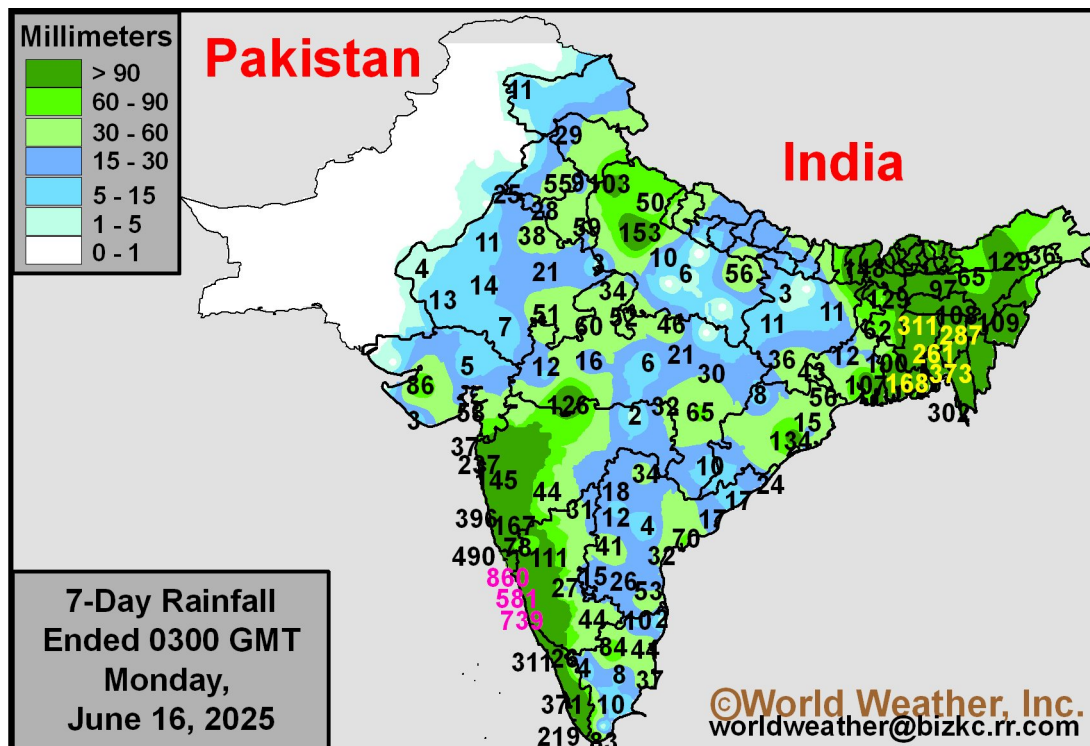


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Kansas City, June 16 (World Weather Inc.) – India rainfall in the first half of June was a little disappointing for some producers, but after an unusually wet May early season planting progress moved along swiftly. Those areas getting rain in the first half of June have likely experienced relatively good conditions for early germination, emergence and establishment. The coming two weeks of weather will continue to restrict rainfall in southern India while timely rain events occur in the central, north and eastern parts of the nation.

