

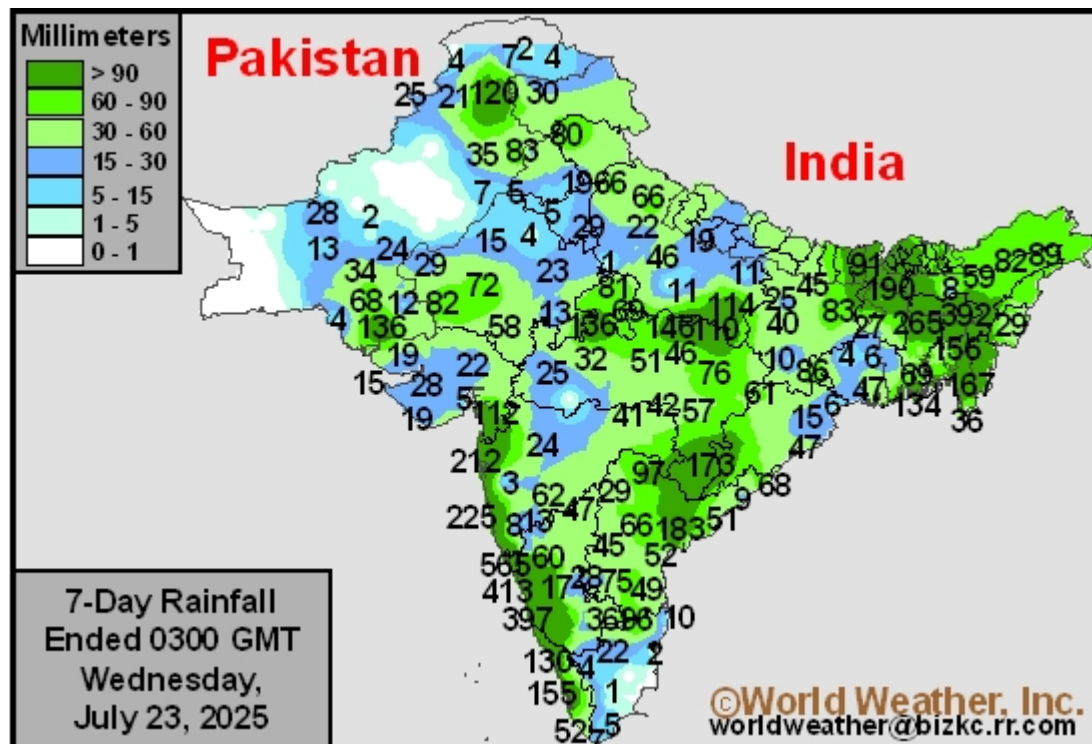
## Eastern, Central India Flood Potentials To Rise In Coming Days

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Kansas City, July 23 (World Weather Inc.) – Monsoonal rain was scattered across a large swath of India during the past week. Only a few locations in southern Tamil Nadu, northern Rajasthan, and neighboring pockets missed out on rain or did not receive enough to counter evaporation. *Timely precipitation since late May continued to promote a good outlook for India's grains, oilseeds, pulses, dry beans, and other crops. A monsoonal disturbance will enhance rainfall for portions of eastern and central India in the coming days as it makes its way across the country. Localized flooding will become a concern and may damage a minor amount of crop.* No major losses are expected. The overall outlook will remain favorable.

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Rainfall varied significantly across India during the past week. Goa and coastal Karnataka reported anywhere from 15.63 to 22.24 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending this morning. Kerala, coastal Maharashtra, and portions of Bangladesh and the Eastern States received 2.05 to 10.43 inches of rain. Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, southeastern Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh received 1.00 to 6.81 inches of rain. Most other locations received 0.50 to 3.27 inches of rain, though many areas in southern Tamil Nadu, northern Rajasthan, and neighboring locations in Punjab and Haryana received little or no precipitation.

