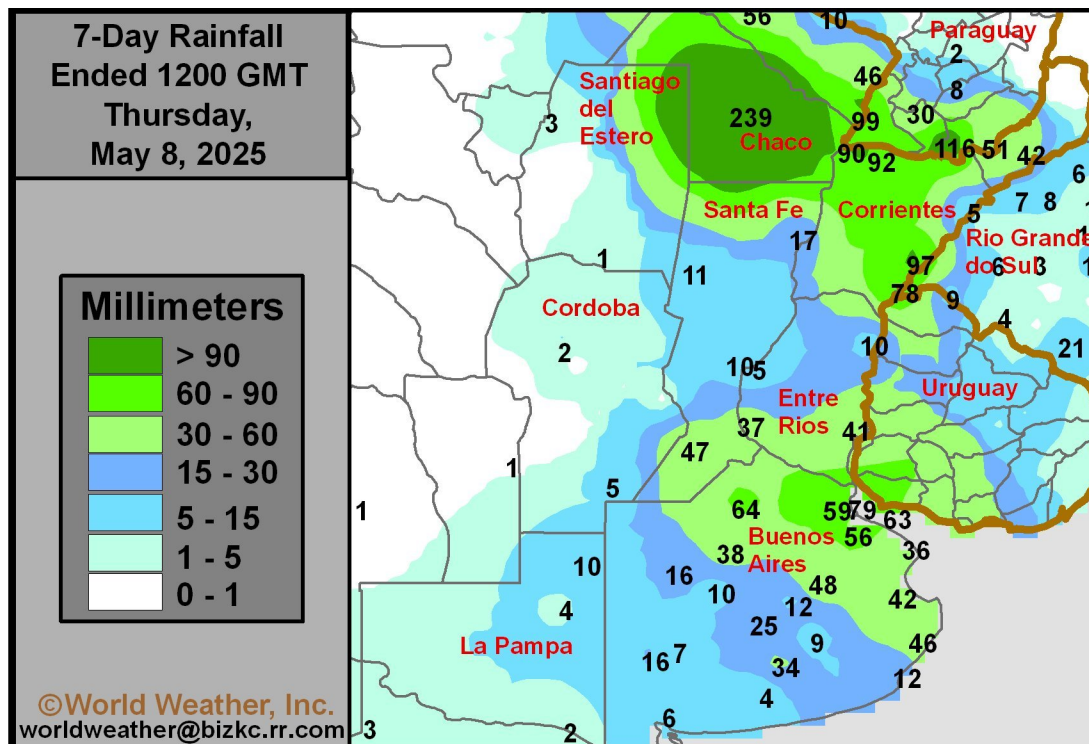


Argentina Rain Impacted Harvest; Quality Declines Possible

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Kansas City, May 8 (World Weather Inc.) – [Waves of rain in northern Argentina significantly bolstered soil moisture during the past week. The ground is now saturated in many areas of Chaco, Corrientes, and Formosa, which increased concern for quality declines mostly in cotton. Many areas in Buenos Aires, Entre Rios, and Santa Fe may have also received enough rain to slow the harvest in recent days. Rain today and Friday may further delay the harvest in northern Argentina with additional quality declines a concern.](#) Drier weather over the weekend and the first part of next week will gradually improve harvest conditions across the country.

Precipitation varied significantly across Argentina during the past week. Chaco, Formosa, and northern Corrientes received 1.81 to 3.90 inches of rain with a local amount of 8.50 inches in Chaco for the seven-day period ending May 7. Eastern and north-central Buenos Aires, southern Entre Rios, and southern Santa Fe received 1.42 to 2.50 inches of rain. Central and south-central Buenos Aires received 0.16 to 1.34 inches of rain. Other areas in Santa Fe, Entre Rios, and Corrientes received up to 0.43 inch of moisture. The remaining production areas in western Argentina received little to no rain.

