

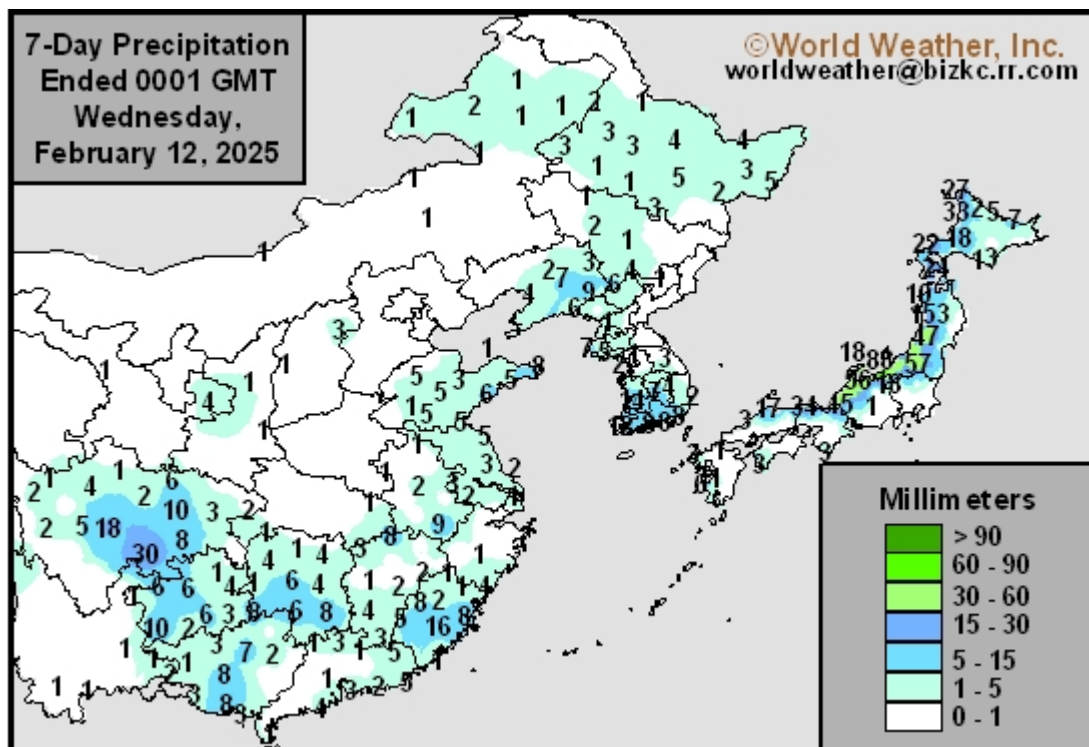
# Southern China Still In Need Of More Significant Rain

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Kansas City, February 14 (World Weather Inc.) – Spotty precipitation was noted in a few locations of China during the past week, most notably the Yangtze River Basin. Southern China generally missed out on the rain and continues to struggle with severe moisture deficits. Concerns are increasing for delayed planting for several areas in southern China in the coming weeks due to the ongoing dryness. Waves of precipitation will occur near and south of the Yangtze River through the end of next week. However, the driest areas in southern China will not receive enough rain to significantly improve the moisture profile. Early-season planting may get off to a sluggish start, even in areas that receive timely rain. Winter rapeseed prospects will otherwise remain favorable in the Yangtze River Basin due to the waves of precipitation through the end of next week. The North China Plain will be drier than normal in the coming days, though winter wheat prospects will remain favorable as well.

