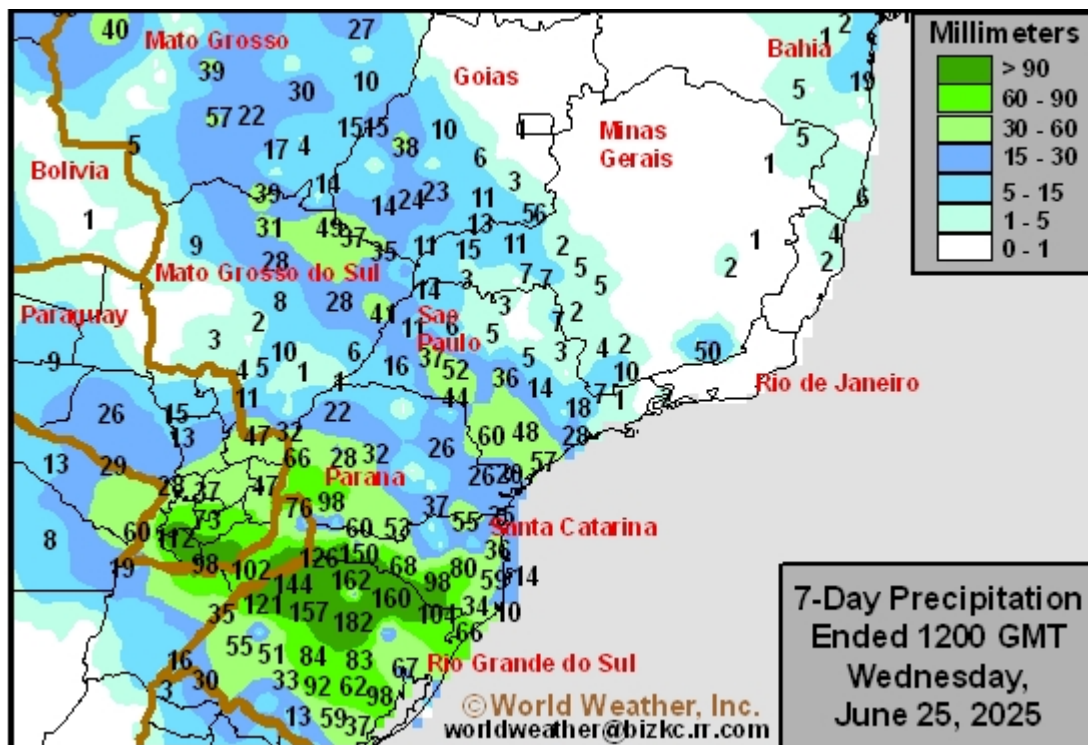


Southern Brazil Becoming Too Wet For Wheat, Safrinha Corn

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Kansas City, June 26 (World Weather Inc.) – Abundant rainfall was noted across southern Brazil during the past week. While the rain was beneficial for long-term winter wheat prospects, several fields became too wet for favorable planting and fieldwork. Recently planted crops may need to be reseeded in the wettest locations if flooding was severe enough. The environment may have also been too wet for the Safrinha corn in the wettest locations of Parana and minor quality reductions were possible. Southern Brazil will remain in a wet weather bias during the coming week. Additional rain may continue to promote flooding that may delay wheat planting and general fieldwork. Safrinha corn maturation and early-season harvesting may also advance slowly in Parana and immediate neighboring locations of Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul.

Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, and southwestern Parana saw several waves of rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending June 25 ranged from 2.00 to 7.17 inches with drier pockets in southern Rio Grande do Sul. Other areas in Parana into western and southern Sao Paulo, the eastern half of Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, and portions of southern and western Goias received 0.43 to 2.36 inches of rain. Several other areas in Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul into southwestern Minas Gerais received up to 0.59 inch of rain. Little to no rain was noted in the remaining production areas of Brazil.

