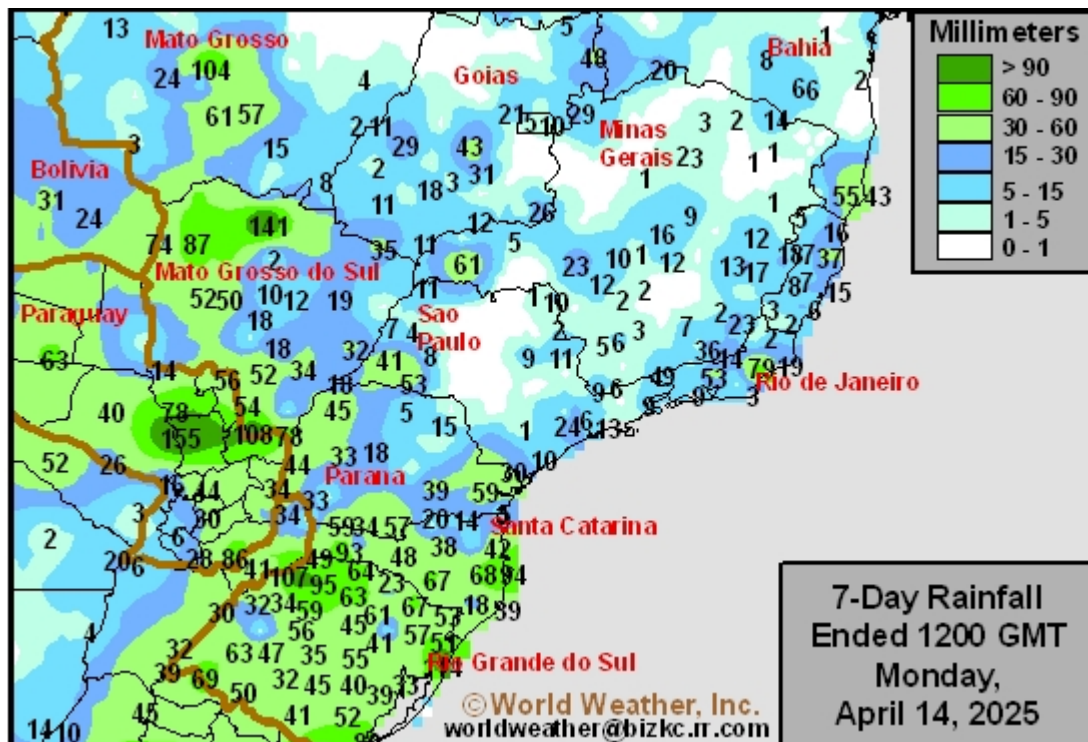


Brazil Safrinha Corn Areas Will See Boost In Rain This Week

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Kansas City, April 14 (World Weather Inc.) – [A late-season boost in rainfall in center west and the northern and central parts of center south Brazil will bolster soil moisture before seasonal rains end. The late season rainfall is extremely important for Safrinha corn and cotton, but especially the late planted corn that has potential to reproduce and fill during a normally dry time of year hurting production potentials. Any rain of significance that falls late in the rainy season like that of this weekend and next week will help to ensure moisture abundance when the monsoon season ends and crops can feed upon that residual soil moisture for a while to support development.](#) Timely rain will still be needed in May to support a favorable outlook for this season's crop. Harvesting of the soybeans, first-season corn, and other crops will advance slowly during the wettest periods, although no major quality declines are expected.

Rainfall varied across the main production areas in Brazil during the past week. Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, and Parana into Mato Grosso do Sul and Mato Grosso received anywhere from 0.59 to 2.68 inches of rain with local amounts up to 5.55 inches for the seven-day period ending this morning. Sao Paulo, Goias, and portions of Minas Gerais, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, and Espirito Santo received 0.35 to 2.09 inches of rain, though several pockets in Minas Gerais and Bahia received little to no precipitation.

