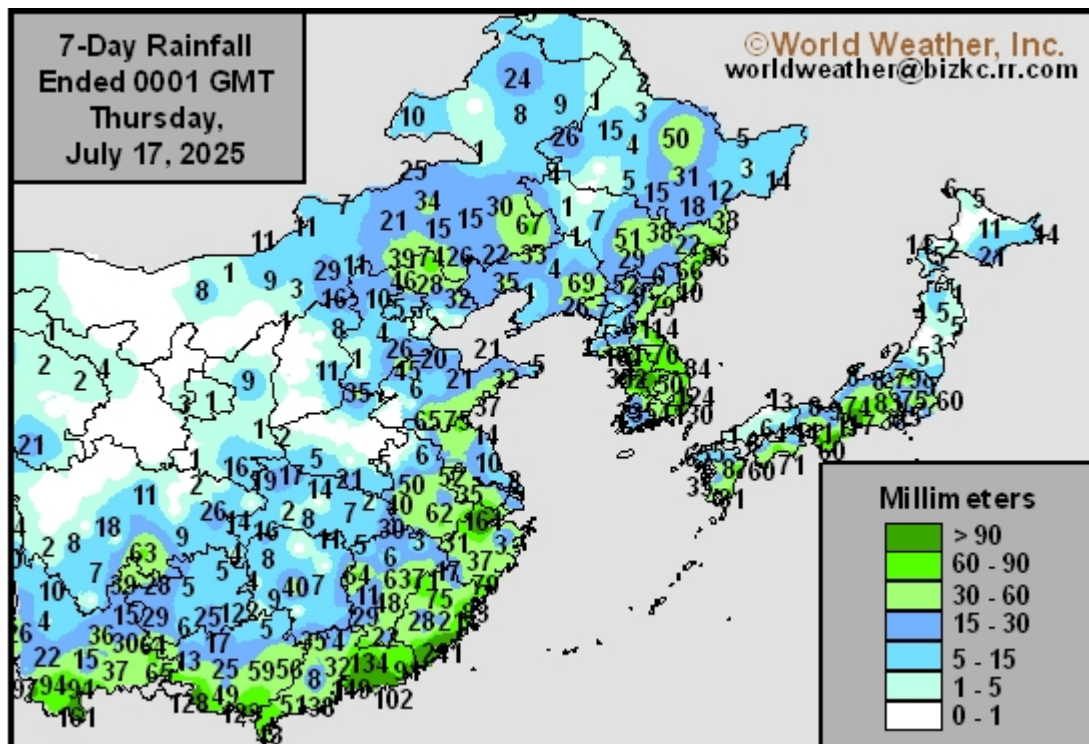


Southern China Will Be Impacted By Tropical Disturbances

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Kansas City, July 17 (World Weather Inc.) – Dryness has returned to a part of the North China Plain and lower Yellow River Basin during the past two weeks and it may prevail through the weekend and perhaps longer before there is good opportunity for relief. In the meantime, far southern China has experienced frequent bouts of rain this season and the ground is saturated or nearly saturated. [A developing tropical cyclone near Luzon Island, Philippines today is expected to intensify and move toward Guangdong, Guangxi and Hainan, China this weekend while a second storm possibly evolves east of Taiwan next week before possibly impacting southeastern China a week or more from now.](#) Other areas in China will see a favorable mix of rain and sunshine.

