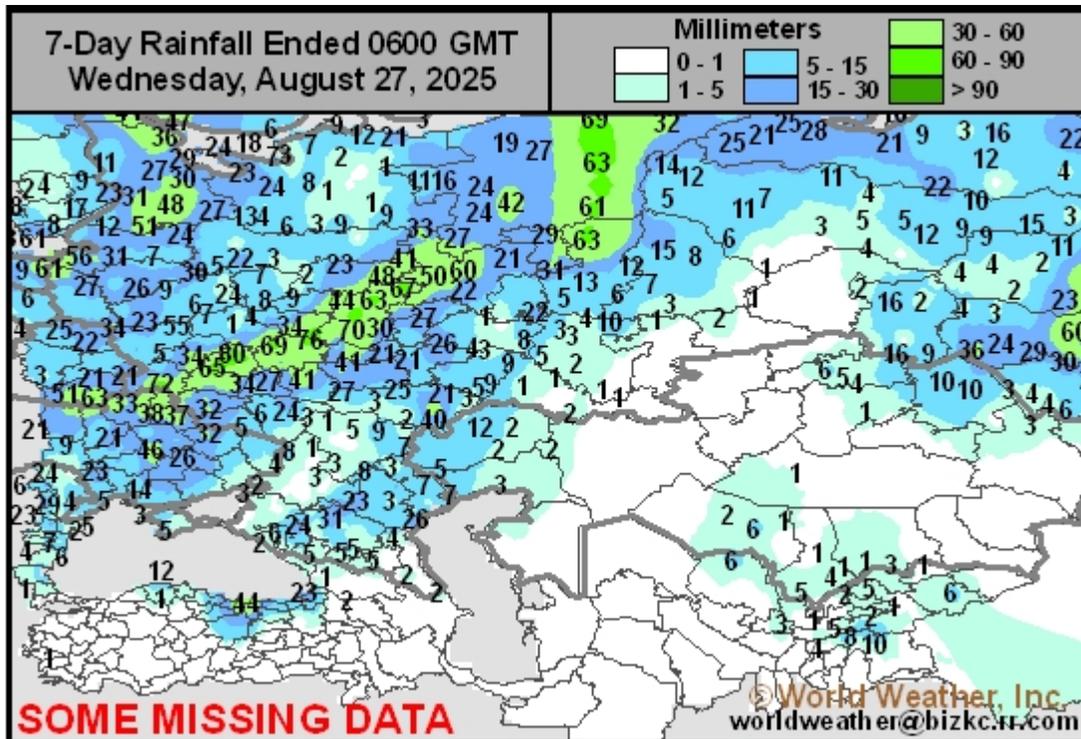


# Russia, Ukraine Harvest Conditions To Improve

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Kansas City, August 28 (World Weather Inc.) – Several areas in northwestern Ukraine and Russia received enough rain during the past week to disrupt late-season winter crop harvesting and early-summer crop maturation and harvesting. No quality impacts were suspected, although several areas in northern and western Russia would benefit from drier weather in the near future. This includes the Russian New Lands. Unirrigated summer crops in southern Ukraine, the Volga River Basin, and USDA defined ‘Southern Region’ in Russia that have not started to mature would welcome a good shot of rain in the near future. A high-pressure ridge aloft will promote drier and warmer than normal conditions for a large section of Ukraine, western Russia, Belarus, and neighboring locations during the coming week while areas near and east of the Ural Mountains see a mix of rain and sunshine. Harvest and general fieldwork conditions will improve or remain favorable outside the wettest areas in Russia.

