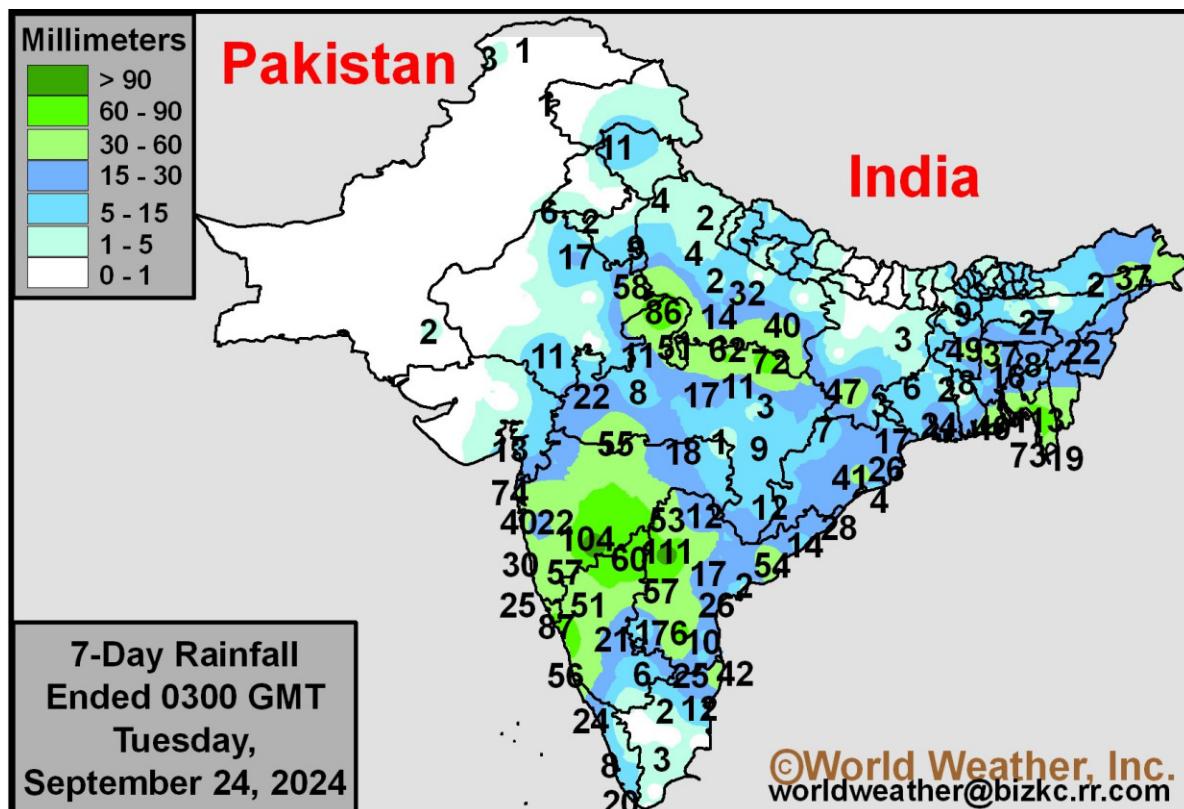


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Kansas City, September 25 (World Weather Inc.) – India's monsoon season will be winding down soon, but as it does there will be some last minute bolstering of soil moisture and water supply in both the far south and some eastern portions of the nation where summer rainfall was a little lighter than usual at times. Overall, the nation has experienced a very good monsoon season and crop production is expected to be highly favorable because of timely rain in most areas. Dryness remains an issue in the far south of the nation, although rain will fall significantly in the next ten days in that region. Similarly a part of eastern India will get hit with waves of heavy rain in the next two weeks resulting in some potential for flooding. Some of the long term moisture deficits in the lower Ganges River Basin may be reduced by the end of October's first week of weather.