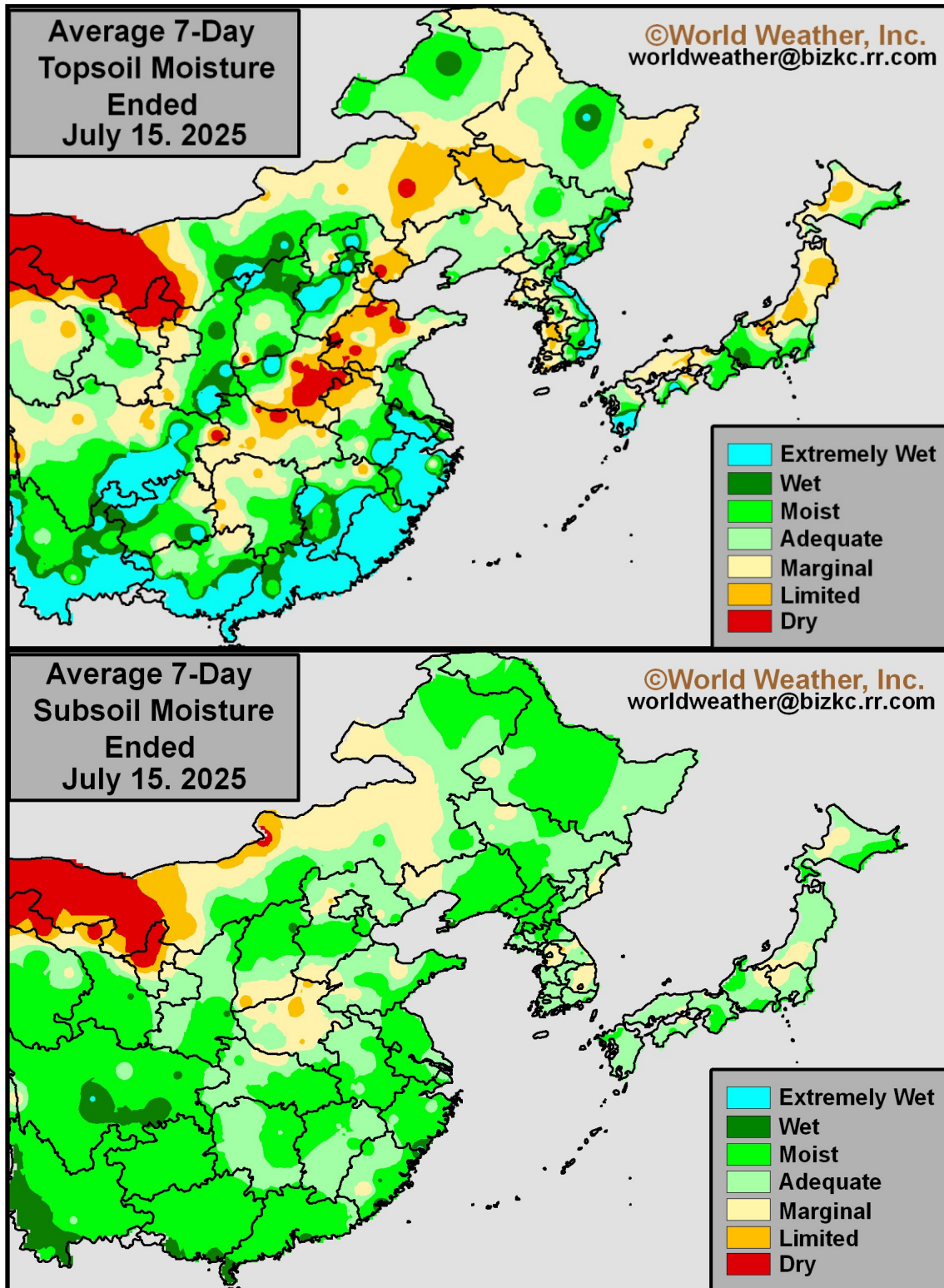
Precipitation varied across the main production areas in China during the past week. Yunnan, Guangxi, Guangdong, Fujian, Zhejiang, and Jiangxi generally received 0.50 to 4.00 inches of rain with local amounts up to 6.50 inches for the seven-day period ending this morning. Several areas in Jiangsu, Shandong, central and southern Anhui, southern Sichuan, Hebei, Liaoning, southern Jilin, central and southern Heilongjiang, and Inner Mongolia received 0.43 to 2.95 inches of rain. Portions of Hunan, Guizhou, Hubei, southern and northern Henan, Shaanxi, Shanxi, and eastern Sichuan received 0.20 to 1.38 inches of rain. Little to no rain was noted elsewhere.



Temperatures were near to above normal in much of China during the past week. Highest readings were in the 80s and 90s Fahrenheit with pockets of the Yangtze River Basin, North China Plain, and southern Shaanxi warming above 100 degrees at times during the past few days.

