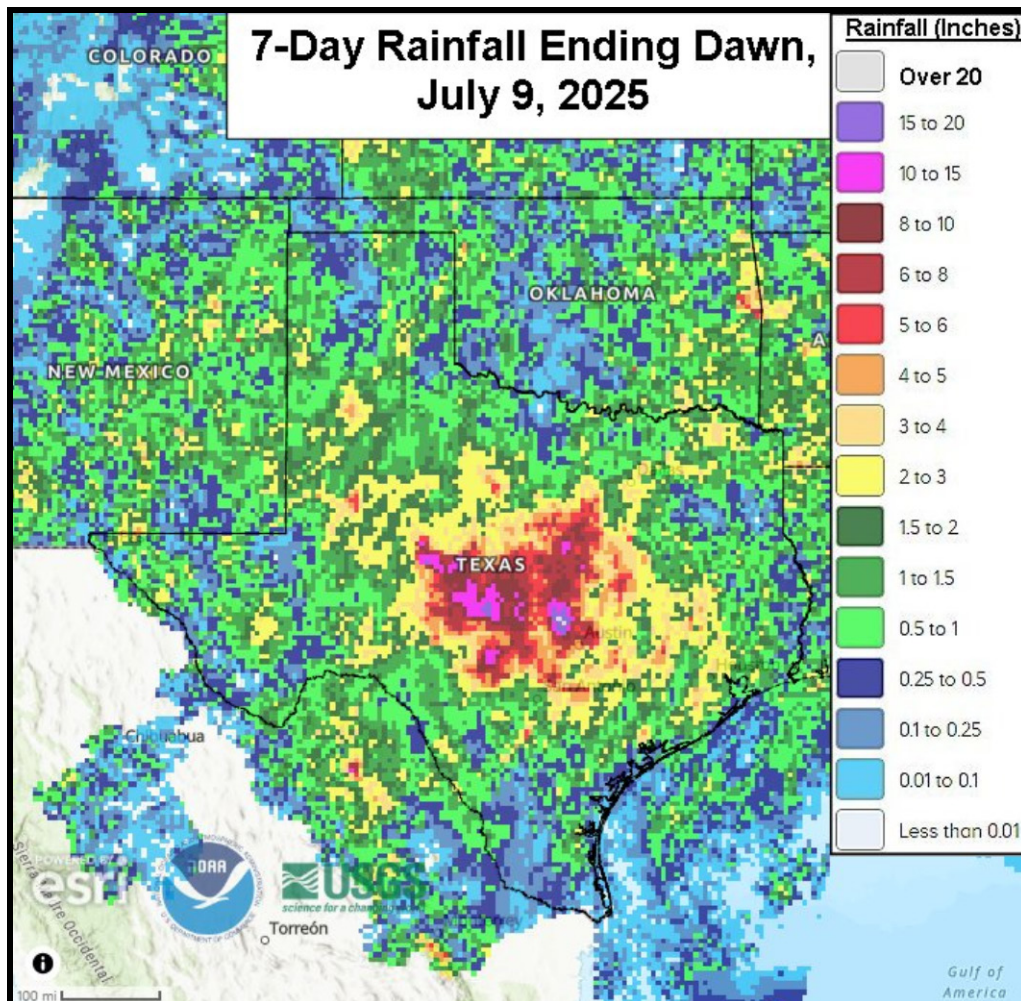


West Texas, Central U.S. Plains To See Another Wet Week

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Kansas City, July 10 (World Weather Inc.) – Waves of erratic rain were noted in the U.S. Southern Plains since early July. The rain has been beneficial for the main cotton, corn, sorghum and other summer crop areas in Texas, Oklahoma and southern Kansas. With more rain on the way during the coming week, the environment will remain favorable for most summer crops. There is need for drier and warmer conditions in some cotton areas. Winter wheat harvesting is over three-quarters of the way finished in both Texas and Oklahoma and the anticipated spotty rain in those areas may slow harvesting and general fieldwork at times. Winter wheat quality impacts should be minimal as the rain will be too spread out over time to significantly impact crop conditions and much of the harvest is already complete.