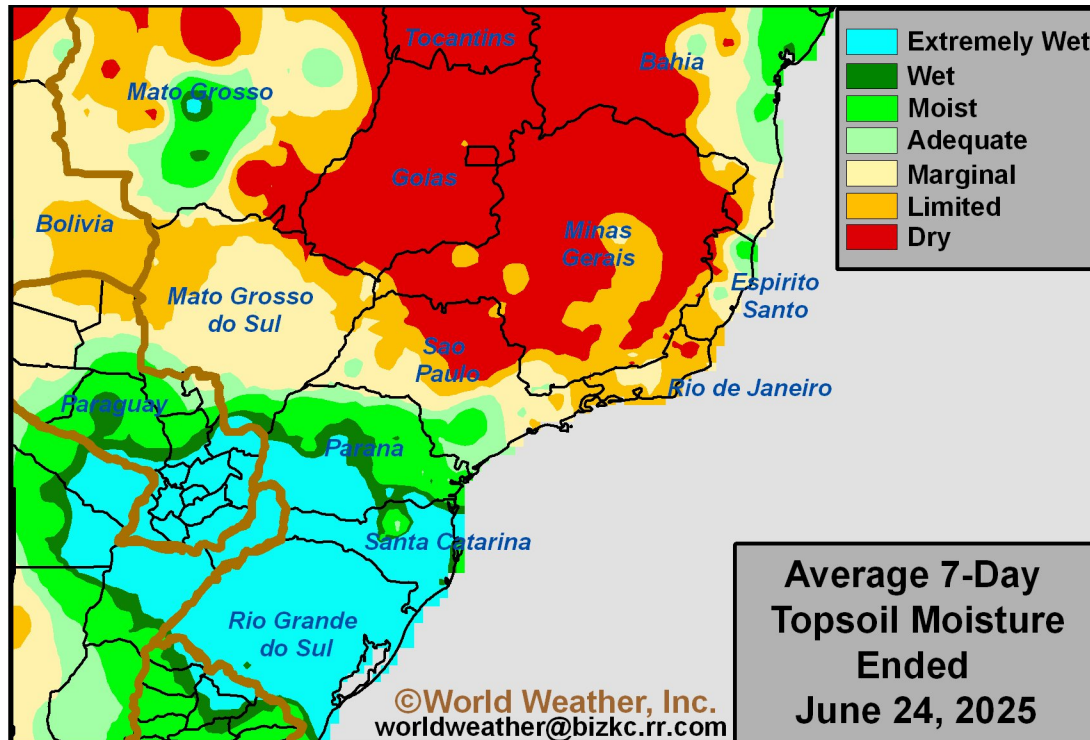


Southern Brazil has adequate to excessive soil moisture due to recent rainfall. Flooding was noted in portions of Rio Grande do Sul where frequent rains have occurred since mid-June. In contrast, western and southern Sao Paulo into portions of Mato Grosso

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do Sul, Mato Grosso, and neighboring areas have marginally adequate to short soil moisture. The remaining locations have short to critically short moisture.

First-season corn harvesting is winding down with 94.5% of the crop out of the ground as of June 21. Safrinha corn harvesting is also underway in most production areas outside Sao Paulo. As of June 21, Safrinha corn harvesting was 10.3% finished, down from 17.5% for the previous five-year average. Rainfall during the past week may have slowed maturation and early-season harvesting. No major quality impacts were suspected, though drier weather is needed for ideal maturation and harvest conditions. Rice and soybean harvesting were complete while only 4.0% of the cotton was harvested.



In the meantime, winter wheat planting was 56.6% complete as of June 21, down from 62.2% for the previous five-year average. Planting was only 29.0% complete in Rio Grande do Sul, well below the five-year average of 46.4%. Abundant precipitation likely slowed or delayed planting and general fieldwork for the wettest locations in southern Brazil. Recently planted crops may need to be reseeded in areas that experienced flooding as well. Drier weather is needed to improve planting and general development conditions.