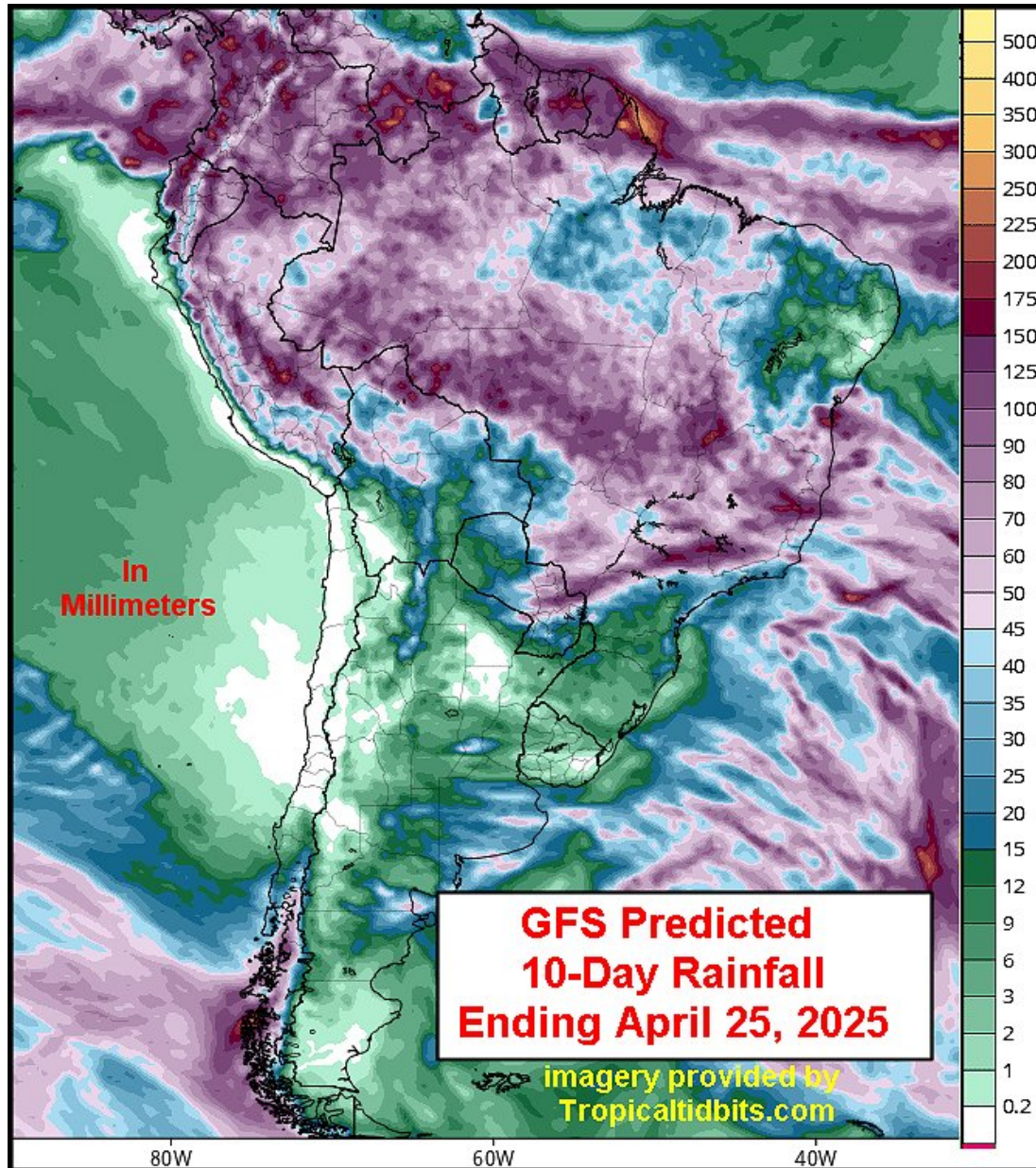


[The main production areas in center-west Brazil, center-south Brazil and Parana received enough rain in recent weeks to support relatively good establishment and short-term development. However, soil moisture is a little lower than usual for this time of year as many production areas received below normal rainfall during the past month. The](#)

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need for more significant rain is high across the main production areas in order to support ideal long-term development.

Soybean, first-season corn, and other crop harvesting likely advanced around the rain during the past week across Brazil. A significant amount of the soybeans were out of the ground as of April 5 with more than half of the first-season corn also harvested. Periods of drier weather will be needed through the end of April to support favorable late-season harvesting.



WEATHER OUTLOOK

Waves of rain are slated for center-south Brazil, center-west Brazil, northeastern Brazil, and northern Parana this week. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will occur on a

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daily basis. Disturbances will help enhance rainfall for portions of crop country Tuesday into Wednesday and again Friday into Saturday. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 1.50 to 4.00 inches with local amounts of 6.00 inches or slightly more possible. Other locations in Parana into Santa Catarina and northern Rio Grande do Sul will have a few opportunities for rain as well with totals ranging from 0.50 to 1.50 inches. Southern Rio Grande do Sul will receive little to no rain. Brazil's main production areas will then see a mix of rain and dry weather April 22 – 28.

The waves of rain will gradually bolster soil moisture across center-west, center-south, and northeastern Brazil this week. Safrinha corn development conditions will either improve or remain favorable. Prospects may improve due to the wet weather, though additional rain may be needed to support ideal long-term crop conditions.

Harvesting of the soybeans, first-season corn, and other crops will advance slowly at times in the wettest locations; though quality impacts should be minimal.

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