

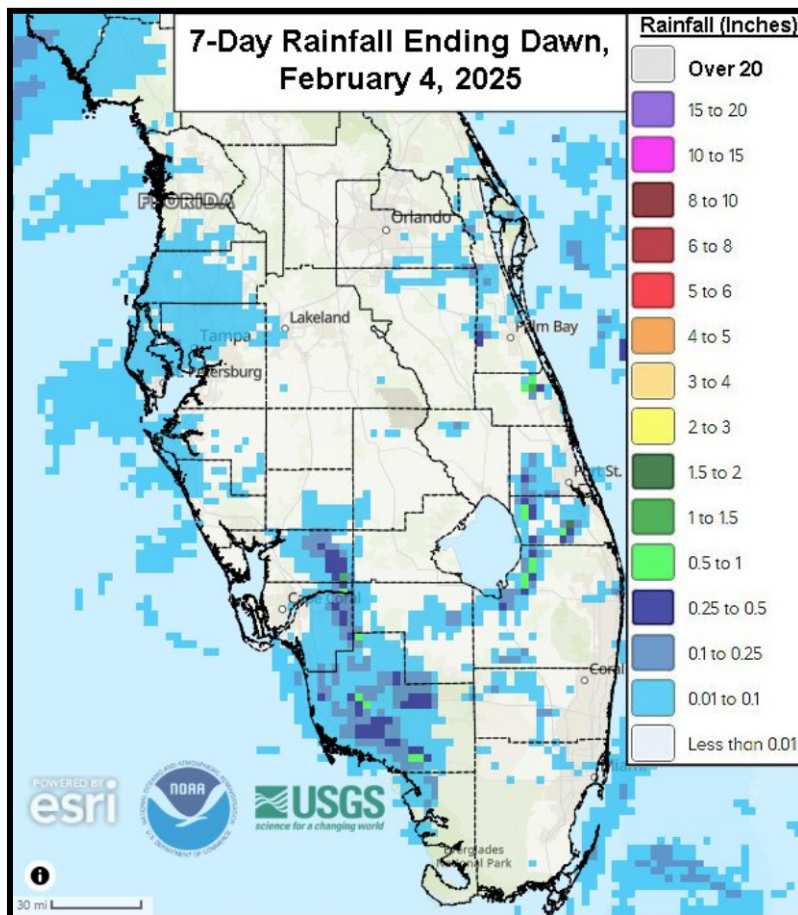
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, February 5 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus region saw temperatures return to seasonable or seasonably warm levels during the past week. Rainfall was limited and will remain limited through early next week. Producers will rely on irrigation for the varieties that are flowering. In **Brazil**, several citrus areas received significant rainfall during the past week. Farming activity may have been sluggish and drier weather may be needed. Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais will see a good mix of rain and sunshine during the coming week that will continue to support a good environment for new growth. In **Mexico**, light rain will often be scattered across the citrus areas in the coming week. The rain will be welcome for the citrus that is flowering or will start flowering later this month.

FLORIDA

A few locations in Collier, Lee, and eastern Charlotte Counties, along with a few locations near Lake Okeechobee in Palm Beach and Martin Counties, received 0.10 to 0.50 inch of rain with locally greater amounts for the seven-day period ending this morning. The remaining locations in Florida's citrus country otherwise received little to no rain. Irrigation



was used across the state and continued to support a good environment for the citrus that is flowering. The bulk of flowering usually occurs later this month and in March. Harvesting and general farming activity likely advanced swiftly.

Temperatures rebounded to seasonable or seasonably warm levels in Florida during the past week. Daytime highs peaked in the upper 70s and 80s Fahrenheit most often with several areas only warming to the lower and mid-70s January 28-29 and again February 1. Nighttime lows were in the 40s and lower 50s January 29 – 30 before settling to the upper 50s and 60s with pockets in the mid-50s in more recent days.

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Drier-than-normal weather will persist for citrus country during the coming week. A few light showers will still be possible, most notably in northern fringes of citrus country late Sunday and Monday. However, resulting rainfall will be lost to evaporation in most locations. Irrigation will continue to be run on a frequent basis and will maintain a good environment for the citrus that is flowering or developing. Harvesting and general farming activity will advance with few disruptions.

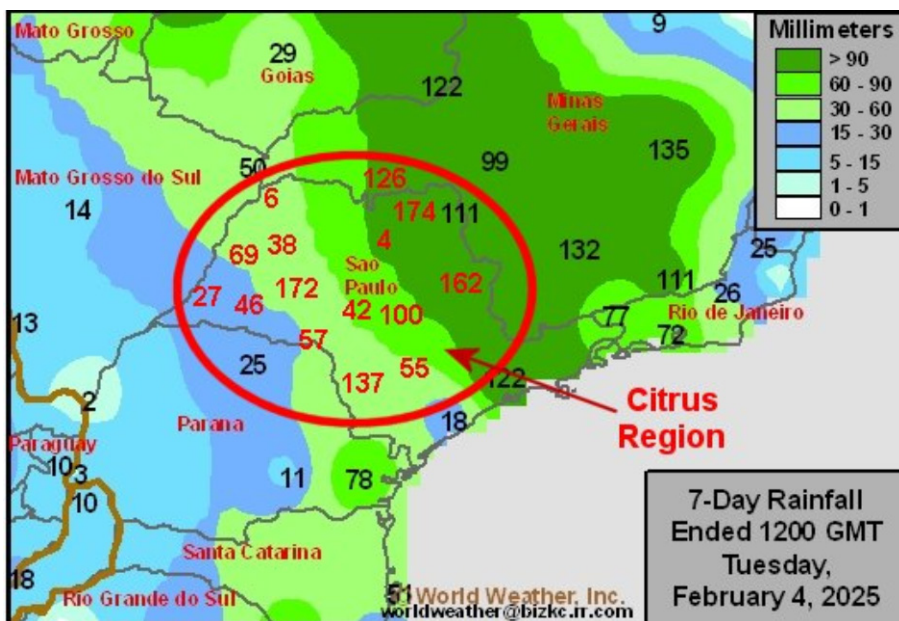
Seasonably warm weather will persist for Florida through next Tuesday. Daytime highs will peak from the upper 70s to mid-80s most often. Low temperatures will be in the 60s with pockets occasionally cooling to the upper 50s.