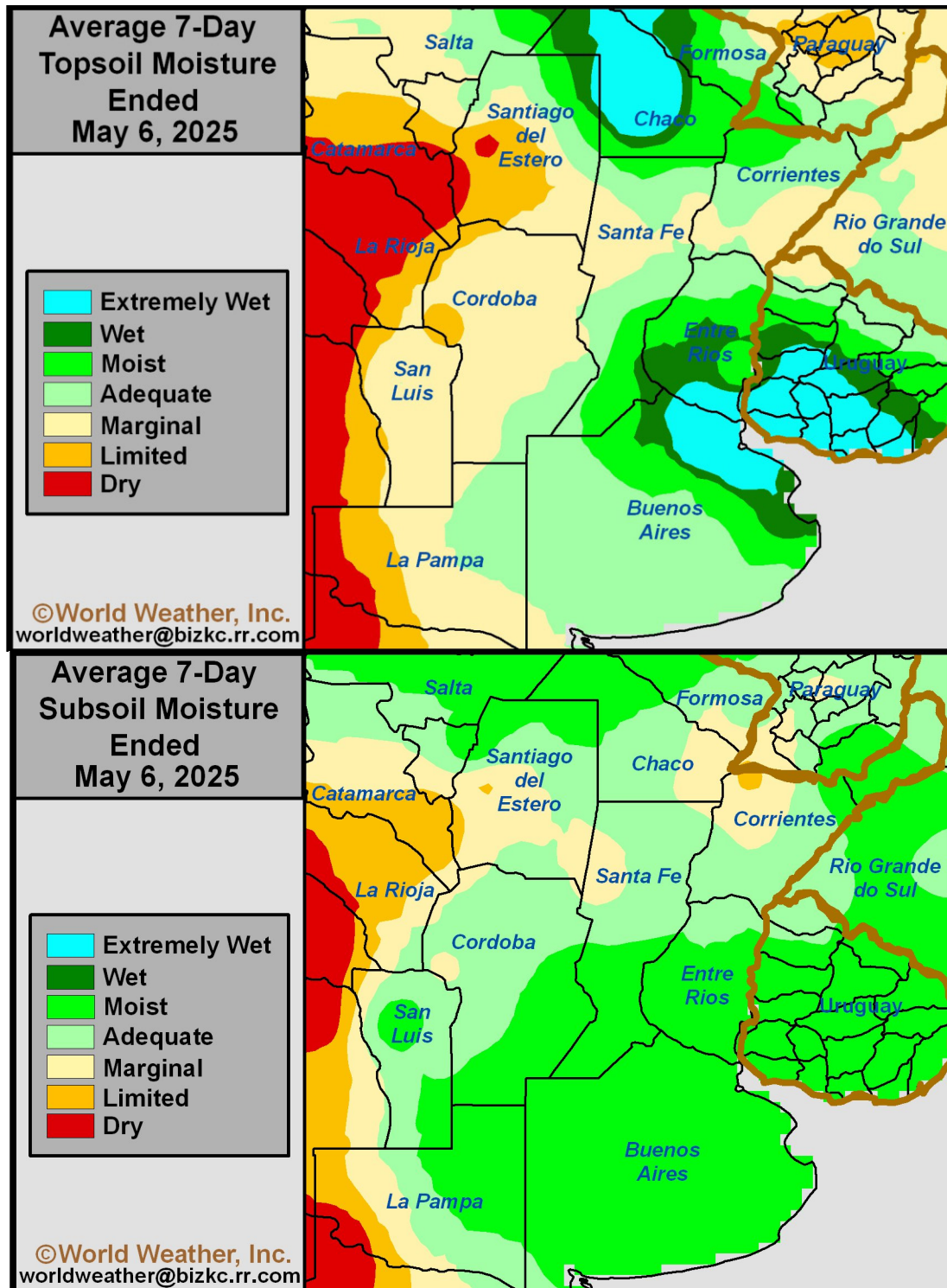


The ground is saturated in portions of northern Argentina due to the recent rainfall. Many areas in Buenos Aires and southern Entre Rios also have adequate to excessive amounts of moisture. Soil moisture is rated marginally adequate to short in most other production areas.

