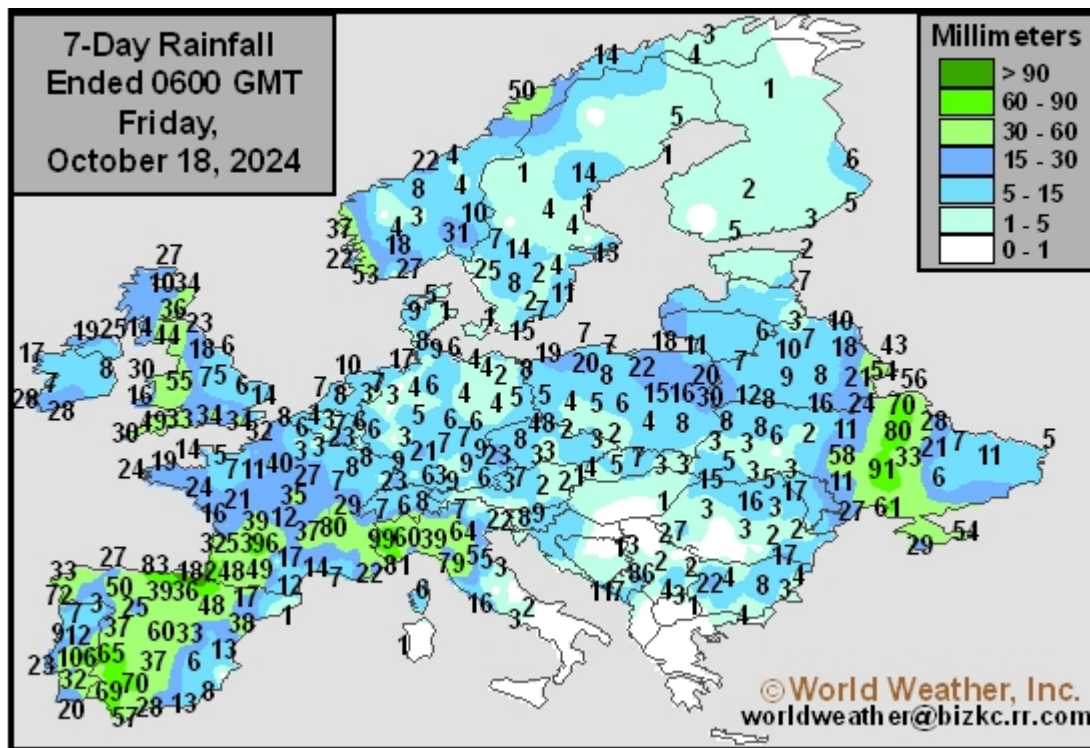


# Western Europe Rain Impacting Harvest

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Kansas City, October 18 (World Weather Inc.) – Western Europe has frequently been too wet in recent weeks and despite a weekend pause in the precipitation rain recently resumed further aggravating the delays and concern over crop quality. France and northern Italy have been most persistently affected by the wet conditions during this autumn harvest and planting season. Alternating periods of erratic rain and sunshine are slated for much of the region through the end of next week. Although most production areas will not receive nearly as much rain as that recently reported, the precipitation and wet soil may further delay harvesting and planting. Eastern Europe will trend dry or mostly dry through the end of next week and harvest conditions will be more favorable.

Spain, Portugal, central and southern France, northern Italy, Great Britain, central Ukraine, and eastern Belarus received some of the most significant rain in Europe during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.47 to 2.76 inches with local amounts up to 4.17 inches. Other production areas in Europe generally received 0.12 to 1.18 inches of rain, though several locations in southeastern Europe were mostly dry.

