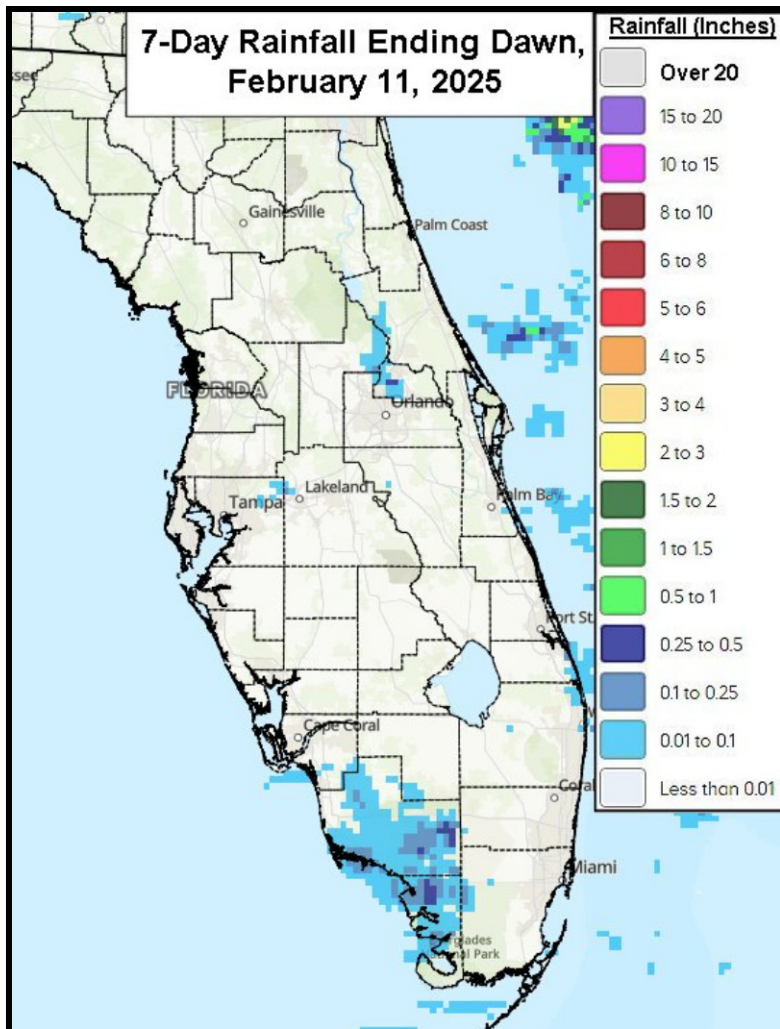


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Kansas City, February 11 (World Weather Inc.) – Drought and abnormally conditions have expanded across **Florida** in recent weeks. Irrigation continued to promote a good environment for fruit and tree harvesting and development. The region will have a few opportunities for spotty rainfall during the coming week that will supplement irrigation. Temperatures will remain warmer than usual. **Brazil**'s citrus areas will trend drier than normal during the coming week. No significant impacts are expected, though the need for rain will increase later this month and early March. **Veracruz and neighboring locations in Mexico** will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week. The precipitation will be welcome for the citrus trees that are flowering or will begin flowering.

FLORIDA



Florida's main citrus areas were either dry or received negligible rainfall during the past week. The lack of rain and warm daytime temperatures promoted aggressive drying across the region. Drought or abnormally dry conditions evolved in recent weeks. Irrigation was the primary source for moisture and continued to promote a good environment for new growth. Harvesting and general farming activity likely advanced with few disruptions.

Seasonably warm weather was noted across Florida during the past week. Daytime highs peaked to the 80s Fahrenheit most often with pockets occasionally only warming to the upper 70s. Nighttime lows ranged from the mid-50s to mid-60s.

Florida's citrus region will have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall during the coming week. Other than a few isolated showers, precipitation will be minimal through midday Thursday. A frontal boundary will generate erratic rain late Thursday and Friday with another front likely

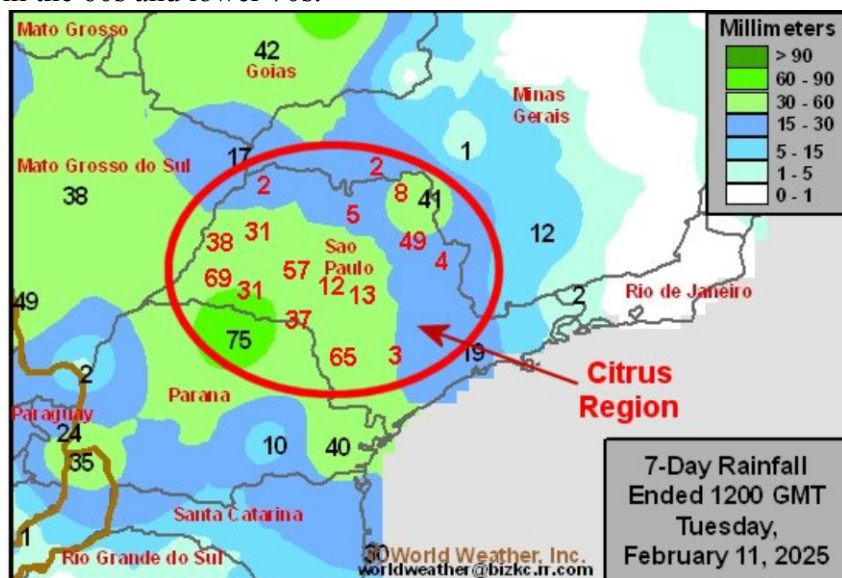
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bringing rain to the region Sunday. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch with local amounts of 1.00 inch or slightly more. Rainfall will supplement irrigation, but it will generally be too light to fix drought or abnormally dry conditions that evolved in recent weeks. Citrus flowering and general development will remain favorable due to the continued use of irrigation. Harvesting and general farming activity will advance swiftly around any precipitation that evolves.

