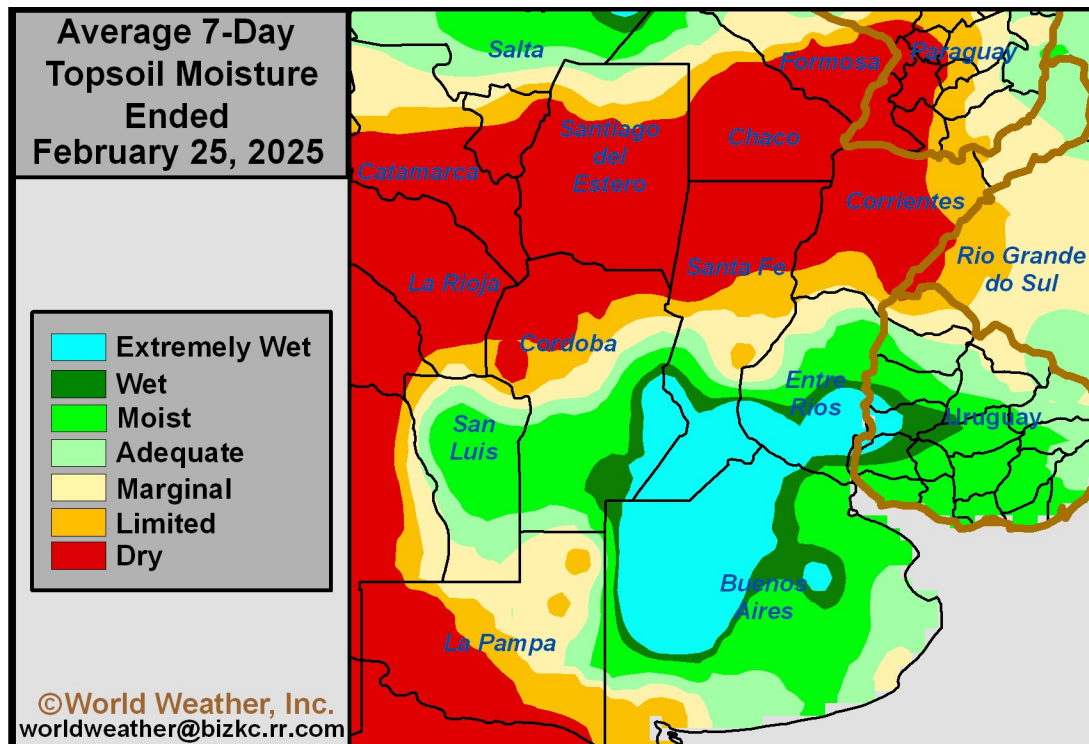


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Kansas City, February 25 (World Weather Inc.) – Argentina has dealt with excessive heat and drought-like conditions at times during the spring and summer this year. Some of the early season crops were damaged by such conditions and yields are down from those originally anticipated this year. Rain began to improve the moisture profile early this month and the improvement for some central areas may have put back some of the lost production potential; however, **now the nation's key production areas are bracing for heavy rain that will create a new problem with flooding.**



The latest soil assessment for Argentina clearly shows the area most impacted by rain in the past week. Western, central and northern parts of Buenos Aires and some areas in southeastern Cordoba, southern Santa Fe and southern Entre Rios are excessively wet today. Some of that has come from the past two nights of moderate to excessive rainfall. Sunday night brought in 3.00 to 5.00 inches of rain with some 7.00-inch amounts resulting in local flooding, but the ground had been dry for a long enough period of time that none of that flooding likely lingered very long. Rain last night was much lighter and occurred a little farther to the north.

The pattern in Argentina continues wet-biased for the next week to ten days. Rain will fall on a near daily basis in this coming week with additional rain totals for the entire period varying from 4.00 to more than 10.00 inches. Concern over flooding is high because of most computer weather forecast models suggesting no more than a day or two of dry weather will occur between rain events leaving the ground to become progressively wetter so that flooding becomes more inevitable. **A part of Buenos Aires is seen with standing or running water in it during the latter part of this week into next week. That could damage**

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some crops and certainly some property. Drier weather will be imperative immediately

