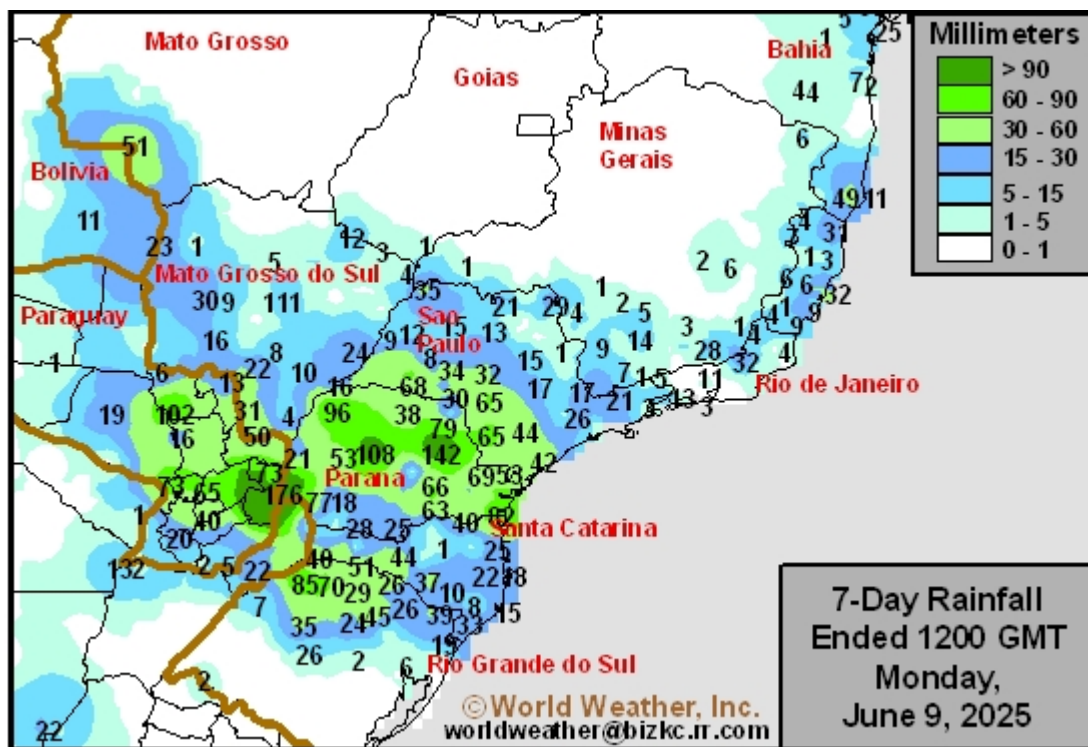


Brazil Wheat, Southern Corn To Receive Additional Rain

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Kansas City, June 9 (World Weather Inc.) – Winter wheat planting is ongoing in portions of southern Brazil. Timely rain was noted from Parana and Santa Catarina into northern Rio Grande do Sul during the past week and establishment conditions have been relatively favorable. [Additional rain is slated for southern Brazil this week that will maintain a good outlook for wheat planting and establishment.](#) In the meantime, [Safrinha corn harvesting is just beginning in pockets of Brazil.](#) [Some spotty rain is slated for the main Safrinha corn areas in center-west and center-south Brazil this week, though not enough to significantly impact early-season harvest conditions.](#) [Late planted crops are still reproducing and filling.](#)

Precipitation varied across the main production areas in Brazil during the past week. Parana, Santa Catarina, northern Rio Grande do Sul, and southern sections of Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul received 1.00 to 3.50 inches of rain with local amounts up to 5.59 inches in Parana for the seven-day period ending this morning. Other areas in Sao Paulo into portions of northern and central Mato Grosso do Sul, southern Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo, and southeastern Bahia received 0.20 to 1.38 inches of rain. The remaining locations in Brazil received little to no precipitation.



