

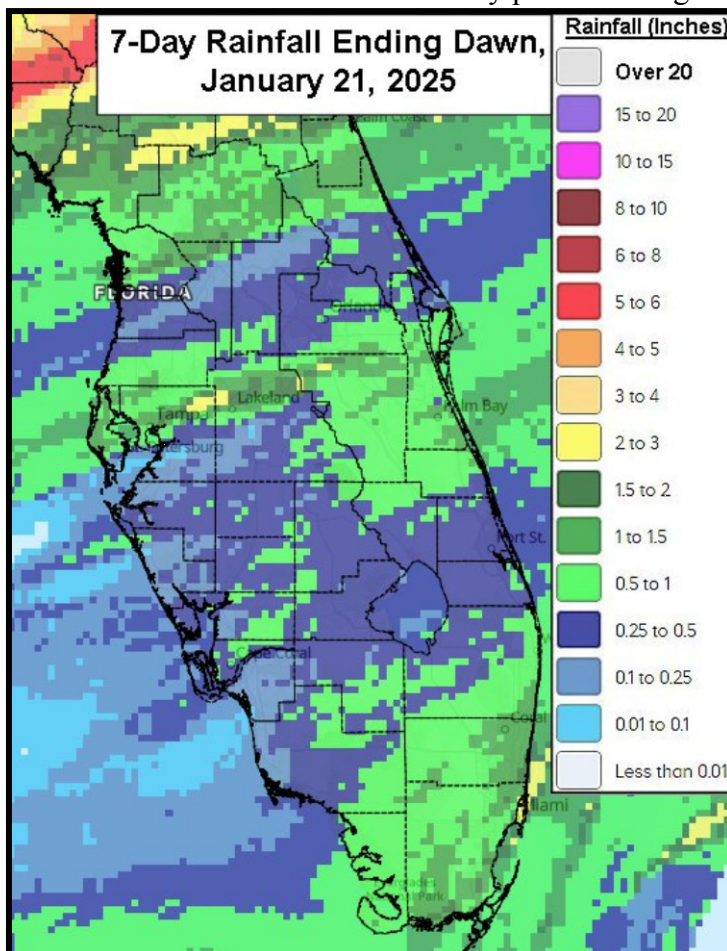
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, January 21 (World Weather Inc.) – Arctic air swept across North America in recent days, dropping temperatures well below normal in several locations. While some of the colder air reached **Florida**, no significant frost and freezes were noted in citrus country. Colder biased conditions will persist during the next several days for Florida with nighttime lows dropping to the 30s Fahrenheit in northern fringes of citrus country. However, [no significant citrus damage is expected](#). **Brazil**'s citrus region received rain on a frequent basis during the past week with more on the way during the coming week. Development conditions will remain favorable. In **Mexico**, arctic air has also promoted colder biased conditions in northeastern portions of citrus country in recent days. [Frost and light freezes will occur in portions of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas Wednesday morning and may damage a minor amount of crop](#). [Citrus in southern Texas will also be impacted](#). There is hope that very little of the citrus has started to flower and overall damage should be minimal.

FLORIDA

The main citrus areas in Florida saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.25 to



1.00 inch with local amounts of 2.00 inches or slightly more from northern Hillsborough County into Brevard County. The rain and irrigation promoted a good environment for new citrus growth. Harvesting and general farming activity likely advanced swiftly around the periods of precipitation.

Temperatures trended near to below normal during the past week. Daytime highs peaked to the 60s and lower 70s Fahrenheit with many areas warming to the 70s and lower 80s January 18-19. Highs January 20 were only in the upper 40s and 50s. Nighttime lows were in the 30s and 40s most often, though lows January 18-19 only dropped to the 50s and 60s. [Pockets in the northwest corner of citrus country occasionally cooled](#)

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near freezing. However, temperatures were not cold enough for long enough to promote any severe damage.

