

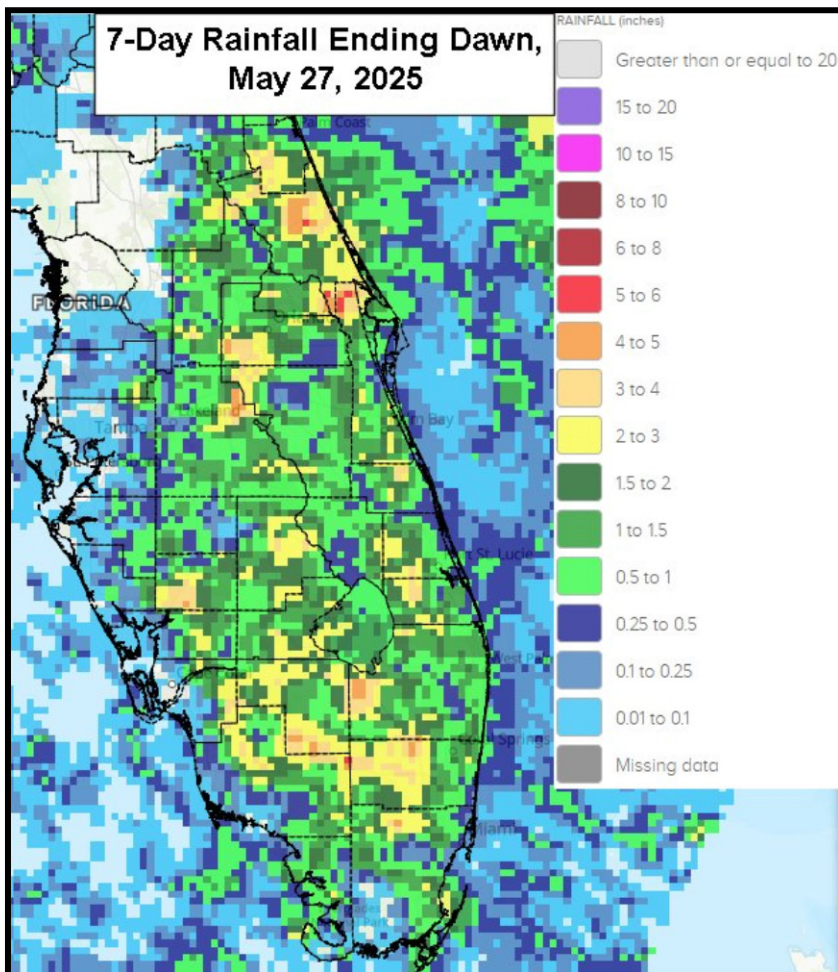
# Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, May 27 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus region saw several waves of rain during the past week that helped improve the moisture profile. Additional rain during the coming week will further bolster soil moisture and continue to chip away at the dryness that evolved earlier this spring. Citrus conditions will remain favorable. **Mexico**'s citrus areas also received early rain during the past week with more on the way in the coming days. Citrus development conditions will improve or remain favorable. **Brazil**'s citrus areas will have a few opportunities for light and erratic rain during the coming week. No major harvest delays are expected.

## FLORIDA

Rain was often scattered across the main citrus areas in Florida during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.50 to 3.00 inches in most locations. However, several areas near and along the Gulf of Mexico only received trace amounts to 0.50 inch of rain. The precipitation helped improve the moisture profile, but was not enough to completely fix the drought that evolved earlier this spring.



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Seasonable to seasonably warm weather was noted across citrus country during the past week. Daytime highs peaked from the upper 80s to mid-90s Fahrenheit with pockets occasionally warming to the upper 90s. Nighttime lows ranged from the mid-60s to mid-70s.

Florida will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week. Disturbances tracking across eastern North America will generate rain and thunderstorms through Thursday. Additional rain will occur Friday through

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early next week as an upper-level trough slowly advances over eastern North America. Rainfall by next Tuesday morning will range from 1.00 to 3.00 inches in much of citrus country with local amounts over 4.00 inches. Precipitation will improve the moisture profile, but may not be enough to completely break the drought. The combination of rain and irrigation will still promote a good environment for aggressive growth.

Temperatures will remain slightly warmer than usual through Thursday with highs ranging from the mid-80s to lower 90s in much of citrus country. Slightly cooler air will then settle over the region for the remainder of the coming week with highs dropping to the low or mid-80s and pockets in the upper 80s. Low temperatures will be in the low to mid-70s with pockets cooling to the upper 60s this weekend and early next week.

