

Brazil Soybean Harvest Must Work Around The Rain

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Kansas City, February 4 (World Weather Inc.) – *It is prime time for soybean harvesting in Brazil's center west and center south – at least for the early planted crop. Safrinha corn planting is largely dependent upon producers getting the soybean crop out of the fields in February to ensure the best possible growing conditions prior to and during the annual monsoon withdrawal in April.* No extended period of dry weather is predicted over the next couple of weeks and that is liable to create some producer stress as they are forced to harvest around the rain in wet fields to get their second crops planted without a serious threat of dryness during reproduction. Seasonal rains usually end in April and if Safrinha corn and cotton are planted too late they will run the risk of reproduction with poor soil moisture and no rain. *World Weather, Inc. believes corn and cotton have a fair chance of performing with a limited amount of production loss, but the next three weeks are of critical importance.*

Colheita Soybean Harvest Progress From CONAB

Estado	Semana até:		
	2024	2025	
	3/Feb	26/Jan	2/Feb
Tocantins	3.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Maranhão	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Piauí	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bahia	1.5%	3.0%	3.2%
Mato Grosso	30.8%	3.6%	14.7%
Mato Grosso do Sul	8.0%	4.0%	7.0%
Goiás	10.0%	0.3%	2.0%
Minas Gerais	8.0%	5.0%	6.0%
São Paulo	10.0%	2.0%	4.0%
Paraná	19.0%	10.0%	18.0%
Santa Catarina	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Rio Grande do Sul	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
12 estados	14.0%	3.2%	8.0%

Semeadura Cotton Planting Progress From CONAB

Estado	Semana até:		
	2024	2025	
	3/Feb	26/Jan	2/Feb
Maranhão	90.0%	78.0%	78.0%
Piauí	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Bahia	81.3%	77.0%	80.0%
Mato Grosso	90.3%	33.5%	45.9%
Mato Grosso do Sul	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Goiás	85.0%	88.0%	90.0%
Minas Gerais	90.0%	91.0%	93.0%
7 estados	88.7%	46.3%	56.1%

