

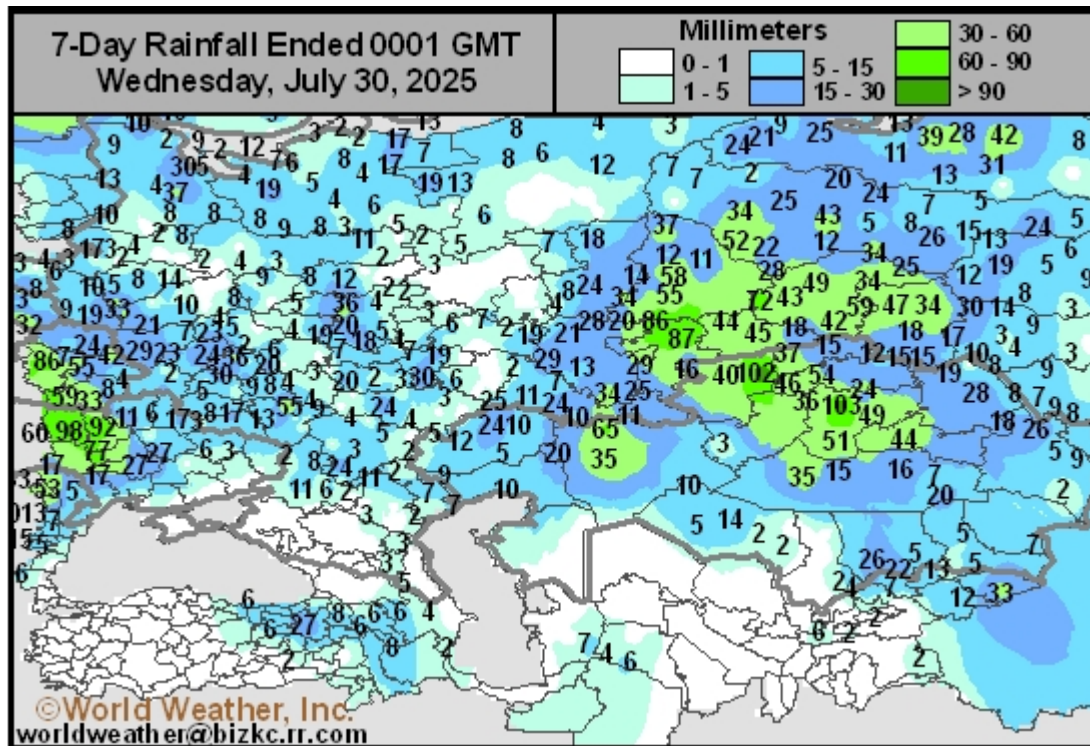
# Russia, Eastern Ukraine Winter Crop Areas To See Limited Rain

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Kansas City, July 31 (World Weather Inc.) – *The main winter wheat, barley, rye, and rapeseed areas for Russia, eastern Ukraine, and western Kazakhstan only saw periods of spotty rain during the past week. The lack of abundant precipitation was beneficial for maturation and harvesting. These areas will again receive limited rainfall during the coming week and the harvest will advance swiftly.* Spring grain and oilseed areas in Russia and northern Kazakhstan have enough moisture to support relatively favorable development conditions as well. Periods of spotty rain will maintain good crop conditions, at least for the short-term. Ukraine's spring and summer crop areas are otherwise in growing need of rain.

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Russia's New Lands and northern Kazakhstan received timely rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending July 30 ranged from 0.59 to 4.00 inches. The Ural Mountains region and portions of western Russia and western Kazakhstan received 0.39 to 1.42 inches of rain. Portions of the Volga River Basin and USDA defined 'Southern Region' received 0.12 to 0.95 inch of rain, though several locations were mostly dry. Eastern Ukraine also received little to no rain.



