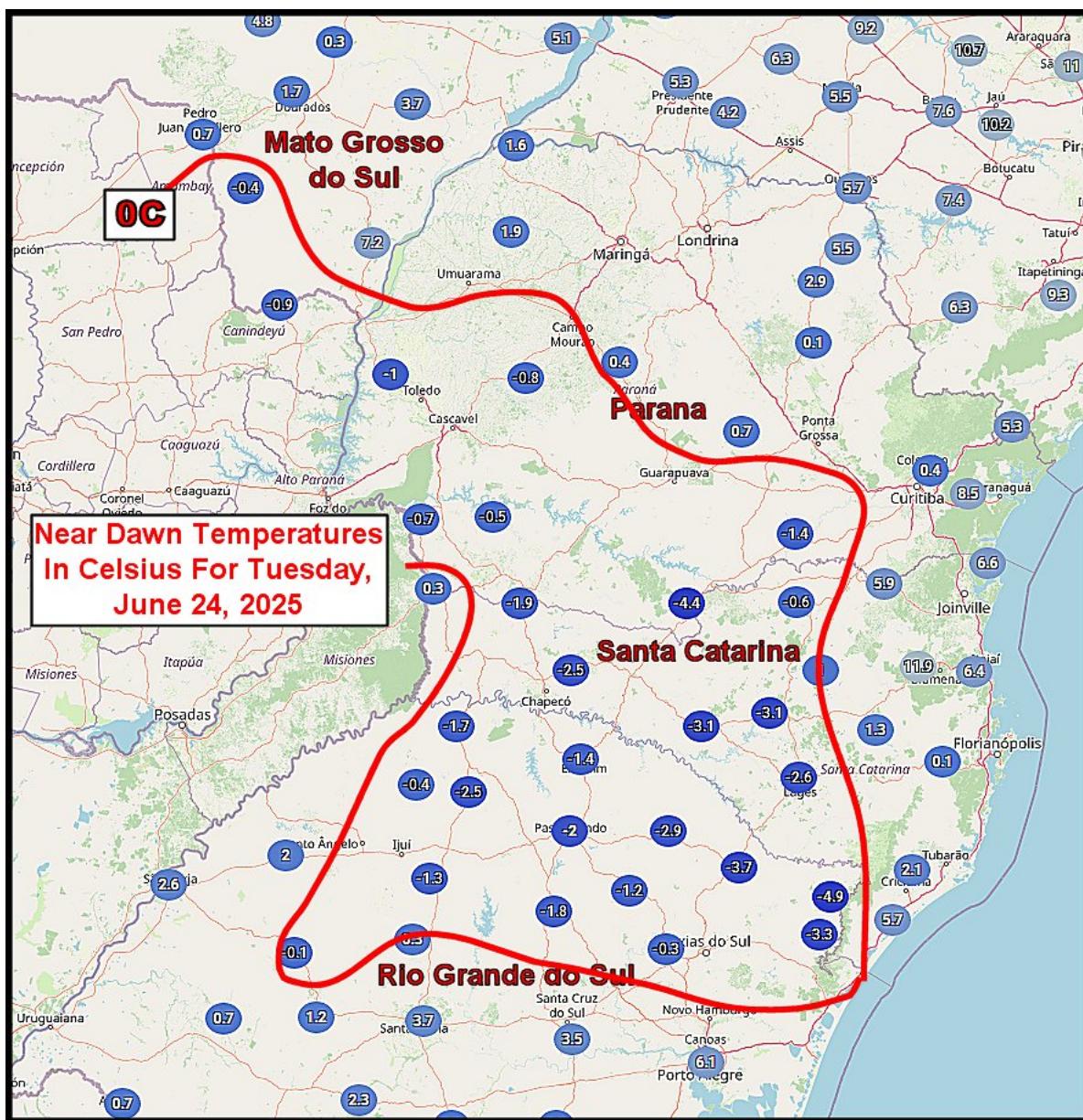


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Kansas City, June 24 (World Weather Inc.) – Frost and freezing temperatures occurred this morning in southern Brazil and southern Paraguay. The cold impacted immature Safrinha corn production areas and also some wheat growing areas; however, the impact on production should be low in both cases.



Hard freezes occurred mostly from northern Rio Grande do Sul into southern Parana while much lighter freezes and frost occurred northward through Safrinha corn areas of western and some northern Parana to southern Mato Grosso do Sul and Paraguay locations.

Most of the low temperatures in Safrinha corn areas were not far enough below freezing to seriously threaten crops, although some leaf mass burning and damage is expected

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because of the cold. Most of the corn crop was filling and maturing. Some of the crop development was behind the usual pace due to late planting and because of frequent wet weather in recent weeks.

None of the wheat crop was impacted by the cold, but some of the more significant cold in corn production areas could have some negative impact on the maturation process and in a few worst case scenarios there may be a crop quality decline.

The coolest air will shift northward tonight with some moderating of the coldest conditions; however, the impact on crops should not be any greater than that of today even though a larger percentage of southern Safrinha corn is likely to experience some frost.

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