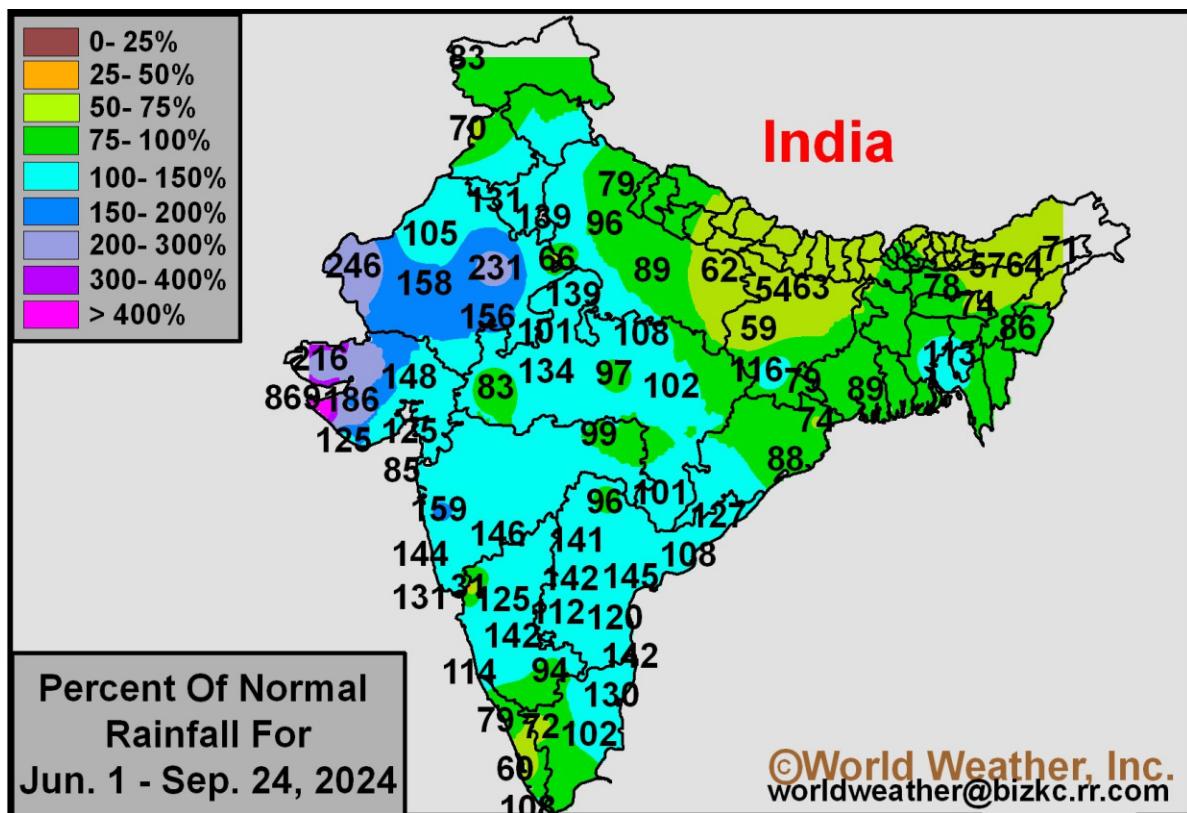
Northern and central Karnataka, western and central Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, northern Madhya Pradesh, southern Uttar Pradesh, extreme eastern Rajasthan, and portions of Bangladesh and the Eastern States received some of the most significant rain in India during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.47 to 4.45 inches. Northeastern Tamil Nadu, Kerala, other areas in Madhya Pradesh, eastern Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, and Jharkhand received 0.32 to 1.85 inches of rain. A few other locations in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, and southeastern Gujarat received up to 0.67 inch of moisture. Little to no rain was noted elsewhere.



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Rainfall remains below normal in a large section of eastern India and portions of Uttar Pradesh and Kerala since the start of the monsoon season, June 1. These areas received 54-96% of normal rain through September 24 with pockets that were slightly wetter than normal. The remaining production areas generally received near to above normal rainfall portions of Rajasthan, Gujarat, and western Maharashtra reporting 150% to over 200% of normal precipitation.

The environment remained generally favorable for aggressive growth in India during the past week. Most locations had ample moisture to support new development outside the driest fields in western Rajasthan and neighboring locations. However, enough rain was noted earlier this year in much of western India to support a good outlook for the crops. Yields for most crops are expected to be favorable with a bumper soybean crop possible. Rice prospects are generally favorable as well despite many areas in eastern India reporting less than usual rainfall.