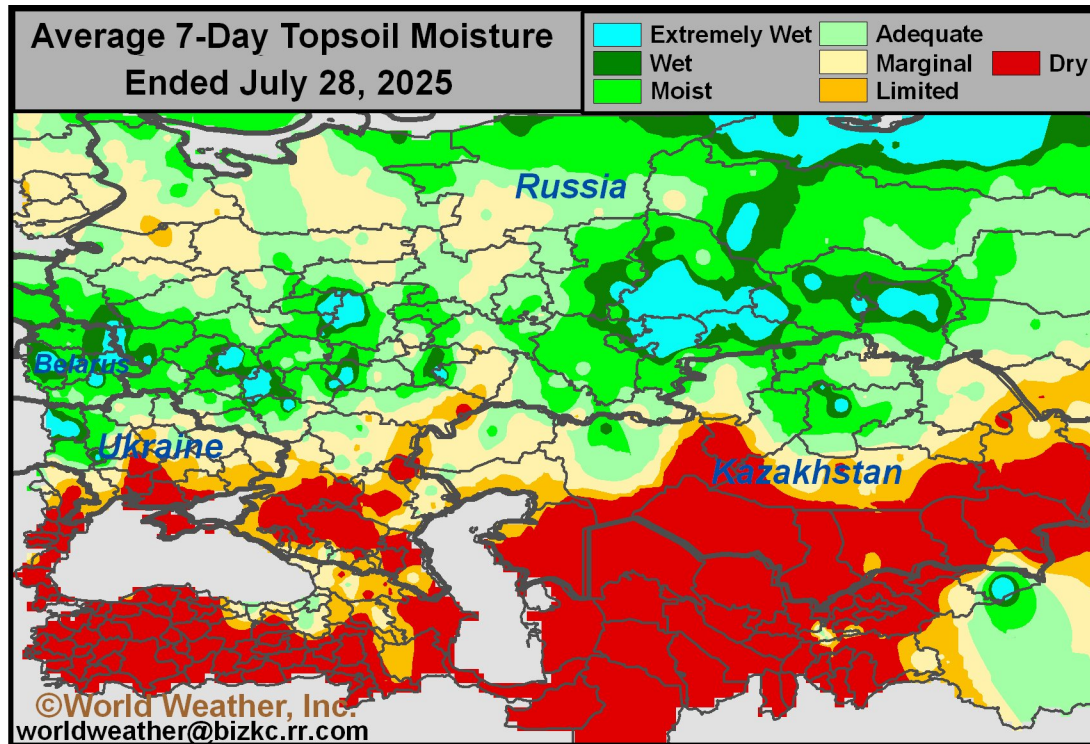
Moisture shortages intensified in the 'Southern Region', Volga River Basin, and eastern Ukraine during the past week due to the lack of abundant rain. Soil moisture is marginally adequate to short with pockets that are becoming dry in the topsoil. Other production areas in Russia and Kazakhstan have adequate to excessive soil moisture.

The lack of abundant rainfall in Russia's Volga River Basin and 'Southern Region', eastern Ukraine, and western Kazakhstan was beneficial for aggressive harvesting during

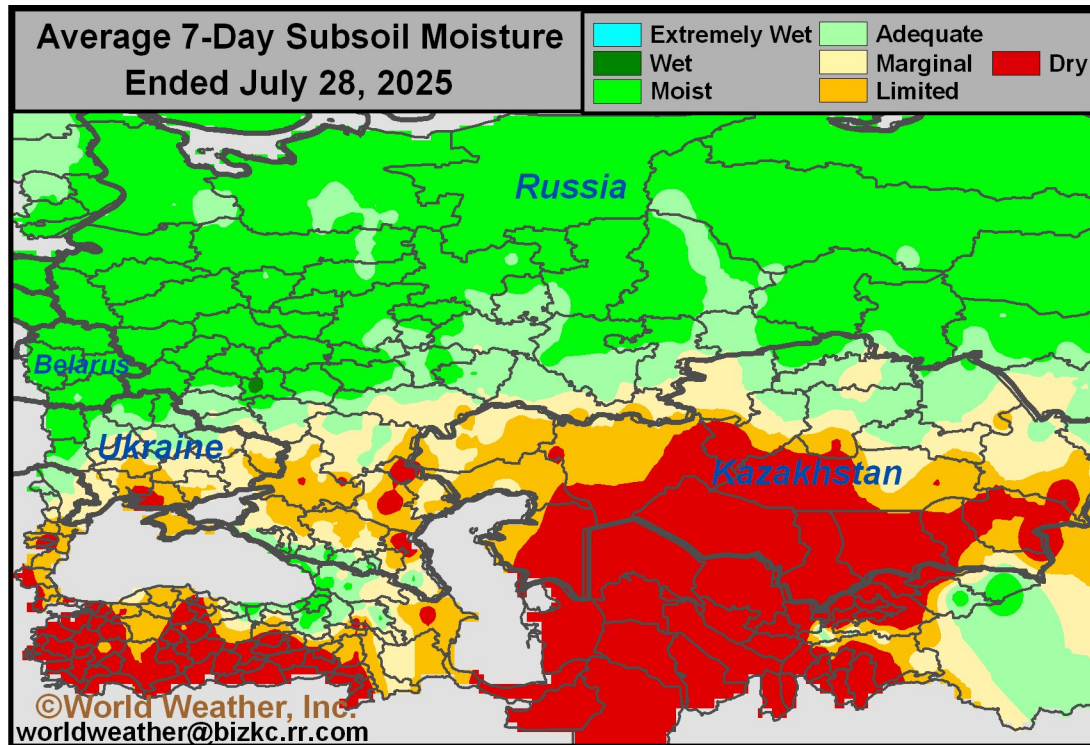
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the past week. Spotty rain may have briefly slowed fieldwork, though no major delays were suspected. The harvest will be ongoing in the coming weeks and the need for drier and warmer weather will prevail.

As of July 21, the Russian grain harvest was 21.5% done lagging from 24.5% last year at this time. Wheat harvesting was 27.8% done compared to 17.6% done in the previous week. Wheat yields are still coming in a little lower than last year.