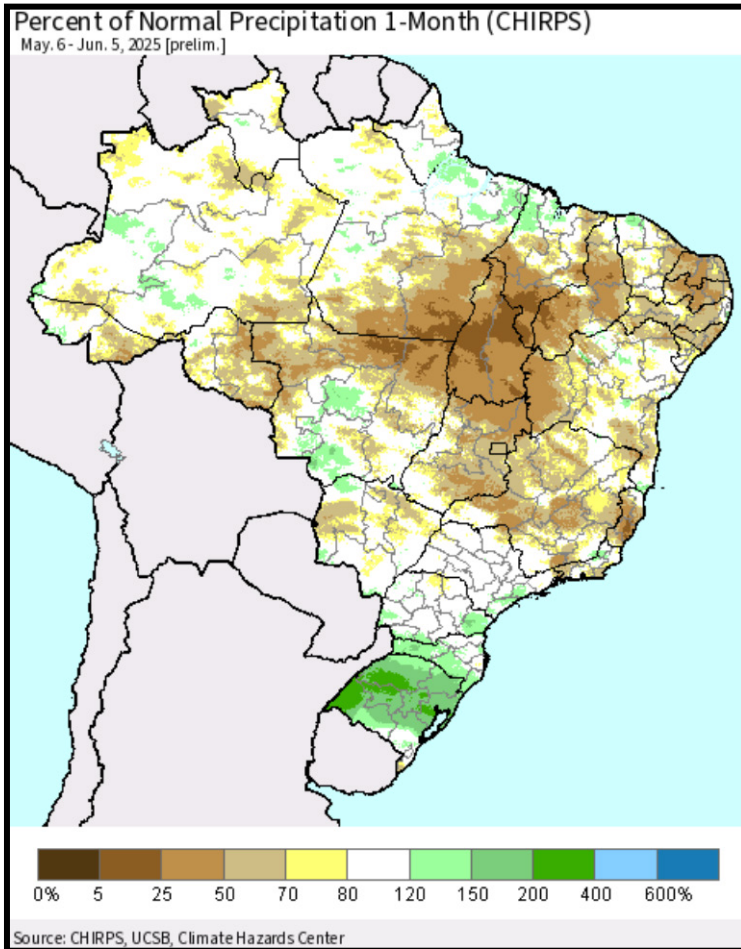
Rio Grande do Sul received above normal precipitation for the 30-day period ending June 5 with pockets receiving more than 200% of normal precipitation during this time. Other areas in southern Brazil into Sao Paulo, southern Mato Grosso do Sul, and western Mat Grosso received near or slightly above normal rainfall. The remaining production areas

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in Brazil received near to below normal precipitation with portions of Minas Gerais and Goiás receiving 25-50% of normal rainfall.

Soil moisture is rated adequate to excessive from southern Brazil into southern sections of São Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul. Other locations have a shortage of precipitation due to a lack of abundant rain and warm daytime temperatures in recent weeks.

Winter wheat planting continued during the past week. As of May 31, 38% of the



crop was in the ground, up slightly from 36.9% for the previous five-year average. However, Santa Catarina had not yet planted any wheat while Rio Grande do Sul only had 6% of its wheat in the ground. Recent rainfall improved planting and establishment conditions in some of the main production areas in southern Brazil, although some of the rain delayed field progress for a little while. More widespread planting is expected in southern Brazil in coming weeks.

In the meantime, Safrinha corn harvesting has begun in a few pockets of Brazil. As of May 31, a little less than 1% of the corn was out of the ground, mainly in center-west Brazil. Soybean, rice, and dry bean harvesting was nearly complete. First-season corn harvesting was 89.6% finished, up from 86.1% for the previous