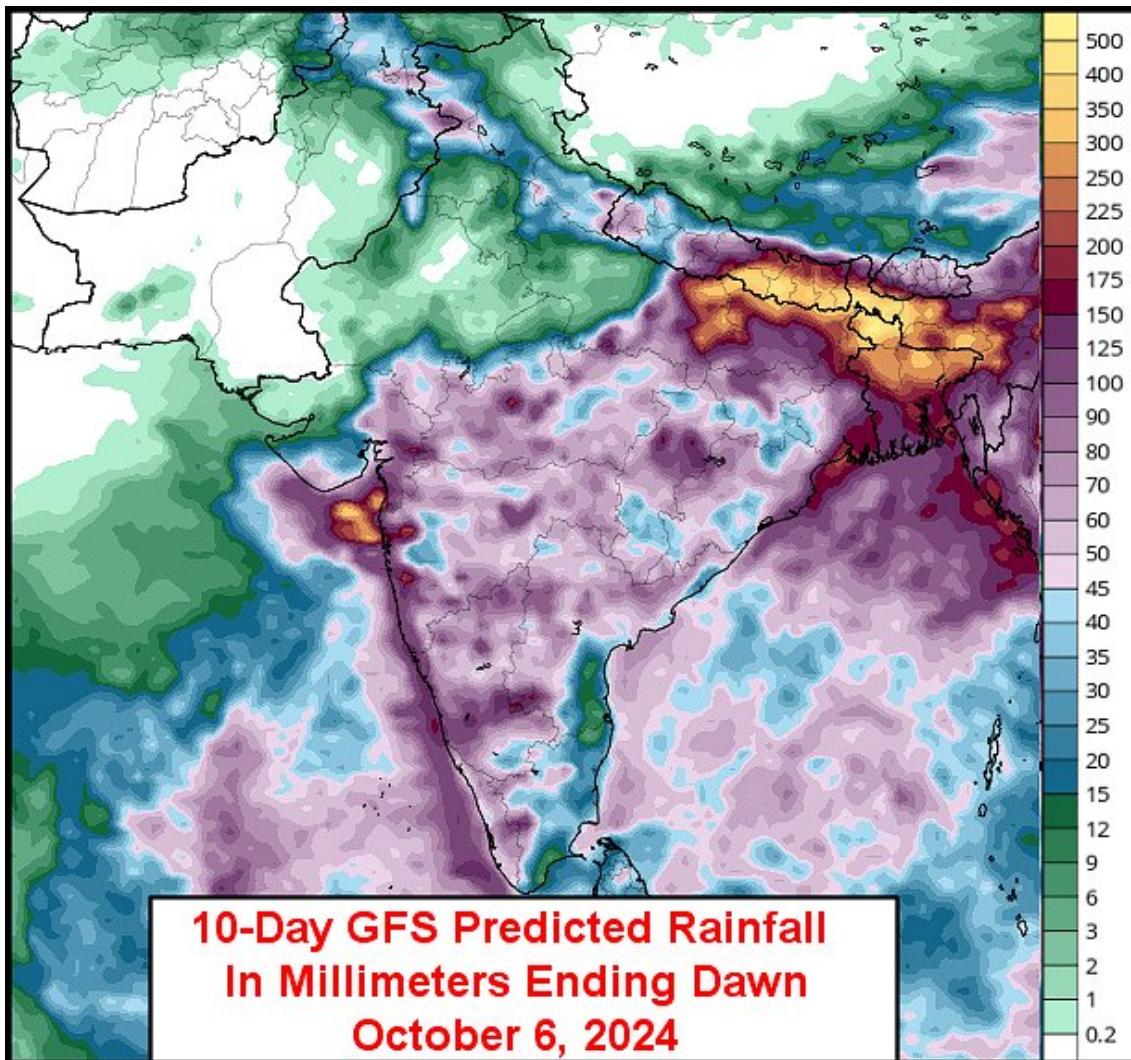
Rajasthan, Punjab, northwestern Gujarat, and neighboring areas will trend seasonably dry during the coming week. Spotty rain will be possible in a few locations, though resulting rainfall will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions, which is normal. Development conditions will remain favorable for these locations despite the lack of abundant rain. Production potentials will remain favorable as well.