Temperatures will remain near to above normal for Florida through the end of the weekend. Daytime highs will peak to the 80s most often with many areas only warming to the mid- or upper-70s Friday and again Sunday with the passage of frontal boundaries. Highs will drop to the 60s and 70s Monday and next Tuesday. Low temperatures will be in the upper 50s and 60s through Sunday before dropping to the 40s Monday and next Tuesday.

BRAZIL

The main production areas in Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais saw a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.47 to 2.72 inches with pockets in northern Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais that only received 0.08 to 0.32 inch of moisture. Temperatures were near normal with highest readings in the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and lower 70s.



Waves of rain continued to support a relatively good environment for aggressive citrus growth during the past week. Citrus greening remains an ongoing concern, as does adverse weather conditions early in the growing season. Yields may recover slightly if the wet weather pattern persists in the coming months.

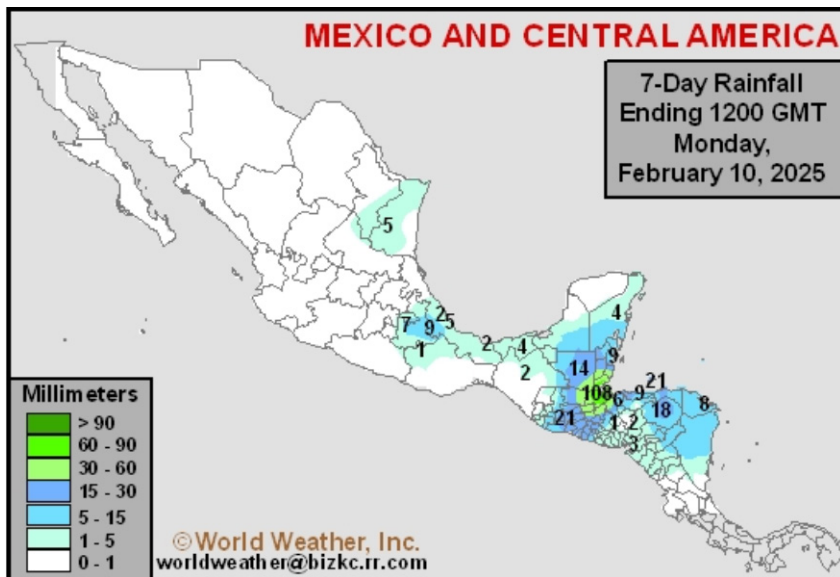
Drier-than-normal weather is slated for Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the coming week. Spotty rain will still occur on a near daily basis despite the drier than normal environment. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.50 inches and locally more. Temperatures will remain near normal with daytime highs in the 80s and lower 90s. Nighttime lows will be in the 60s and lower 70s.

Citrus development conditions will remain generally favorable across Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais in the coming days despite the drier than normal environment. No significant production impacts are expected as long as more significant rain returns late this month and early March.

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MEXICO

A few locations in Veracruz, Puebla, and Tamaulipas saw periods of light rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending February 10 ranged from trace amounts to 0.35 inch. The remaining citrus areas 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.



Rain was welcome where it occurred during the past week in portions of citrus country. However, more widespread and significant rain is needed in the coming weeks to support ideal flowering and fruit setting conditions. Some flowering has likely already begun in Veracruz and these trees need some of the most significant rain.

Alternating periods of rain and sunshine are slated for Veracruz, Puebla, and northern Oaxaca during the coming week. Some of the most widespread rain will occur late Thursday into Friday and again over the weekend into early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches and locally greater amounts. Northeastern Mexico and the remaining locations in Oaxaca will have a few opportunities for spotty rain as well. These areas will receive trace amounts to 0.50 inch of rain during this time. Colima and Michoacán will generally receive little to no rain.

Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs in the 70s and 80s. Pockets in western Mexico will often warm to the 90s as well while a few locations in east-central and northeastern Mexico occasionally only warm to the 60s. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 40s.

The waves of rain in Veracruz and Puebla will either improve or maintain favorable flowering and fruit setting conditions. Rainfall in portions of Oaxaca may also be enough to support some flowering. Northeastern and the remaining portions of western Mexico will need more significant rain to promote ideal conditions for flowering and fruit setting.

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