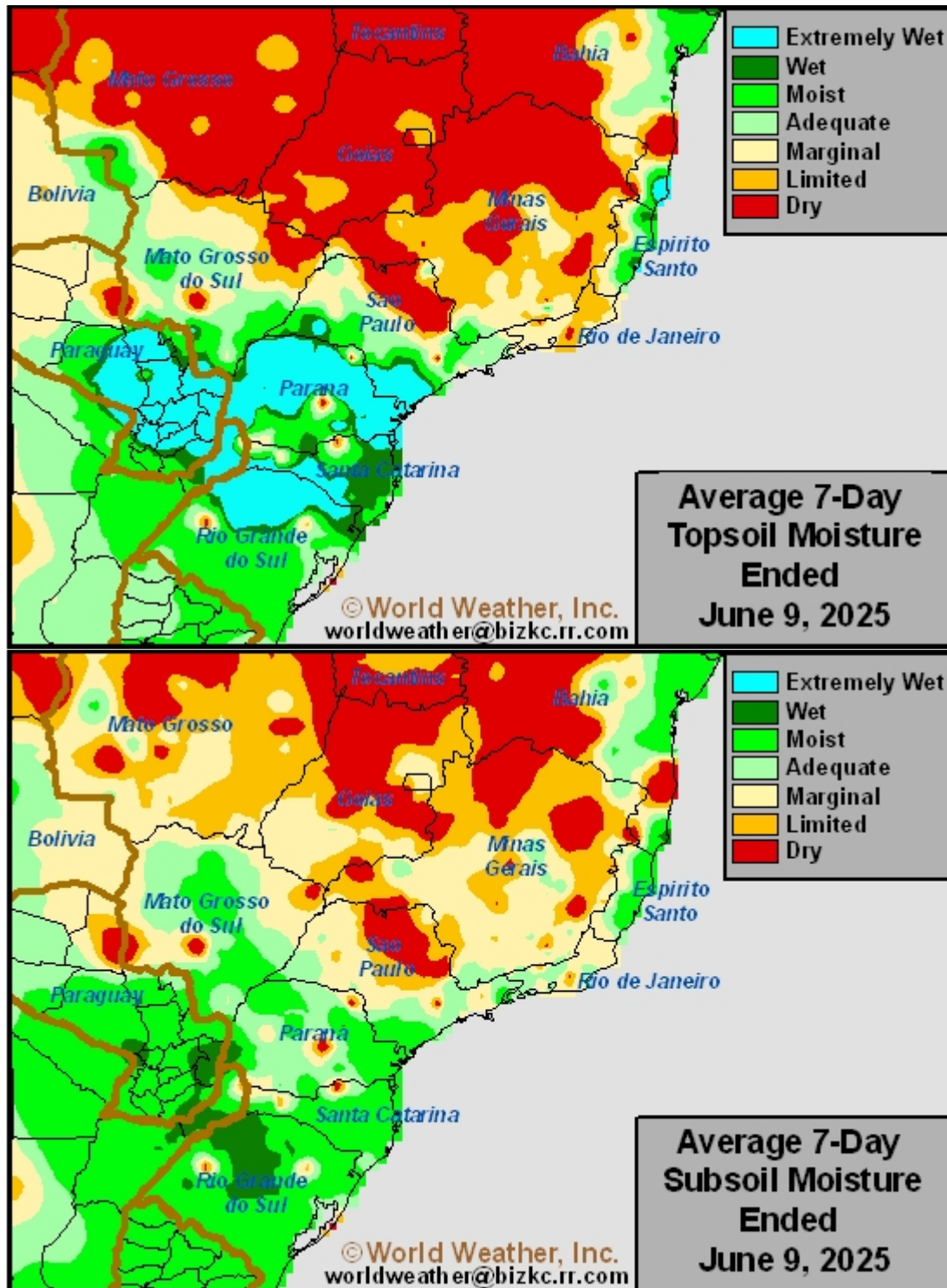
five-year average. Harvesting of the Safrinha corn will expand in the coming weeks as more crops mature, though the later planted crops in the north that are still developing would benefit from a shot of rain to the best possible late-season production.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Brazil's main production areas will have a few opportunities for rain this week. Light rain will be scattered from portions of eastern Paraná and Santa Catarina into center-south and northeasterly Brazil at times through Thursday with the slow passage of a frontal boundary. Disturbances will then promote rain and isolated thunderstorms from southern Brazil into center-west and center-south Brazil late Friday and this weekend. Southern Brazil into southern Mato Grosso do Sul will receive 0.75 to 3.00 inches with local amounts over 4.00 inches in Rio Grande do Sul. Other areas in center-west Brazil into center-south

