

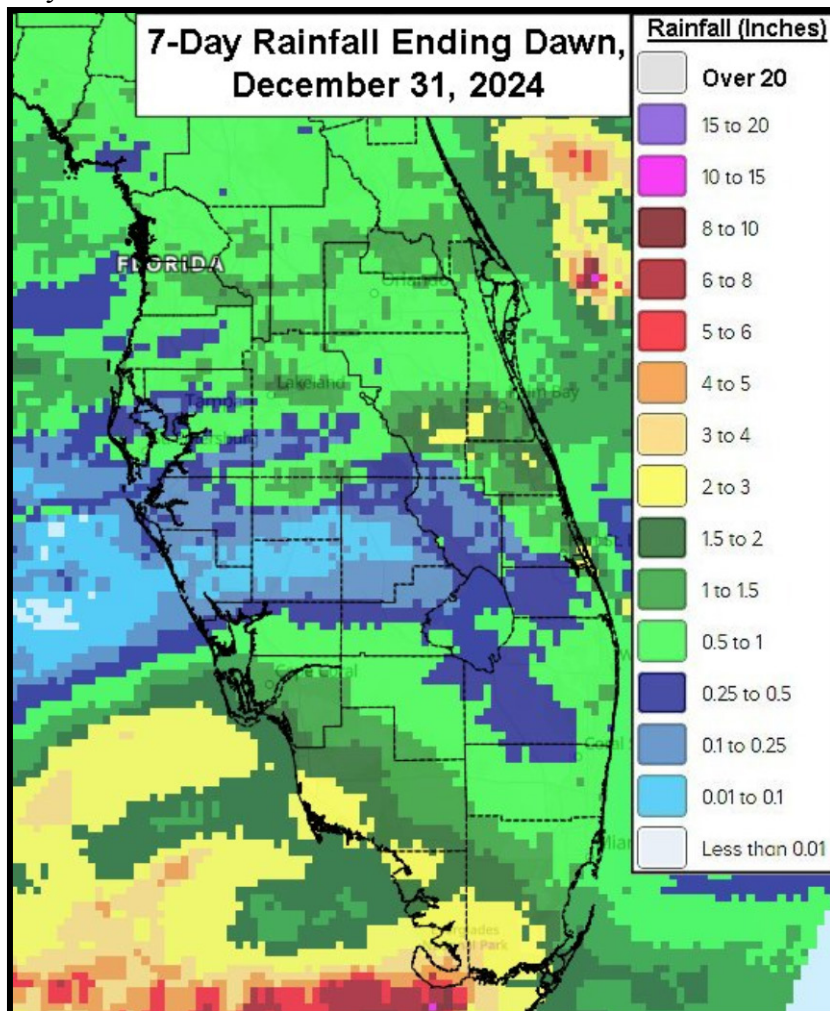
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, January 1 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus areas saw periods of spotty rainfall during the past week. No major harvest delays were suspected and the environment remained favorable for ongoing fruit and tree development. The main citrus areas will receive little or no rain during the coming week and irrigation will likely be used most days. **Brazil**'s citrus areas again received significant rain during the past week. Although rain totals through early next week will be slightly lower than usual in some locations, most areas will have ample moisture to maintain aggressive growth. East-central and northeastern **Mexico** will have opportunities for erratic rainfall through this weekend that may disrupt the harvest and general farming activity.

FLORIDA

Rainfall varied across the main citrus areas in Florida during the past week. Sarasota and Manatee Counties into De Soto, Highlands, Okeechobee, and southern Hardee Counties only received trace amounts to 0.50 inch of rain for the seven-day period ending Tuesday



mornng. Most other locations received 0.25 to 1.50 inches of rain with local amounts of 2.00 inches or slightly more in Osceola, Indian River, and southern Brevard Counties. The rain helped supplement irrigation and continued to support a good environment for developing fruit and trees. Harvesting and general farming activity likely advanced around the rain as well.

Temperatures were near normal during the past week. Daytime highs peaked from the mid-70s to lower 80s Fahrenheit with many areas only warming to the upper 60s and lower 70s December 24 – 25. Nighttime lows were in the upper 40s and 50s December 25-26 before

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settling to the 60s in more recent days.

Precipitation will be limited for Florida during the coming week. A few light showers will occur today, though resulting rainfall will be lost to evaporation. Dry or mostly dry weather is expected most other days. The lack of rain will be beneficial for the harvest and general farming activity across the region. Dryness will intensify and the need for irrigation will remain high. Development conditions will remain generally favorable despite the lack of rain.

Seasonable to seasonably cool weather is slated for Florida during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s today and again Monday. Highs most other days will be in the upper 50s and 60s. Low temperatures will be in the upper 50s and 60s Wednesday and again Monday. Lows most other days will be in the 40s and lower 50s with pockets in the north cooling to the upper 30s this weekend. No damaging cold weather is expected.

