

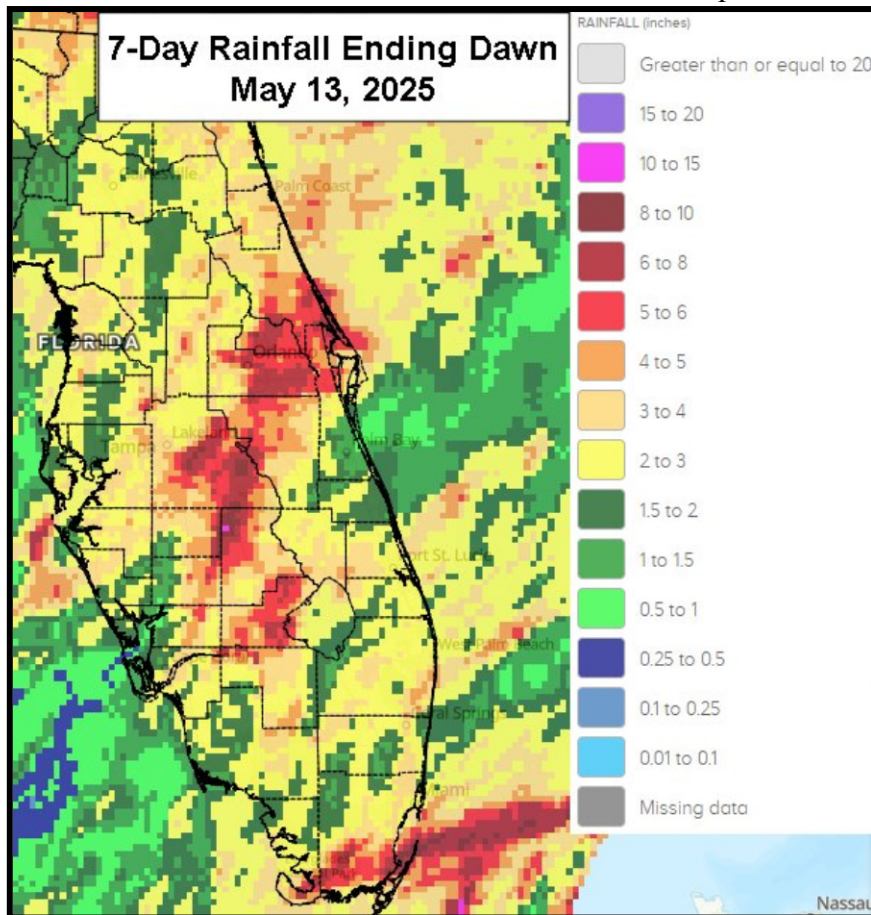
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, May 13 (World Weather Inc.) – Abundant rainfall was noted in **Florida**'s citrus region during the past week. The rain helped improve the drought and maintained a good environment for citrus growth. Drier weather will return during the coming week as high pressure gradually builds over the region. Citrus development conditions will remain favorable. **Brazil**'s citrus region received rain during the past week that was beneficial for any citrus that is still growing. Drier and warm weather will be beneficial for maturation and early-season harvesting during the coming week. **Mexico**'s citrus areas will dry down during the coming week despite some spotty rain.

FLORIDA

Much-needed rain was noted across Florida's citrus region during the past week. Rainfall for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 1.50 to 5.00 inches with local amounts ranging from 6.00 to nearly 10.00 inches from Polk and northern Osceola Counties into Highlands and Glades Counties. Precipitation significantly bolstered soil moisture and likely improved drought across citrus country. Additional rain may be needed to completely fix the moisture deficits in the driest areas. The need for irrigation was otherwise eased due to the waves of rain. Citrus development conditions remained relatively



favorable.

Seasonably warm weather was most common for Florida during the past week despite the periods of rain. Daytime highs peaked to the upper 80s and lower 90s Fahrenheit with pockets occasionally reaching the mid-90s May 6 – 10. Highs in more recent days dropped to the 80s with pockets only warming to the upper 70s May 12. Low temperatures were in the 70s with pockets only cooling to the lower 80s last week.

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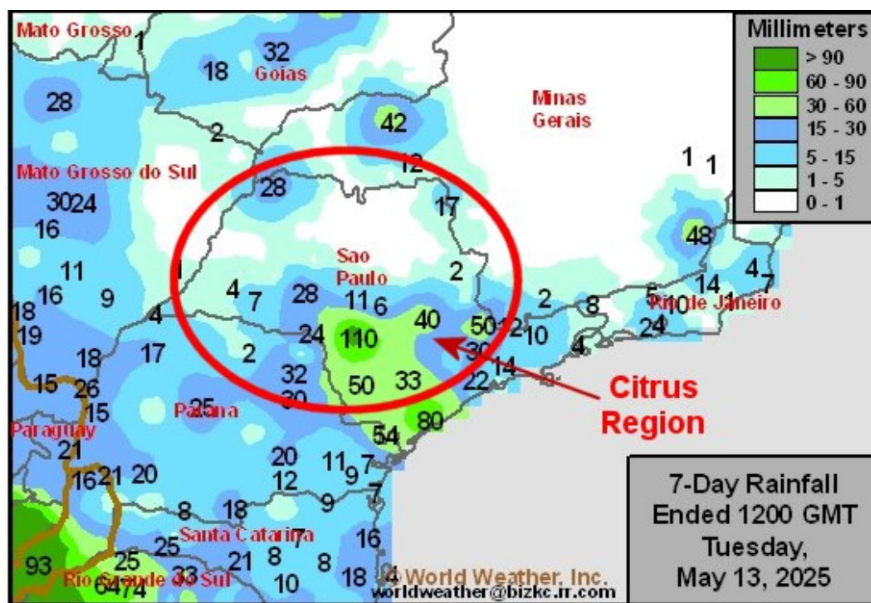
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week. An upper-level low-pressure center will still set off a few light showers today when tracking over eastern North America. High pressure will then dominate the region for the remainder of the coming week and will restrict precipitation. Any citrus region that receives rain will not receive enough to impact long-term soil conditions. The recent influx of moisture and irrigation will continue to promote a good environment for aggressive citrus growth despite the lack of precipitation.