Semeadura Safrinha Corn Planting From CONAB

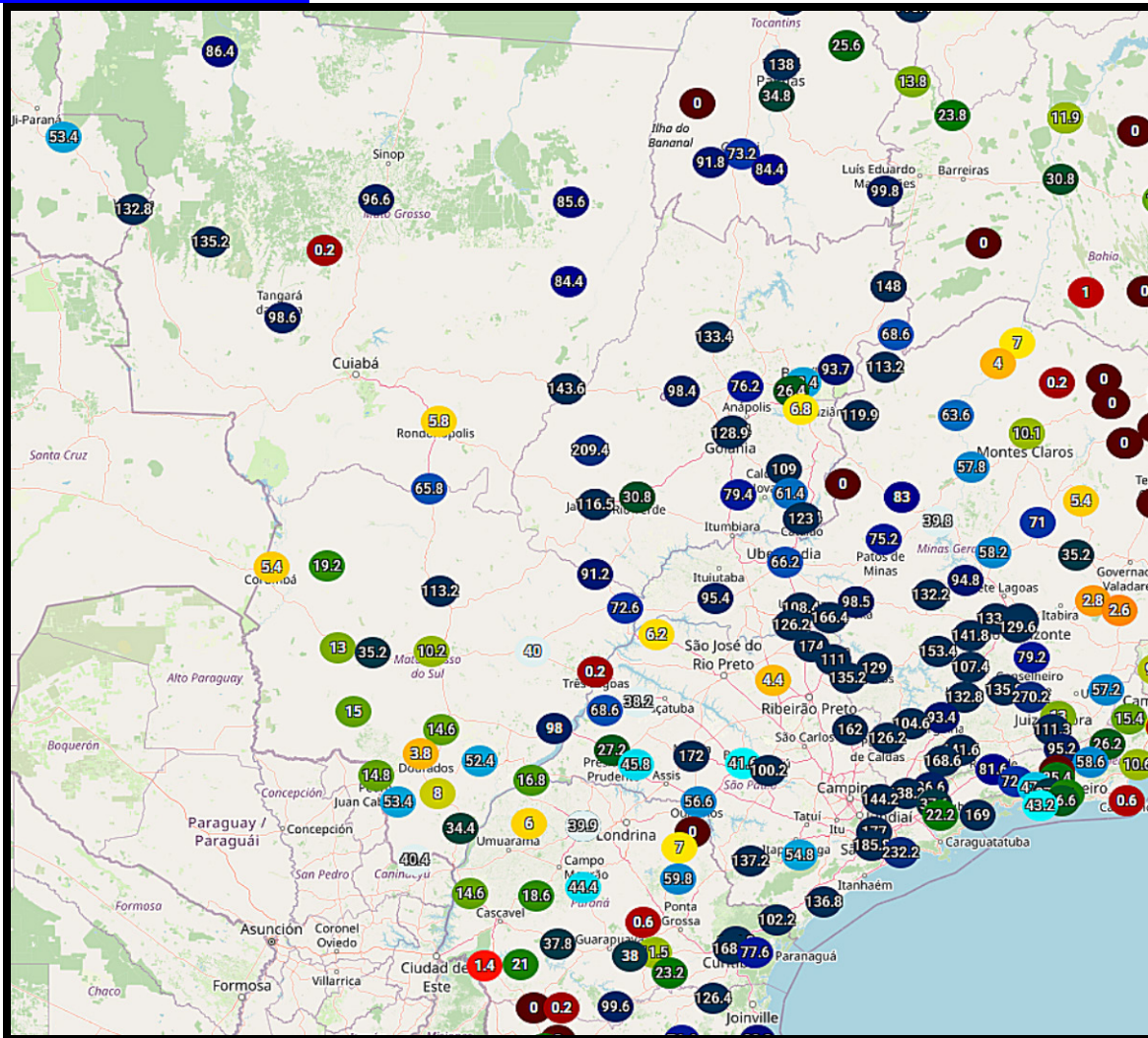
Estado	Semana até:		
	2024	2025	
	3/Feb	26/Jan	2/Feb
Goiás	9.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Piauí	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Tocantins	10.0%	0.0%	1.0%
São Paulo	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Minas Gerais	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
Maranhão	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mato Grosso do Sul	6.0%	2.0%	5.0%
Mato Grosso	30.2%	1.2%	6.2%
Paraná	22.0%	3.0%	9.0%
9 estados	19.8%	1.4%	5.3%

The latest field progress report from Braizil's CONAB Tuesday confirmed most of the markets fears that field progress in center west and center south Brazil has not been advancing well. Soybean harvesting in the nation was only 8% done on February 2, but compared to last year that was 8 percentage points less and much of the delay in fieldwork was occurring in Mato Grosso where 14.7% of the crop had been harvested compared to 31% last year at this time. Mato Grosso also produces much of the Safrinha corn and cotton and the Safrinha corn was only planted on 6.2% of the acreage in the state compared to 30.2% in 2024. Cotton planting in Mato Grosso was also well behind with 46% of the crop in the ground comapred to 90% done last year.

Delays in fieldwork have resulted because of two factors. The first was a delay in planting last spring. Seasonal rains failed to develop significantly in late September or October preventing early season soybeans from being planted on time. That has resulted

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in delays to the early soybean harvest, but contributing to that delay has been frequent rainfall in recent weeks.