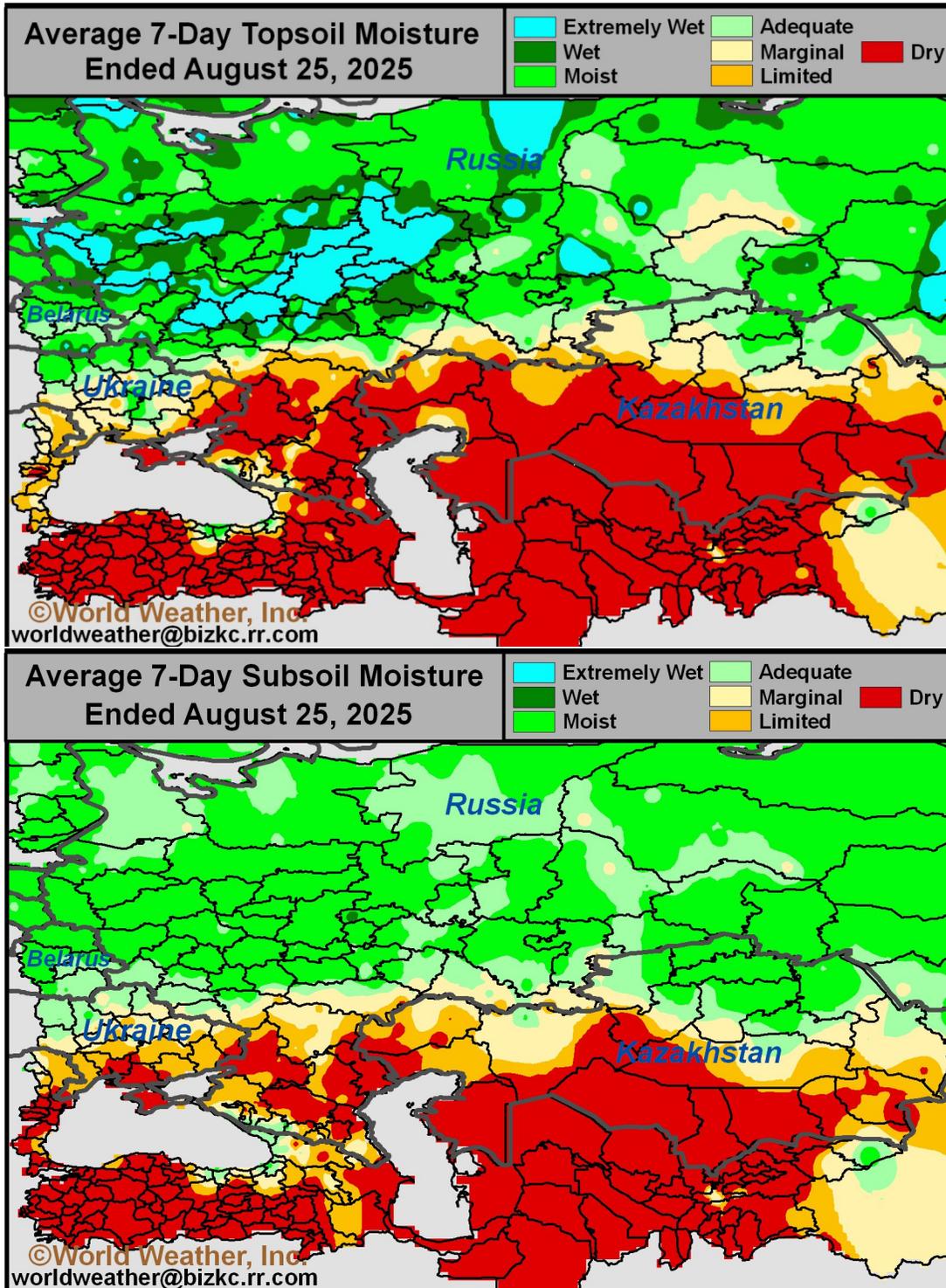
Central and northern Ukraine, Belarus, and western Russia saw a mix of rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending August 27 ranged from 0.83 to 31.5 inches. Portions of the Volga River Basin, USDA defined ‘Southern Region’, and Ural Mountains region received 0.20 to 1.57 inches of rain, though several areas received little to no precipitation. Western Kazakhstan and pockets in northern Kazakhstan, the eastern New Lands, and eastern Ukraine received 0.12 to 0.63 inch of moisture.



Soil moisture is short to critically short for the lower Volga River Basin and ‘Southern Region, eastern Ukraine, and western Kazakhstan despite spotty rain in recent

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days. Other locations in Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine into Belarus have adequate amounts of moisture.