The remaining production areas in India will have several opportunities for monsoonal rain during the coming week. A monsoon disturbance will meander around eastern and central India through the end of the weekend and will help enhance rainfall for several production areas. Bangladesh, the Eastern States, and much of West Bengal,

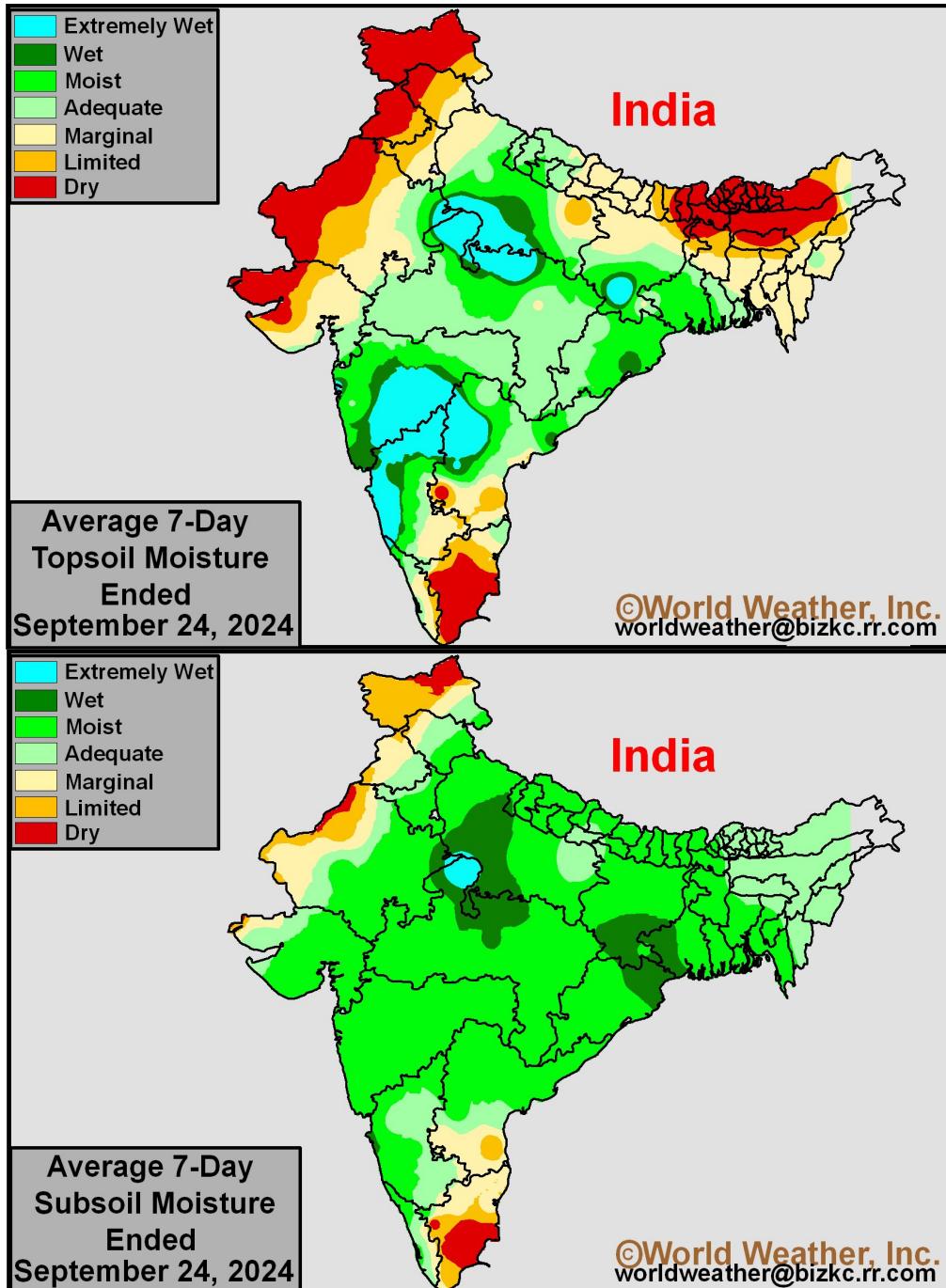
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Jharkhand, and Bihar will receive 3.00 to 7.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 10.00 inches or more by next Tuesday morning. The remaining locations in eastern India into central India, Maharashtra, western Madhya Pradesh, eastern Gujarat, eastern Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and coastal Karnataka will receive 1.50 to 5.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 8.00 inches or more in western Maharashtra and neighboring locations. Other areas will receive 0.50 to 3.00 inches of rain and locally greater amounts.

Localized flooding will be a concern in the coming days for Bangladesh, the Eastern States, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and western Maharashtra as significant monsoonal rain bolsters soil moisture. Flooding may damage a minor amount of crop and likely slow or delay fieldwork for several days. However, production losses are expected to be minimal. The environment will otherwise remain favorable for aggressive growth outside areas impacted by flooding. Yield potentials will remain mostly unchanged.



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