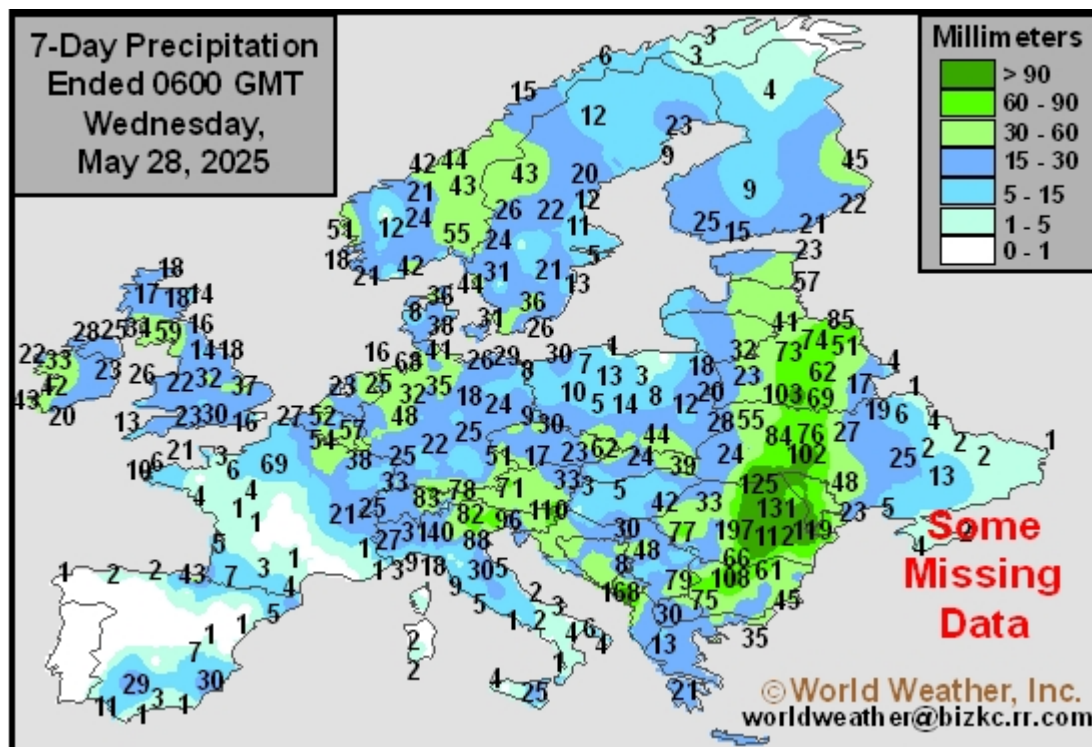


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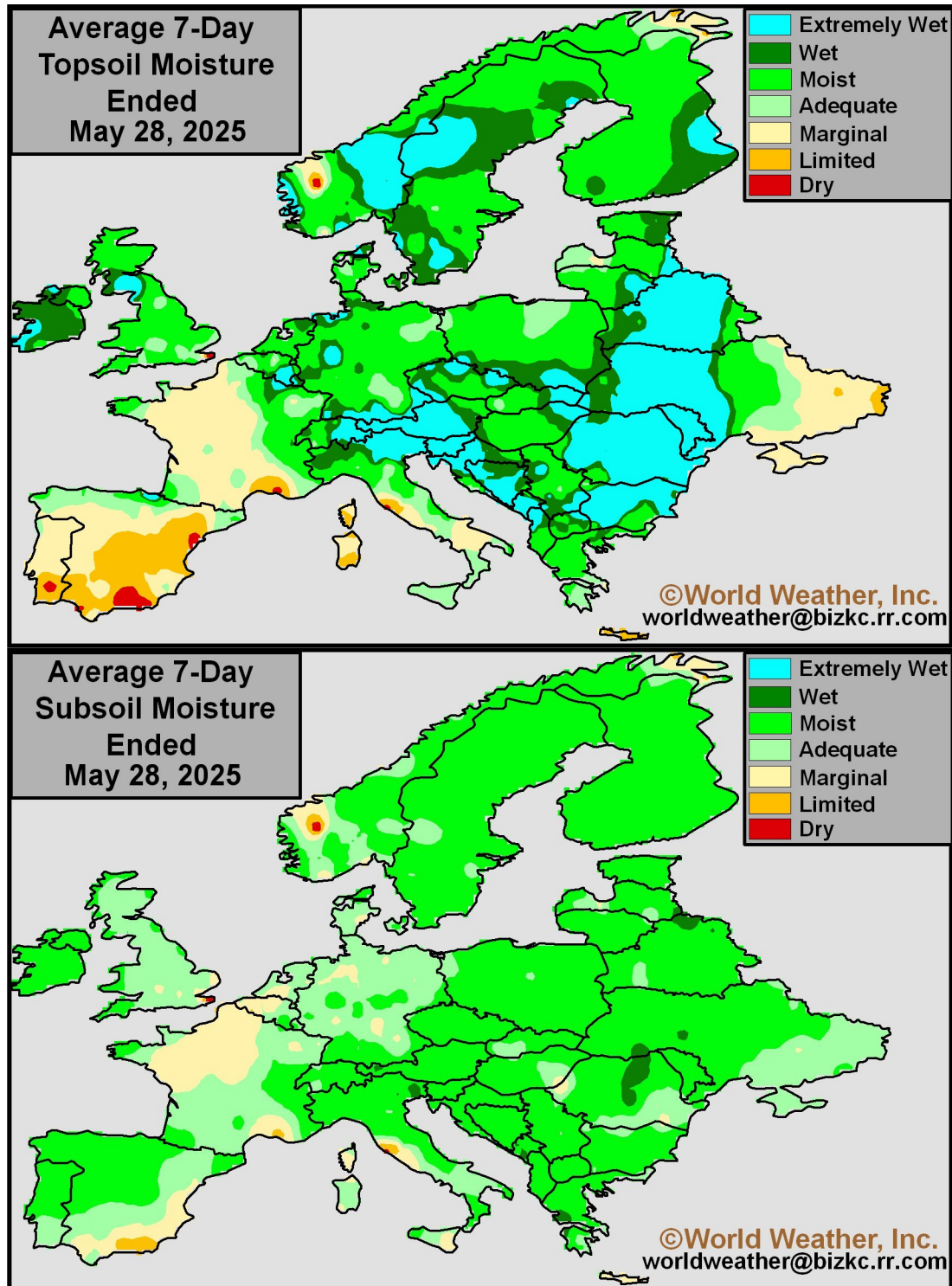
Kansas City, May 29 (World Weather Inc.) – Several locations in Western Europe received timely rain during the past week. Several areas in Germany, eastern France, and neighboring locations were trending a little too dry for ideal crop development before the rain replenished topsoil moisture and supported better short-term development conditions in some areas. Many areas in western and southern France and the Iberian Peninsula otherwise missed out on the rain and would benefit from a boost in precipitation. Eastern Europe also received significant rain that maintained a relatively good outlook for the crops. Western France and southern sections of the Iberian Peninsula will continue to dry down during the coming week, increasing the need for timely rain later in June especially France since Spain is normally dry at this time of year. Other locations in Europe will either receive enough rain or have enough moisture to maintain aggressive growth.

Romania and Bulgaria into western Ukraine Belarus, and portions of the Baltic States received some of the most significant precipitation in Europe during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending May 28 ranged from 0.91 to 5.12 inches with pockets that only received up to 0.67 inch of moisture. Other locations in southeastern Europe into southern Poland, Germany, eastern France, northern Italy, Ireland, and the United Kingdom received 0.50 to 2.50 inches of rain. Northern Poland and a few locations in central Italy, central Ukraine, southern and northeastern Spain, and southern and western France received 0.28 to 1.18 inches of moisture. The remaining locations received little to no rain.



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Soil moisture remained rated marginally adequate to slightly short in France, Spain and Portugal with some areas in southern and eastern Spain running very short of moisture. Most other areas in Europe had adequate to surplus topsoil moisture and marginally adequate to adequate subsoil moisture.