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais saw several waves of rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 1.77 to 5.47 inches with pockets in southwestern Sao Paulo that only received 0.67 to 1.26 inches of rain. Temperatures were near normal with highest readings in the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest

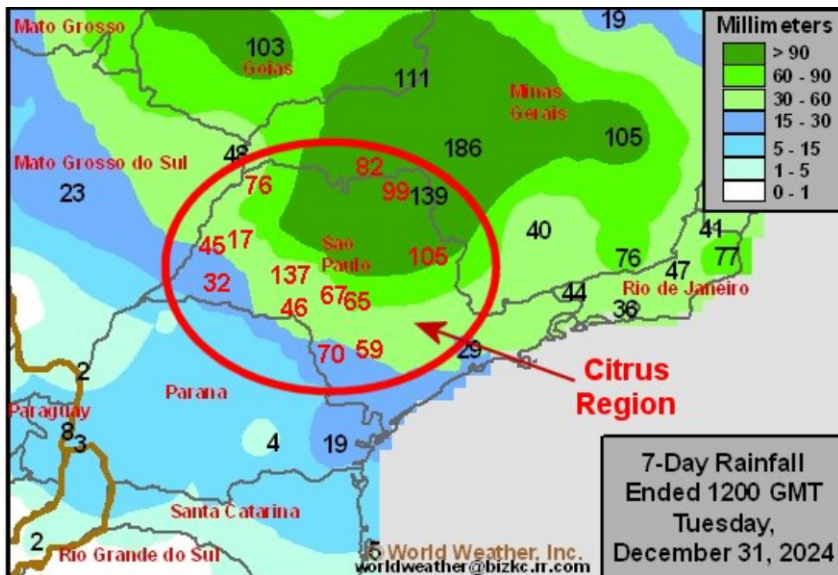
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The rain continued to support a good environment for aggressive fruit and tree development across the main production areas during the past week. Production potentials remain mostly unchanged with lower than usual yields expected for the upcoming season mostly due to citrus greening.

The main citrus

areas will trend a little drier than usual during the coming week as a La Nina-like weather pattern evolves over Brazil. Scattered showers will still occur at times with moisture totals ranging from 0.50 to 2.00 inches by next Tuesday morning. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs reaching the 80s and lower 90s. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

The environment will remain relatively favorable for citrus development during the coming week despite slightly drier than usual conditions. The main production areas will still have ample moisture to support new growth.



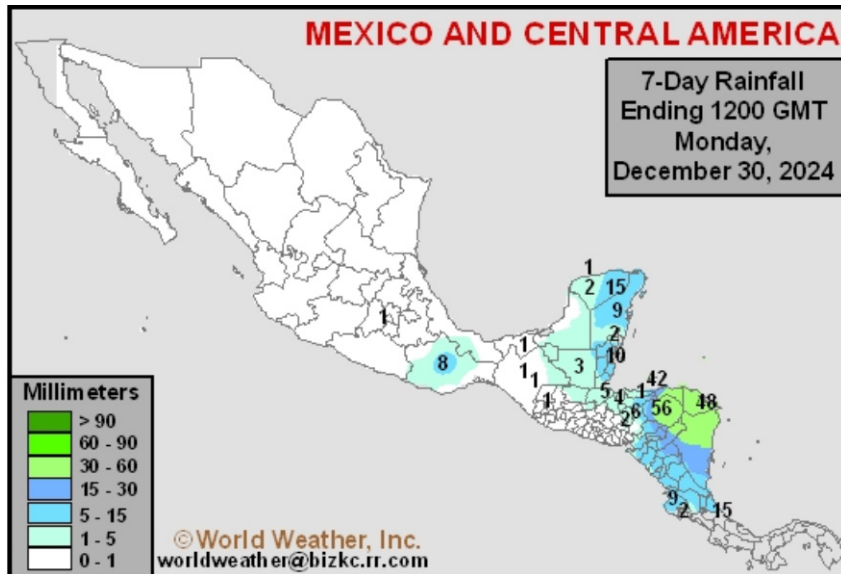
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MEXICO

A few locations in Oaxaca received upwards of 0.32 inch of rain for the seven-day period ending December 30. The main citrus areas in Mexico were otherwise dry during the past week. Temperatures were warm with highest readings reaching the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and 60s with pockets cooling to the 40s. The lack of

rain was beneficial for aggressive harvesting and general farming activity.

East-central and northeastern Mexico will see a mix of spotty rain and sunshine during the coming week. The Gulf of Mexico will be open for moisture during the next several days and scattered shower activity will occur Wednesday into Saturday. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from



0.10 to 0.75 inch with portions of Veracruz receiving 1.50 inches of rain or slightly more. A few light showers will occasionally evolve for western Mexico's citrus areas, though resulting rainfall will be lost to evaporation.

Temperatures in the coming week will be near to slightly above normal. Daytime highs will peak to the upper 70s and 80s with pockets in the west and northeast often warming to the 90s. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with portions of northeastern Mexico often cooling to the 40s.

The periods of rain in east-central and northeastern Mexico may slow harvesting and general farming activity in the coming days. No major delays or quality impacts are suspected. The moisture will otherwise be welcome where it occurs.

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