7-Day Rainfall in Millimeters Ending Dawn Tuesday, February 4, 2025

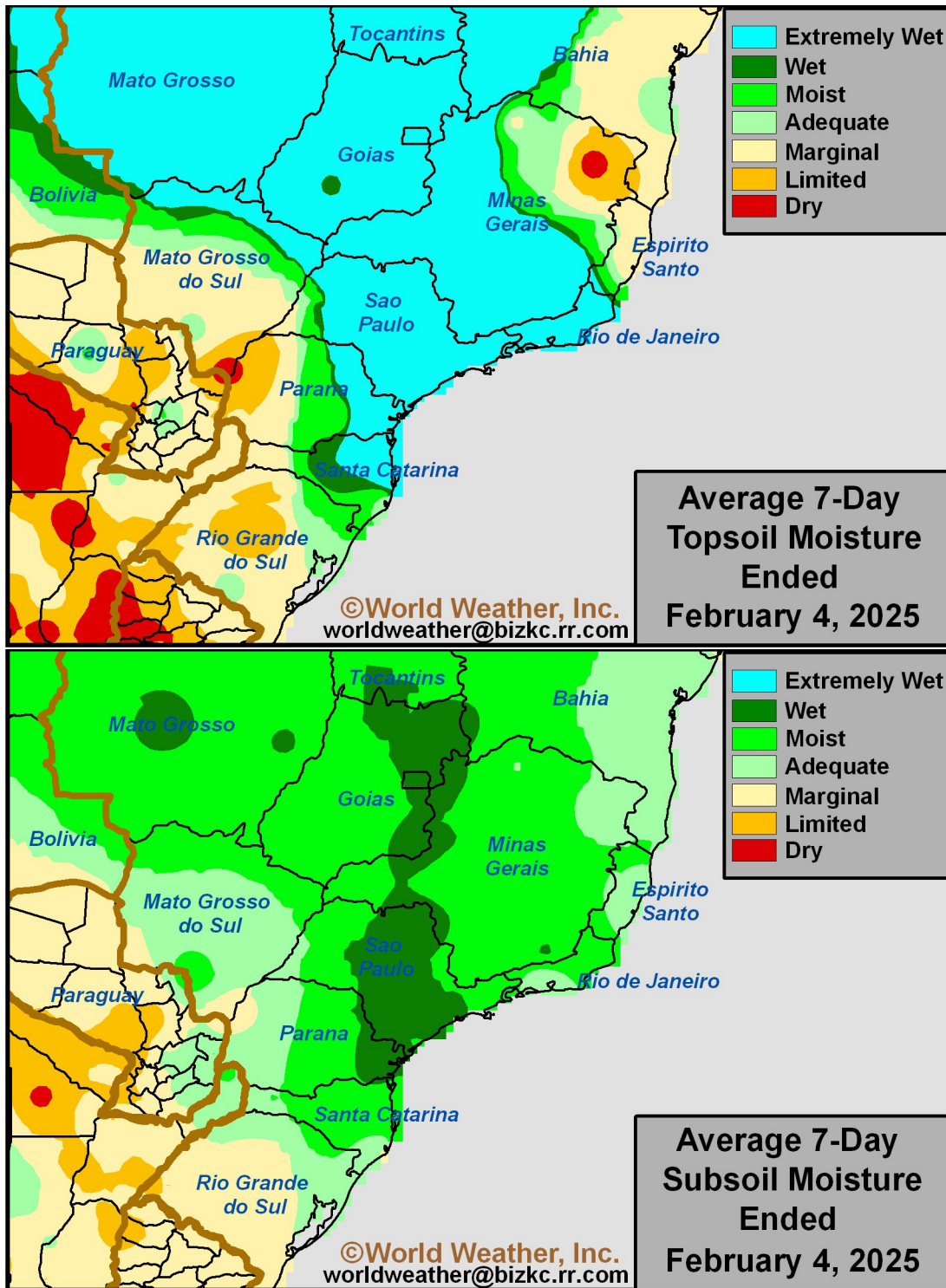
Rain totals during the past week ranged widely with the greater amounts occurring from Tocantins through Goiás to western and southern Minas Gerais and northern and eastern São Paulo where amounts of 2.00 to more than 6.00 inches resulted. Most of the rainfall greater than 4.00 inches occurred in São Paulo, southern Minas Gerais and in a few random areas of both Goiás and Tocantins. A few west-central Mato Grosso locations also reported more than 5.00 inches of rain this past week. Rain in other areas was not nearly as great with net drying in Bahia, northeastern Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo and in a number of areas in southwestern and far southern Brazil.

Temperatures have been mostly near to below average in the past week which has not bided well for quick drying when it was not raining. Rain did not fall significantly every day during the past week, but the ground was so wet in some center west and center south locations that field progress was not possible.

Concern about drying has become a little more significant in western and southern Rio Grande do Sul and neighboring areas of Paraguay as well as some western

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Parana and southwestern Mato Grosso do Sul locations recently and these areas may see a steady diet of restricted rainfall and warm temperatures for much of the coming week.



