

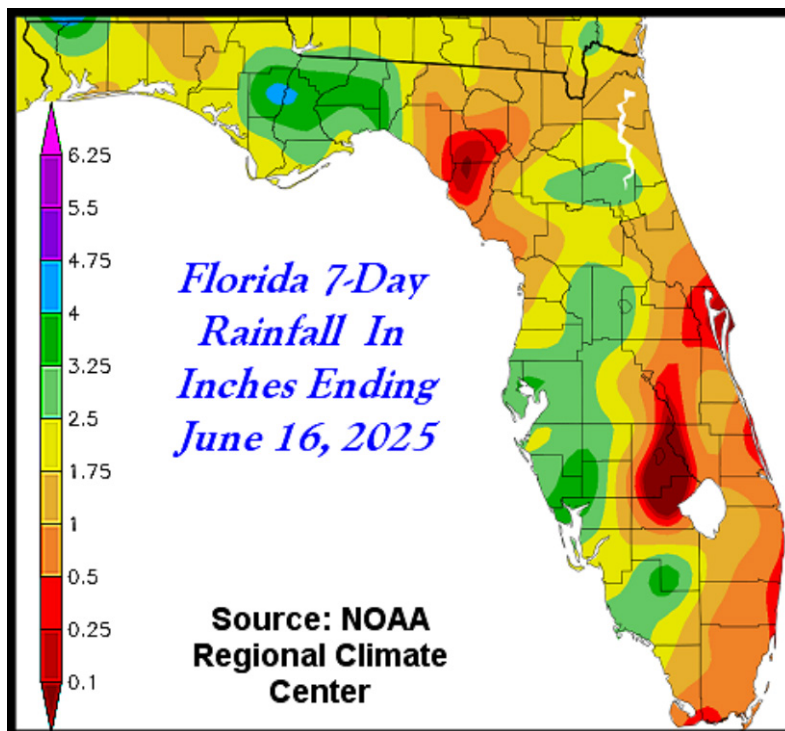
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, June 18 (World Weather Inc.) – Mexico's monsoon season is beginning to kick in and this year promises to be quite wet for the nation. Prolonged drought should be eased in many areas and that should translate into better citrus development especially in 2026. Some of the rain has come a little late for this year's crop, although improvements are likely. In the meantime, Florida citrus areas were wettest in west-central areas while the east was a little drier than usual during the past week. The outlook for citrus development remains favorable in Florida because of previous rain earlier this season. In the meantime, citrus areas in northern Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais, Brazil received very little rain during the past week while southwestern areas received sufficient amounts to maintain favorable off season tree development.

FLORIDA

Rainfall in Florida citrus areas was greatest in the west where 2.00 to 4.00 inches resulted in several areas. Most of the central and eastern production counties failed to get



much rain of significance, although 0.10 to 1.00 inch was noted with a few amounts of 1.00 to 2.00 inches.

High temperatures during the past week were mostly in a seasonably warm range of lower to middle 90s Fahrenheit. Nighttime low temperatures slipped into the upper 60s and 70s most often.

Very little rain will fall in Florida during the coming week to ten days. Totally dry weather is not expected, but the amount of rain that falls will rarely counter evaporation leaving the need for rain running

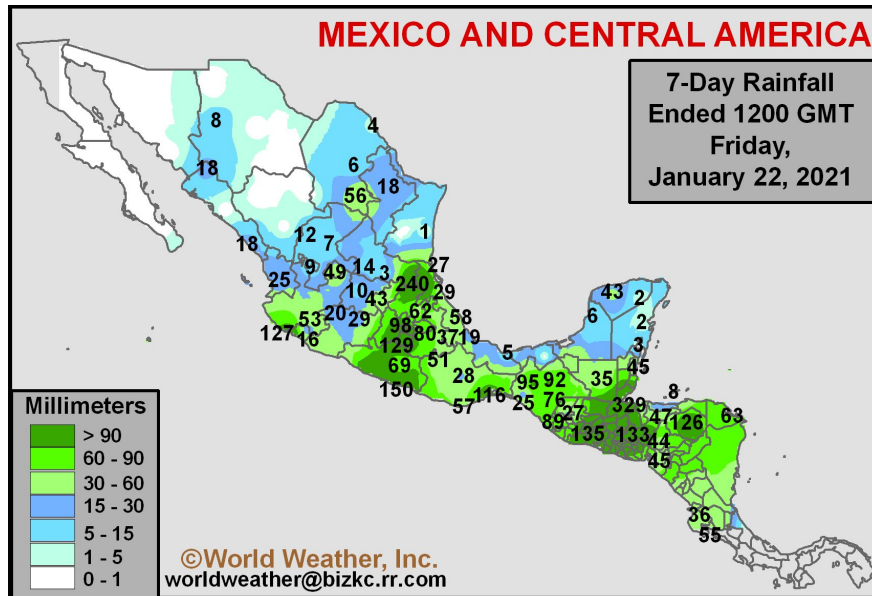
high. Temperatures will continue to reach into the lower to middle 90s most often followed by lows in the 70s and a few upper 60s.

