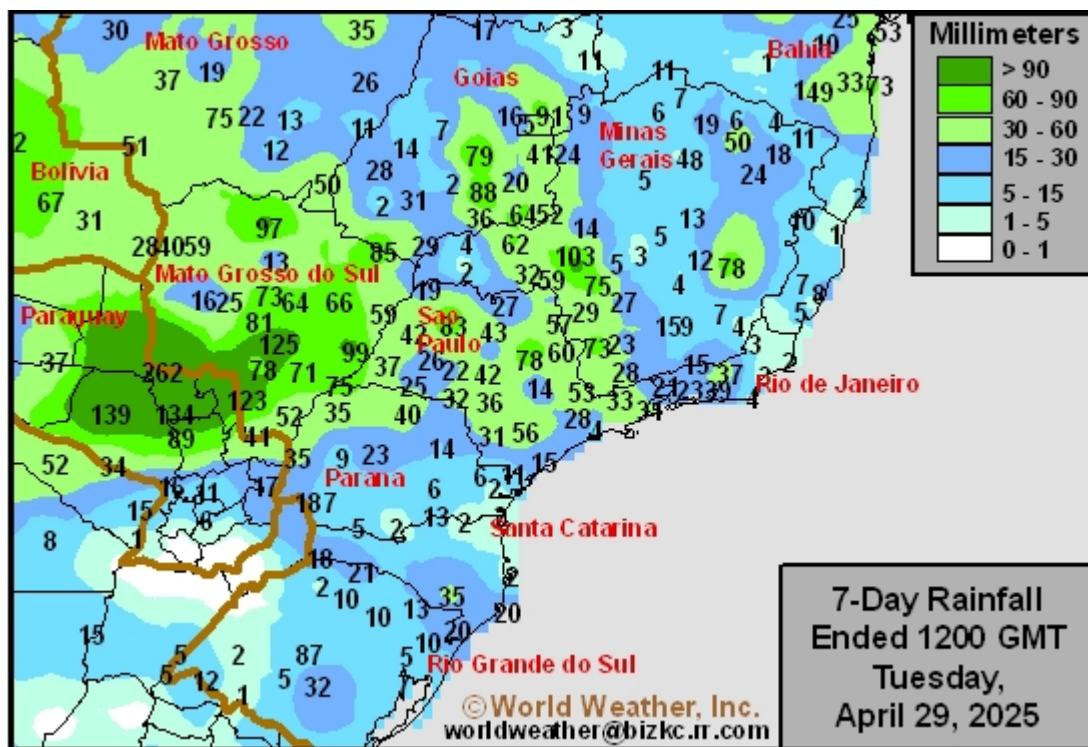


Brazil Dry Season Getting Underway

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Kansas City, April 29 (World Weather Inc.) – [Brazil will start to experience limited rainfall in the coming weeks as the drier season begins. Timely rain in recent weeks helped bolster soil moisture and will support a good environment for Safrinha corn development in the coming weeks. Periodic rain will still be needed in May and June in order to ensure favorable late-season development.](#) Brazil's main production areas will only have a few opportunities for spotty rain for at least the next seven days and net drying will occur. Safrinha corn development conditions will remain favorable in the short-term. Late-season harvesting of soybeans, first-season corn, and other crops will otherwise advance swiftly.