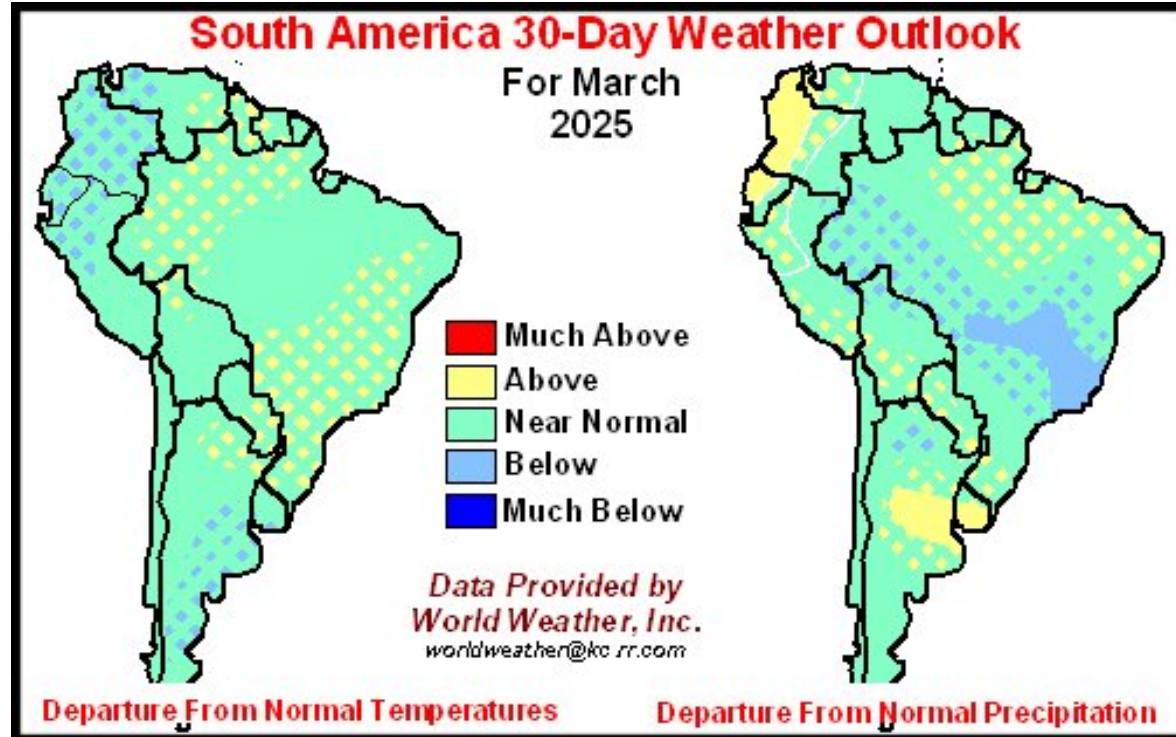
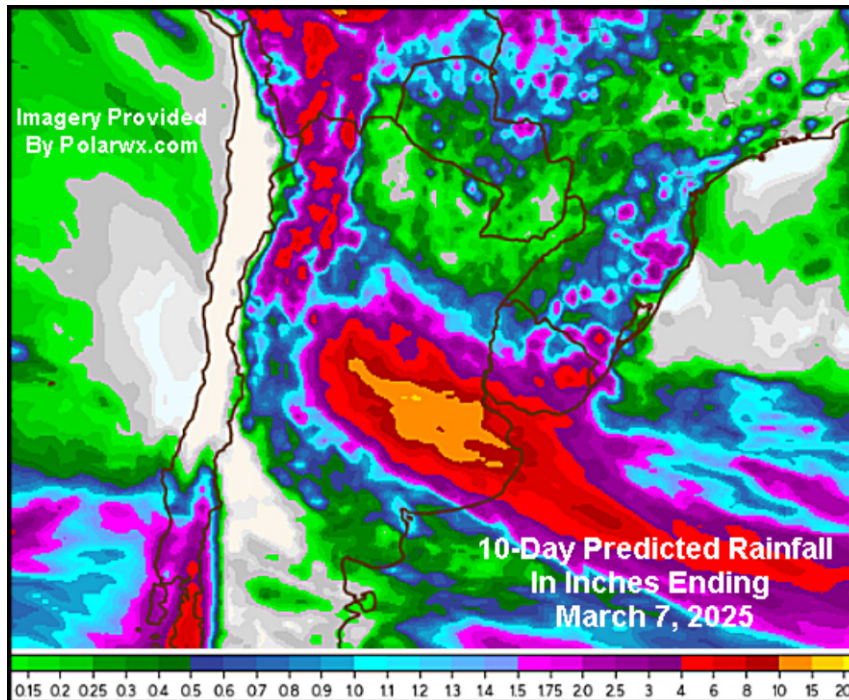
after this heavier rain event takes place.

World Weather, Inc. believes a short term break in the wet bias may occur for a little while in early March, but additional heavy rain will be possible a little later in the month. **Sunseed will**

be the first crop to be impacted by the wet bias with a decline in crop quality expected.

Early season corn will experience slower maturation rates and delayed harvesting, but it should survive.

Soybeans, sorghum, peanuts and late season corn will be impacted by the wet weather and will require drier weather later in March to prevent a negative impact from evolving.



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