### MEXICO

Precipitation varied across the main production areas in Mexico during the past week. Puebla, the northern half of Veracruz, and Michoacan received 0.67 to 3.31 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending May 26. Northeastern Mexico, southern Veracruz, and portions of Oaxaca and Colima received 0.32 to 0.83 inch of rain with pockets that received little to no precipitation. Periods of warmer than usual weather were noted across the main production areas. Highest readings ranged from 90 to 110 degrees in much of the region. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and 70s.



The rain was welcome during the past week. However, many areas in northeastern and western Mexico did not receive enough completely fix moisture deficits. Additional rain will be needed in coming weeks to further improve the moisture profile and maintain a good outlook for citrus production.

An unusually active weather pattern is slated for the main citrus areas in Mexico during the coming week. Rain will be scattered across the main production areas on a near daily basis. A tropical disturbance will evolve southwest of Mexico during the next few days, but should not have a direct impact on the main production areas. Much of western, east-central, and northeastern Mexico will receive 0.75 to 3.00 inches of rain by next Tuesday morning. Portions of Oaxaca will receive 5.00 inches or more of rain while pockets in Tamaulipas and northern Nuevo Leon only receive up to 0.50 inch of moisture. Temperatures will be near normal with daytime highs in the 80s and 90s. Pockets will also only warm to the 70s during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

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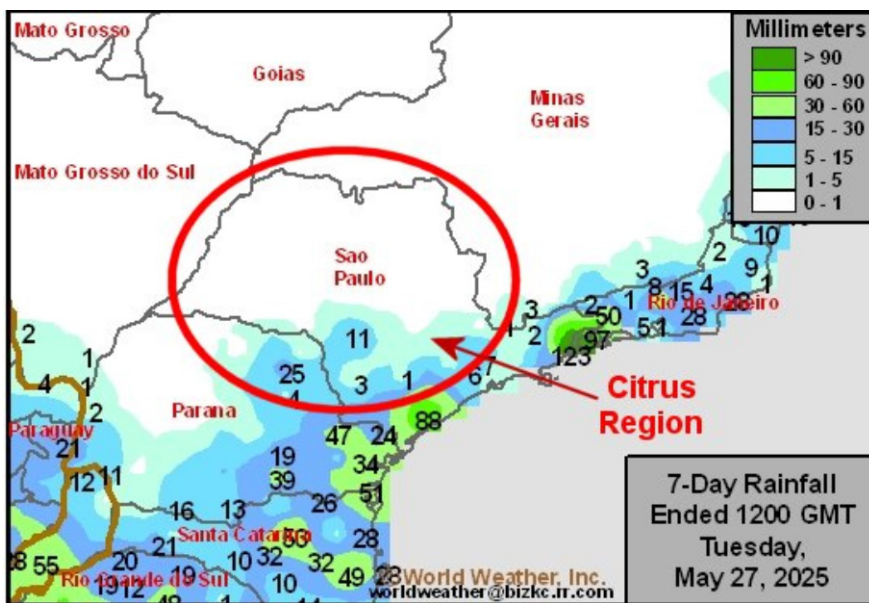
The waves of rain will help bolster soil moisture in the main citrus areas across Mexico during the coming week. Citrus development conditions will gradually improve for east-central and northeastern Mexico, though additional rain would be welcome. Flowering and early-season development conditions will improve for much of western Mexico as well.

### BRAZIL

Light rain was noted in southern Sao Paulo during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from trace amounts to 0.43 inch. Most other locations in Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais were dry. Temperatures were slightly above normal with highest readings in the 80s and lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 50s and lower 60s. The lack of rain and warm weather was beneficial for

aggressive harvesting and general farming activity.

Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais will have a few opportunities for light rain during the coming week. The first round of rain will occur overnight tonight into Wednesday with the passage of a frontal boundary. Scattered showers will also be possible Monday. Moisture totals by



next Tuesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch with local amounts over 1.00 inch in southwestern Sao Paulo. Temperatures will fluctuate between warm and cool during the coming week. Daytime highs will reach the upper 70s and 80s with pockets in the lower 90s through Wednesday and again early next week. Highs later this week and weekend will drop to the 60s and 70s with pockets in the lower 80s. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s Thursday through Sunday with pockets cooling to the upper 30s Friday. No damaging cold is expected. Lows most other days will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the upper 40s.

The periods of rain should not significantly slow or delay harvesting and general fieldwork during the coming week for much of Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais. No damaging cold is expected during the coldest periods as well.

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