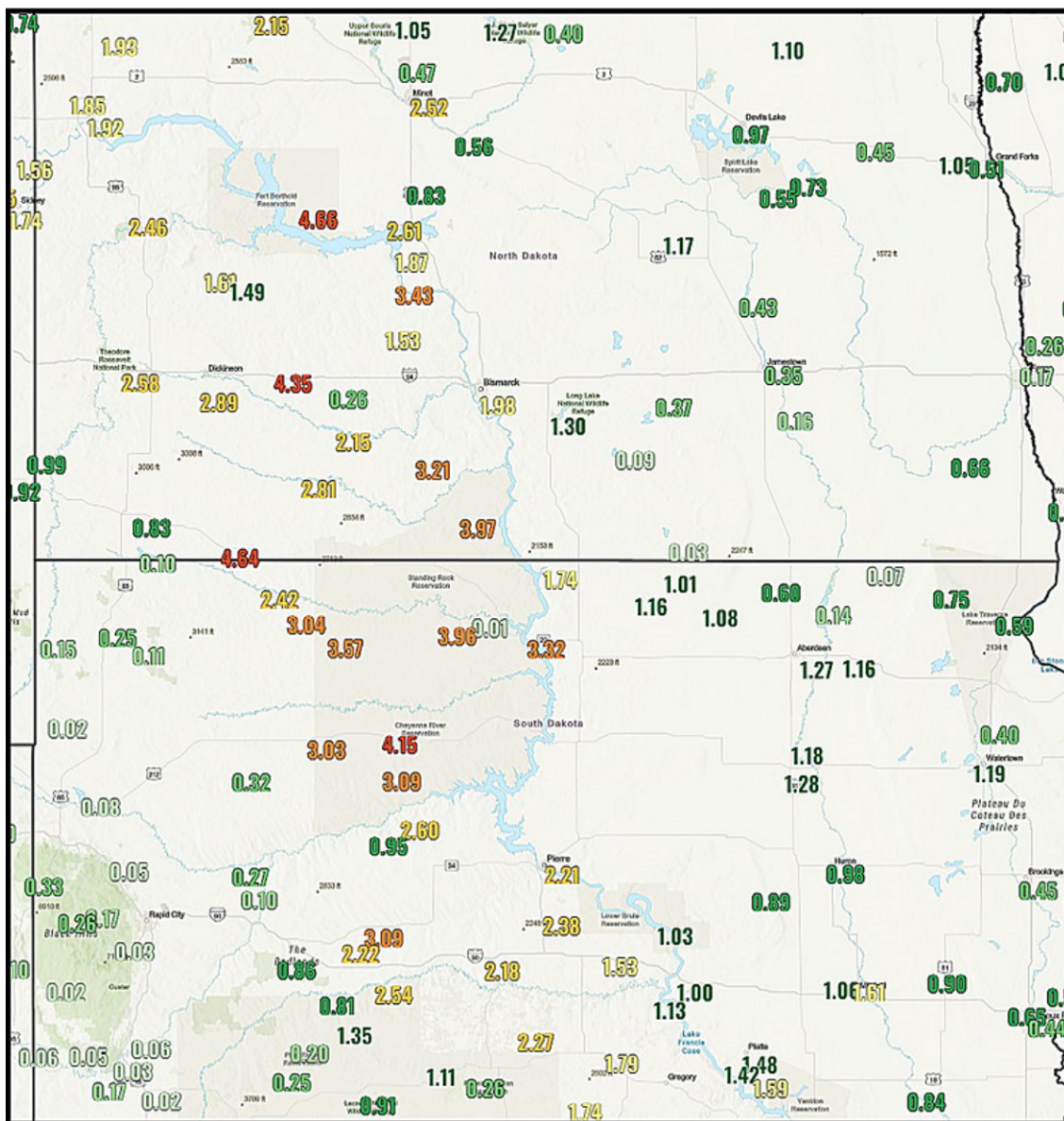


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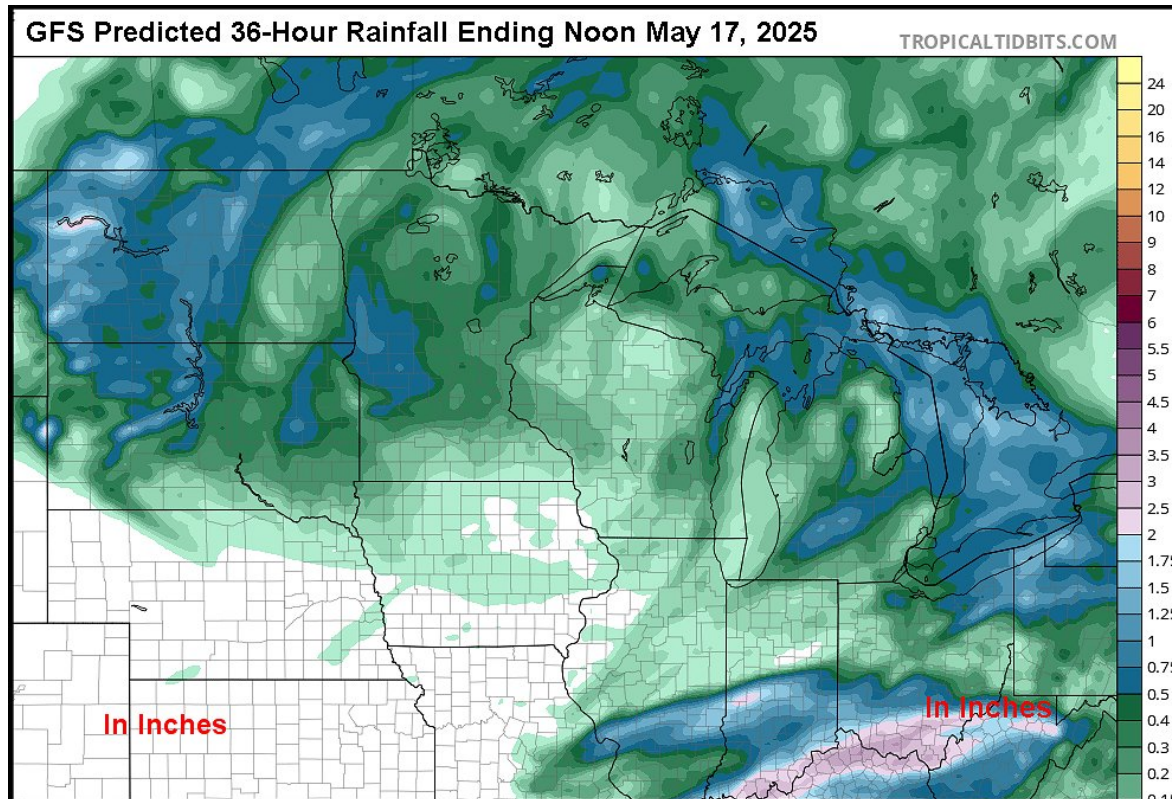
Kansas City, May 16 (World Weather Inc.) – *A general soaking rain has fallen from southwestern Manitoba and southeastern Saskatchewan through the western Dakotas in the past couple of days. The rain event is expected to wind down with most of the precipitation ending overnight tonight and early Saturday morning. Additional moisture totals will be light, though, 1.00 to more than 4.00 inches has resulted changing the moisture profile greatly for much improved planting and emergence conditions for spring and summer crops.*

48-Hour Rainfall Ended Dawn Friday, May 16, 2025



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Rainfall ranged from 1.00 to 4.66 inches in the two-day period ending at dawn today in most of the region from interior western South Dakota through western North Dakota to southeastern Saskatchewan and southwestern Manitoba. The precipitation eased long term dryness and should help induce much improved conditions of planting, emergence and establishment of most spring and summer crops.



The eastern Dakotas and Minnesota have not received nearly as much rain, but soil conditions were also not nearly as dry leading into this week's storm system. Moisture totals in the eastern part of the northern Plains and upper Midwest varied from 0.20 to 0.1.27 inches with the eastern part of South Dakota wettest.

Another 0.15 to 0.75 inch of rain will fall today and Saturday in the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota with a few areas getting more than 1.00 inch. Farther west in the western Dakotas, additional rain totals will vary from 0.30 to 1.50 inches with a few amounts over 2.00 inches.

Drier weather will then evolve for the balance of the weekend, although additional rain is expected Sunday night into Tuesday across a part of the same region. The next wave of rain will favor South Dakota, northern Nebraska, Iowa and southern Minnesota and those areas will also benefit greatly from the moisture.

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