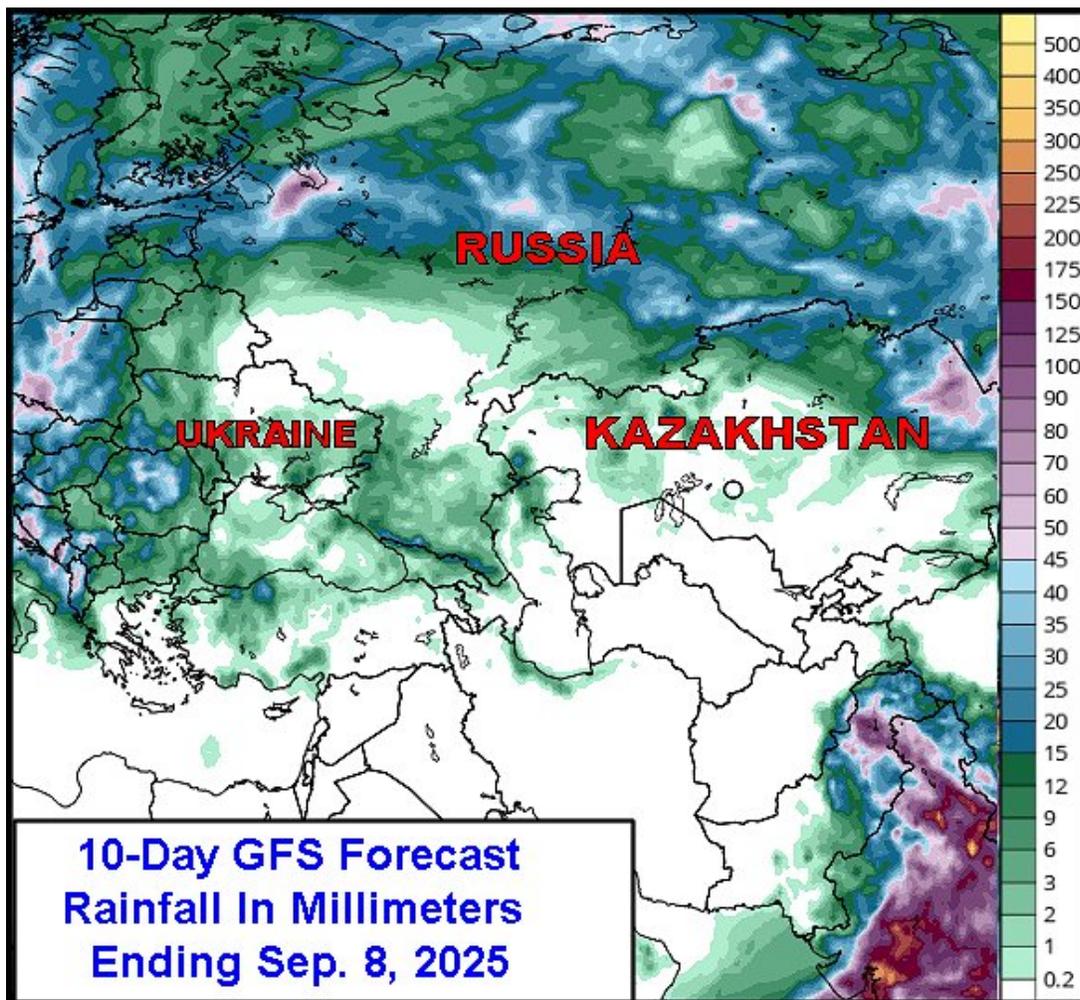
Winter wheat, barley, rye, and rapeseed harvesting should be winding down for much of Russia, Ukraine, western Kazakhstan, and Belarus. Recent rainfall may have

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slowed the harvest, though no major delays or quality impacts were suspected in most production areas.