Significant harvest delays were suspected in the wettest areas of northern Argentina during the past week. The region impacted by heavy rain produces rice and cotton. A minor

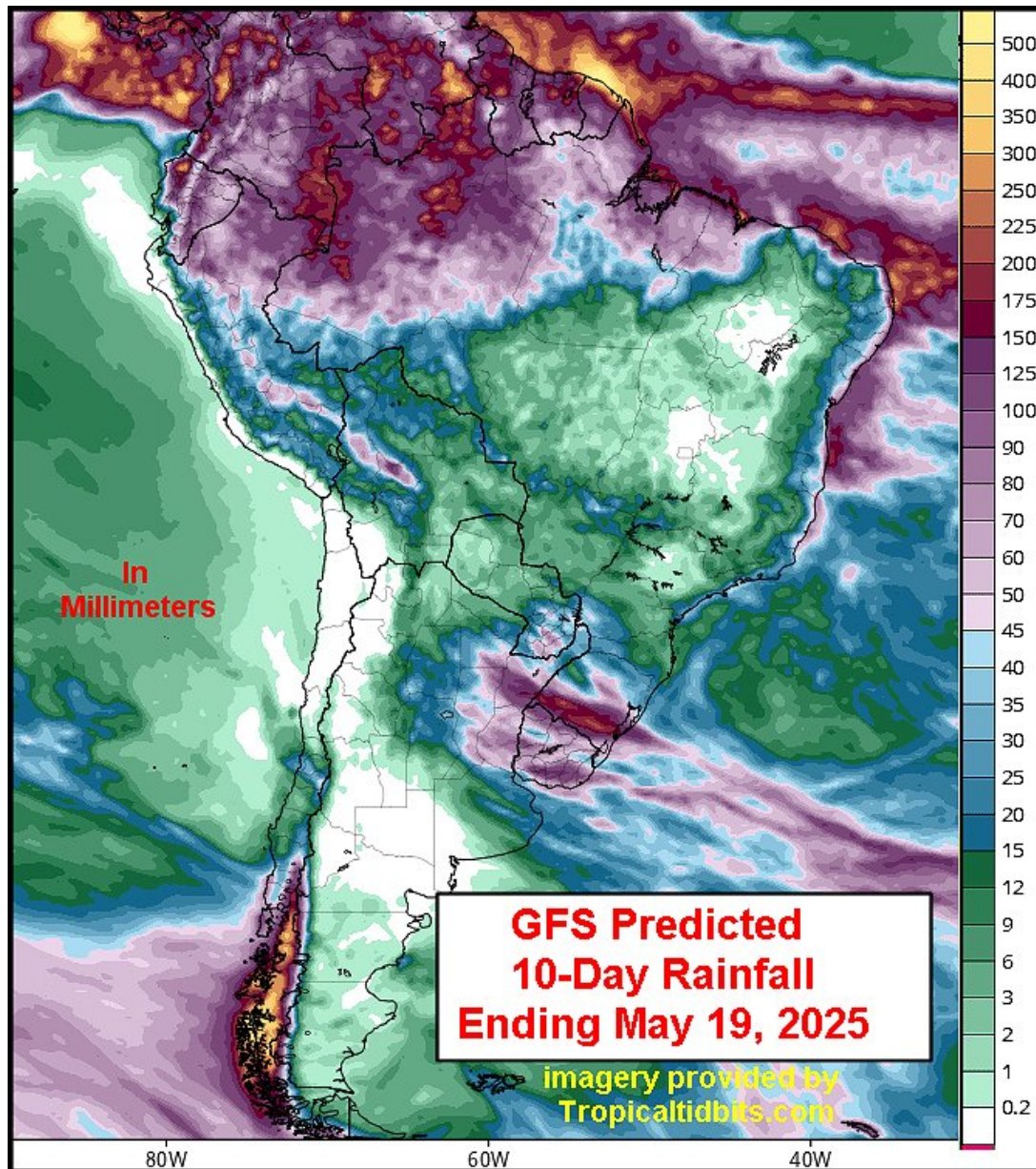
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amount of coarse grains and oilseeds is also produced in the region. Crop quality may have been reduced especially in cotton areas.



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Precipitation in Buenos Aires, Entre Rios, and southern Santa Fe may have also disrupted the harvest in recent days. Quality impacts were minimal. The remaining production areas saw more favorable conditions for the harvest despite some spotty rain.



