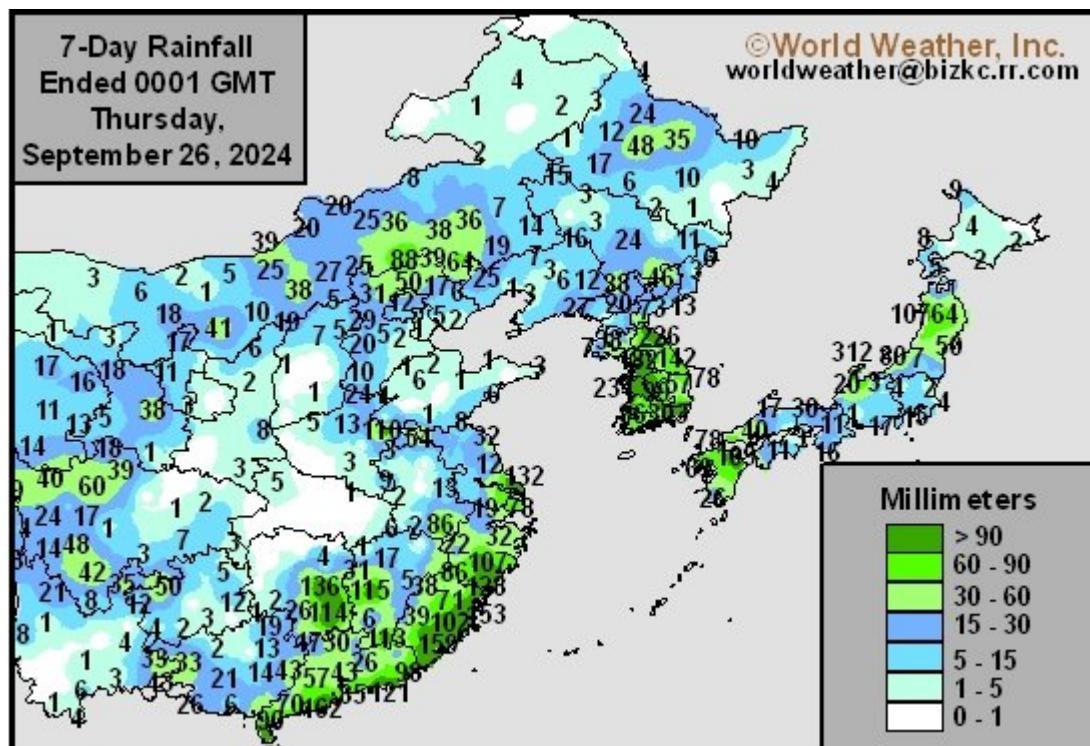


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Kansas City, September 26 (World Weather Inc.) – Harvesting is either underway or set to begin in the near future across China. Heavy rainfall in portions of southeastern China may have slowed or delayed harvesting in recent days. Portions of northern China may have also received enough precipitation to limit fieldwork and marginally impact crop quality. Yield potentials remain generally good across the country due to favorable weather over the growing season. A frontal boundary will bring rain to portions of crop country Friday into early next week that may disrupt harvesting and general fieldwork. The moisture will be good for the planting of winter crops except in the Yangtze River Basin where dryness may prevail for a while longer. A weak tropical disturbance could also generate significant rain for portions of southeastern China next week, though confidence is low.