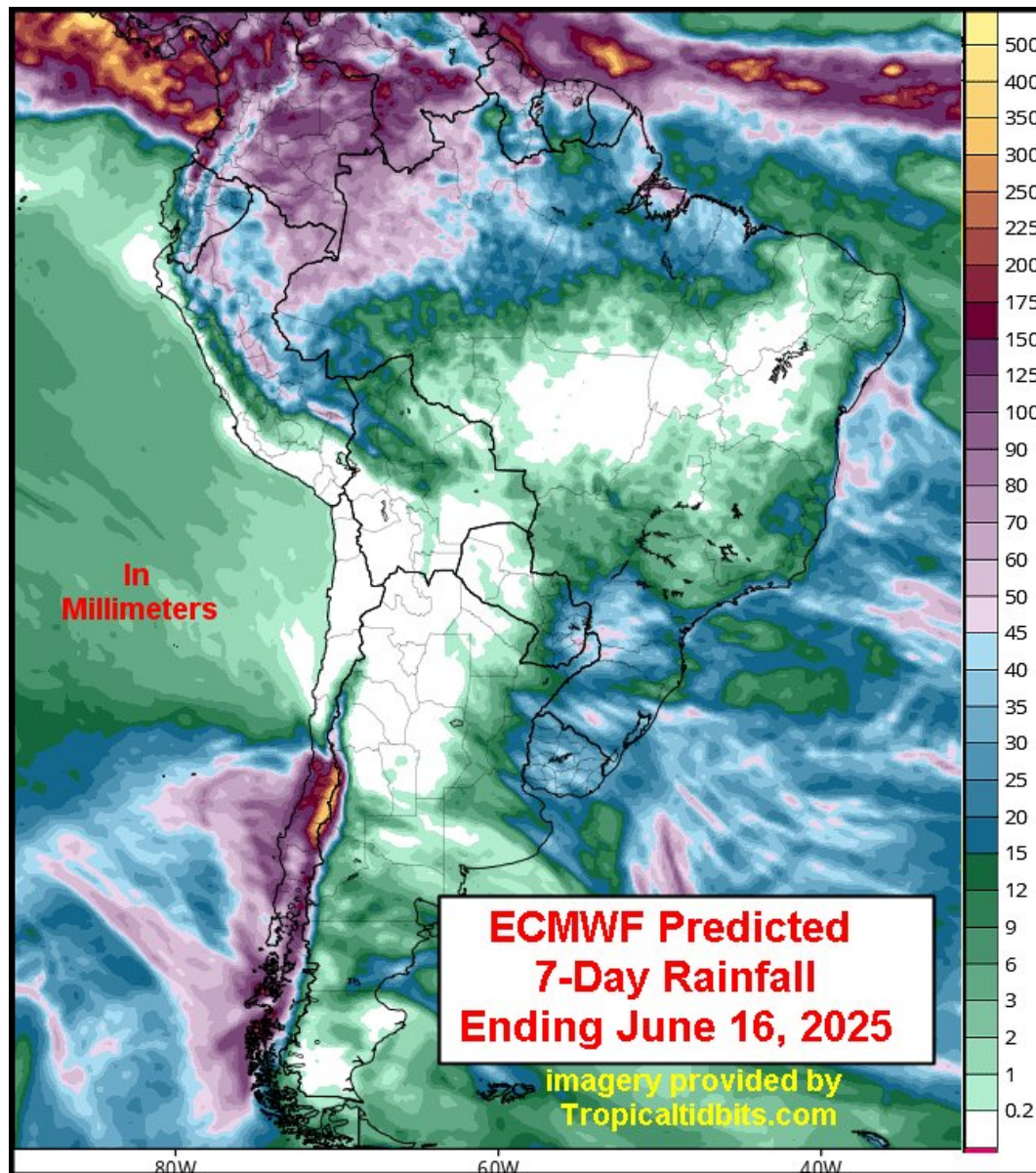
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and northeastern Brazil will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with local amounts over 1.00 inch. Much of Brazil will again see a mix of rain and sunshine June 17-23, though northeastern Brazil may miss out on much of the precipitation.



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Harvesting of the Safrinha corn and other crops may be briefly disrupted by rain later this week and weekend. No major delays are expected and significant progress will likely take place during the next several days. The spotty rainfall will otherwise be beneficial for any Safrinha corn that is not yet maturing. The precipitation in southern Brazil will otherwise bolster soil moisture and maintain a good outlook for winter wheat germination and establishment.



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