

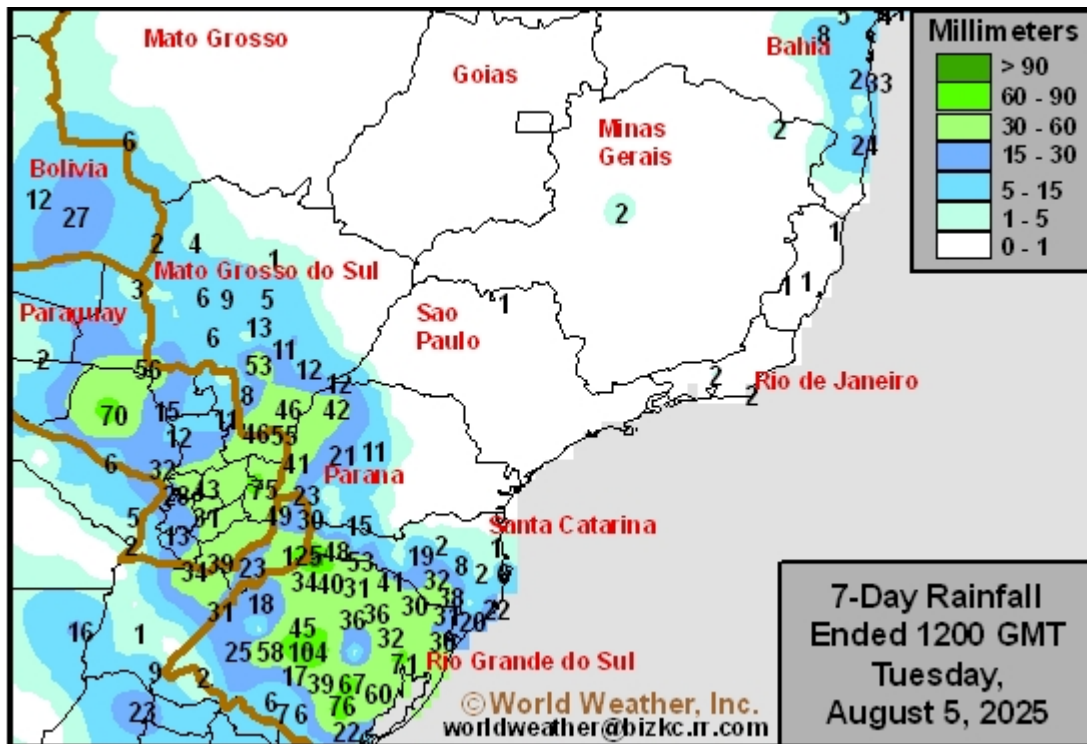
Brazil Safrinha Harvest Weather Remains Mostly Good

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Kansas City, August 5 (World Weather Inc.) – [Southern Brazil either received enough rain or had ample moisture in the soil to maintain a good outlook for winter wheat.](#) Planting is virtually complete and most crops were planted under relatively good conditions. [The main production areas will see a mix of spotty rain and sunshine during the coming week that will maintain favorable wheat prospects.](#) [Harvesting of Safrinha corn and cotton is also ongoing and should advance swiftly around the brief bouts of rain that evolve.](#)

Rainfall in late July and early August ramped up across some center south and far southern crop areas in Brazil. Some of the rain in July was quite impressive, but this past week's rain was most significant in southern Mato Grosso do Sul, far northwestern Parana, southern Paraguay and across a large part of Rio Grande do Sul. Rain amounts were most often in the range of 1.00 to 2.00 inches in these wetter areas, although one location near Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul received 4.10 inches of moisture and another near the northern Rio Grande do Sul/Misiones, Argentina border received 4.92 inches.