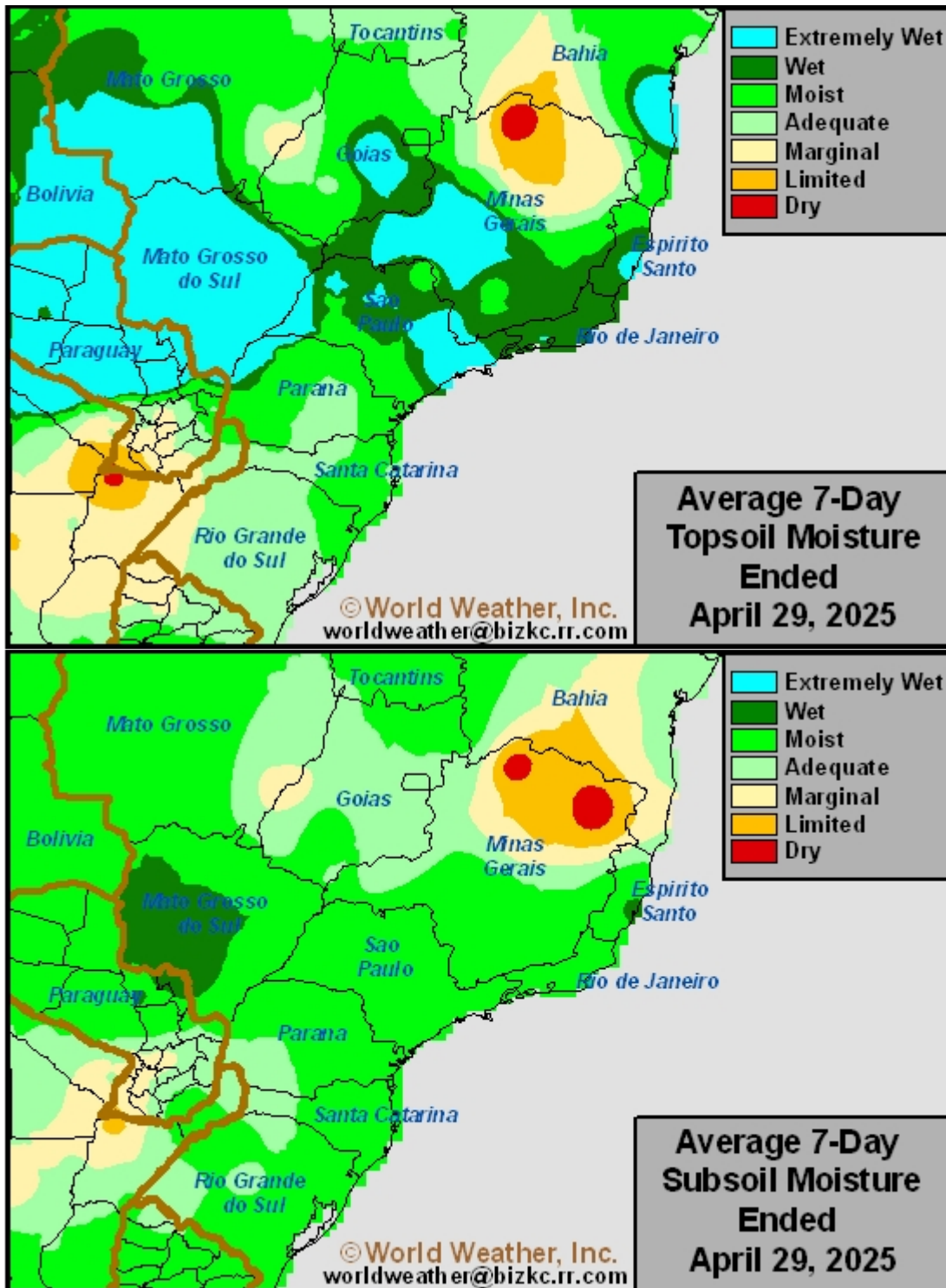
Rain varied across the main production areas in Brazil during the past week. Mato Grosso do Sul received some of the most significant rain with totals ranging from 1.00 to 5.00 inches for the seven-day period ending this morning. Mato Grosso, Goias, Sao Paulo, western Minas Gerais, and northern Parana received 0.50 to 3.00 inches and local amounts up to 4.00 inches. Other locations in southern Brazil, the remaining areas in Minas Gerais, southern Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, and Espirito Santo received 0.20 to 1.38 inches of rain with local amounts up to 3.00 inches in eastern Minas Gerais.



Temperatures were near or slightly above normal. Highest readings were in the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit in southern Brazil and the 80s and 90s in the remaining production areas. Lowest temperatures were in the 40s and 50s in southern Brazil and the 50s and 60s elsewhere.

