

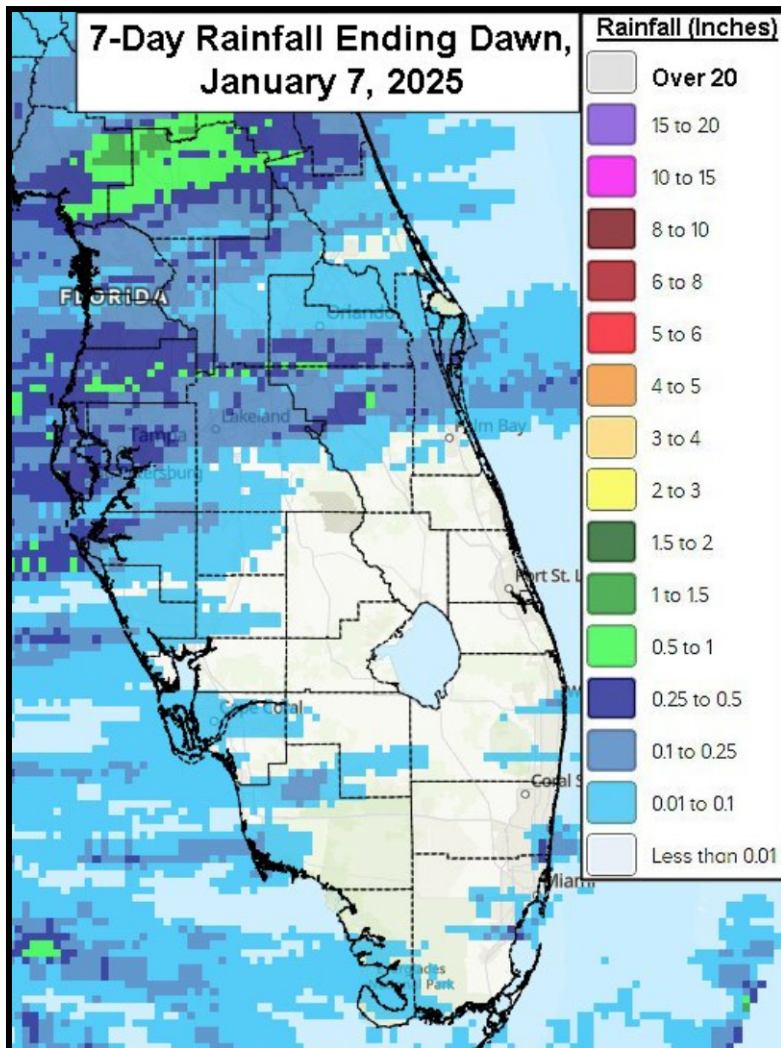
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, January 7 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus areas were mostly dry during the past week and will receive limited rainfall in the coming days. Nighttime temperatures dropped to the 30s Fahrenheit at times in the northern citrus counties and will again cool to the 30s on a frequent basis during the coming week. *No damaging conditions are expected.* **Brazil**'s citrus areas saw a good mix of rain and sunshine during the past week with more on the way during the coming week. Development conditions will remain generally favorable, though yields are still expected to trend lower than usual this season mostly due to greening disease. **Mexico** will be unusually wet during the coming week. Early-season flowering may occur in areas that receive the greatest amount of rain.

FLORIDA

Northern fringes of citrus country in Florida received light rain during the past week, though much of the rain was too light to significantly impact long-term soil conditions.



Areas farther south were otherwise dry or received less than 0.10 inch of rain for the seven-day period ending this morning. Irrigation was run in most locations and citrus development conditions remained favorable. Harvesting and general farming activity also advanced with few disruptions.

Seasonable to seasonably cool weather was noted across Florida's citrus region during the past week. Daytime highs peaked to the 60s and lower 70s Fahrenheit January 2-4. Highs most other days were in the 70s and lower 80s. Lowest temperatures were in the upper 30s and 40s January 2 – 5 and again this morning with pockets in the northwest corner of crop country cooling to the lower 30s. However, temperatures were not cold enough for long

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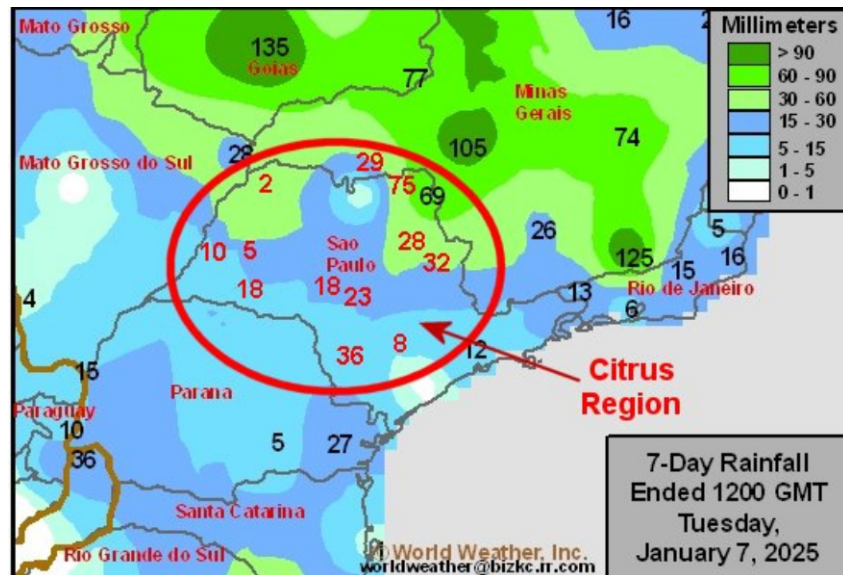
enough to damage citrus. Lows most other days were in the upper 40s and 50s with pockets in the lower 60s.

