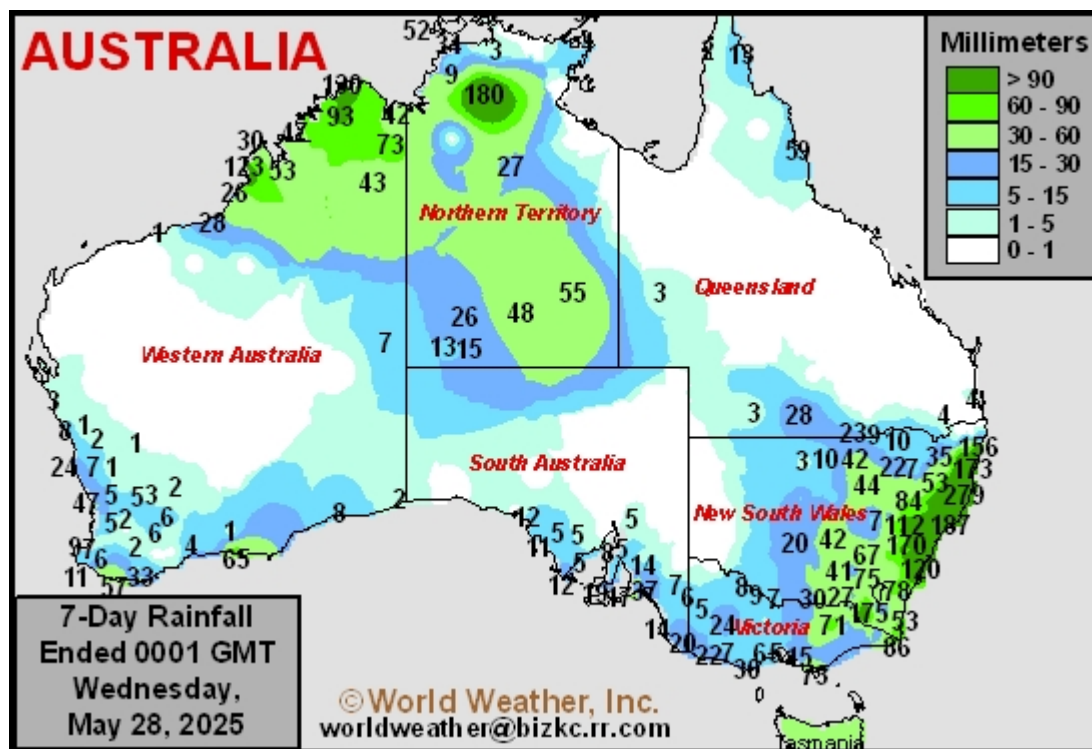


Western Australia To Receive Three Waves For Rain

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Kansas City, May 28 (World Weather Inc.) – Parts of New South Wales, Victoria, and pockets in South Australia, Western Australia, and southern Queensland saw periods of spotty rain during the past week. Overall, rainfall was too light to fix the moisture deficits and much more rain was needed. New South Wales has the best planting moisture today and Western Australia is expecting at least three waves of rain from late this week through the end of the first week in June to improve planting moisture. South Australia will be driest over the next ten days and only limited rainfall is expected in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland where more precipitation is needed to get crops planted, emerged and established.

Central New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and extreme south-central Queensland saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.32 to 0.95 inch of rain with local amounts up to 1.73 inches. A few locations in Western Australia received up to 0.34 inch of rain with greater amounts outside the main production areas. Other areas in New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia were dry or did not receive enough rain to counter evaporation.

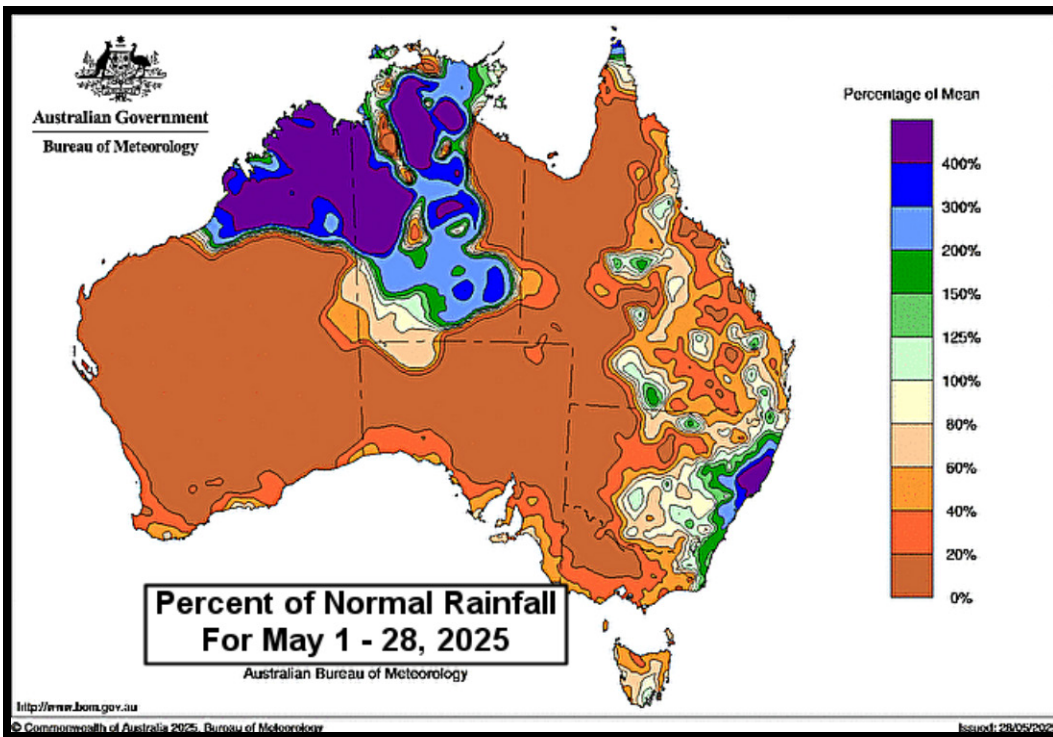


Victoria and South Australia was drier or much drier than normal during the past month with only 25-50% of normal rainfall reported for the 30-day period ending May 25. Queensland, New South Wales, and Western Australia also received near to below normal precipitation.

