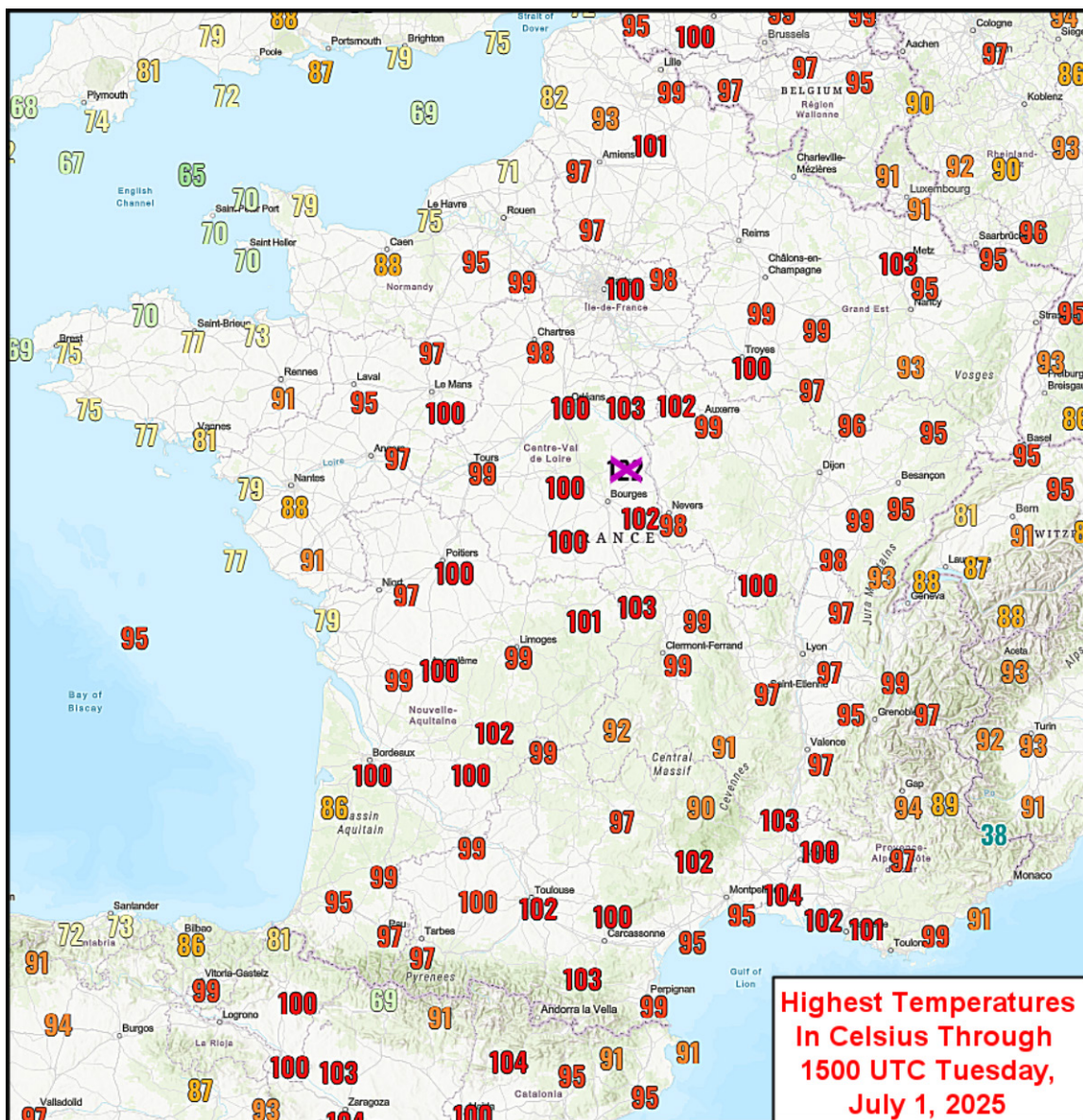


Another Hot Day in Europe; Heat to Shift Southeast

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Kansas City, July 1 (World Weather Inc.) – Another blistering hot day is under way in Western Europe today. This will be the last of the hottest days for France, the U.K. and Low Countries as a cool front arrives Wednesday and Thursday pushing the hottest weather into southeastern parts of the continent. The heat will prevail in the Balkan Countries the remainder of this week and into next week resulting in some serious crop and livestock stress. Some unirrigated crops in the region are already hurting for moisture and the heat will not help at all. In the meantime, some rain will accompany the cool down in Western Europe, but resulting amounts will not be enough to end drought and much more will be needed

