

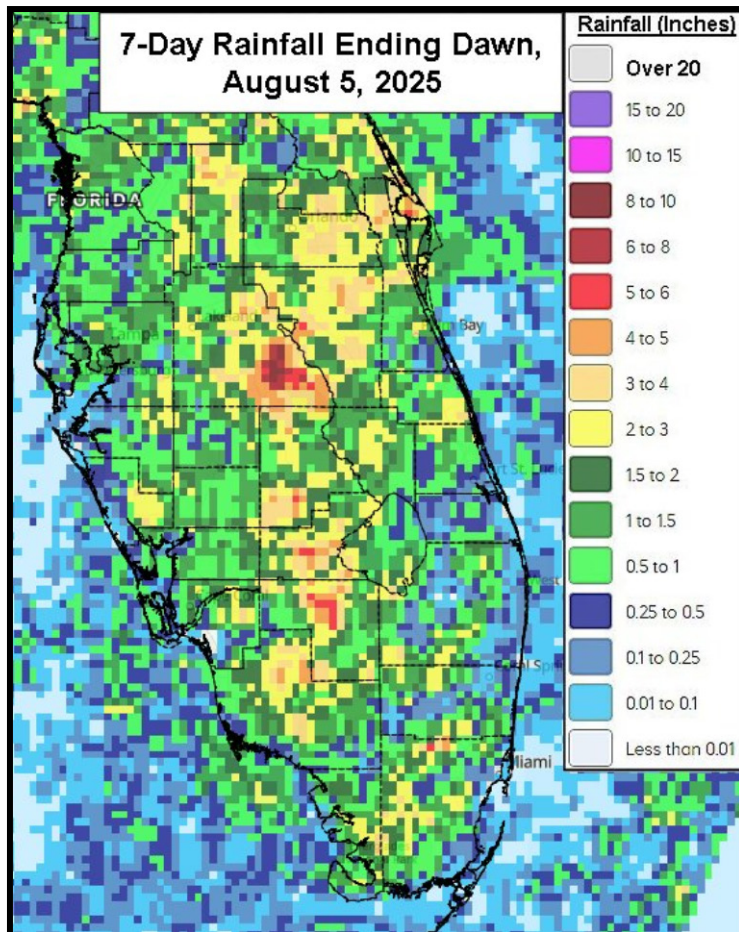
Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, August 5 (World Weather Inc.) – **Florida**'s citrus region received rain on a frequent basis during the past week. Temperatures were slightly above normal, though no major impacts were suspected. Rain will continue to be scattered across the main citrus areas during the coming week. In **Mexico**, the northeast corner of citrus country received little to no rain while east-central and western Mexico received timely precipitation. A similar weather pattern will occur during the coming week with additional drying expected in the northeast. The need for timely rain will increase later this month for much of northeastern Mexico. **Brazil**'s citrus areas will have a few opportunities for light rain during the coming week. No major harvest delays are expected.

FLORIDA

Waves of erratic rain were noted across the main citrus areas in Florida during the



past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.50 to 3.00 inches with several areas from Osceola and eastern Polk Counties into Hendry County receiving 3.00 to 6.00 inches or slightly more of moisture. [The rain helped keep soil moisture at adequate or excessive levels. Ample moisture in the soil and irrigation continued to promote a good environment for aggressive citrus growth.](#)

Temperatures remained near to slightly above normal in much of Florida during the past week. The main citrus production areas warmed to the 90s Fahrenheit most days with pockets warming to 100 degrees or slightly above. Nighttime lows were in the 70s.

A typical weather pattern for this time of year is slated for Florida during the coming week.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will evolve on a frequent basis due to sea breezes. Rainfall by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches and locally greater amounts. The rain and irrigation will continue to support a good environment for the citrus.

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The temperature profile will trend closer to usual for much of Florida during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak from the upper 80s to mid-90s with pockets only warming to the mid-80s during periods of more significant rain. Low temperatures will be in the 70s.

MEXICO

Rainfall varied across the main citrus areas in Mexico during the past week. Veracruz and Puebla received 0.79 to 4.33 inches of rain for the seven-day period ending August 4. Portions of Oaxaca, Michoacan, and Colima received 0.24 to 1.65 inches of rain while northeastern Mexico received little to no precipitation. Temperatures were warm with highest readings in the upper 80s and 90s. Portions of northeastern Mexico often warmed

above 100 degrees as well. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s and 70s.