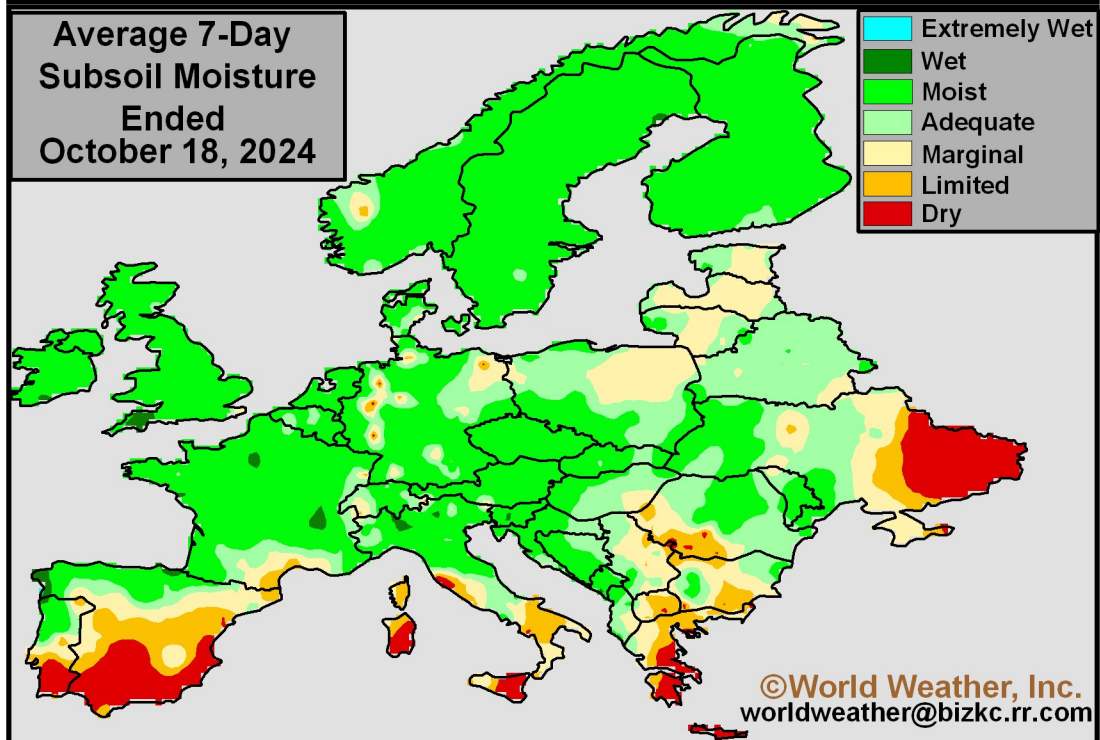
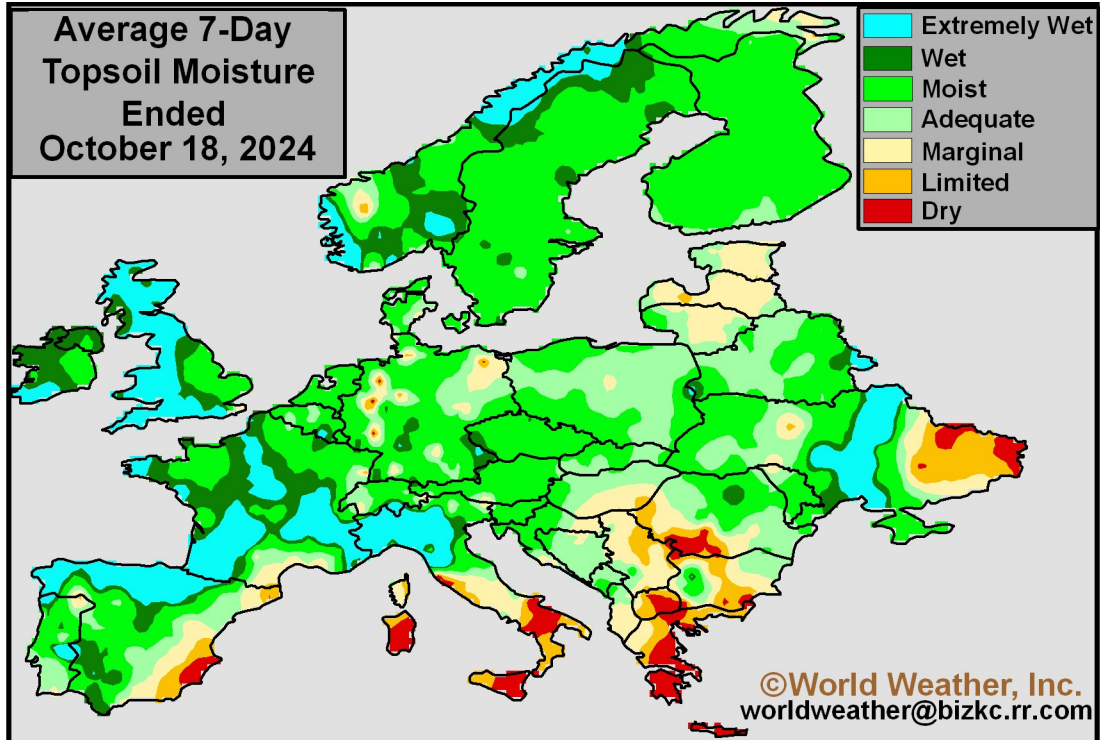


Several areas in Western Europe and central Ukraine are excessively wet due to the recent rainfall. In contrast, portions of Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, and neighboring locations in Southeastern Europe are dry to critically dry. The remaining locations generally have adequate amounts of moisture.

The waves of rain during the past week likely slowed or delayed harvesting and general fieldwork in Western Europe, central Ukraine, and neighboring locations. Minor

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quality declines were possible in the wettest locations, though yield potentials were mostly unchanged. Harvest conditions were more favorable in the remaining production areas in the continent despite the periods of erratic rainfall. The need for drier and warmer weather is high for the wettest locations to support better late-season harvesting and winter crop planting.