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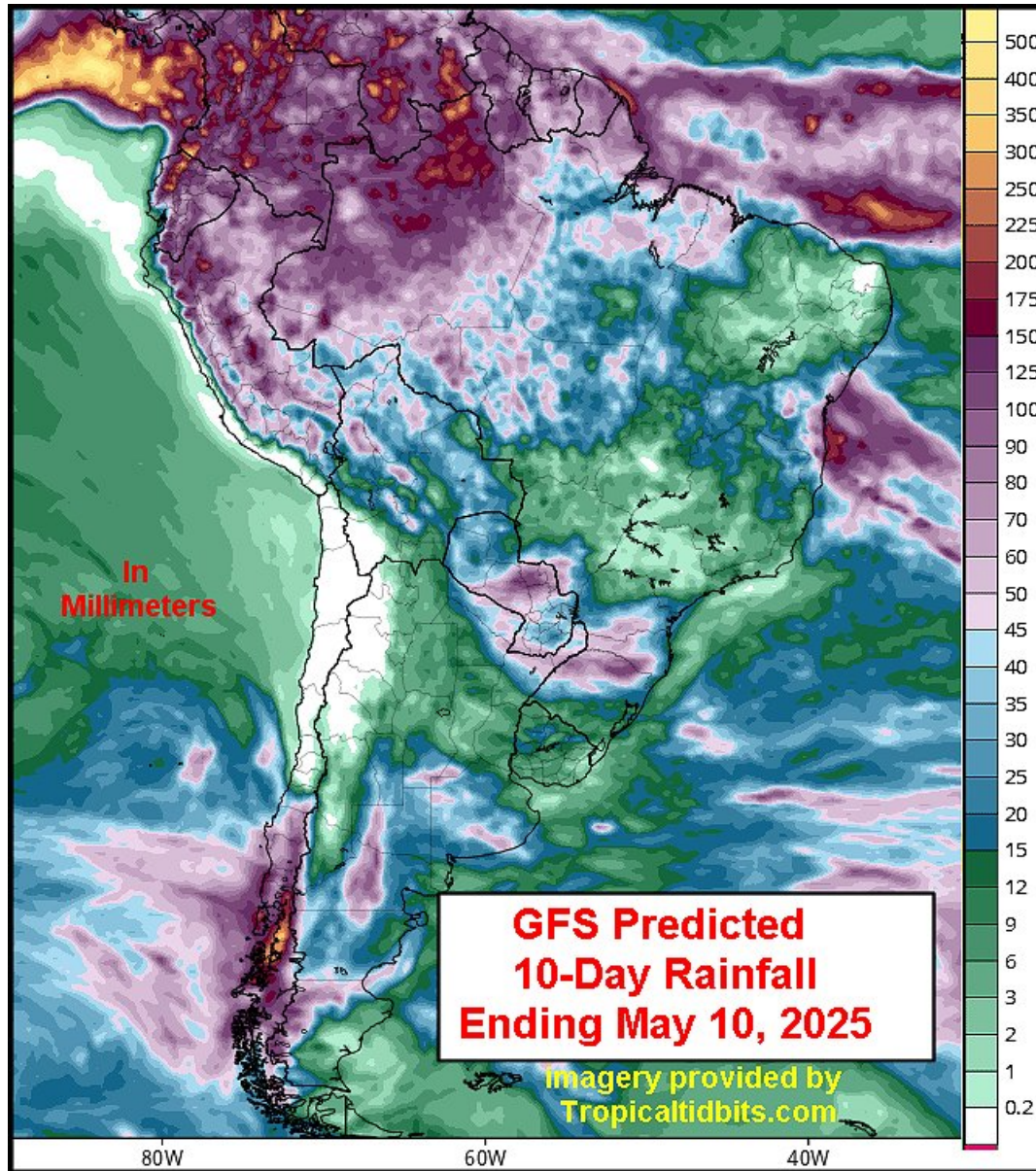
Soil moisture is rated adequate to excessive in a large section of Brazil. However, portions of northern Minas Gerais and southern Bahia still have a shortage of moisture.



Safrinha corn establishment and early-season development conditions remained relatively favorable across the main production areas during the past week. The surge in

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rain for portions of center-west and center-south Brazil compared to recent weeks was welcome and will help improve long-term development conditions. *Timely rain must occur in late May and June and temperatures need to be near normal or even a little cooler than usual to prolong favorable soil moisture to the benefit of this year's production. Yield potentials will be largely determined by temperatures and whether or not any rain occurs in May or June.* In the meantime, late-season harvesting of the soybeans, first-season corn, and other crops may have advanced slowly in the wettest areas in recent days.



WEATHER OUTLOOK

Precipitation will be limited for the main production areas in Brazil during the coming week. Light rain will still be scattered across northeastern Brazil through Thursday. Spotty precipitation will also occur in portions of center-west, center-south, and southern

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Brazil Friday into early next week. Portions of Bahia, Minas Gerais, Espirito Santo, and western Mato Grosso do Sul will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain with local amounts of 1.50 inches or slightly more by next Tuesday morning. Other locations will either miss out on the rain or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. The main production areas will again only have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall May 7 – 13.

Seasonable to seasonably warm weather is slated for Brazil through next Tuesday. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s and 80s most often with portions of center-west and center-south Brazil warming to the 90s at times, most notably late this week through early next week. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in southern Brazil often cooling to the 40s. A few locations from Mato Grosso into Bahia will only cool to the 70s at times as well. The temperature profile will trend near normal May 7 – 13.

The lack of significant rainfall will help support a good environment for late-season harvesting of the soybeans, first-season corn, and other crops that are not yet out of the ground. Safrinha corn development conditions will remain relatively favorable due to the amount of moisture in the ground, at least for the short-term. There are still concerns late-season development conditions may deteriorate due to lower than usual moisture for this time of year in several production areas, mainly outside of Mato Grosso. As long as periodic rain occurs later in May and early June, production potentials will remain favorable.

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