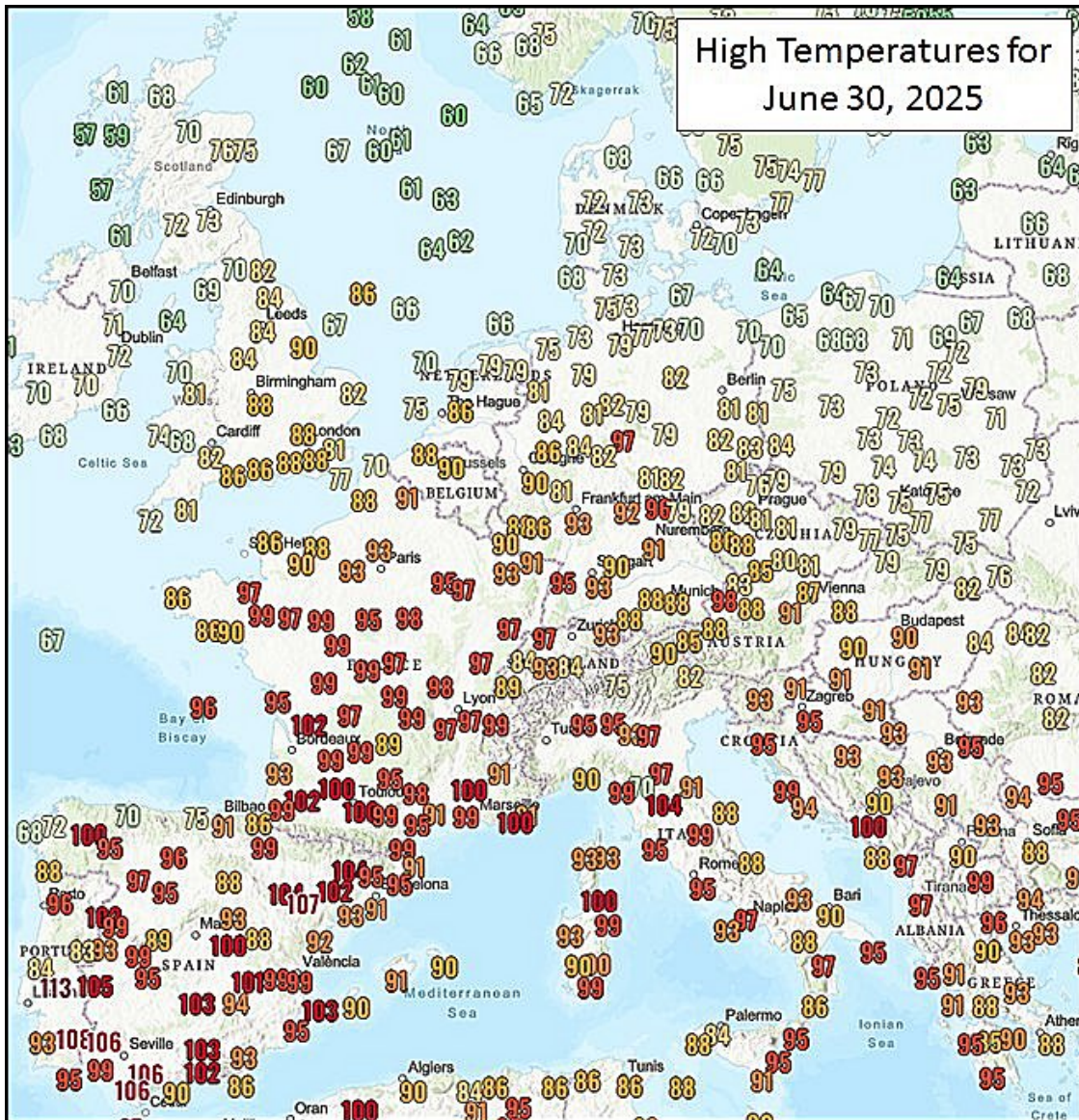


Early afternoon temperatures today were already over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38C)

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in much of central France with an extreme of 102 (39C) at Courtenay, France and Avord Air Base. Another location in far northeastern France reached 100 (38C) not far from the Belgium border or the North Sea coast. A couple of locations on the west side of Paris reached 103 (39C) as was the case at Lignerolles and near Metz, France.

The extreme heat was not limited to France, but reached into Belgium and the Netherlands with Strijen, Netherlands reporting 102 (39C). One location on the south side of London, England reached 96 (36C). Portions of central and southwestern Spain reached 105 and 108 degrees respectively. The temperatures followed Sunday's extremes that were as hot as 115 in Spain.

