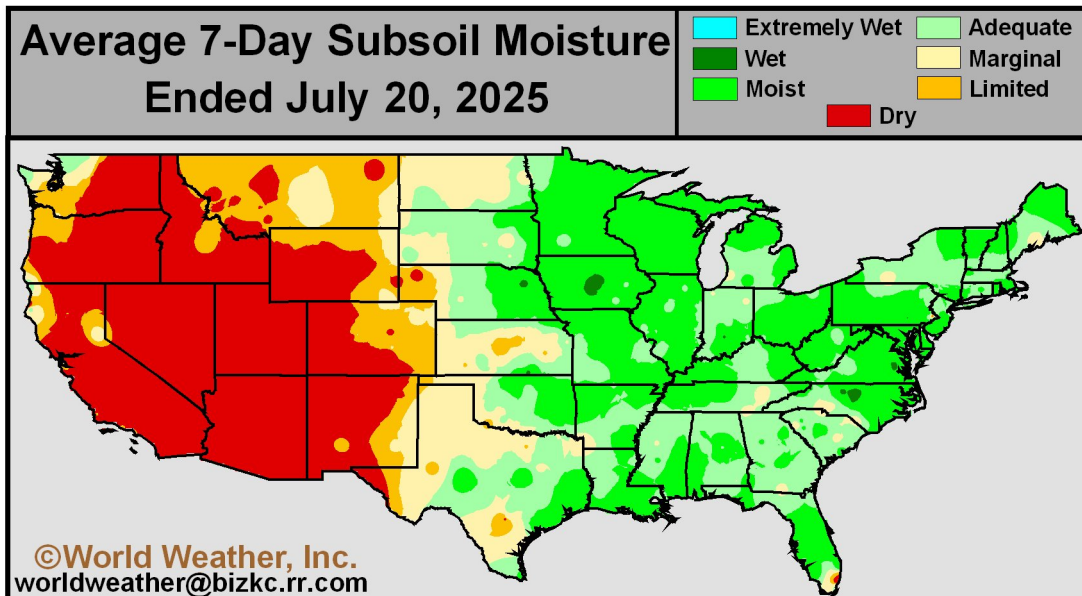
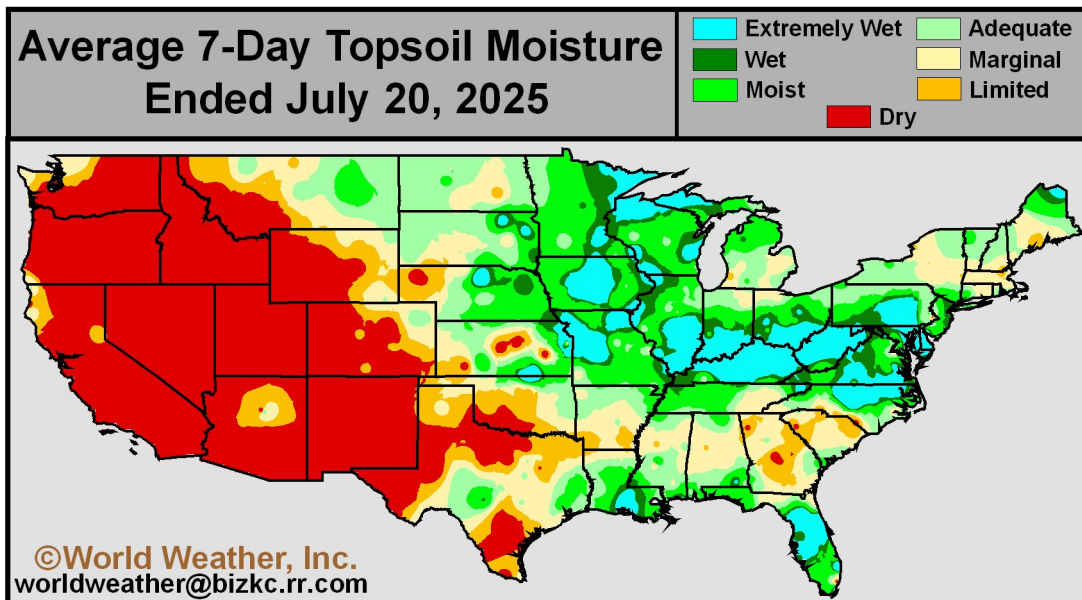