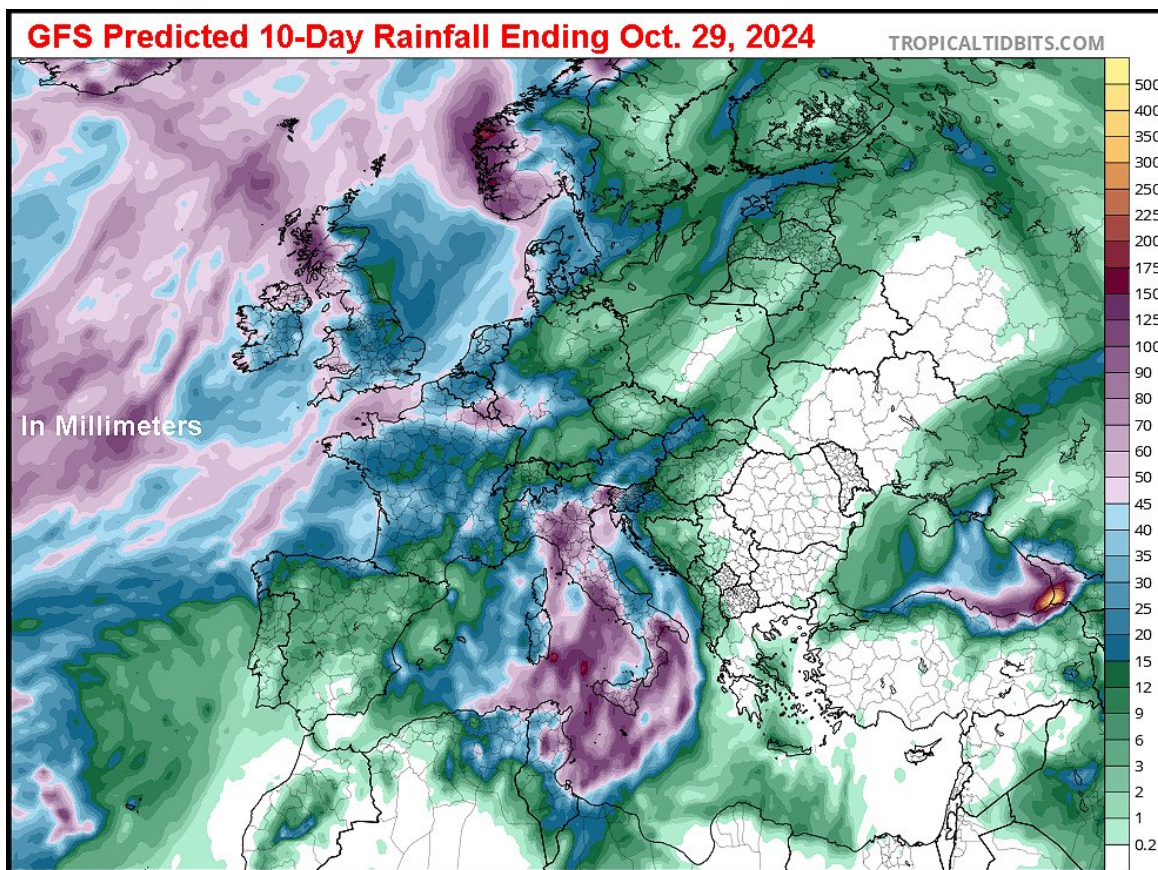


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Winter grain and oilseed planting is ongoing in much of Europe. As of October 11, corn harvesting was 6% done in France which was well behind the usual pace. Winter barley was reported to be 12% planted October 7 compared to 25% done in 2023 and weather conditions have been poor since that reporting.

Portions of southeastern Europe may be too dry to support ideal establishment and long-term development and the need for rain is high. Other locations have ample moisture to support relatively good establishment. However, the wettest areas would benefit from a period of drier weather for ideal late-season planting.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK



Weather will vary significantly across Europe through the end of next week. An upper-level trough and nearby upper-level disturbance will promote erratic rainfall for Western Europe through Tuesday. These areas will again have an opportunity for rain Thursday as a new disturbance shifts into the region. Italy will receive 0.50 to 3.00 inches of rain and locally greater amounts by next Friday morning. Other locations will generally receive 0.10 to 1.00 inch of rain with local amounts of 2.00 inches or slightly more in the United Kingdom, Ireland, northern and southern France, and neighboring locations. Portions of central and southern Spain and Portugal will also be mostly dry. High pressure will

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otherwise promote mostly dry weather in Eastern Europe. Any rain that does occur will be lost to evaporation.

For Western Europe, the periods of erratic rain will continue to slow harvesting and general fieldwork in the coming days. Minor improvements to the harvest will also be possible in portions of the Iberian Peninsula and France. Winter wheat planting will also continue around the periods of rain in areas not completely saturated with moisture. Wheat and rapeseed establishment and early-season development conditions will advance, albeit slowly until the ground firms a bit and sunshine returns abundantly.

Harvesting and general fieldwork will advance swiftly for much of **Eastern Europe** through the end of next week due to the lack of rain. Planting of winter grains and oilseeds will also advance swiftly with much of the fieldwork winding down. Dry conditions will prevail in southeastern Europe with some of it expected to expand. The need for timely rain will increase later this autumn to support better establishment for the winter crops in the driest areas of the lower Danube River Basin.

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