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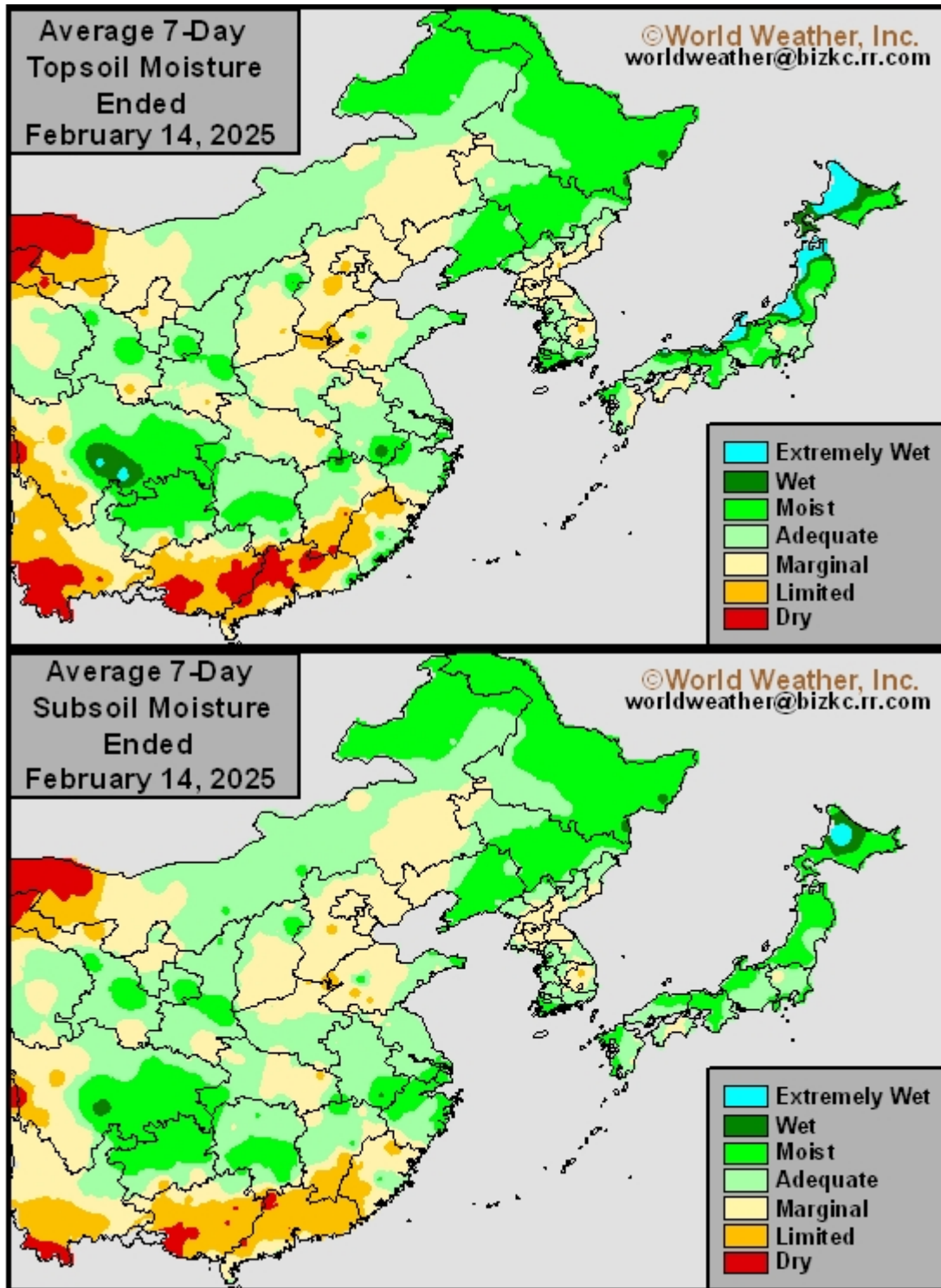
Southeastern Guangdong and southern Fujian received some of the most significant precipitation in China during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.35 to 1.50 inches. Guizhou, Sichuan, and portions of northern Jiangxi and southern Anhui received 0.16 to 0.67 inch of moisture. Hunan, Jiangsu, Shandong, Liaoning, and portions of Jilin and Heilongjiang received up to 0.35 inch of moisture. Other production areas were either dry or received limited precipitation.



Soil moisture remains short to critically short across southern China. Other production areas in China have adequate to marginally adequate amounts of moisture.

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The main concern for China remains the ongoing dryness in the south. Early-season rice, corn, and sugarcane planting begins late in February or March. The region is too dry to support ideal planting and establishment conditions and the need for rain is high. Significant rain is needed to completely fix the moisture deficits.