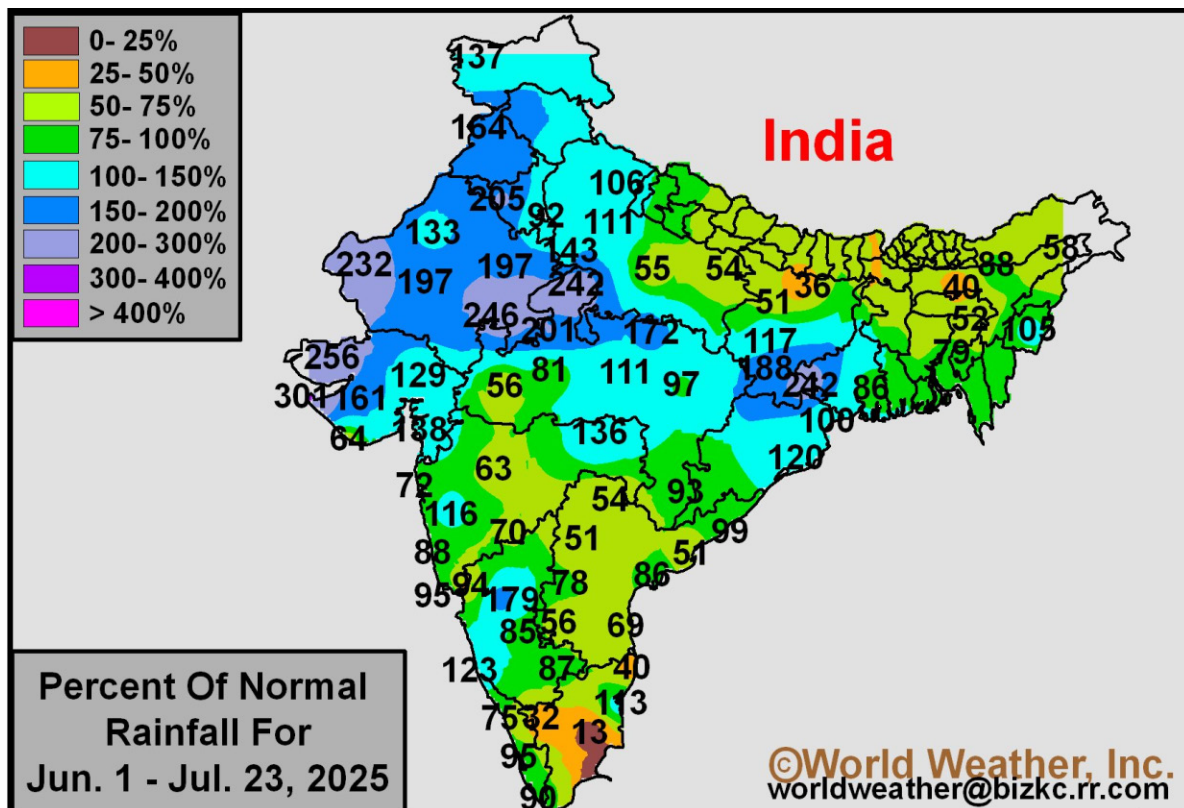


Wetter than normal conditions prevailed for much of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, northern Madhya Pradesh, and much of northern India June 1 – July 23. Pockets in Rajasthan, western Gujarat, and northwestern Madhya Pradesh received more than two times' normal rainfall. In the meantime, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, central

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Maharashtra, Bihar, northern sections of the Eastern States, and portions of southeastern Uttar Pradesh and western Madhya Pradesh were drier than usual, reporting 40-88% of normal rainfall. Other locations generally received near or slightly above normal rainfall.

Moisture shortages are ongoing in much of Tamil Nadu and pockets in southern Andhra Pradesh due to the lack of rain and warm to hot weather in recent weeks. Most other locations in India have adequate to excessive soil moisture. Flooding was possible in the wettest areas of Goa and Karnataka, though overall crop damage was suspected of being minimal due to the timeliness of alternating periods of rain and sunshine.



