

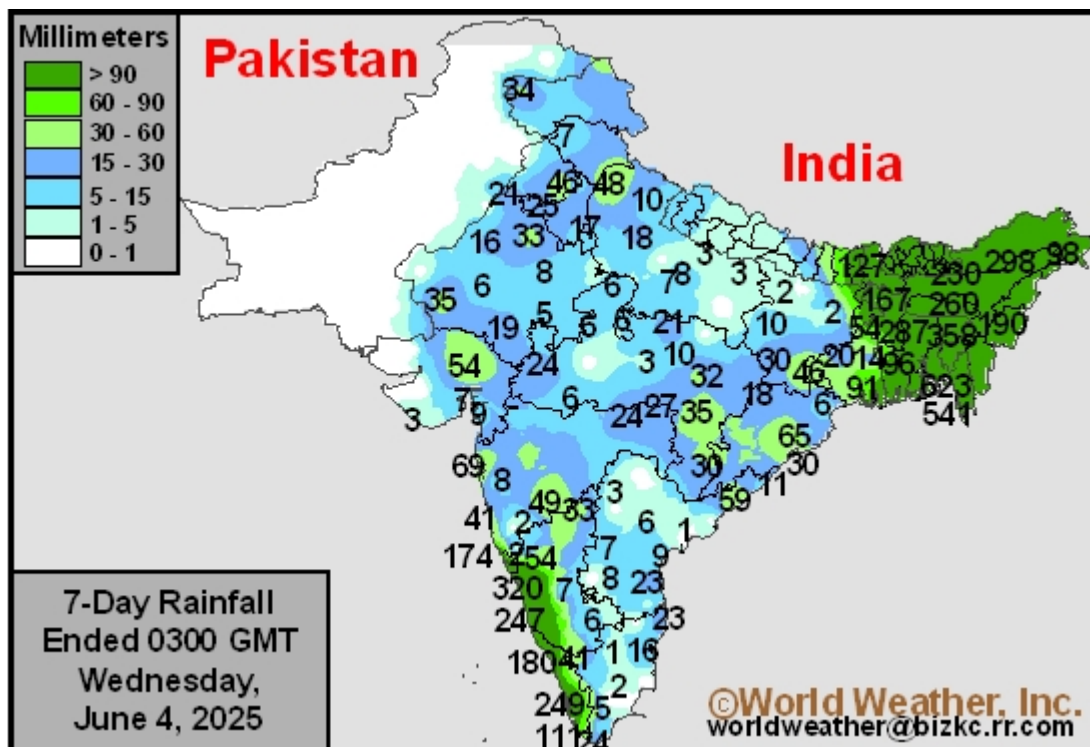
# India Will Trend Drier Than Usual After Early Rainfall

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Kansas City, June 4 (World Weather Inc.) – Unusually wet weather in May helped induce good early-season planting conditions in India. *Precipitation in recent days was highly variable across the sub-continent with a weak tropical disturbance promoting abundant rain in portions of the Eastern States and Bangladesh. Severe flooding was noted and may have damaged rice and other winter and early-season summer crops.* Rainfall elsewhere was spotty, but it was still welcome. India will generally trend drier than usual through the middle of next week in part due to the potential development of the Madden-Julian Oscillation over the western Pacific Ocean. The environment will be beneficial for aggressive planting and fieldwork; although, the need for timely monsoonal rain will increase later this month to support better germination and establishment in the driest locations.

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The far Eastern States of India and Bangladesh reported excessive rainfall during the past week in part due to a weak tropical disturbance sending abundant moisture into the region. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged anywhere from 3.78 to 14.13 inches with local amounts up to 24.50 inches in southern Bangladesh. Kerala, coastal Karnataka, and extreme southwestern Maharashtra received 4.37 to 12.60 inches of rain. Other locations in India generally received 0.20 to 1.50 inches of rain with local amounts up to 2.75 inches in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, northeastern Andhra Pradesh, western Maharashtra, eastern Gujarat, Punjab, and Uttarakhand. Pockets in Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and eastern Uttar Pradesh also received little to no rain.