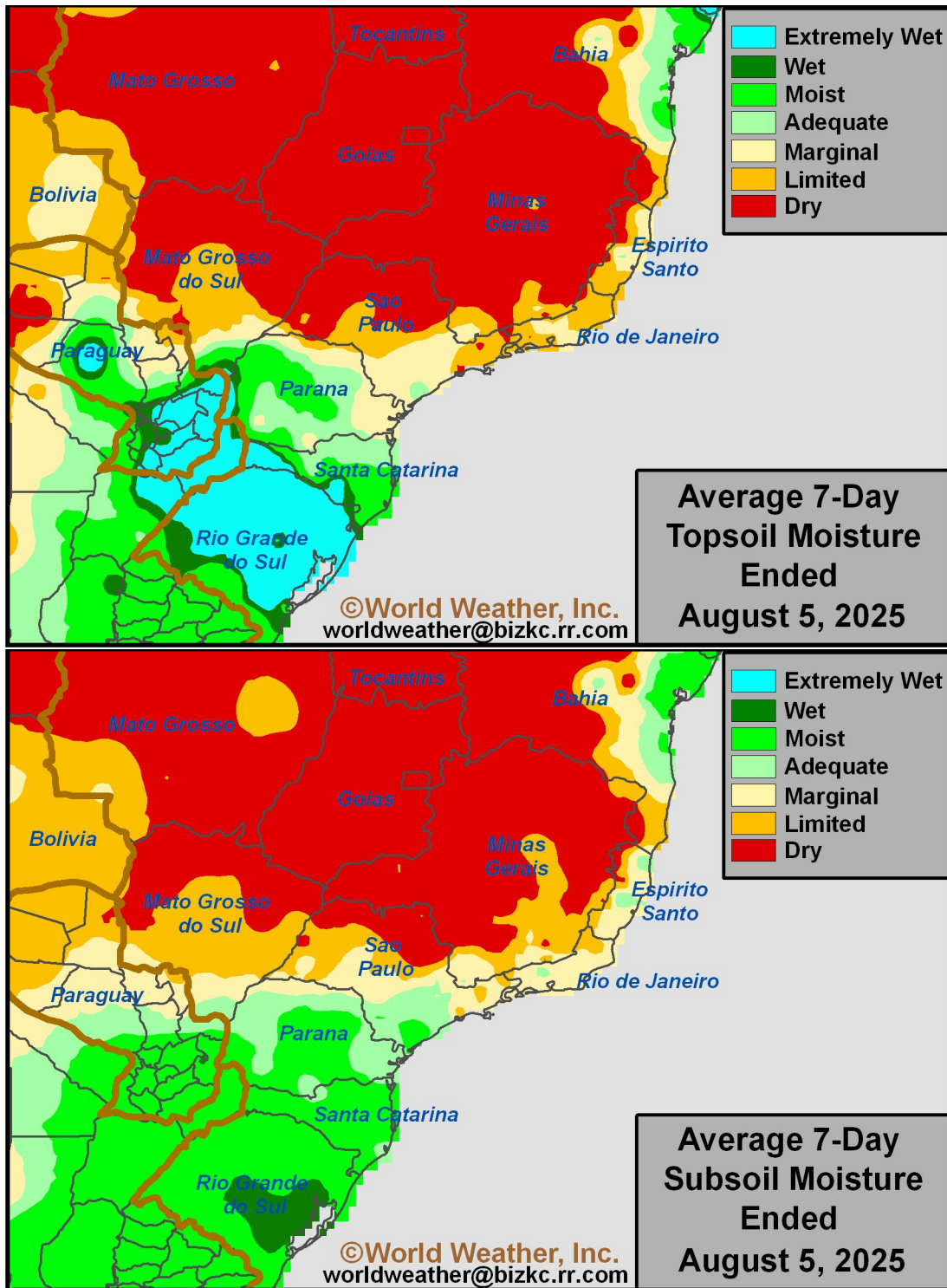
Other areas from central and western Mato Grosso do Sul into Santa Catarina received 0.05 to 0.75 inch with a few amounts to 1.50 inches near the Rio Grande do Sul border. A similar range of rainfall occurred in western and southern Rio Grande do Sul. Extreme eastern Bahia reported 0.32 to 1.30 inches of moisture while little to no rain was noted elsewhere.



Topsoil moisture is rated adequate to excessive in much of far southern Brazil while areas from southern São Paulo to southern Mato Grosso do Sul have marginally adequate to

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short soil moisture. Subsoil moisture in these areas is rated favorably. Other production areas are seasonally dry.