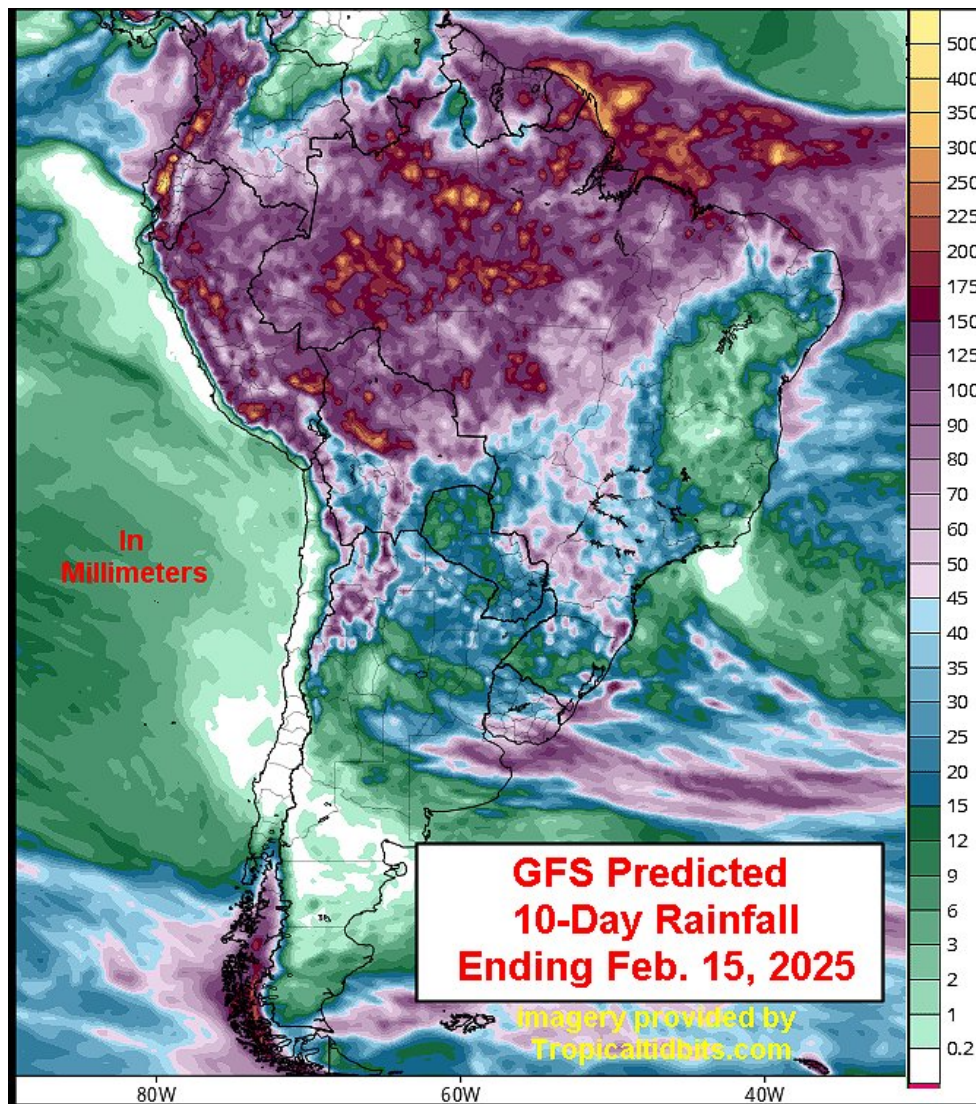
The latest soil assessment mirrors the rainfall distribution of this past week.
Topsoil conditions are saturated and excessively wet in many areas that received 2.00 to

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6.00 inches of rain during the past week. In contrast, short to very short topsoil moisture has evolved in Rio Grande do Sul and areas north into Mato Grosso do Sul and Paraguay, although subsoil moisture in the same areas is still rated adequate to slightly short.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

The outlook does provide some drying across center west and center south Brazil during the coming week; however, the drying will not be persistent enough to get all producers into the fields nor will it be dry enough to for aggressive field progress. Many fields will be too wet to be worked for a while and others will deal with slow progress because of both continuing periodic rainfall and wet fields. There may not be enough dry days in a row to support the kind of aggressive drying and fieldwork that is needed to get caught up on the harvest progress. However, progress will be made in both field progress and the firming of soil so that more aggressive fieldwork can occur later next week and later in this month.

