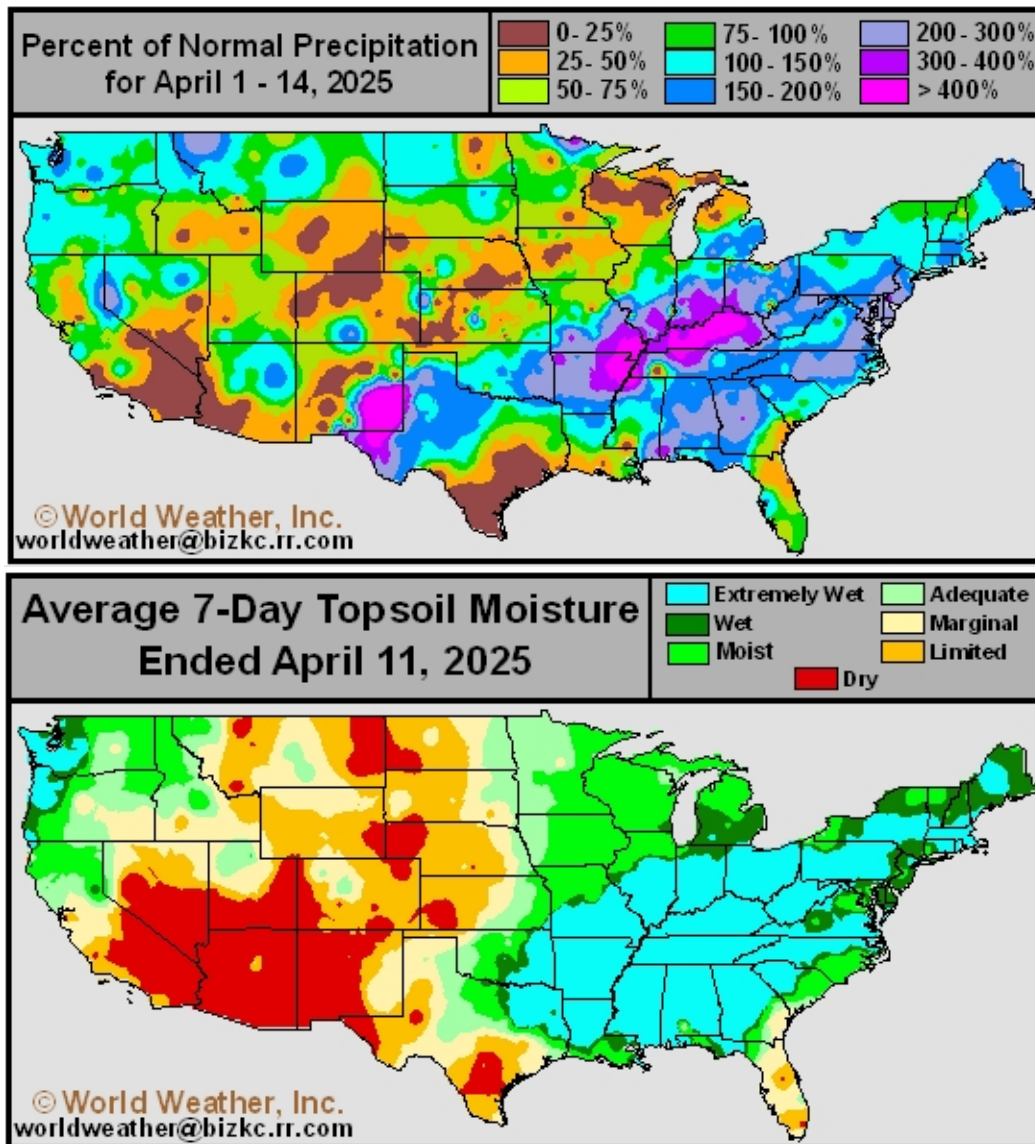


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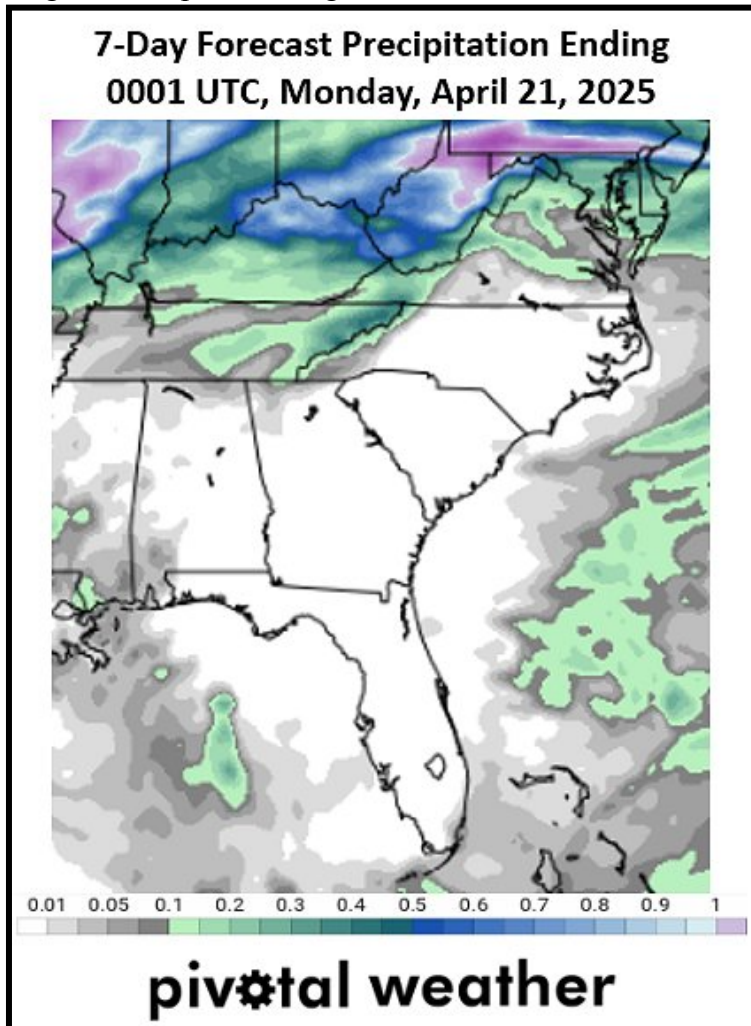
Kansas City, April 14 (World Weather Inc.) – [A week of dry weather is slated for the southeastern United States this week. The drier weather will come after recent rain and should help promote aggressive corn, cotton and some early season soybean planting.](#) Areas from Florida and southeastern Alabama to Virginia have not been as wet as areas to the northwest in the Tennessee and Ohio River Basins where torrential rain and flooding are threatening to cut into area planted this year. After this week's drier weather in the southeastern states some rain will develop again to maintain a mostly good balance of weather and field conditions for planting and crop growth.



Above normal rainfall has occurred since the beginning of April in most of the southeastern U.S., with the exception of the Georgia and northeastern Florida coastlines where between 25% and 75% of normal precipitation has occurred since the beginning of

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the month. A bulk of the rainfall that has occurred in the region from northern Florida into Virginia took place during a series of thunderstorms occurring between April 5 and April 8.



This event resulted in wet field conditions that may have delayed fieldwork for a while, although some areas from northeastern Florida through Georgia to the North Carolina coast never became abundantly or excessively wet. Some of the crop areas grown near the coast are in need of rain, but the situation is far from a crisis and a good mix of rain and sunshine should continue over the next few weeks.

In the next 7-days, little to no precipitation is expected from northern Florida and southern Alabama, northward into most of Virginia. This dryness, coupled with temperatures generally in the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit will increase evaporation and lower the moisture content in the region. This will benefit planting and fieldwork for corn, peanuts, and cotton. While this dryness will be beneficial in the

short term, more precipitation will be needed in the coming weeks to support crop development.

Most computer forecast model runs recently have suggested at least a scattering of showers and thunderstorms will return to the southeastern states in the last week of April to maintain the mostly favorable environment for planting and early spring crop development.

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