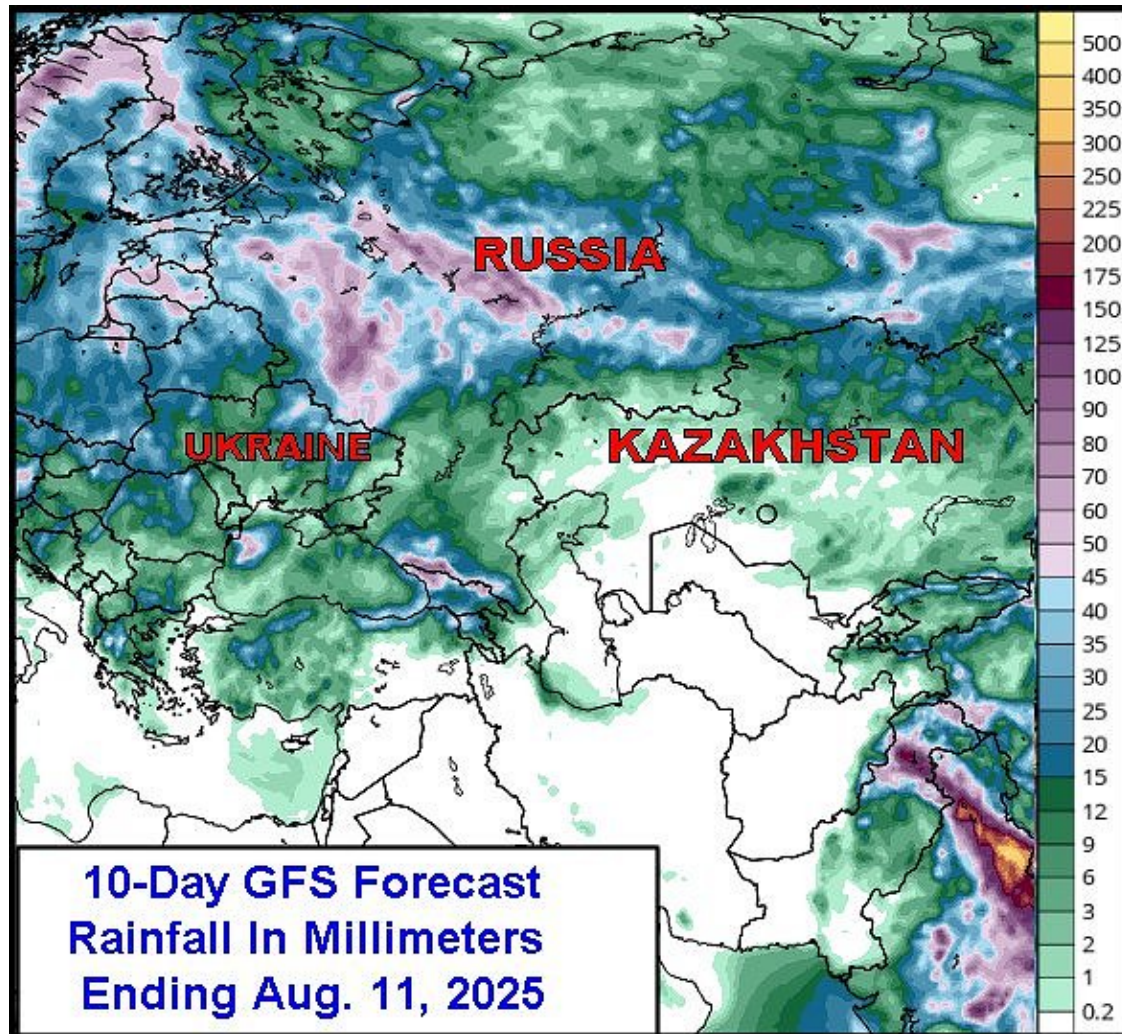
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Spring grain and oilseed areas near and east of the Ural Mountains in Russia and Kazakhstan, along with western Russia, received enough rain to maintain relatively favorable development conditions this past week. Long-term production potentials are relatively favorable. Eastern Ukraine and portions of the Volga River Basin and 'Southern Region' remain too dry for ideal conditions and would benefit from a period of rain.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK

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Precipitation will vary across Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine during the coming week. An upper-level disturbance will generate waves of rain for western Russia on a frequent basis. Another upper-level system will also help promote waves of rain for Russia's New Lands and northern Kazakhstan. Moisture totals for these areas will range from 0.50 to 2.00 inches and locally greater amounts by next Thursday morning. Other locations in Russia, western Kazakhstan, and eastern Ukraine will trend drier than normal. Periods of spotty rain will still occur with totals ranging from 0.10 to 0.75 inch and locally greater amounts. Most locations in Russia, Kazakhstan, and eastern Ukraine will only have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall August 8 – 14.

*The main winter grain and oilseed areas in Russia, western Kazakhstan, and eastern Ukraine will continue to experience a good environment for aggressive harvesting for the next seven to ten days. These areas will continue to dry down and may remain too dry for the spring and summer grain, oilseeds, and other crops.* Crops may be stressed if drier biased conditions persist into the end of August. Western Russia and areas near and east of the Ural Mountains in Russia and Kazakhstan will otherwise receive enough rain to maintain a good environment for the spring grains and oilseeds.

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