WEATHER OUTLOOK STILL LOOKS WET

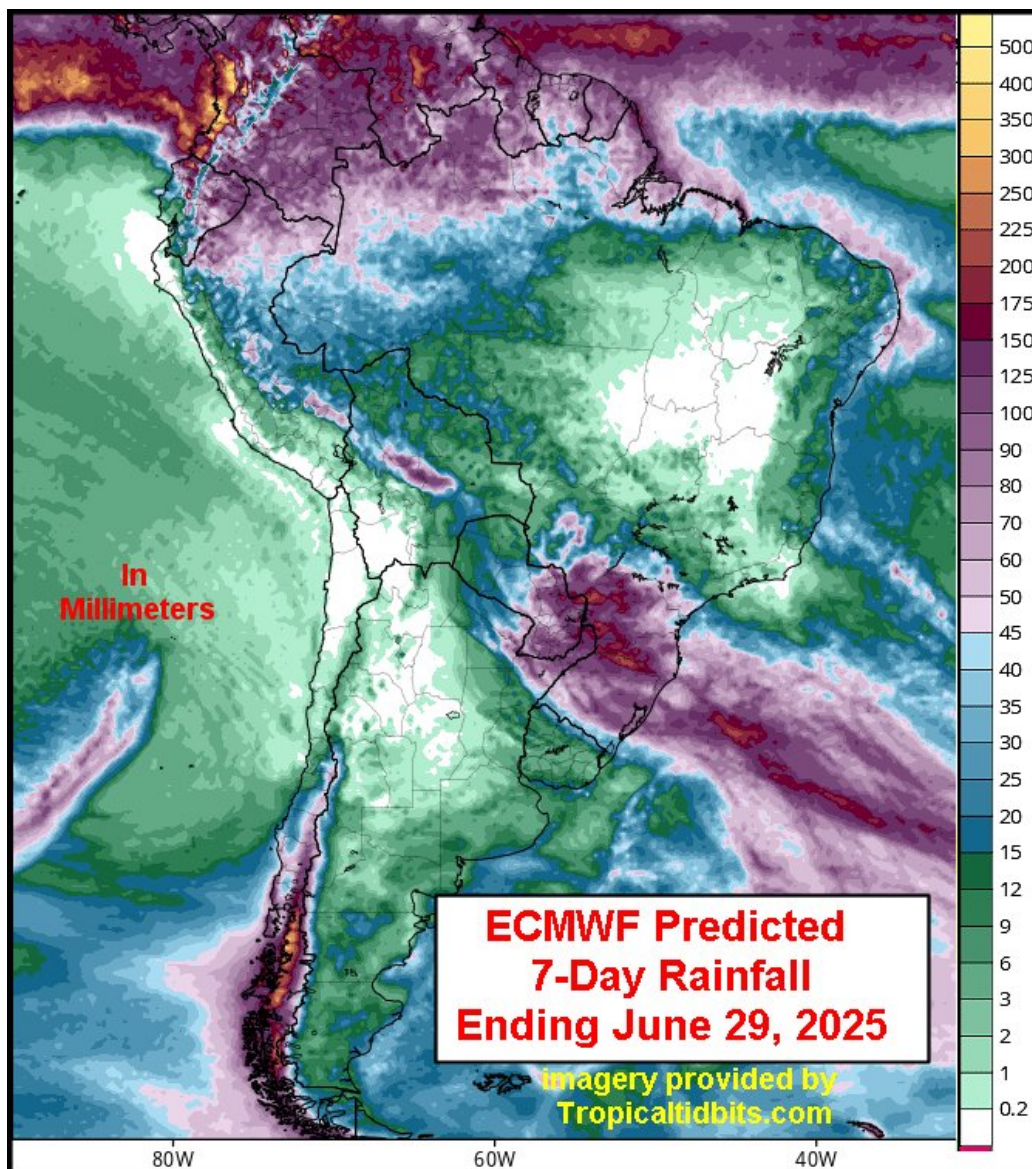
The wet weather pattern will prevail for portions of southern Brazil into southern sections of Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul during the coming week. The first round of rain will occur today into Friday. Another disturbance will promote rain over the weekend with some light showers lingering Monday. Another system will generate more light rain Tuesday and Wednesday. Moisture totals will range from 2.00 to 6.00 inches with locally greater amounts in Santa Catarina, northern Rio Grande do Sul, and southern Parana. Other

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areas in Parana and Rio Grande do Sul into southern sections of Sao Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul will receive 0.25 to 2.00 inches of rain with drier pockets. The remaining production areas in Brazil will receive little to no rain.

Flood potentials will remain high in Santa Catarina, northern Rio Grande do Sul, and southern fringes of Parana in the coming days due to the additional rain. *Planting of the winter wheat may be delayed and flooding could wash out recently planted crops. More established crops may be damaged as well. The need for drier weather will increase significantly later in July to support better planting conditions for much of southern Brazil.*

Parana and southern sections of Mato Grosso do Sul and Sao Paulo will also receive enough rain to potentially slow or delay Safrinha corn maturation and harvesting. Minor quality declines will be possible in the wettest areas of Parana. The remaining Safrinha corn areas will experience more favorable conditions for maturation and harvesting.



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