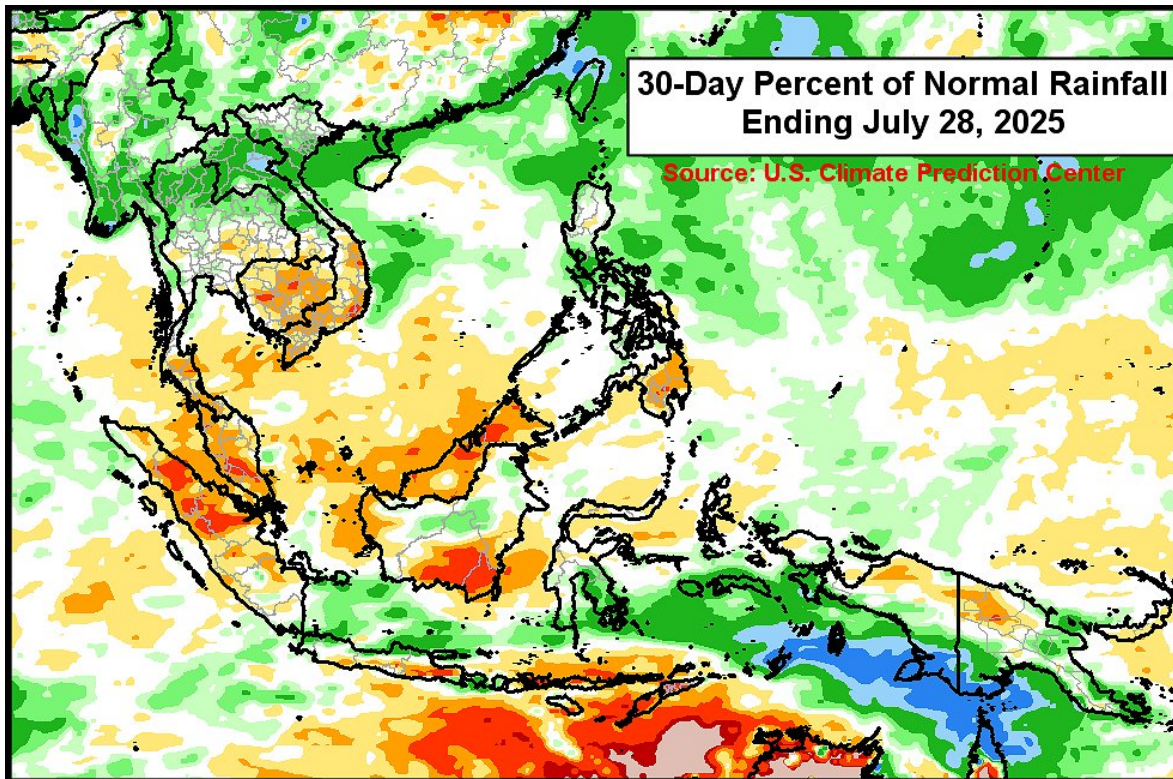


Thailand Drying Unlikely To Have Big Impact

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Kansas City, July 28 (World Weather Inc.) – Thailand weather this year has been much better than that of 2024 even though there is a small area in central parts of the nation that has become a little dry. Weather in the next ten days will not only keep the same region drier than usual, but there will be some expansion in the dryness to include a much larger part of rice, sugarcane and corn areas. The dryness may last ten days to two weeks at which time it will be very important that seasonal rains resume to ensure there is no negative impact on production for rain fed crops. Indonesia and Malaysia rainfall should improve this week while Cambodia and Vietnam will continue drier than usual.