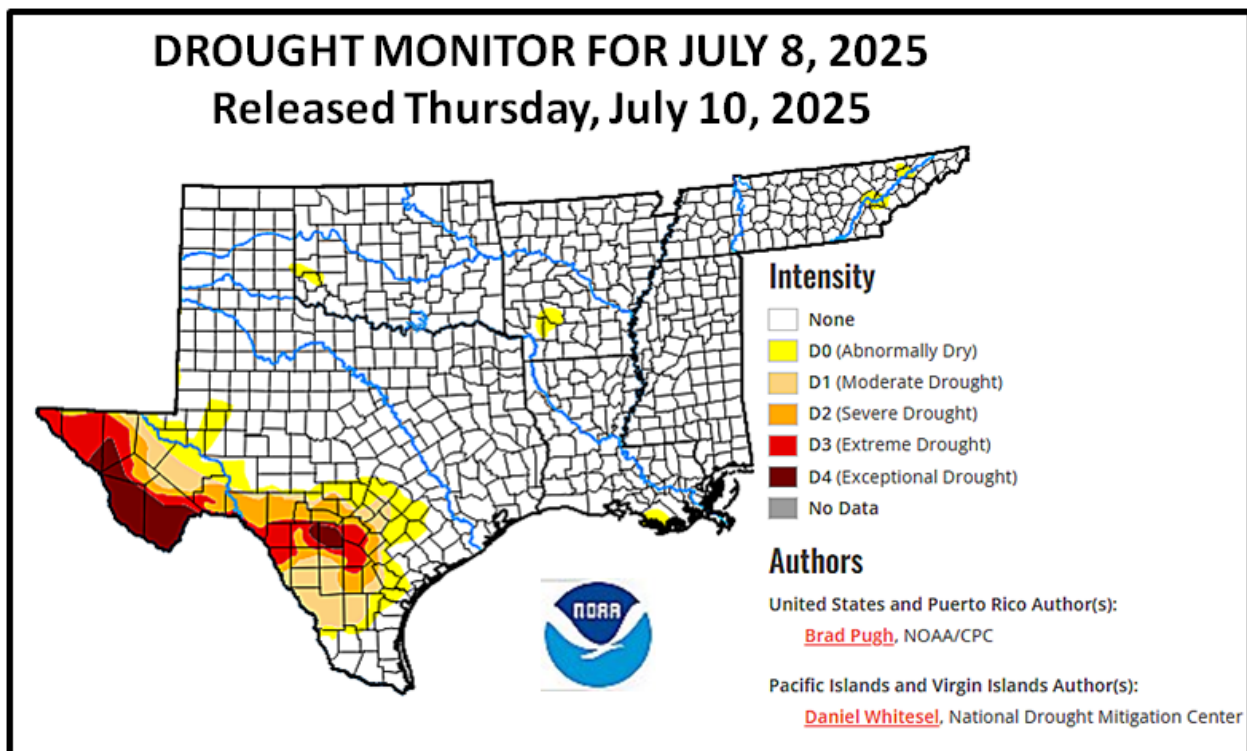
Rain scattered across the main crop production areas of Texas and Oklahoma during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.50 to 3.00 inches, though several pockets in Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, and South Texas only received 0.10 to 0.50 inch of moisture.



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Soil moisture was rated adequate or marginally adequate in much of the southern Plains Tuesday. The main crop areas were drought-free as of July 8, though far southern portions of Edwards Plateau and neighboring locations in the Big Bend region were under varying levels of drought. These drought stricken areas are not major crop producing areas and the same is true for the severely flooded areas of Edwards Plateau where copious rainfall occurred causing horrific flooding this past week.

Cotton, corn, sorghum, and other summer crops produced in the southern Plains are developing under relatively good conditions due to the recent rainfall. Long-term production potentials are favorable for most locations, though periods of erratic rain will still be needed going forward to maintain favorable conditions and there is some need for warmer temperatures in West Texas cotton areas as well.