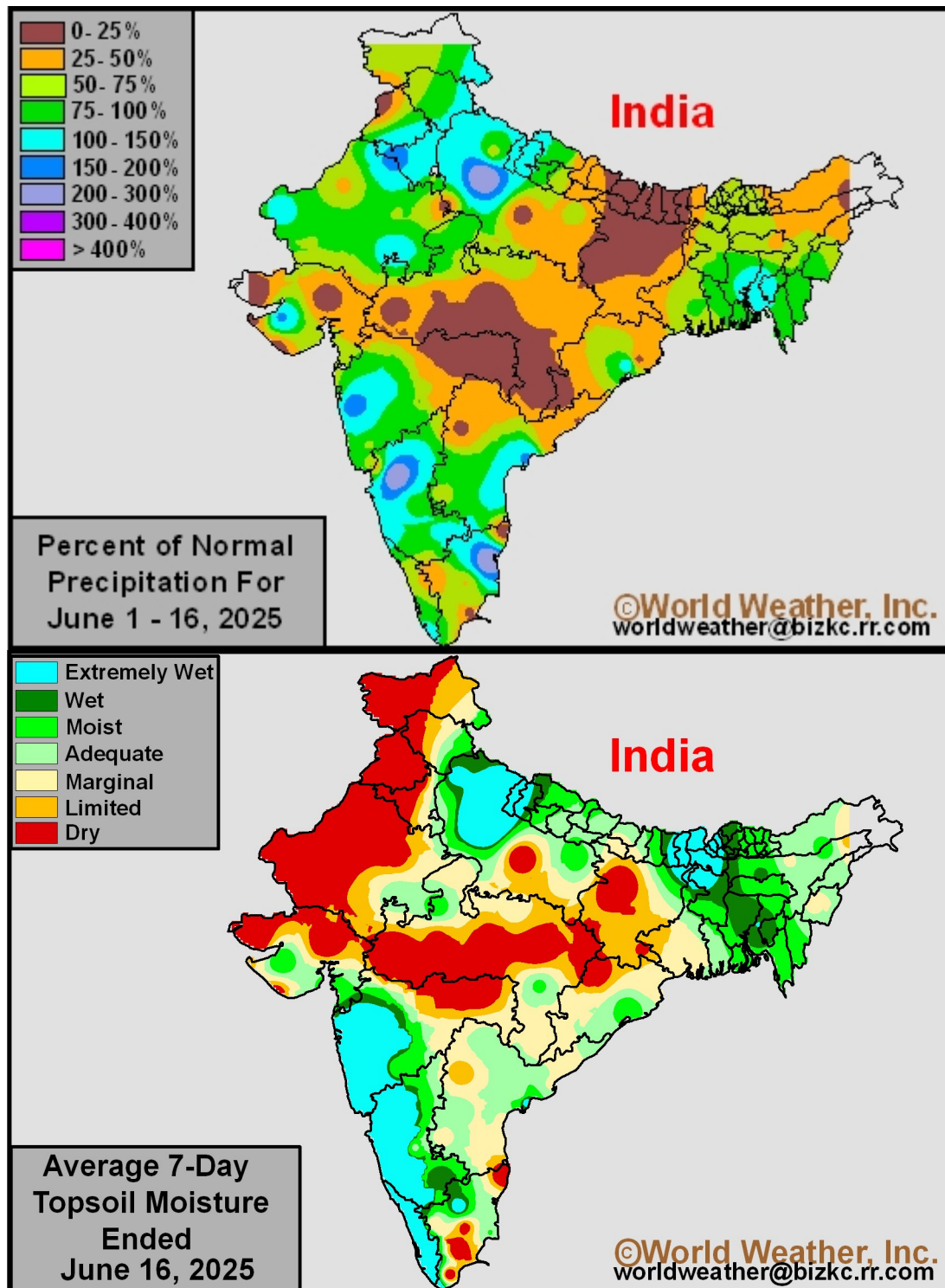


Bangladesh rainfall during the past couple of weeks was more than sufficient to support rice planting and early season sugarcane performance. Rain totals in the region ranged from 10.28 to 14.69 inches. Flooding likely resulted, although it was mostly confined to rice and sugarcane production areas.

By far, the most significant rain of the past two weeks occurred along the middle and lower west coast. Areas from Goa through coastal Karnataka to the coast of Kerala ranged from 12.24 to 33.86 inches. Such amounts of rain resulted in some significant coastal flooding and much of that is not unusual for the start of the monsoon.