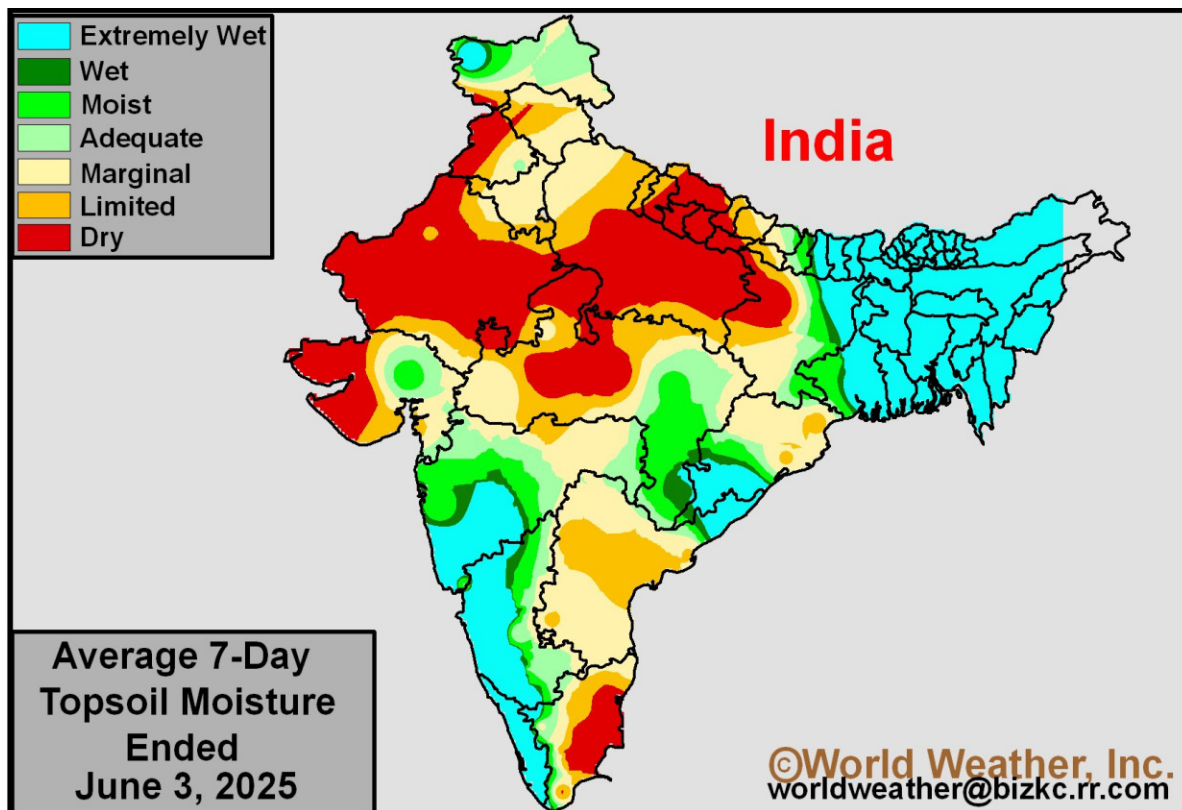


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Bangladesh and the Eastern States are excessively wet due to the waves of heavy rain in recent weeks. Severe flooding was noted in several locations this past weekend and earlier this week.

Kerala and coastal sections of Karnataka and Maharashtra also have excess amounts of moisture. The moisture profile elsewhere in India is highly variable with seasonal dryness continuing in the north after an unusually wet period in May. Many areas in Tamil Nadu are also lacking moisture. Soil moisture elsewhere ranges from adequate to short.

Early monsoonal rainfall in portions of India helped promote a good start to the planting season in portions of the country. Many areas in western, central, and northern India remain seasonably dry for planting and establishment conditions which is normal for early June. The periodic rain that fell during May likely promoted some planting. Portions of Tamil Nadu and southeastern Andhra Pradesh missed out on some of the early-monsoonal rain and may be too dry for ideal planting conditions. Bangladesh and the Eastern States are otherwise too wet and need an extended period of drying. Recently planted rice and other crops may need to be replanted in areas that experienced the most severe flooding.