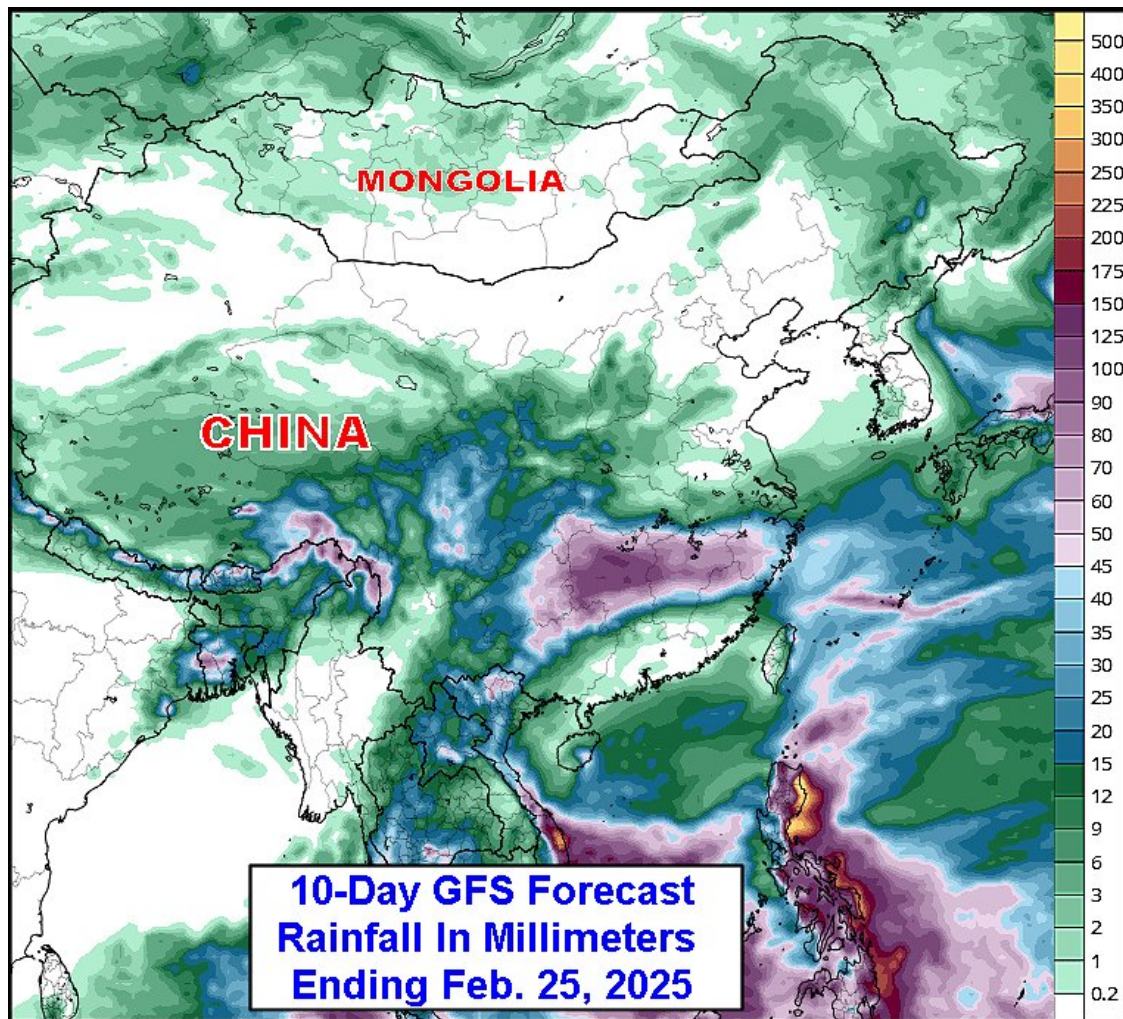


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Winter rapeseed and wheat prospects remain generally favorable for the Yangtze River Basin and North China Plain despite several locations receiving little or no precipitation in recent weeks. There is still enough moisture in the soil to support relatively favorable development conditions this spring. As long as timely precipitation occurs in the coming weeks, prospects will remain favorable.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK

Southern China will only have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall through the end of next week. Rain will be scattered across Guangxi and Yunnan on a near daily basis with totals ranging from 0.10 to 1.00 inch most often by next Friday morning. Pockets in northern and western Guangxi will receive 2.00 inches or slightly more of rain as well. Guangdong and Fujian will either miss out on much of the precipitation or will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. A similar weather pattern will occur February 22 – 28 with some spotty rain mixed in with dry weather. Temperatures will be near or slightly above normal through the end of next week with daytime highs often reaching the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit. Seasonable to seasonable warm weather will persist February 22 – 28.





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Rain will be welcome where it occurs in Guangxi and Yunnan in the coming weeks. The environment for early-season planting may improve marginally, though precipitation totals will be too light to completely fix the moisture deficits. Guangdong and Fujian will otherwise remain too dry to support aggressive planting. More widespread and significant rain will be needed at the beginning of March when planting starts to expand.

The Yangtze River Basin will have several opportunities for precipitation through the end of next week. Rain or a wintry mixture of precipitation will occur on a near daily basis. Moisture totals by next Friday morning will range from 0.75 to 4.00 inches and locally greater amounts. Snow and ice accumulations will be minimal. The region will again have several opportunities for precipitation February 22 – 28. The waves of precipitation will bolster or keep soil moisture at adequate to excessive levels. Winter rapeseed prospects will remain favorable.

Precipitation will be limited for the remaining production areas in China through the end of next week. Light snow will still be scattered across portions of Northeast China in the coming days. Snowfall will range from a dusting to 4 inches, though many areas in Liaoning will be mostly dry. A few light showers will also be possible in Shaanxi and Shanxi later next week. Resulting precipitation will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions. The North China Plain will otherwise be dry or mostly dry. The North China Plain, central Yellow River Basin, and northern China will only have a few opportunities for light precipitation February 22 – 28. Winter wheat prospects in the North China Plain will remain favorable despite the lack of precipitation in the coming week.

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