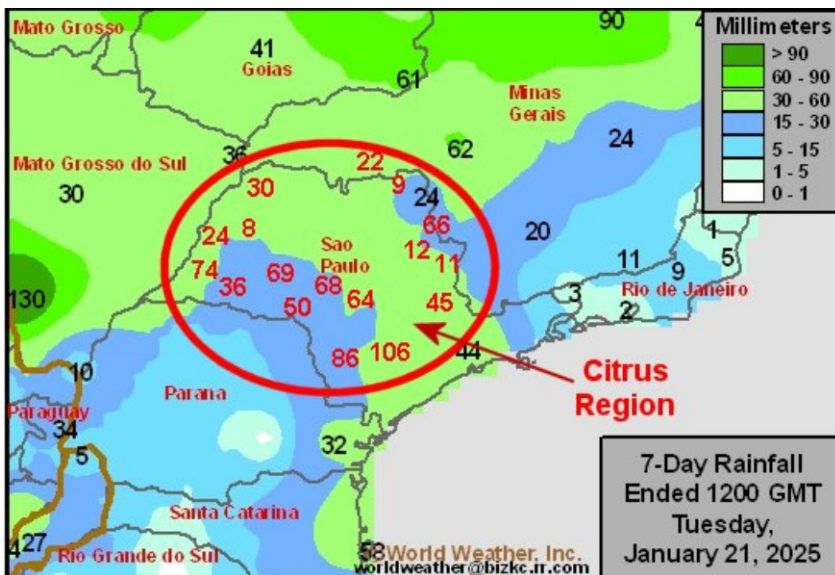
Florida's citrus region will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine during the coming week. A disturbance tracking around a strong arctic air mass over eastern North America will initially promote rain today into Wednesday. A few light showers will persist Thursday and early Friday. High pressure will then limit rain for the remainder of the coming week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch and local amounts over 1.00 inch in northern fringes of citrus country. The rain will supplement irrigation and continue to support a good environment for new growth. Harvesting and general farming activity may be sluggish during the next few days in areas that receive the greatest amount of rain. However, producers should be able to harvest between rain events.

Seasonably cold weather will persist for much of Florida through next Tuesday.

High temperatures through Saturday will only reach the 50s and lower 60s with pockets in the upper 40s. Highs will then increase to the 60s and lower 70s later this weekend and early next week. *Low temperatures will be in the upper 30s and 40s through the end of the weekend with pockets cooling to the lower 30s Saturday morning. Most locations are not expected to cool below freezing for an extended period of time and crop damage will likely be minimal.* Lows early next week will be in the 40s and lower 50s.

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais received rain on a frequent basis during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.43 to 2.72 inches with local amounts up to 4.17 inches in southern Sao Paulo. Temperatures were near normal with highest readings in the upper 80s and 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and lower 70s.



Although frequent rainfall for the past several weeks continued to support a good environment for citrus growth across Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais, production is likely to trend below normal for the upcoming season. Warm and hot weather when the citrus was flowering combined with the ongoing citrus greening diseases continues to promote

lower yields for the upcoming season.

The main citrus areas will continue to receive rain on a frequent basis during the coming week. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will occur most days. Disturbances will help enhance rainfall rates Thursday into this weekend. Moisture totals by next Tuesday

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morning will range from 1.50 to 4.00 inches and locally greater amounts. The rain will maintain a good environment for aggressive citrus growth.

Temperatures will remain near normal for much of Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 80s and lower 90s with pockets only warming to the 70s during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

MEXICO

A few locations in Veracruz received upwards of 0.39 inch of rain for the seven-day period ending January 20. The remaining citrus production areas in Mexico otherwise received little to no rain. Temperatures varied between above and below normal in most locations. Highest readings still reached the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 40s and 50s with pockets in northeastern Mexico cooling to the 30s. No extended period of freezing temperatures were noted. The lack of rain and warm weather was beneficial for harvesting and general farming activity. The need for timely rain will remain high in the coming weeks as citrus starts to flower and set fruit.



Drier-than-normal weather is slated for much of Mexico during the coming week. Light rain will occasionally be scattered across Veracruz and Tamaulipas, though resulting rainfall will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions in most locations. Seasonable to seasonably cold weather is slated for much of citrus country through

next Tuesday. Daytime highs will peak to the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 70s through Friday. Highs will increase to the 70s and 80s with pockets in the 60s this weekend and early next week. Low temperatures will be in the 30s and 40s through Saturday for northeastern Mexico with pockets in Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas cooling to the upper 20s Wednesday. Other areas will see lows in the 40s and 50s with pockets in the upper 30s through Saturday. Lows later this weekend and early next week will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 40s.

Frost and light freezes will be a concern for portions of citrus country in Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas Wednesday morning. Minor damage will be possible for any trees that have started flowering, though no widespread major damage is expected. Producers in irrigated groves may also drench unharvested fruit in water to help limit damage as well. The main citrus areas as a whole otherwise need more significant rain to improve flowering conditions.

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