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Soil moisture is adequate or marginally adequate in central New South Wales and portions of Victoria. Other production areas in Australia continue to have short or critically short soil moisture despite the periods of spotty rain.

Planting of the winter grains and oilseeds is ongoing in Australia. Germination and establishment conditions have been less than favorable, notably in the driest areas of Western Australia and South Australia. Spotty rainfall during the past week was welcome where it occurred, though the main production areas are in need of much more rain for ideal long-term crop prospects.

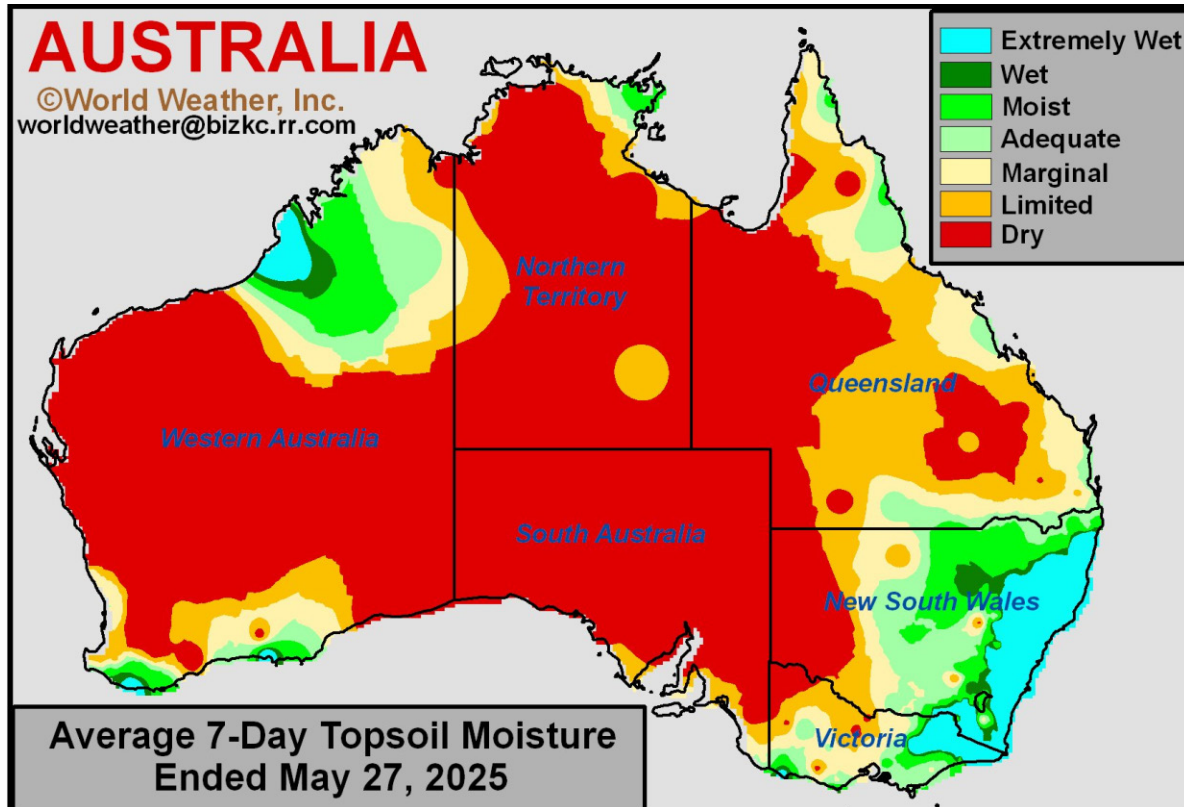


Two disturbances will bring rain to Western Australia through the middle of next week. The first round of rain will occur overnight tonight into early Saturday. The next round of rain will occur later this weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.00 inch with local amounts of 2.00 inches or more near and along the western coastline. Central Queensland will see a mix of rain and sunshine through the middle of next week as well. Much of the rain will occur today and early Thursday with some light rain also occurring later this weekend. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch and locally more.

South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, and southern Queensland will otherwise be drier than usual. Most locations will either be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. There is potential for a little more active weather pattern June 5-11, although many areas in the east will fail to get great enough volume of rain to induce ideal planting and establishment conditions. [Western Australia may be different with another rain event possible late next week and one more June 10-11. If all four precipitation events occur in Western Australia the outlook for planting and establishment in that state will be much improved. Rain in other areas will be in strong demand.](#)

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Temperatures will trend near to slightly above normal in the main production areas through the middle of next week. Daytime highs will peak in the 50s and 60s Fahrenheit through Friday with pockets in Western Australia warming to the 70s. Highs will increase to the 60s and 70s for the remainder of the coming week. Temperatures will trend near normal June 5 – 11.



Rain will be welcome in Western Australia, central Queensland, and other production areas through the middle of next week. However, most other areas will not receive enough rain to completely fix the moisture deficits. The environment will remain less than favorable for germination and establishment. The potential for more rain during the second week of the outlook could marginally improve establishment and early season development. Additional rain will still be needed later in June to further improve production potentials.

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