Outside of the two areas of heavy rain, precipitation was not evenly distributed. A few areas reported 1.00 to 2.00 inches of rain while some exceptional rainfall occurred in northeastern Madhya and northwestern Uttar Pradesh where local totals of 5.00 to 6.00 inches resulted. In contrast, there were some areas in east-central Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, western Rajasthan and a few random other locations that received less than 0.50 inch of moisture.

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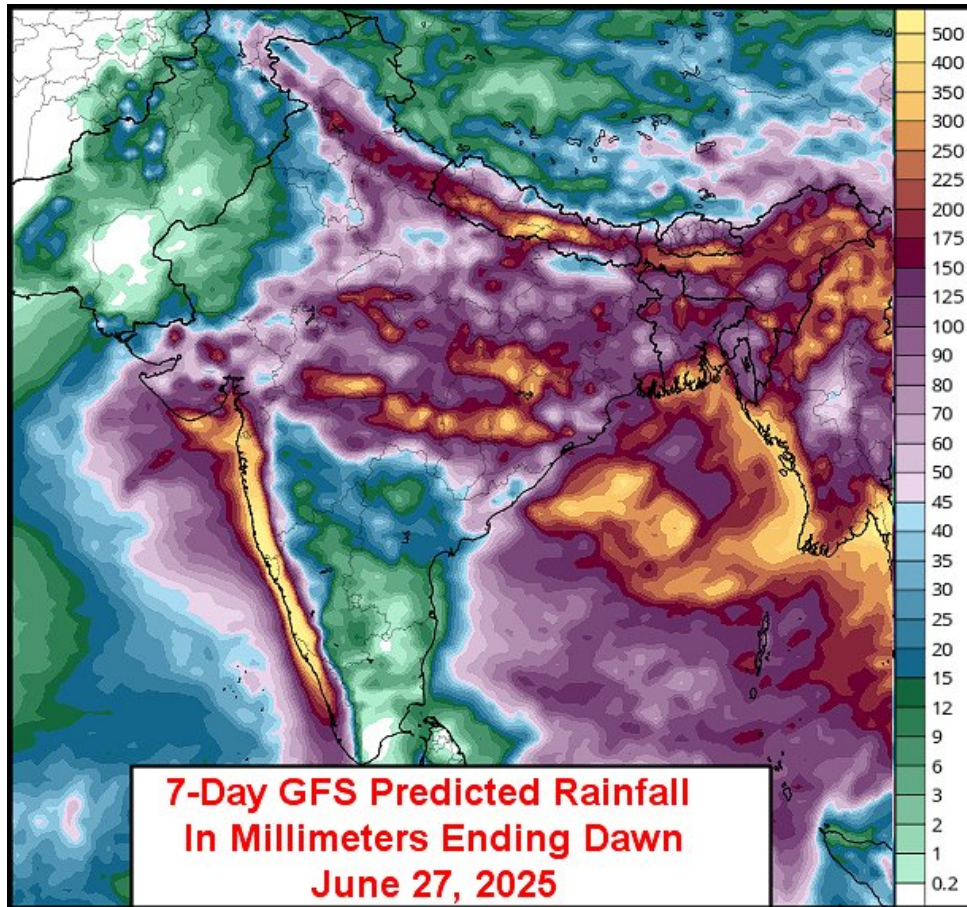


Needless to say, soil moisture contrasts from very short in some of the areas reporting the least amount of rain while the heavy rainfall areas have saturated or nearly saturated soil. [World Weather, Inc. is quick to point out that it is not unusual for wet Mays to be followed by drier Junes. It is also quite typical of the early weeks in the monsoon season to produce erratic rainfall that is often lighter than usual. Because of these two](#)

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factors there should not be any serious concern over the recent erratic distribution of rainfall. Greater rain is forthcoming to central, eastern and some northern production areas during the next ten days and heavy rain will also continue along the west coast. The only drier than usual bias is expected in the interior south.

World Weather, Inc. has not changed its summer monsoon outlook which should provide the greatest rain to central parts of the nation while the far south and extreme east is a little drier biased.



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