*The earliest-planted summer grains and oilseeds are maturing and getting ready for harvest. Crop prospects are variable with some yield losses suspected in Ukraine and Russia's Volga River Basin and 'Southern Region' due to dryness. Other locations received enough rain or had enough moisture to support good late-season development in recent days. The need for drier weather will increase in the coming weeks as more crops mature and get ready for harvest.*

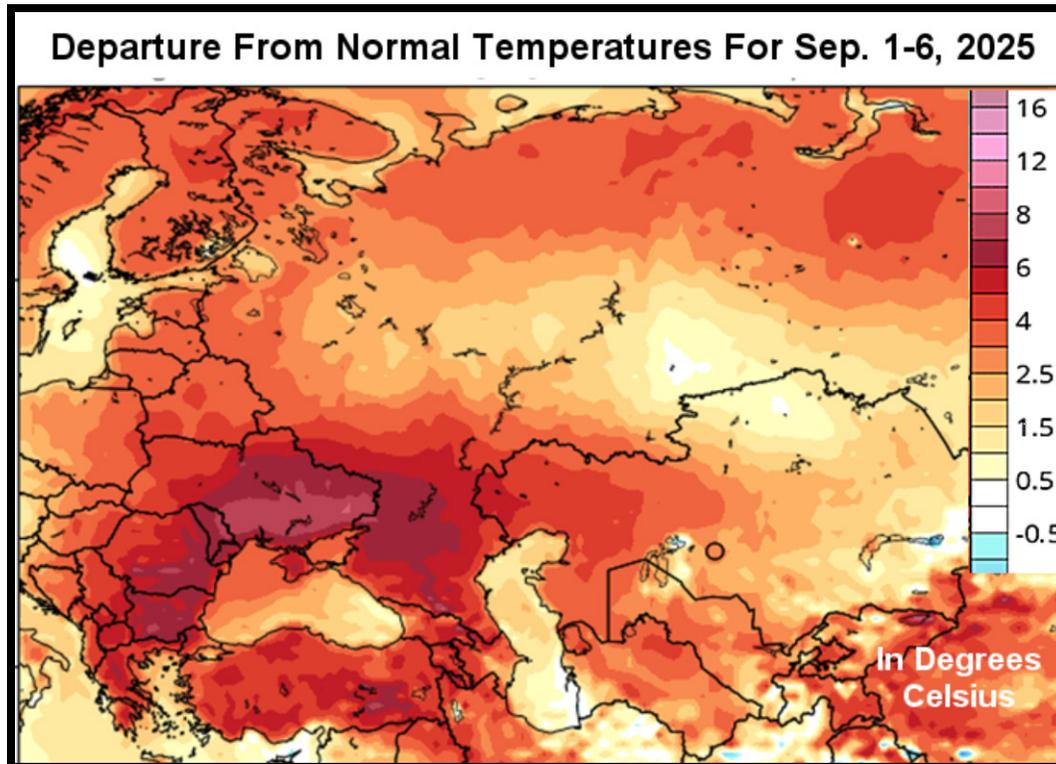
### WEATHER OUTLOOK



A high-pressure ridge will slowly build over western Russia and neighboring locations today into Friday. This ridge will meander around the region through at least the middle of next week despite a disturbance briefly making its way into the region later this weekend and early next week. As a result, precipitation will be restricted for portions of western Russia, Ukraine, and neighboring locations. A few locations in Ukraine, western Belarus and the 'Southern Region' will receive 0.25 to 0.75 inch of rain by next Thursday morning. However, most locations will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation.

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Areas near and east of the Ural Mountains into northern Kazakhstan and the eastern New Lands will otherwise see a mix of rain and sunshine. Moisture totals will range from 0.25 to 1.50 inches with drier pockets in the southern Ural Mountains region.



The ridge will help promote warmer-than-normal weather for Ukraine, areas near and west of the Ural Mountains in Russia, and Belarus during the coming week. Daytime highs will often reach the 70s and 80s Fahrenheit with many areas in the ‘Southern Region’ and neighboring locations often warming to the 90s. Highs elsewhere in Russia and northern Kazakhstan will be in the 60s and 70s with pockets in the 80s.

*The lack of rain and warmer-than-normal weather will promote a good environment for maturation and harvesting of the summer grains and oilseeds in western Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and western Kazakhstan. Late-season development conditions may deteriorate in the driest unirrigated fields of Ukraine, the Volga River Basin, and the ‘Southern Region’, which may further pressure production potentials lower.* Areas near and east of the Ural Mountains will otherwise see favorable late-season development conditions. Maturation and early-season harvesting will advance swiftly around periods of rain.

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