BRAZIL

Rainfall varied significantly across Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning generally ranged from 1.81 to 6.85 inches. However, several pockets only received 0.16 to 1.02 inches of rain. Temperatures were near or slightly above normal with highest readings in the 80s

and 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and lower 70s.

The environment remained favorable for aggressive citrus growth during the past week. The outlook remained mostly unchanged for citrus, though harvesting of some of the limes may have been sluggish in the wettest locations. A period



of drier weather would be welcome for areas with excess amounts of moisture.

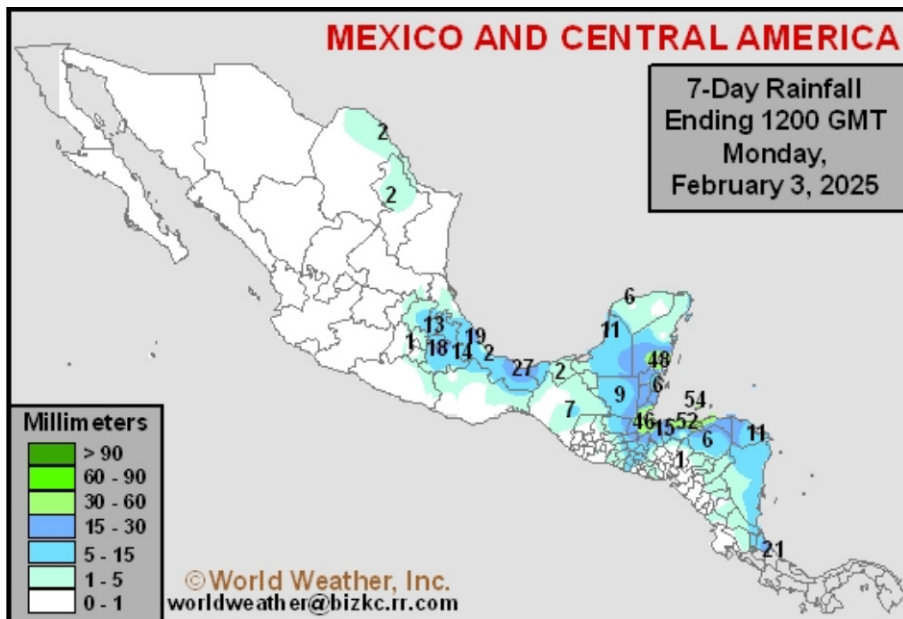
Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will evolve on a near daily basis with some of the most significant rain occurring through Saturday. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches and locally greater amounts. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs in the 80s and lower 90s, though pockets will only warm to the 70s during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

Additional rain and seasonable temperatures will continue to support a good environment for aggressive citrus growth during the coming week. Production potentials should remain mostly unchanged. General farming activity may continue to advance slowly in the wettest locations.

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MEXICO

The southern half of Veracruz and much of Puebla saw a mix of spotty rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending January 3 ranged from 0.55 to 1.06 inches. Other citrus areas in northeastern and western Mexico were mostly dry. Temperatures were near to above normal with highest readings in the 80s and 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and 60s with pockets occasionally cooling to the upper 40s.



Additional rain during the past week was welcome where it occurred in Veracruz and Puebla, notably for any citrus that has begun flowering. Other locations would benefit from more significant rain to support a better outlook for flowering. General farming activity likely advanced swiftly outside the

wettest locations in Veracruz.

The main citrus areas in Mexico will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the coming week. A weak upper-level disturbance will help generate some of the most widespread rain through Friday. Light shower activity will persist in east-central and western Mexico over the weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.40 to 1.50 inches and local amounts over 2.00 inches from Puebla and southern Veracruz into Oaxaca. Northeastern Mexico, northern Veracruz, Colima, and Michoacan will receive 0.10 to 0.50 inch of rain with locally greater amounts. Temperatures will be near to above normal with daytime highs often reaching the 80s and lower 90s. Pockets in east-central and northeastern Mexico will also only warm to the 70s at times. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 40s.

The rain will continue to promote a good environment for flowering in portions of Veracruz, Puebla, and potentially Oaxaca in the coming days. Additional rain will be needed to completely fix the moisture deficits, though conditions will be relatively good. Western and northeastern Mexico will welcome the rain as well. However, much more precipitation will be needed to support widespread flowering.

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