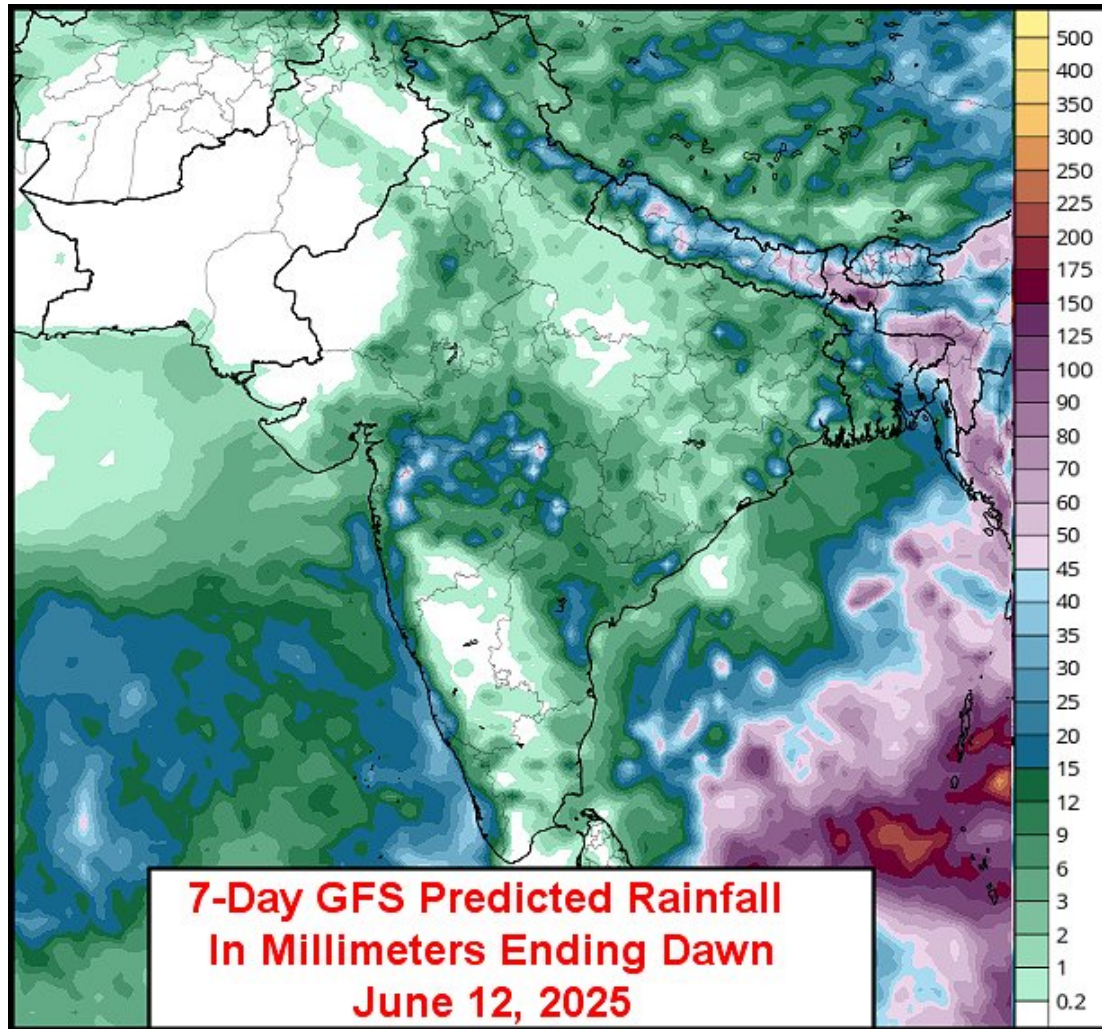


A large section of India will trend drier than usual through the middle of next week. The Madden-Julian Oscillation has not been very active for an extended period of time, though a weak MJO pulse may begin making its way into the western Pacific Ocean in the coming weeks. This scenario tends to suppress rainfall in portions of India.

Bangladesh and the Eastern States will still see several waves of rain in the coming week. Precipitation will occur on a near daily basis with totals ranging from 1.00 to 4.00 inches and locally more by next Wednesday morning. Monsoonal rain will also be scattered

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from Kerala and coastal Karnataka into Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and neighboring areas in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, and southern Chhattisgarh on a frequent basis, along with extreme northern India. These areas will receive 0.25 to 1.50 inches of rain with portions of Maharashtra receiving 2.50 inches or more of moisture during this time. The remaining production areas will either miss out on rain completely or not receive enough to impact long-term soil conditions. A more normal monsoonal rain pattern will gradually evolve for India June 12-18.



The lack of abundant rainfall through the middle of next week will support a relatively good environment for planting and general fieldwork in those areas that received abundant moisture in May. The Eastern States and Bangladesh will have a chance to dry down despite additional rain, which will gradually improve fieldwork and clean-up prospects after recent flooding. Producers in the driest areas of western, central, and northern India may wait until rain potentials increase later this month before planting a significant amount of crop. Several of these locations will dry down significantly in the coming days due to the lack of rain and warm to hot daytime temperatures.

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