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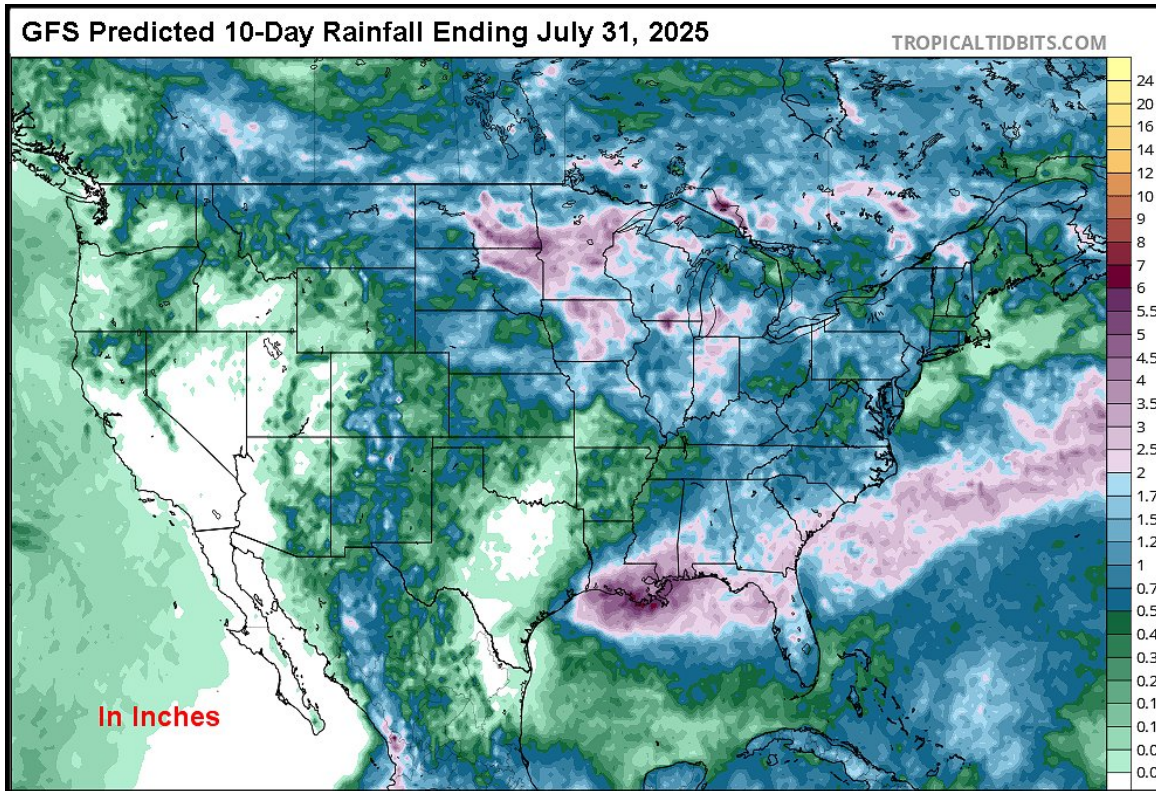
By Drew Lerner

Kansas City, July 21 (World Weather Inc.) – Sunday's soil assessment for the United States reflects the abundant rain that occurred during the weekend. Most of the Midwest has unusually good soil moisture for this time of year. There are a few pockets of dryness in Michigan and other areas in the Great Lakes region and a few other random pockets, but in general for the 21st day in July the moisture profile still looks good enough to carry corn through its filling process. Timely rain will still be needed for soybeans and even though timely rain is advertised for the next couple of weeks there will be some areas that will dry out and they will have to be monitored for mid- to late August when soybeans are in their most critical moisture demand stages of development.



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Some decrease in rain frequency and intensity is expected in the Midwest over the next several days. Completely dry weather is not expected, but the lighter rain intensity for many areas coupled with seasonably warm temperatures will induce some quick drying rates which are typical of late July and early August. That will allow the soil to dry down in some areas more than others raising need to keep an eye on August rainfall to ensure the best moisture and temperature regime is around for soybeans. [Corn, however, has sufficient subsoil moisture to carry it close enough to the finish line to protect the majority of yields.](#)



Some of the rain predicted by computer forecast models may be a little overdone and warm temperatures will keep evaporation rates running high; so, areas of net drying are likely to show up even though the forecast models are suggesting a good distribution of rain. The best drying conditions are likely over the next five days and then some timely rain will begin to emerge again. The southwestern Corn and Soybean production areas in Kansas and Missouri as well as the Delta are expected to see the lightest and least frequent rain while the upper Midwest and a part of the central Midwest should be wettest.

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