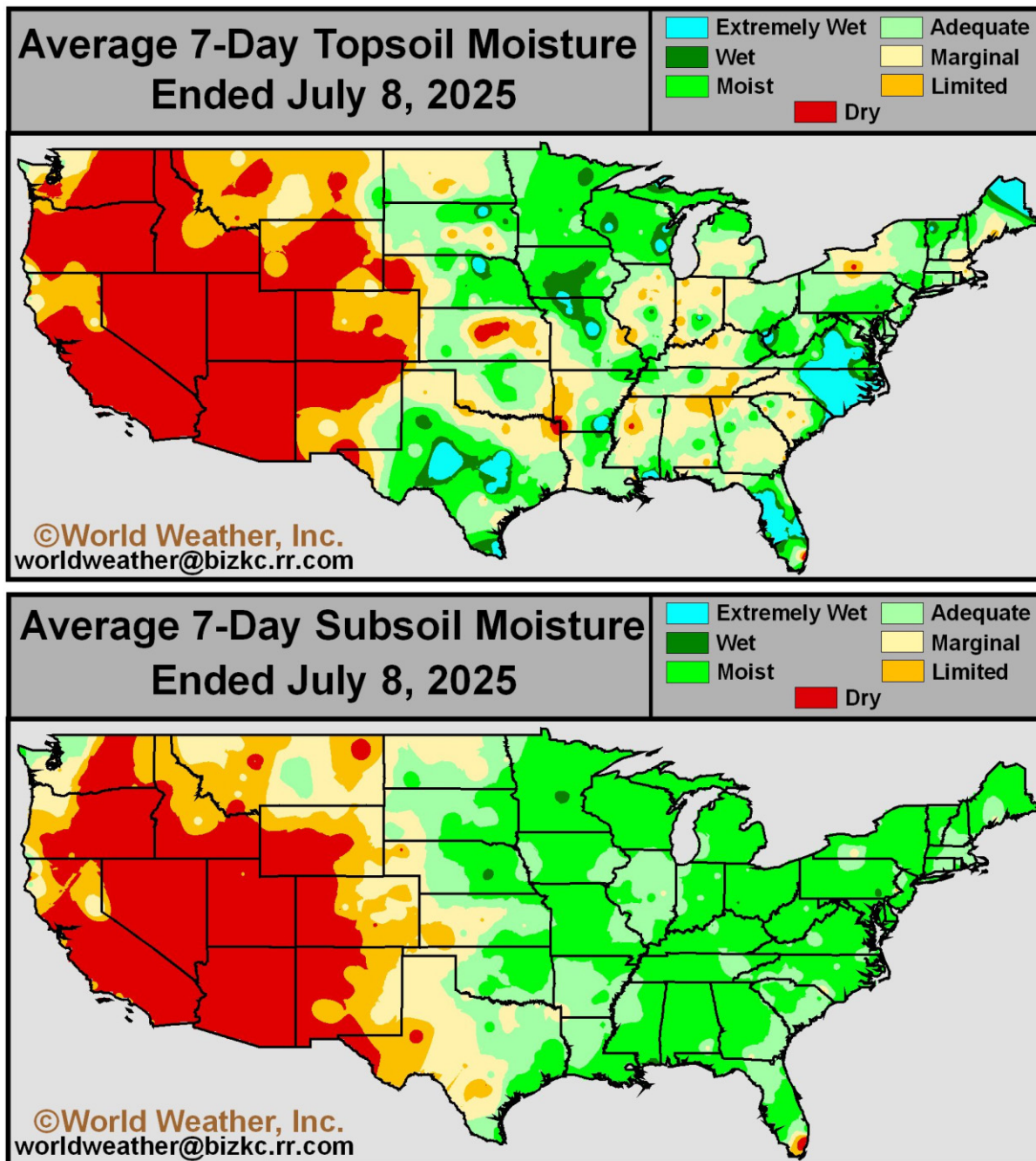


Winter wheat harvesting is gradually winding down in much of Texas and Oklahoma. As of July 6, harvesting in both Texas and Oklahoma was 83% complete, both which were behind the previous five-year average. Periods of rain in recent days likely slowed or delayed the harvest for several locations. Production potentials are relatively good for much of the southern Plains despite the late rain.

The southern Plains will continue to have several opportunities for erratic rainfall during the coming week. A weak frontal boundary will promote scattered showers and thunderstorms for the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles today and early Friday. Another frontal boundary and trailing disturbance will generate more significant rain and storms later Friday through Monday. Another round of rain will be possible toward the middle of next week as well. [West Texas and the Texas Panhandle into Oklahoma will receive 0.75 to 3.00 inches of rain with local amounts over 4.00 inches.](#) Other production areas in Texas will only receive light amounts of rain with many areas in South Texas trending mostly dry.

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Periods of spotty rain will again be possible in the southern Plains July 18 – 24, though rain amounts will be lower compared to the first week of the outlook.



Temperatures will still be warm across the southern Plains during the coming week despite the waves of rain and storms. Daytime highs will peak to the 80s and 90s Fahrenheit with pockets only warming to the 70s during periods of significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s. Seasonable to seasonably warm weather will prevail July 18 – 24.

Additional rain during the coming week will maintain a mostly good environment for cotton, corn, sorghum, and other crops produced this time of year. As long as timely rain

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persists late this month through August, long-term production potentials will remain favorable. *Some of the cotton and sorghum production region needs drier and warmer weather. Degree day accumulations for cotton are below normal and may continue that way for another week as milder than usual conditions prevail.* Late-season winter wheat harvesting may continue to advance slowly at times due to the rain and storms. Minor damage or quality losses will be possible in the wettest locations.

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