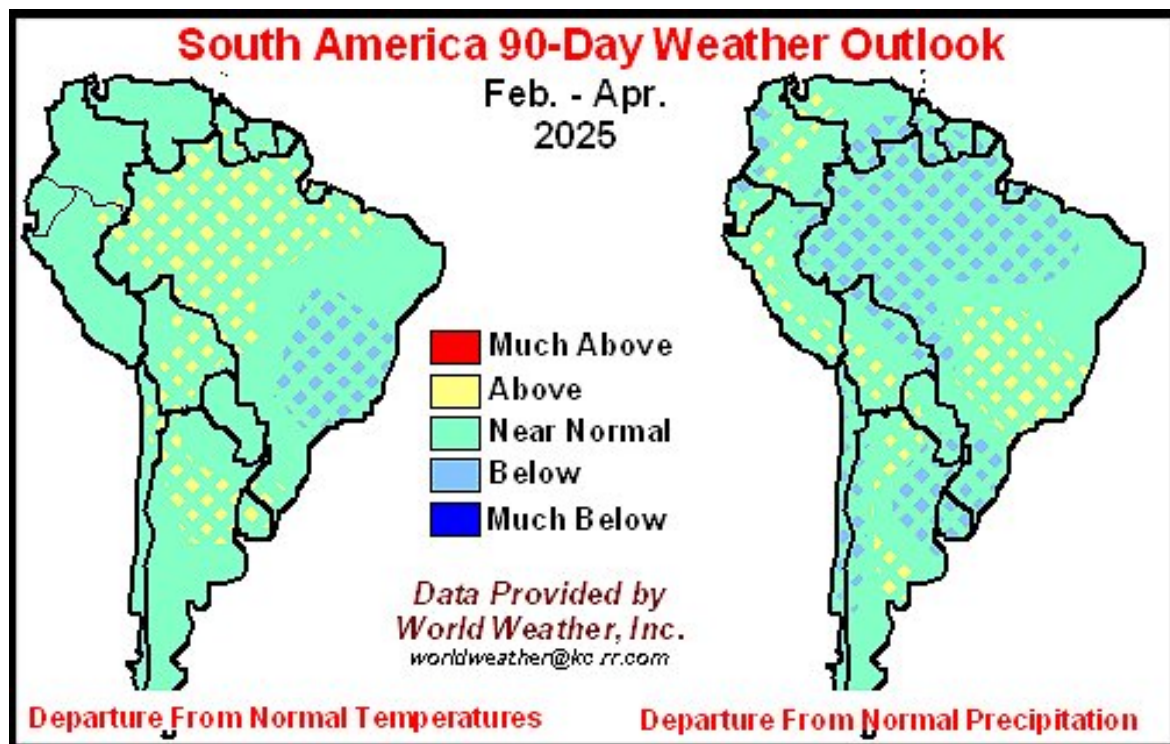


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Despite the doom and gloom comment about wet fields it must be remembered that Brazil has some sandy soil and it does not take long for drying to take place. The evening GFS model run Tuesday suggested rain would be erratic and often light next week and that may be all that is needed to support farmers as they tough it out to make some field progress.

In summary, it is very important to note that World Weather, Inc. does not believe harvesting of soybeans or the planting of Safrinha crops would be on a seriously different progress schedule had the weather been less wet recently. The delayed soybean planting has had the greatest impact on getting the harvest under way because most of the crop had not been fully mature until about now. **A break in the weather now would provide the best environment for aggressive fieldwork. That makes the next two to three weeks of weather of critical importance.**

The second most important feature to keep in mind is that the monsoon is unlikely to withdraw early and there is a fair chance that scattered showers and thunderstorms will linger longer in April than usual and that will improve the prospects for corn and cotton that get planted in the next few weeks. Some yield decline will be possible, but a disaster could be avoided if the forecast is correct. Any showers and milder than usual temperatures that occur in late April and May could also greatly help the situation, although confidence in May's weather is still low today.



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