*The environment remained relatively favorable for aggressive establishment and growth for a large section of India. Tamil Nadu is in need of more significant rain to improve the outlook for the early-season crops. Most other locations have ample moisture to support aggressive growth, at least in the short-term. Production potentials for this season are favorable.*

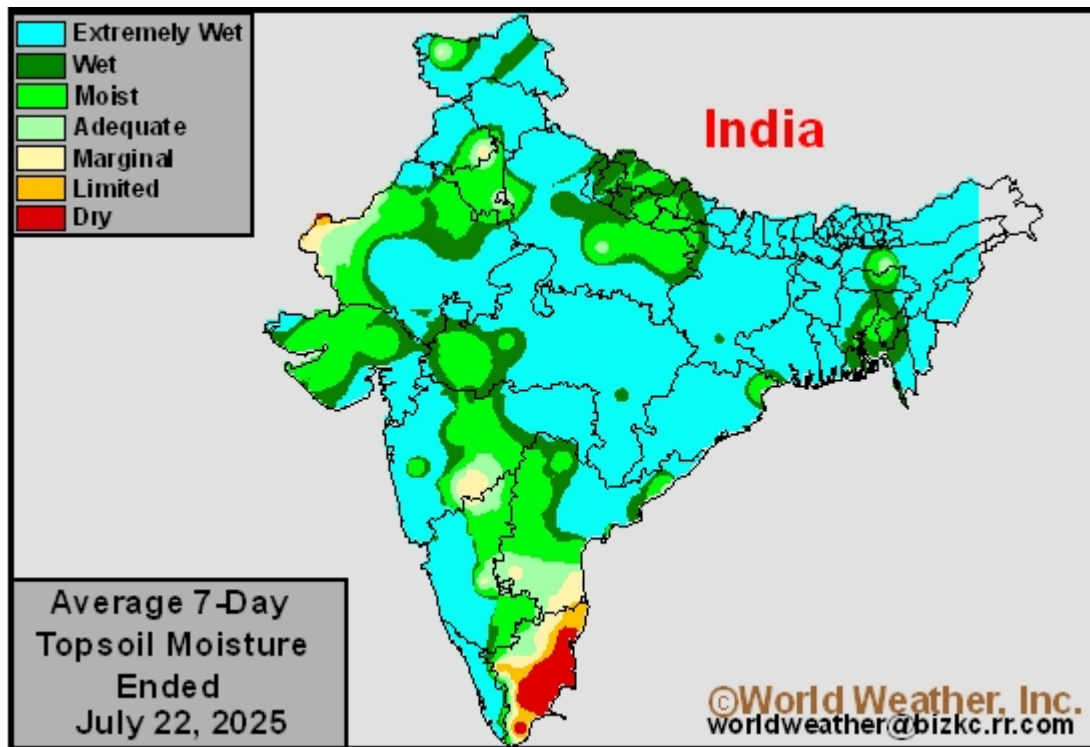
### **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

Southern India and western sections of Gujarat and Rajasthan will trend drier than usual through the middle of next week. Kerala and coastal Karnataka will still see waves of rain with totals ranging from 1.50 to 5.00 inches and local amounts of 8.00 inches or more by next Wednesday morning. Pockets in interior Karnataka and western Gujarat could receive 0.50 to 1.00 inch of rain as well. However, most locations will either be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Net drying is slated for most locations. *Tamil*

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Nadu will remain too dry to support good development. The need for rain will remain high heading into early August to improve crop growth. Other locations will have enough moisture to support aggressive growth during the next several days. The need for timely rain will otherwise increase late this month into early August.

The remaining production areas in India will see several waves of monsoonal rain through the middle of next week. A monsoon disturbance will slowly track from eastern into central India through early next week and will enhance rainfall for several locations. Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, eastern Maharashtra, and southeastern Rajasthan will receive some of the most significant rain with totals ranging from 3.00 to 7.00 inches and local amounts of 10.00 inches or more by next Wednesday morning. Most other locations will receive 0.75 to 4.00 inches of rain, though drier pockets are expected in Bihar and southeastern Uttar Pradesh.



Localized flooding will be a growing concern from Odisha and Chhattisgarh into Madhya Pradesh, eastern Maharashtra, and neighboring areas in the coming days as the monsoonal disturbance advances across the country. Minor crop and structural damage will be possible in areas that receive the greatest amount of rain. However, no major crop damage is expected. The overall outlook will remain favorable. Most areas will have ample moisture to support aggressive growth.

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