Temperatures will trend near normal today and Wednesday with highs reaching the low- to mid-80s. Seasonably warm weather will return for the remainder of the coming week with highs increasing from the upper 80s to mid-90s. Nighttime lows will be in the mid-60s to lower 70s Wednesday and Thursday before increasing to the low- or mid-70s with pockets in the upper 60s for the remainder of the coming week.

BRAZIL

Precipitation varied for Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the past week. Southern Sao Paulo received 0.95 to 1.97 inches of rain with a local amount of 4.33 inches for the seven-day period ending this morning. Pockets in northern Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais received 0.47 to 1.10 inches of rain, though most areas received little to no precipitation. Temperatures were warm with highest readings in the upper 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and lower 60s.



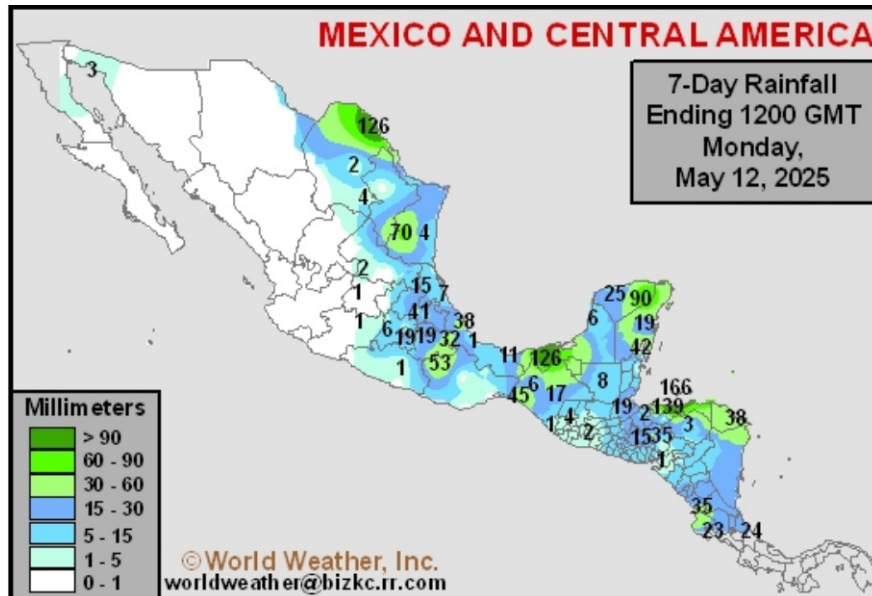
Recent rainfall was beneficial for the citrus that is still developing in the main production region. Early-season harvesting and general farming activity likely advanced around the rain as well, though minor delays were possible in areas that received the greatest amount of precipitation.

Rainfall will be limited for Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais during the coming week. A few light showers will be possible, though resulting rainfall will be too light to counter evaporation. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs in the 80s and lower 90s. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s. The lack of rain and warm weather will maintain a good environment for maturation and early-season harvesting. The citrus that is still developing will have some moisture to support new growth as well.

MEXICO

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Oaxaca, Veracruz, Puebla, and portions of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending May 12 ranged from 0.43 to 1.50 inches with local amounts up to 2.76 inches in Oaxaca and Tamaulipas. San Luis Potosi, Colima, and Michoacan received little to no precipitation. Temperatures were often warmer than usual with highest readings ranging from 90 to 110 degrees. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and 60s with pockets along the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico only cooling to the 70s.



The erratic rainfall was welcome where it occurred from northeastern and east-central Mexico into Oaxaca. Citrus development conditions remained favorable or improved, though there are still pockets that are too dry for ideal crop conditions.

A few spotty showers are slated for citrus country in western, east-central,

and northeastern Mexico during the coming week. Precipitation will be restricted to western Mexico during the next few days before spreading to east-central and northeastern Mexico late this week through early next week. Portions of Oaxaca, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, and neighboring locations will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain with locally greater amounts by next Tuesday morning. Other locations will not receive enough rain to impact long-term soil conditions. Temperatures will remain warmer than normal at times. Northeastern Mexico will warm to a range of 90 to 110 degrees. East-central and western Mexico will warm to the upper 80s and 90s most often with pockets warming above 100 degrees. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

The rain will be welcome where it occurs in Mexico during the coming week. However, most locations will experience net drying due to the lack of significant rain and warm to hot daytime temperatures. The need for more significant rain will increase later this month across citrus country. Crop prospects remain relatively good despite the drying trend.

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