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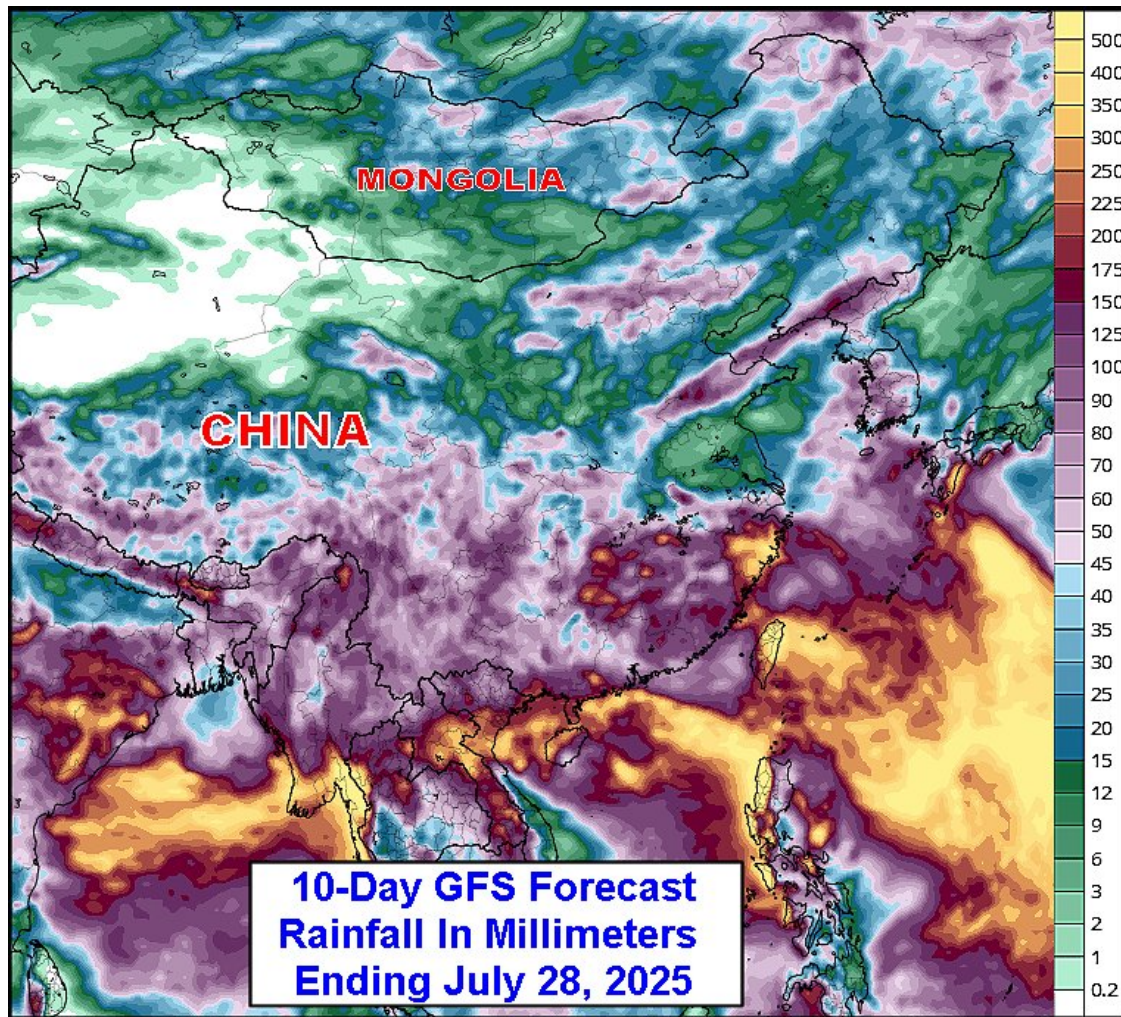
Many areas in Shandong, Henan, and neighboring locations still have a shortage of moisture despite spotty rain in recent days. Most other production areas in China have adequate to excess soil moisture, though a few locations in northern Jilin and neighboring locations are starting to dry down.



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Dryness in portions of Henan, Shandong, and neighboring areas in Anhui and Hubei may have slowed development rates for unirrigated coarse grain, oilseeds, cotton, and other crops. These areas received timely rain earlier in the summer after being quite dry during the late spring. The need for significant rain to prevent moisture stress from harming production potentials is steadily growing.

The remaining locations in China generally have enough moisture to support aggressive crop growth. Portions of northern Jilin and central Inner Mongolia are starting to dry down a little too much and will need rain in the near future. Production potentials otherwise remain generally favorable for much of the country.



WEATHER OUTLOOK

Southern China will receive some of the most frequent and significant rainfall in China during the coming week. Rain will be scattered across the region on a daily basis. A weak tropical disturbance will enhance rain for portions of Guangxi, and coastal Guangdong and possibly parts of Hainan late Saturday and Sunday before shifting into northern Vietnam early next week. A strong tropical disturbance could also impact southeastern

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China toward the middle of next week, though confidence is low. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 2.00 to 6.00 inches with local amounts of 9.00 inches or more in southern Guangxi and along the Guangdong coastline. The ground will remain saturated and localized flooding will be possible in the wettest locations. However, crop and structural damage should be minimal. The environment will otherwise remain relatively favorable for rice, corn, and sugarcane growth.

The **Yangtze River Basin** will also receive rain on a frequent basis during the coming week. Some of the most widespread rain will occur today and again at the beginning and middle of next week. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches with drier pockets in southern sections of Jiangsu and Anhui. Rainfall combined with the adequate amount of moisture in the soil will maintain aggressive crop development for much of the region.

The North China Plain, central Yellow River Basin, and northern China will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine during the coming week. A disturbance and associated frontal boundary will generate the first round of rain Friday and this weekend. Scattered showers will continue for portions of the North China Plain and central Yellow River Basin Monday and Tuesday before another front brings rain to portions of northern China Wednesday. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.50 to 3.00 inches with pockets in Shandong and Henan receiving more than 4.00 inches of moisture. Pockets in Shanxi and immediate neighboring locations will also only receive 0.10 to 0.50 inch of moisture.

Precipitation in the North China Plain will be enough to bolster soil moisture in the coming days. The driest fields will not receive enough rain to completely fix the moisture deficits and additional rain will be needed. Crops will still benefit from the rain in the short-term. Northern China and the central Yellow River Basin will receive enough rain to maintain aggressive grain and oilseed development.

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