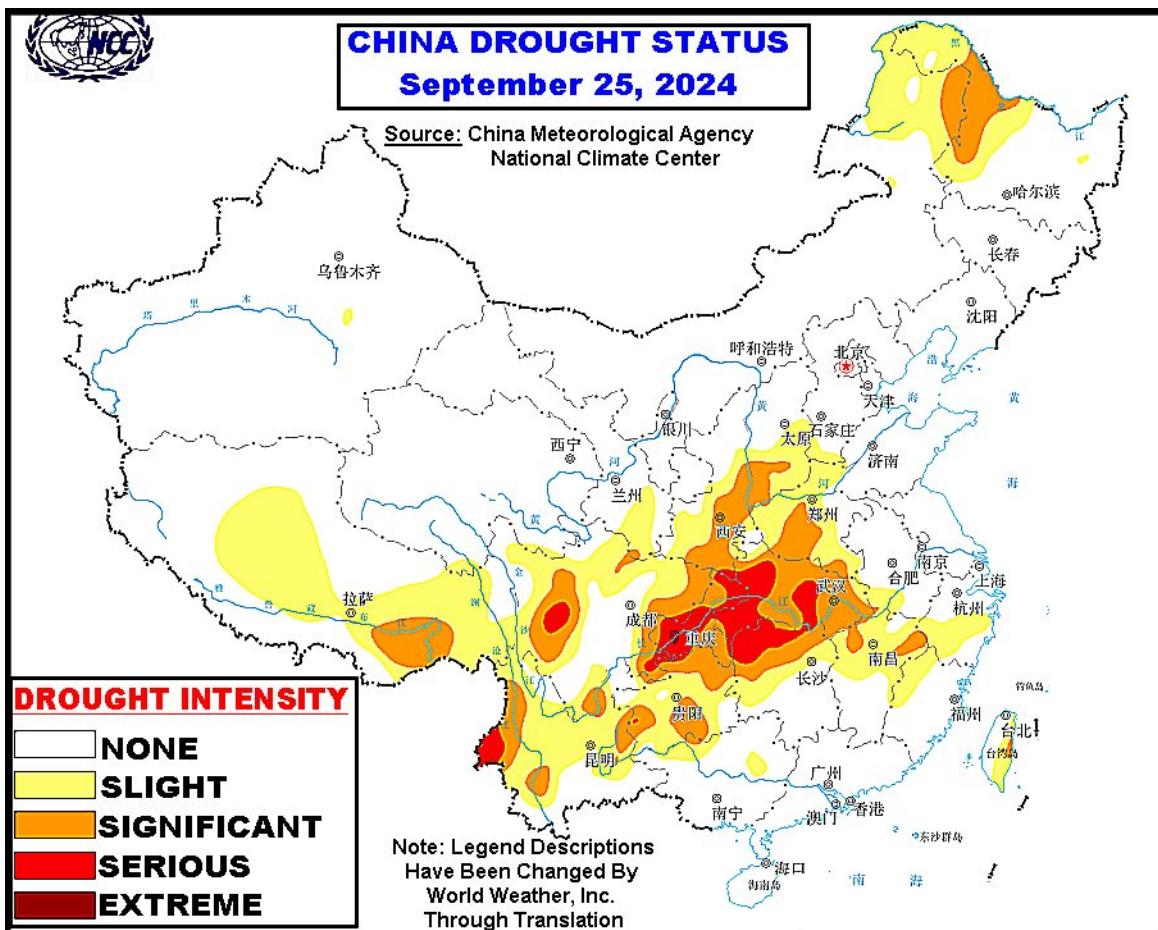
Portions of Fujian, Zhejiang, Guangdong, Jiangxi, southern and east-central Hunan, southern Jiangsu, and southern Anhui received 2.00 to 6.38 inches of rain during the seven-day period ending this morning. Central Inner Mongolia and northern Hebei received 0.67 to 3.46 inches of rain. Portions of Guangxi, eastern and northern Yunnan, western Sichuan, Guizhou, northeastern Henan, southern Jilin, and central Heilongjiang received 0.20 to 1.97 inches of rain with a local amount of 4.33 inches in northeastern Henan. Liaoning, northern Jilin, southern Hebei, and portions of Shaanxi, Shanxi, and eastern Sichuan received 0.12 to 1.00 inch of moisture. Little to no rain was noted elsewhere.



Eastern Sichuan, Hubei, and neighboring areas in Shaanxi, Henan, Hunan, and Guizhou have a shortage of moisture due to a lack of rain and warm to hot weather in recent weeks. Some of this region is suggested to be enduring drought conditions.

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**according to the China Meteorological Agency.** Other production areas in China generally have adequate to excessive amounts of moisture.