Citrus development will continue relatively well, despite much rain, but the need for timely rain will slowly increase during this forecast period.

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MEXICO

Mexico's monsoon has come to life recently with rainfall well above normal in some states. The greatest rainfall was associated with Tropical Storms Barbara and Dalila as well as the most recent storm named Eric. Several citrus production areas along the lower west



coast from Jalisco to Michoacan, Guerrero and Oaxaca reported 69 to 150 millimeters of rain which translates to 2.72 to nearly 6.00 inches during the week ended Monday. Other areas reported 0.20 to 1.50 inches with a few amounts reaching above 3.50 inches. One location in San Luis Potosi reported nearly 9.45 inches.

A few of the citrus production areas received some very heavy rain and experienced local flooding. A few others also reported some strong wind speeds. The greatest wind and rain may come with Hurricane Eric later this week when rain totals of 3.00 to 10.00 inches result with wind speeds gusting between 40 and 75 mph.

A minor amount of fruit and tree damage is expected this week most of which will be associated with Hurricane Eric when it moves inland through Oaxaca and into Guerrero.

Temperatures have been and will continue to be seasonable to slightly warmer than usual. Highs in the 90s to extremes over 100 occurred during the past week and similar readings are expected in this coming week. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s. Not all of the temperatures will be so warm. A few areas will report highs in the 70s and lower 80s followed by lows in the 50s and 60s.

BRAZIL

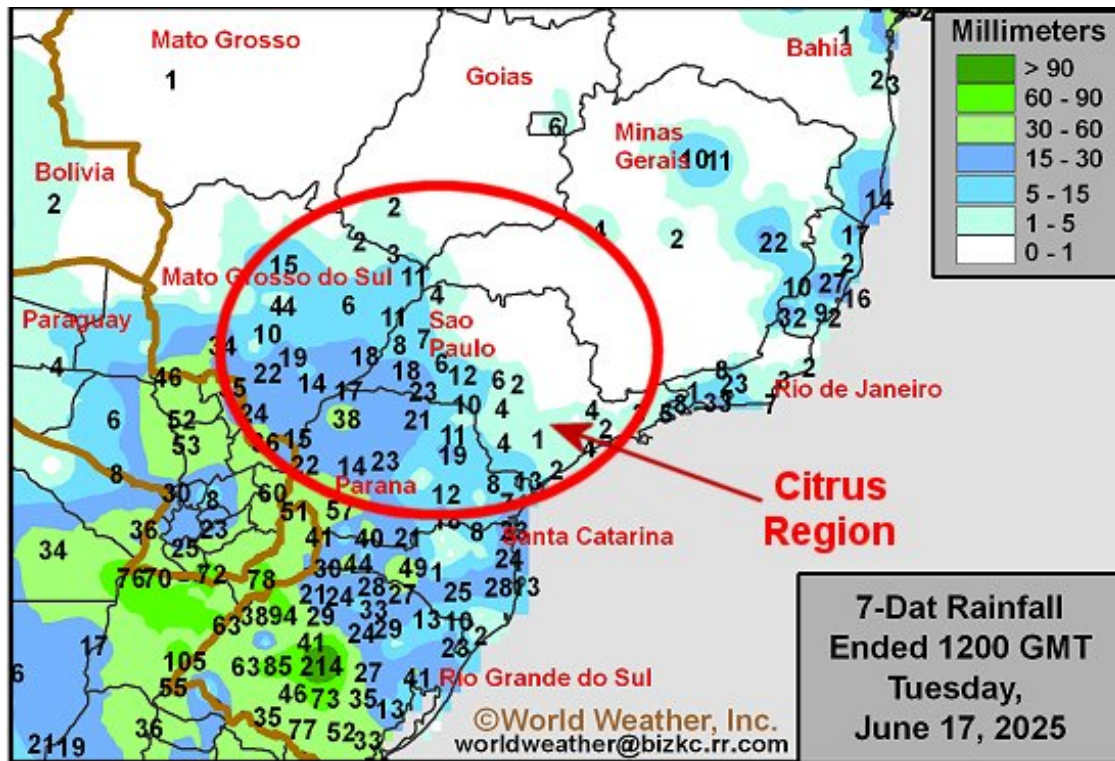
Rain during the past week was greatest in western and southern citrus areas of Sao Paulo where 0.08 inch to 0.92 inch of moisture resulted. Most of the precipitation was no more than 0.72 inch. Temperatures were warm with highs mostly in the 70s and lower 80 followed by lows in the 50s and lower 60s. A few nighttime temperatures were in the upper 40s as well.

This is the citrus maturation and harvest season. Weather is normally dry or mostly dry with temperatures in a seasonable range. Such conditions are usually favorable for harvesting. Rain expected in the next ten days should trend lighter and less frequent resulting in better crop maturation and harvest conditions.

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Temperatures will be near to above normal during the next ten days with highs varying in the 70s and lower 80s followed by lows in the 50s and 60s.

There is no threat of crop damaging cold in the next ten days and most daily temperatures will be mild to warm with highs in the 70s and lower 80s followed by lows in the 50s and 60s. Harvest progress should improve as the production region slowly dries down in the next ten days.



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