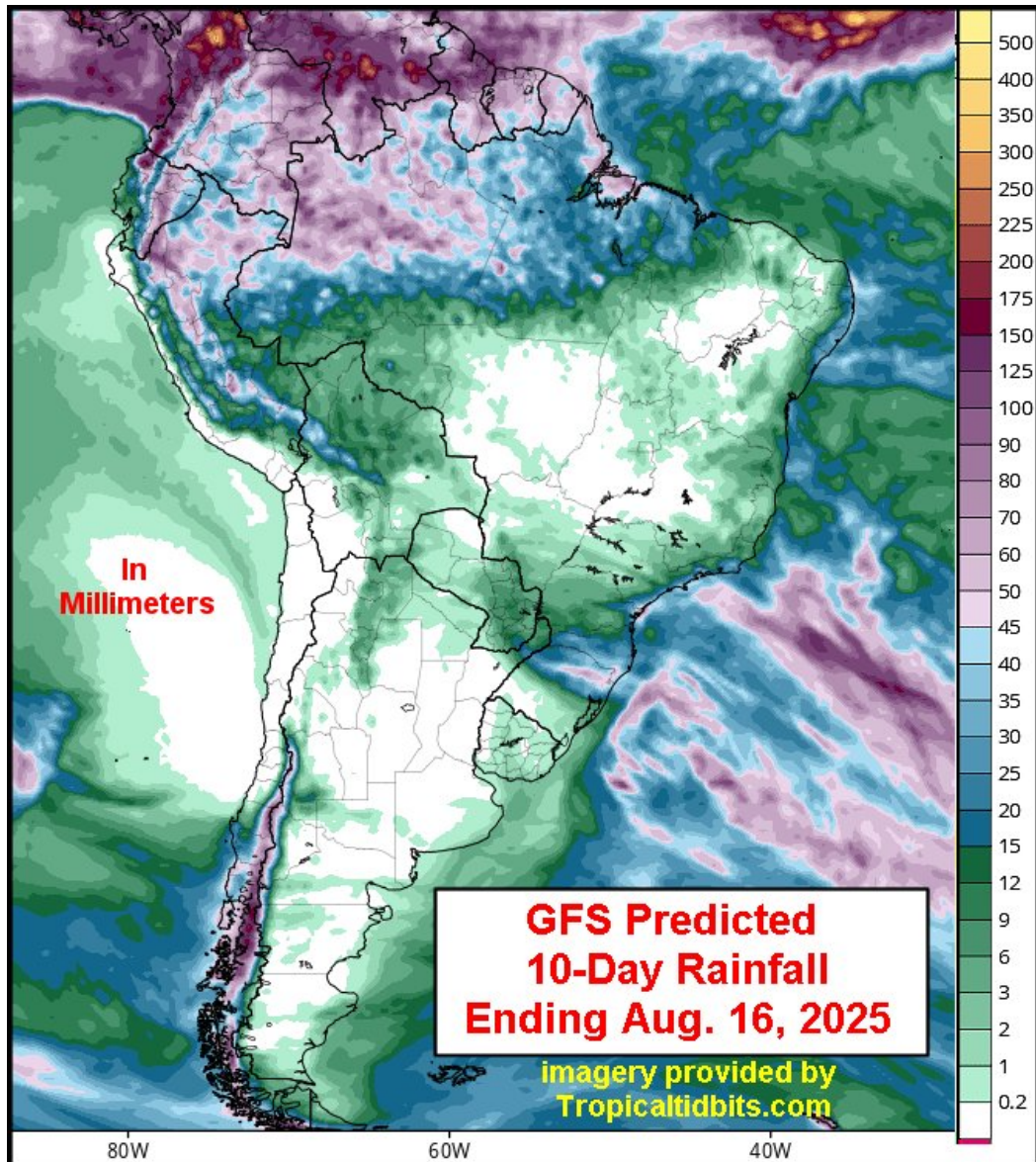
Winter wheat planting is nearly complete in Brazil. Establishment and development conditions have been relatively favorable for much of southern Brazil and

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other production areas due to timely rain over the planting season. Long-term production potentials are good as long as timely rain continues in the coming weeks.

Harvesting of the summer crops continued across portions of Brazil during the past week. As of August 2, 75.2% of the Safrinha corn was out of the ground, compared to 91.3% this time last year and 77.6% for the previous five-year average. Cotton harvesting was 29.7% finished, compared to 36.7% last year and 46.1% for the previous five-year average. Harvesting of the remaining crops was either complete or virtually complete.

Recent rainfall in southern Brazil and Mato Grosso do Sul may have slowed late-season harvesting, though no major delays or quality declines were suspected.



WEATHER OUTLOOK

Southern Brazil and portions of Sao Paulo and southern Mato Grosso do Sul will have a few opportunities for rain during the coming week. Isolated showers will initially

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produce minimal rain in a few pockets today. A disturbance and trailing frontal boundary will generate more widespread rain Wednesday into Friday before drier weather evolves over the weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch in most locations. However, several areas in Santa Catarina and northern Rio Grande do Sul will receive 0.75 to 1.50 inches of rain with local amounts over 2.00 inches. The remaining locations in Brazil will receive little to no rain. Southern Brazil will again have opportunities for mostly light rain August 13-19 while the remaining production areas remain seasonally dry.

Southern Brazil will often trend cooler than usual during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 50s and 60s Fahrenheit most days with several locations warming to the 70s through Thursday and again early next week. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s through Friday before dropping to the 30s and 40s this weekend and early next week.

The remaining production areas will see temperatures trend near to above normal during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s and 80s most often with several areas in Mato Grosso, Goias, northwestern Minas Gerais, and neighboring locations warming to the 90s through Saturday. Low temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s with many areas in northeastern and center-west Brazil only cooling to the 60s.

Late-season harvesting and general fieldwork will advance swiftly around the periods of spotty rain in the next couple of weeks. No major delays or quality impacts are expected, even in areas that receive the greatest amount of rain. Winter wheat prospects will remain favorable for much of southern Brazil and neighboring locations due to the periods of spotty rain and an already adequate amount of moisture in the soil.

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