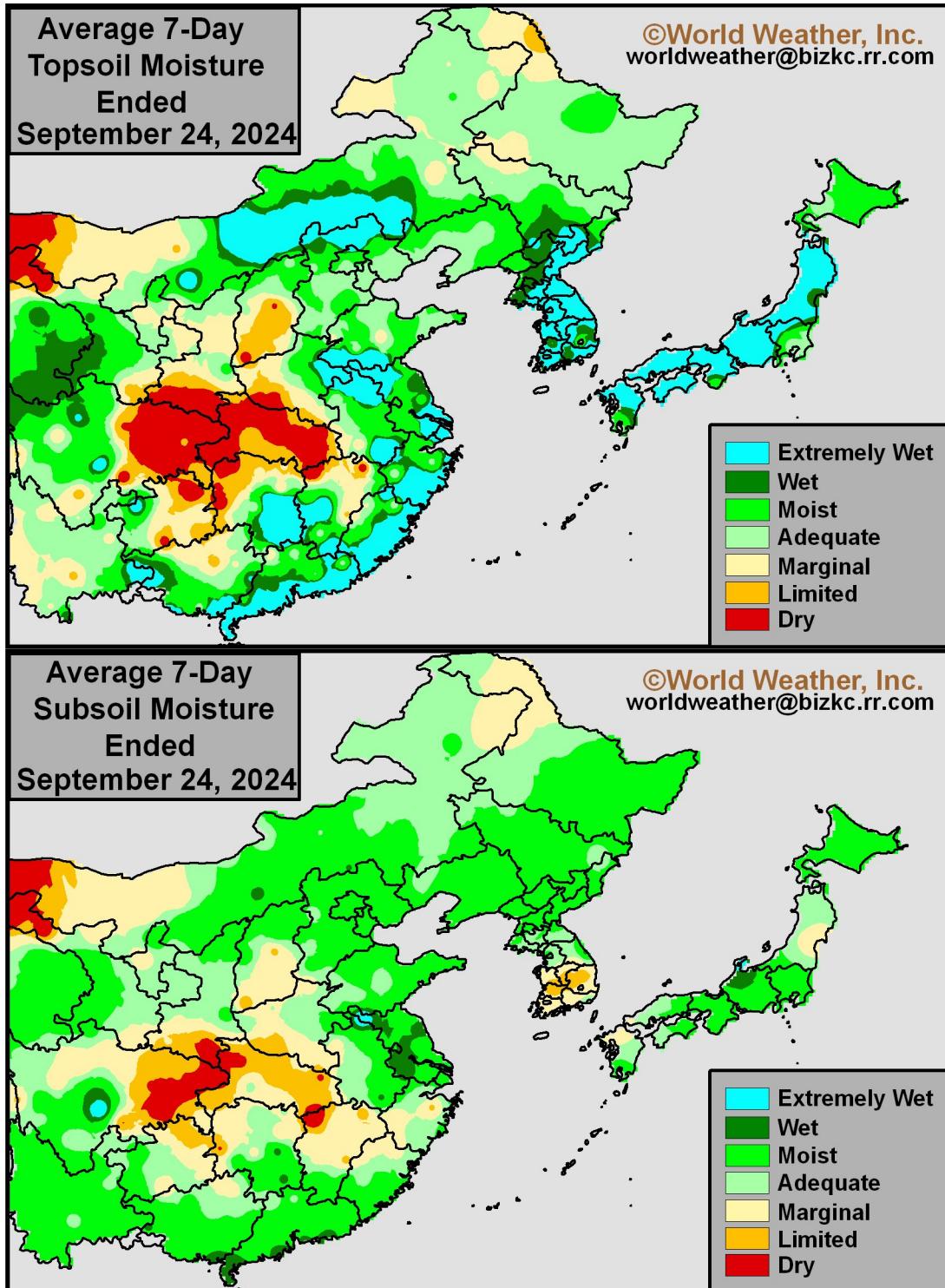


Harvesting is underway in portions of China, primarily areas near and south of the Yangtze River. The harvest will expand farther north in coming weeks once the grains, oilseeds, cotton, and other crops finish maturing. Harvesting and general fieldwork may have been sluggish in the wettest locations of southeastern China in recent days. Damage and quality impacts were likely minimal, even in the wettest locations. Other production areas saw more favorable conditions for maturation and early-season harvesting outside the wettest locations in northern China. Yields for the summer crops are expected to be generally good this season.

Winter wheat and barley planting normally begins in September and continues through October or early November in the North China Plain, central Yellow River Basin, and neighboring locations. Early-season planting prospects are favorable, though some of the driest locations are in growing need of rain. Winter rapeseed planting in the Yangtze River Basin normally occurs in November and December leaving plenty of time for some of the dryness in that part of the nation to be alleviated.

Some of the dryness in the Yellow River Basin will be partially eased in this coming week as a cool front moves through the region inducing scattered showers and thunderstorms.

