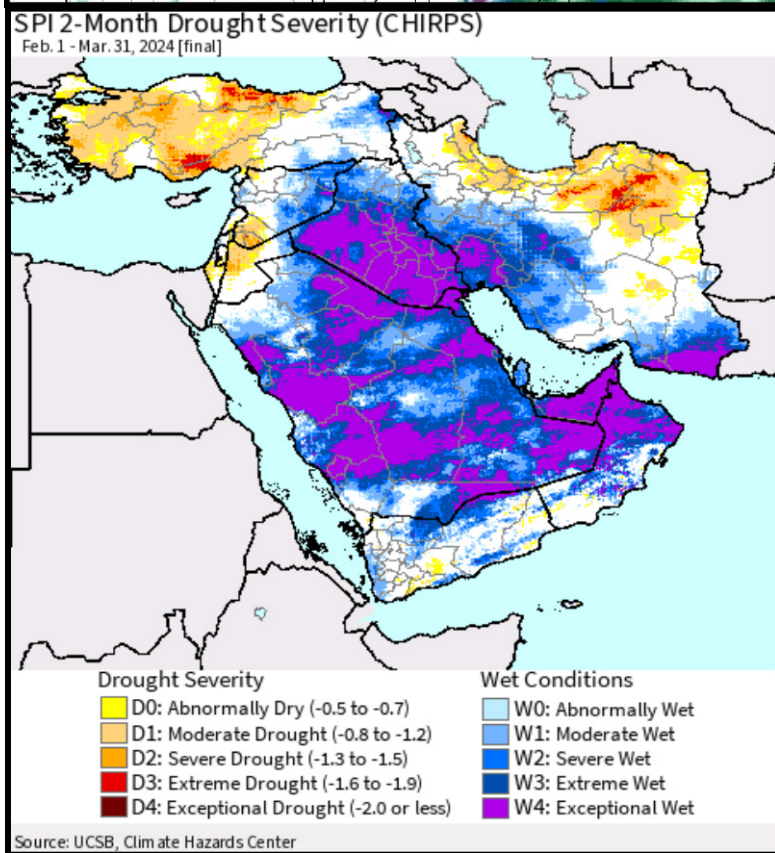
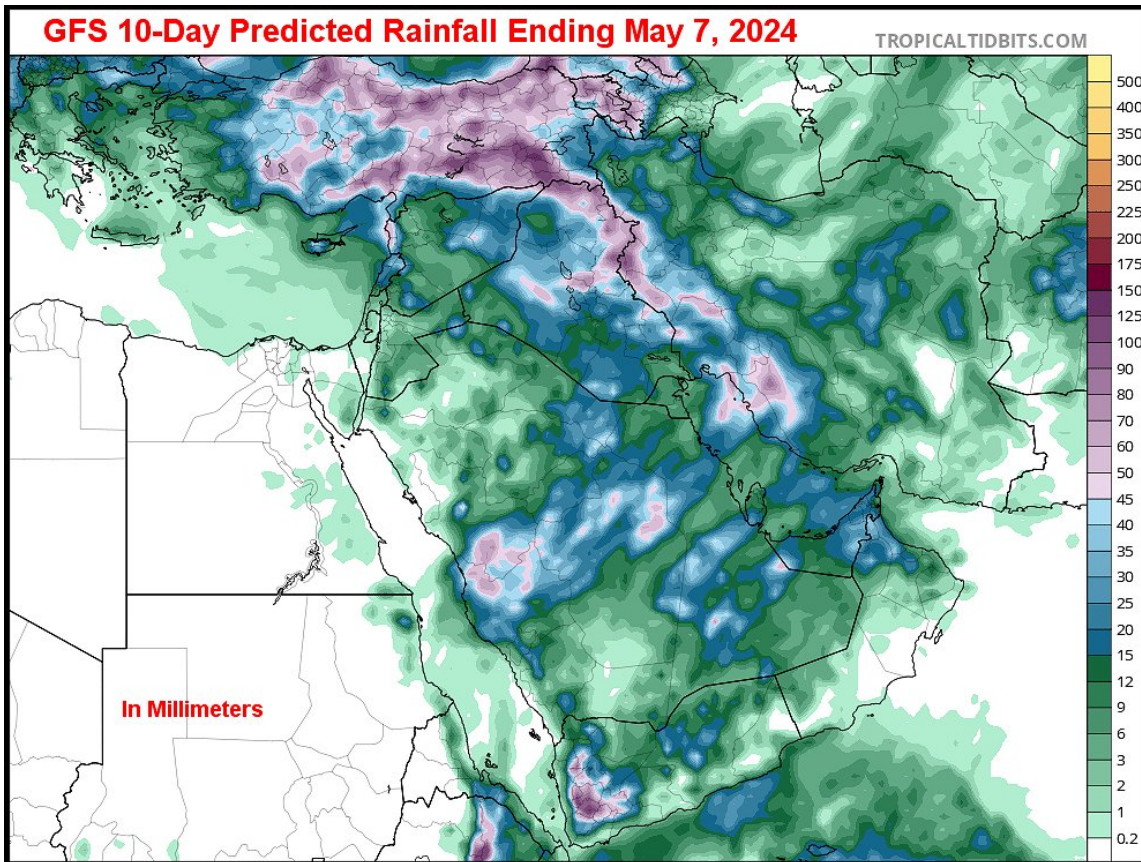
western Turkey will only receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with pockets that will be mostly dry. A similar weather pattern is expected May 4 – 10, though rain totals will likely trend a little lower compared to the first week of the outlook.



Temperatures will trend near to slightly above normal through the end of next week across Turkey despite the waves of rain and cloudiness. Daytime highs will peak to the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit with many areas in eastern and central Turkey only warming to the 50s during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s with pockets in the south only cooling to the 60s. The temperature profile will drop near to slightly below normal May 4 – 10.

*Waves of rain during the next two weeks will gradually increase soil moisture for much of Turkey outside the interior western production areas. Establishment and early-season development conditions will slowly improve, though additional rain will be needed for ideal long-term development conditions. Planting and general fieldwork may otherwise advance slowly due to the frequent rainfall.*

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The only areas in the Middle East that are dealing with drought today are in central and western Turkey and across northern Iran. Most other areas have experienced an unusually great amount of precipitation this spring. The moisture abundance has set the stage for large small grain crops from the region.

Planting of spring and summer crops (like cotton and rice) is advancing quite favorably and with additional moisture coming over the next ten days to two weeks the production potentials are going to be high, especially for winter crops. In the meantime, Turkey crop development will improve.

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