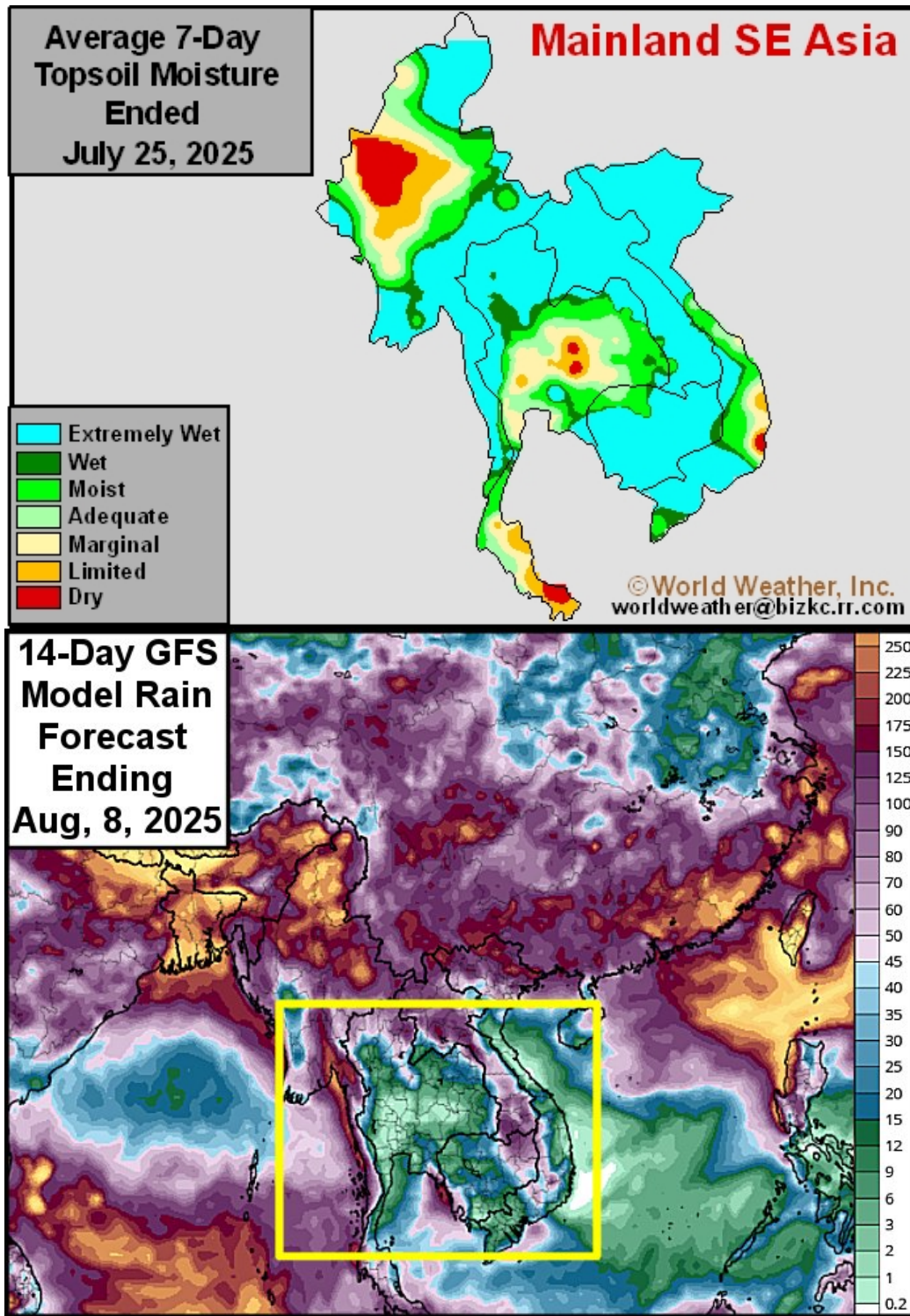


Satellite estimated rainfall in central Thailand shows a small pocket of below normal precipitation in central parts of the nation; however, most of the nation has seen timely rain and has a favorable soil moisture profile. Rain in Thailand has not been nearly as anomalous as it has been in portions of Malaysia and Sumatra, Indonesia in recent weeks. Rice and sugarcane in some of those areas may be dealing with a larger issue with dryness whereas Thailand is just beginning to trend drier than usual.

Most of the vegetative health index loops suggested spring 2025 weather was many times better in the mainland areas of Southeast Asia than that of 2024. More recent rain has been timely enough to maintain a favorable Vegetative Health Index for Thailand; however, drying is expected to continue for not only the coming week, but for the next two weeks. That decline in precipitation and eventual decline in soil moisture could start stressing some crops in mid-August if there is no resumption in the rainfall pattern. World

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Weather, Inc. believes rain will resume in a timely manner to maintain a favorable outlook for rice, sugarcane, corn and other crops.



Drying is not only impacting Thailand, but there are parts of Cambodia and Vietnam that are also drying down. The dryness in southern Vietnam and that in

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Cambodia may be more significant than that in Thailand and a similar statement can be made for Sumatra, Indonesia and much of Malaysia. Most of the dryness noted in Southeast Asia right now is associated with the suppressed rain phase of Madden Julian Oscillation and not from El Nino or any other long term trend. This is also the time period in which the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is farthest to the north keeping the greater rainfall each day at higher latitudes. *The (ITCZ) will shift to the south in late August and September at which time greater rain may be more favored which is one of the reasons why concern over the recent drying and that which is expected is not very high for now.* With that said, the situation does warrant a close watch to make sure that seasonal rains resume without threatening production.

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