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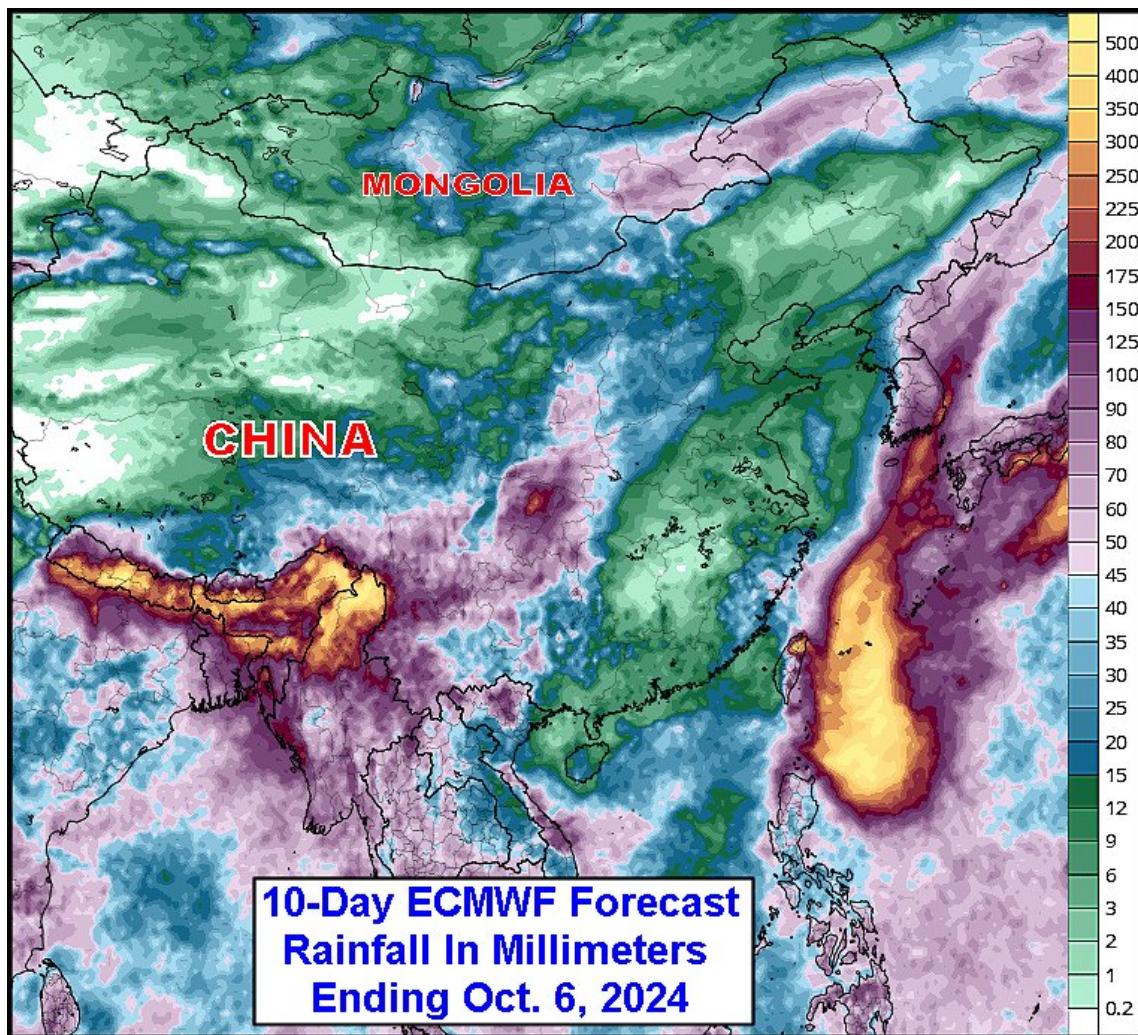
### WEATHER OUTLOOK

Precipitation will vary across China during the coming week. Light rain will initially be scattered across portions of crop country today. A strong frontal boundary will slowly advance across China Friday into early next week, generating varying amounts of rain. Rain

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will likely persist in east-central and southeastern China toward the middle of next week, especially if a tropical disturbance tracks nearby.

Areas from Yunnan, Guizhou, and Sichuan through Shaanxi, and Shanxi into Hebei, western Henan, central and northeastern Inner Mongolia, and northern Heilongjiang will receive 0.75 to 4.00 inches of rain by next Thursday morning. Pockets in Yunnan and Sichuan could receive 6.00 inches or slightly more of rain as well. Guangdong, Fujian, Zhejiang, and neighboring areas will receive 0.50 to 3.00 inches of rain with greater amounts possible in southeastern China depending on next week's tropical disturbance. The remaining production areas will receive 0.10 to 1.00 inch of moisture with several areas in central Heilongjiang, Jiangxi, and neighboring locations that will be mostly dry.



Rainfall associated with the frontal boundary in the coming days may slow or briefly delay harvesting and general fieldwork from southwestern China into the central Yellow River Basin and portions of northern China. Harvest delays will also be possible in southeastern and east-central China next week if a tropical disturbance tracks near or into the region. Crop damage and quality impacts should be minimal despite the rain. The environment will be more favorable for aggressive maturation and harvesting in the

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**remaining production areas. Planting of the winter wheat and barley will also advance swiftly around the rain.**

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