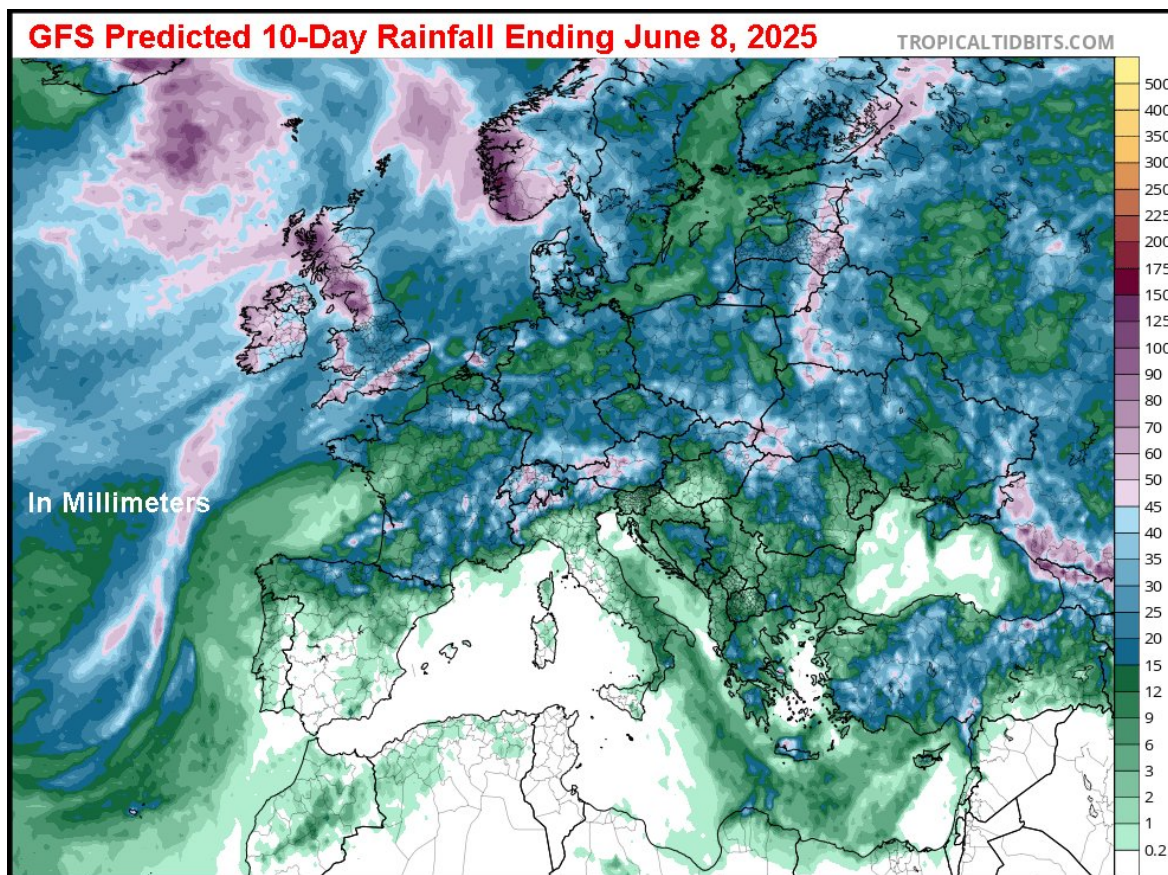


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Recent rainfall was welcome in Germany, eastern France, the United Kingdom, and neighboring locations easing some long term dryness. These areas had been drying down too much for ideal crop development in recent weeks. Most areas in Eastern Europe had ample moisture to support aggressive growth. In the meantime, some of the drier areas in western and southern France and portions of the Iberian Peninsula were stressing unirrigated crops and a good shot of rain was needed.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Precipitation will vary across Europe during the coming week. A high-pressure ridge will build over the Iberian Peninsula today and Friday that will limit precipitation for much of Western Europe outside the United Kingdom and immediate neighboring locations. Scattered showers will, otherwise, evolve across Eastern Europe both days. A frontal boundary will break down the ridge and generate erratic rainfall for portions of the continent over the weekend. Precipitation will continue to be scattered across Europe at the beginning and middle of next week when a trough of low pressure builds over the northeastern Atlantic Ocean.



Areas from northern Spain and southern and east-central France through southern Germany and into portions of Poland, Belarus, northern Ukraine, and immediate neighboring locations, along with much of Ireland and the United Kingdom (outside

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southeastern England), will receive 0.50 to 2.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 3.00 inches or more by next Thursday morning. Other locations will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with locally greater amounts in southeastern Europe. Portugal, the southern half of Spain, and pockets of western France will also receive little or no rain.

Seasonable to seasonably warm weather is slated for much of Europe during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit with a few exceptions. The Iberian Peninsula and central and southern France will often warm to the 80s and lower 90s through the end of the weekend. Many areas in southeastern Europe will also warm to the 80s and lower 90s, most notably next week.

The ridge may gradually return to Europe June 6 – 12. Drier than usual weather could evolve during this time, though most locations will still have opportunities for erratic rainfall. Temperatures will likely remain near or above normal as well.

Several areas in France, southern Spain, and pockets in Germany and southeastern England will likely become or remain a little too dry for ideal grain, oilseed, and other crop development in coming weeks. The periodic rain will be welcome where it occurs, though additional precipitation will be needed later in June to avoid any serious production impacts. Other production areas in Europe will either receive enough rain or have enough moisture to maintain a good environment for aggressive growth.

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