

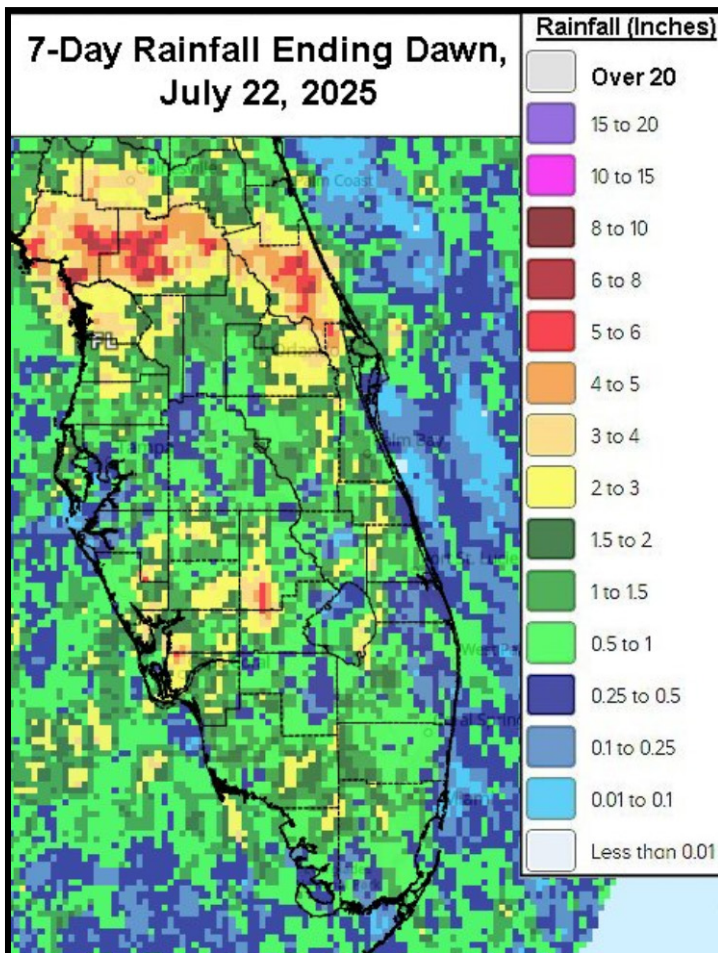
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, July 22 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus areas again saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Additional rain will occur during the coming week and will maintain a good outlook for the citrus. In **Mexico**, monsoonal rain continued to be scattered across the main production areas. Northeastern Mexico will trend drier than normal during the coming week and the need for more significant rain will increase late this month and early August. Other locations will have ample moisture to maintain aggressive growth. **Brazil**'s citrus areas will only have a few opportunities for light and erratic rain during the coming week. Farming activity will advance around the rain.

FLORIDA

Florida's citrus region saw a mix of rain and dry weather during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.50 to 3.00 inches with locally greater amounts in Highlands County. A few pockets in the northwest corner of citrus country also only received 0.10 to 0.50 inch of moisture. The rain combined with periodic irrigation continued to support a good environment for new citrus growth.



Seasonably warm weather was most common in Florida's citrus country during the past week. Daytime highs peaked in the 90s Fahrenheit most days with pockets only warming to the mid-to upper-80s July 15 and again July 17. Nighttime lows were in the 70s.

The main citrus areas will see a mix of rain and sunshine during the coming week. Showers and thunderstorms will evolve through Thursday due to the usual afternoon sea breezes that occur this time of year. High pressure will limit precipitation Friday and this weekend before scattered showers return early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.50 to 3.00 inches and locally greater amounts. The rain combined with irrigation will maintain a good environment for aggressive citrus growth.