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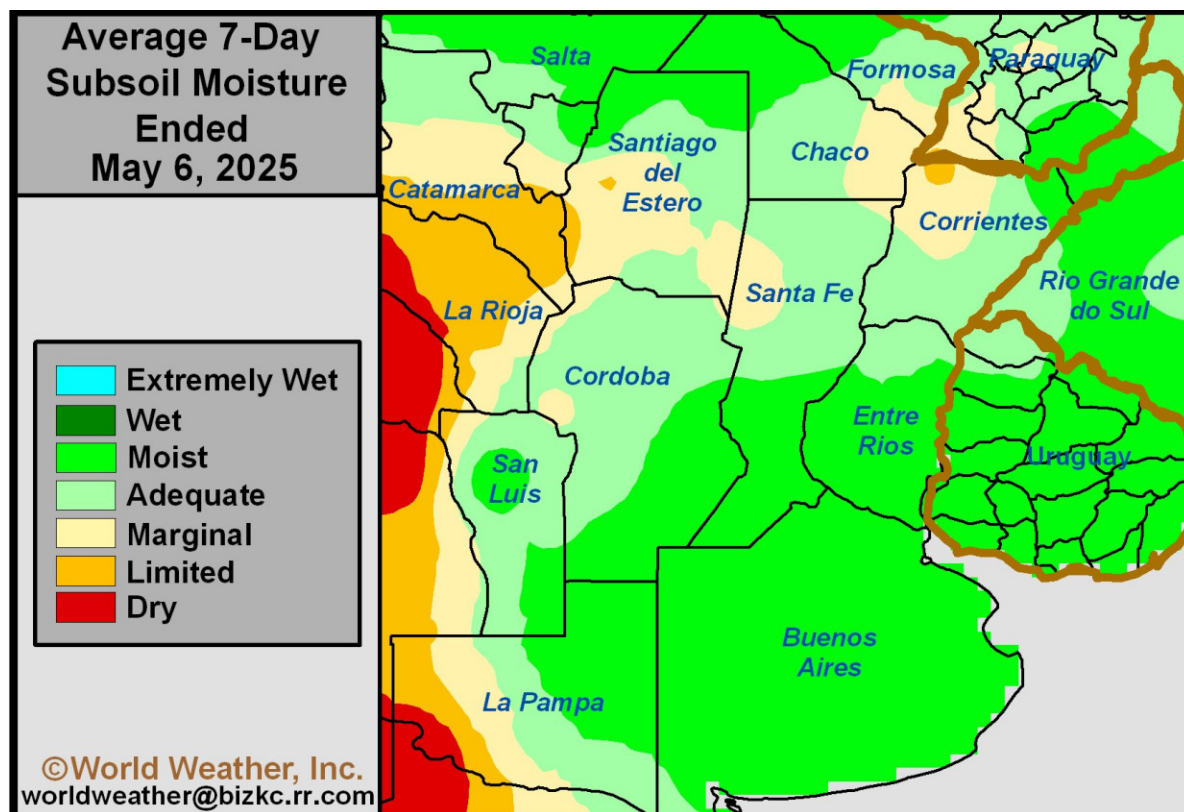
Additional rain is slated for Argentina during the coming week. The most widespread rain will occur today and Friday as a disturbance and frontal boundary advances over the country. After a period of drier weather this weekend and the first part of next week, a few light showers will be possible toward the middle of next week. Corrientes, Chaco, Formosa, and northern sections of Santa Fe and Entre Rios will receive 0.75 to 3.00

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inches of rain with local amounts of 4.00 inches or more by next Thursday morning. Santiago del Estero and central sections of Santa Fe and Entre Rios will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain and locally greater amounts. The remaining production areas will receive trace amounts to 0.40 inch of moisture. The main production areas will again have opportunities for erratic rainfall May 16 – 22.

The temperature profile will trend near to above normal for Argentina during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 60s and 70s through early next week with portions of northern Argentina warming to the 80s. Highs later next week will increase to the 70s and 80s. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s in the southern half of crop country and the 50s and 60s farther to the north. Seasonable to seasonably warm weather will prevail May 16 – 22.

Precipitation today and Friday may further slow or delay harvesting and general fieldwork, most notably the wettest areas of Chaco, Corrientes, and neighboring locations. Quality may be reduced further in the wettest locations, most notably in cotton areas. Other production areas may experience minor harvest impacts due to the rain as well during the next few days, though no major quality impacts are expected. Conditions for the harvest will slowly improve over the weekend and the first half of next week once the ground has a chance to firm.



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