Additional rain in east-central and western Mexico continued to support a good environment for aggressive citrus development during the past week. Northeastern Mexico also had enough moisture to support relatively good development



despite the lack of rain. The need for more significant rain will otherwise increase for the northeast corner of the country later this month to maintain a good outlook for the citrus.

Precipitation will remain limited for much of northeastern Mexico during the coming week. A few light showers will occasionally reach the region with pockets in San Luis Potosi and southern sections of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas receiving 0.50 to 1.00 inch of rain by next Tuesday morning. However, most locations will be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. East-central and western Mexico will otherwise see a good mix of monsoonal rain and sunshine. These areas will receive 0.75 to 4.00 inches of rain with locally greater amounts by next Tuesday morning. Temperatures will be near to above normal with daytime highs often reaching the 80s and 90s. Portions of northeastern Mexico will also warm above 100 degrees during drier periods. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

Additional rainfall will continue to support a good environment for citrus growth and development in much of east-central and western Mexico during the coming week. The spotty rain in northeastern Mexico will be welcome; though, net drying is slated for most locations. Timely rain will be needed later in the month to maintain a good outlook for much of the citrus in northeastern Mexico, most notably the rain-fed locations.

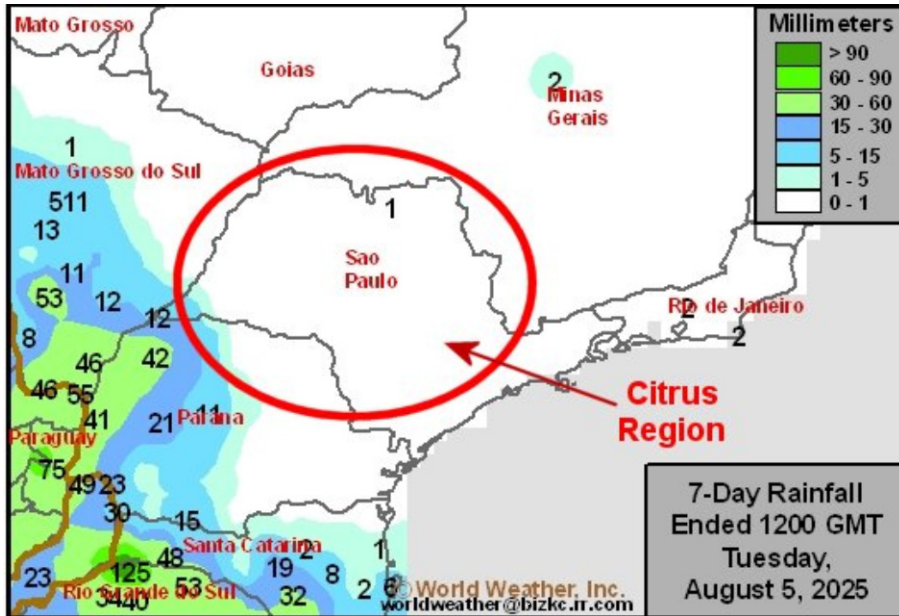
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BRAZIL

Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais were virtually dry during the past week. Highest temperatures were in the 80s and lower 90s while lowest temperatures were in the 30s and 40s. Pockets of soft frost may have occurred; though, most locations were not cold enough for long enough to experience any significant damage. Harvesting and general

farming activity otherwise advanced swiftly.

The main citrus areas will not receive much rain during the coming week. A frontal boundary will still promote spotty precipitation Thursday and Friday, though resulting rainfall will not be much more than 0.25 inch in Sao Paulo and southwestern Minas



Gerais. Dry or mostly dry weather will occur most other days.

Temperatures will trend near to above normal most days during the coming week. Readings will be warmest Wednesday into Friday and again early next week with daytime highs often reaching the 80s and lower 90s and pockets in the 70s. Highs most other days will be in the 70s and lower 80s. Nighttime lows will be in the 30s and 40s Sunday, though no significant frost or freezes are expected. Lows most other days will be in the 40s and 50s with pockets only cooling to the 60s through Friday.

Harvesting and general farming activity will advance swiftly around the periods of light rain.

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