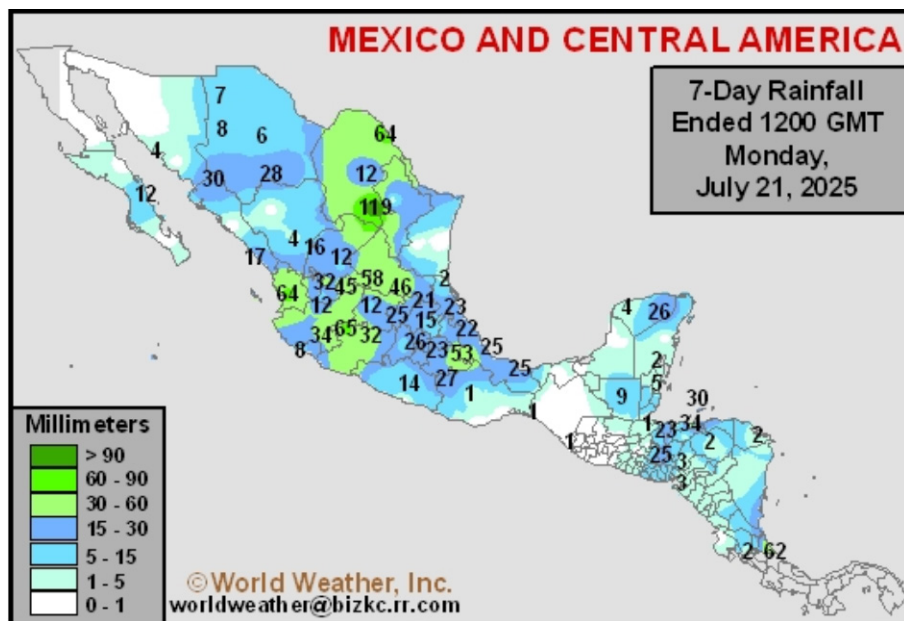
Temperatures will be near

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normal through Thursday with daytime highs generally in the 80s. Highs will increase from the mid-80s to lower 90s for the remainder of the coming week with a few pockets potentially warming to the mid-90s over the weekend. Nighttime lows will be in the 70s.

MEXICO

Rainfall varied across the main citrus areas in Mexico during the past week. Colima and Michoacan into Puebla, Veracruz, northern Oaxaca, and San Luis Potosi received 0.32 to 2.56 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending July 21. Other areas in Northeast China and southern Oaxaca may have received light rain as well. Temperatures were near normal with highest readings in the 80s and 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and 70s.



Citrus prospects remain relatively favorable across the main production areas of western, east-central, and northeastern Mexico. Portions of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon are becoming a little too dry for ideal conditions and timely rain would be welcome. Other locations have

ample moisture to support aggressive growth.

Northeastern Mexico will trend drier than usual during the coming week. A few light showers will still reach San Luis Potosi and neighboring locations at times. The southeast corner of San Luis Potosi will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain and locally greater amounts by next Tuesday morning. Other areas will either be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Western and east-central Mexico will otherwise receive monsoonal rain on a frequent basis. These areas will receive 0.75 to 4.00 inches of rain with locally greater amounts in Colima and Michoacan. Temperatures will be near to slightly above normal. Daytime highs will peak to the 80s and 90s most often, though many areas in northeastern Mexico will often warm above 100 degrees. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

The lack of rain and warm to hot weather will promote aggressive drying for northeastern Mexico during the coming week. This environment may start to impact development rates for the later-flowering citrus, causing the need for rain to increase late this month and early August. Citrus that is maturing or ready for harvest will otherwise benefit from the drier weather. East-central and western Mexico will otherwise have ample moisture to maintain aggressive development.

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BRAZIL

Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais were mostly dry during the past week. Temperatures were slightly warmer than usual with highest readings in the 80s. Lowest temperatures were in the 40s and 50s. Harvesting and general farming activity advanced with few disruptions.

Brazil's citrus region will remain drier biased during the coming week. A few light



showers will be possible in Sao Paulo late Friday and Saturday. Light rain will also be possible in Sao Paulo Monday if a frontal boundary advances over the region. Most locations will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Temperatures will trend above normal most days with

daytime highs reaching the 80s and lower 90s most often. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in northwestern Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais only cooling to the lower 70s at times. The lack of significant rain will be beneficial for harvesting and general farming activity.

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