Precipitation will be limited for citrus country during the coming week. A disturbance will generate light rain late Friday and Saturday when passing near the region. Isolated showers will also be possible today and Wednesday. Resulting rainfall will generally be too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Irrigation will continue to be run on a frequent basis. Citrus development conditions will remain favorable. Harvesting and general farming activity will also advance around the spotty rain.

Temperatures will again trend near to below normal across Florida through next Tuesday. Daytime highs will only reach the upper 50s and 60s through Thursday with pockets only warming to the lower 50s. Highs for the remainder of the coming week will increase to the 60s and lower 70s with pockets in the upper 50s. Nighttime lows will be in the upper 30s and 40s through Friday with pockets in the northwest cooling to the lower 30s. Lows over the weekend will be in the upper 40s and 50s before returning to the upper 30s and 40s early next week. No damaging cold weather is expected.

BRAZIL

Brazil's citrus areas received varying amounts of rain during the past week. Northeastern Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais received 1.14 to 2.95 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending this morning. Other locations in Sao Paulo received 0.20 to 1.42 inches of rain, though several pockets in southern, central, and western Sao Paulo received little or no precipitation. Temperatures were near normal with highest readings in



the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the upper 50s and 60s.

The main citrus areas had ample moisture to support new growth during the past week, even in areas that received little or no rain.

Production prospects remain below normal for this season due mostly to citrus greening and poor conditions as some of

the citrus was flowering.

Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will evolve on a near daily basis for Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the coming week. Southwestern Minas Gerais and northern Sao Paulo will receive the most significant rain with totals ranging from 1.00 to 3.00 inches by next Tuesday morning. Southern Sao Paulo will receive 0.50 to 1.50 inches of rain and locally greater amounts. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs reaching the 80s and lower 90s most often. Pockets will also only warm to the 70s

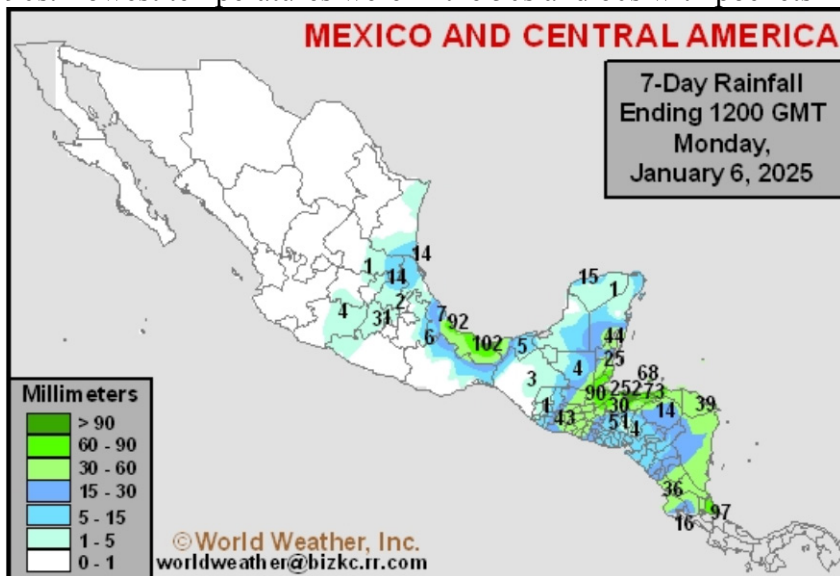
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during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s with pockets in southern Sao Paulo cooling to the 50s.

Citrus development conditions will remain generally favorable across Brazil during the coming week due to the additional rain and seasonable temperatures. Yield potentials will remain mostly unchanged.

MEXICO

Southern Veracruz saw several waves of rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending January 6 ranged from 3.62 to 4.02 inches. A few locations in northern Veracruz, southeastern San Luis Potosi, and eastern fringes of Puebla received 0.24 to 0.55 inch of moisture. Little to no rain was noted in the remaining citrus areas. Temperatures were often warmer than normal with highest readings in the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 40s.



Rain was welcome where it occurred in Veracruz and neighboring locations. Early flowering may have occurred in a few locations. The lack of abundant rain elsewhere was also beneficial for any harvesting and general farming activity that was not yet complete.

An unusually wet weather pattern is slated

for Mexico during the coming week. An upper-level disturbance will slowly evolve and be cut off from the main flow over the U.S. southwest during the next few days. The disturbance will make its way across the southern U.S. and northern Mexico and generate erratic rainfall across the main citrus areas Wednesday through Friday. Light showers will also occur in a few locations over the weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.50 inches with local amounts of 2.50 inches or more in Tamaulipas. Temperatures will trend near to below normal. Northeastern Mexico will warm to the 50s and 60s most often with pockets only warming to the upper 40s. East-central and western Mexico will see highs in the 60s and 70s with pockets in the 80s. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s with pockets in northeastern Mexico cooling to the upper 30s. A few locations in Nuevo Leon could briefly cool near freezing over the weekend as well. Citrus flowers may be hurt by the cold, though overall damage should be minimal.

The waves of rain will marginally bolster soil moisture in portions of citrus country in the coming days. Harvesting and general farming activity may advance slowly in the wettest locations. Rainfall may also promote early-flowering in a few locations of northeastern Mexico.

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