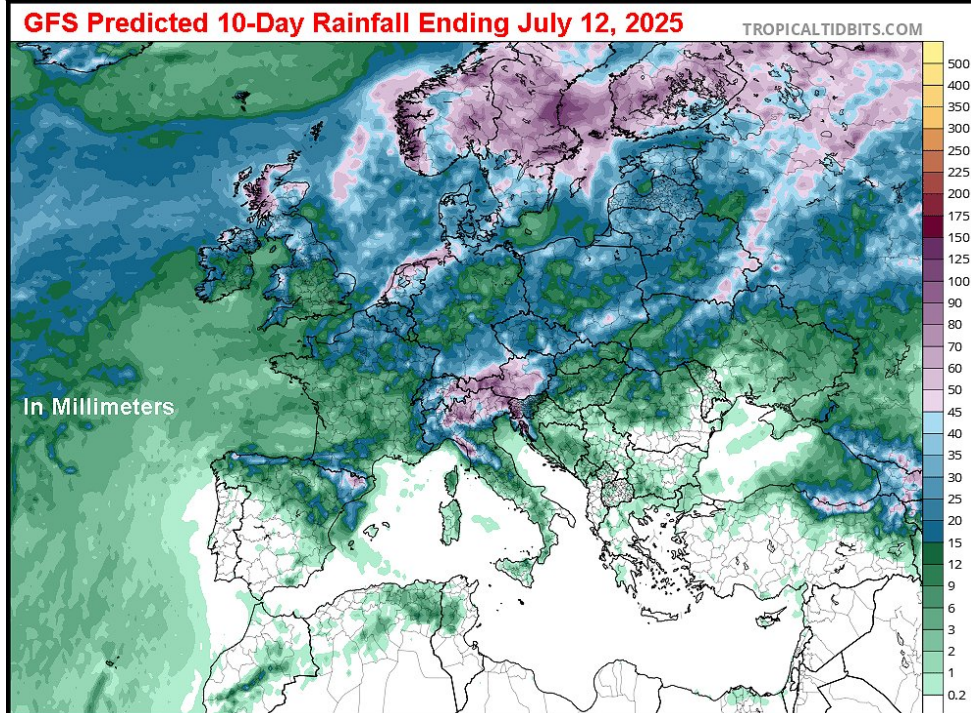
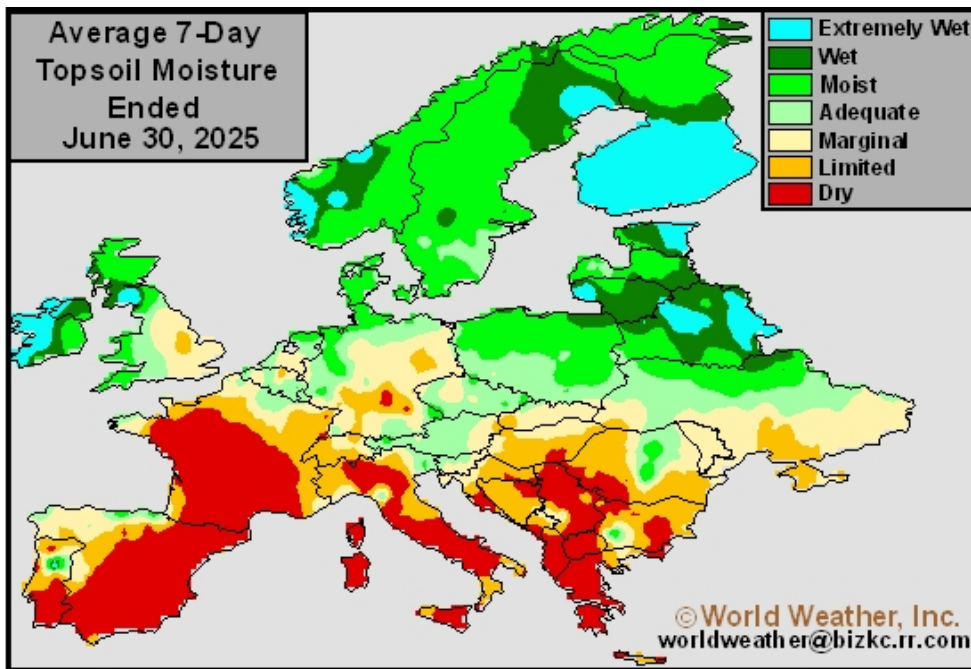


The heat in France and neighboring areas is a byproduct of a strong ridge of high pressure and drought that has been plaguing portions of Europe all year. Rainfall has been below normal most months since January in France and in some neighboring areas and

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water supply is still well below normal. Water conservation practices are in place and the situation has become quite serious for both the health of humans and livestock

Many businesses have had to close early or be closed over the past two days because of the extreme heat and the lack of air conditioning. Crop stress has risen greatly in recent days and production cuts that had already been expected may have to be increased. World Weather, Inc. does not believe this is the end of the excessive heat for the summer, but it does believe there will be a period of respite and it will be imperative that significant rain falls.



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Rain prospects are good for Wednesday into Thursday of this week and again late in the weekend into Monday; however, resulting amounts in each episode may not be more than 0.75 inch with many areas getting 0.10 to 0.60 inch. **The rain will be welcome, but not generalized or heavy enough for a lasting change.**

In the meantime, the greatest heat is expected to shift into the Balkan Countries where daily highs in the 90s and near 100 will be possible for the next seven days. **Relief from dryness in the southeastern part of Europe is unlikely until next week and even then it is still debatable how much relief is likely.**

The situation in Europe must be closely monitored for the duration of summer. Northeastern and some central parts of Europe have experienced favorable weather this year except for spring freezes. Hot weather in Spain and Portugal is a little more typical of summer, although the extreme temperatures reported recently were well above the old records.

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