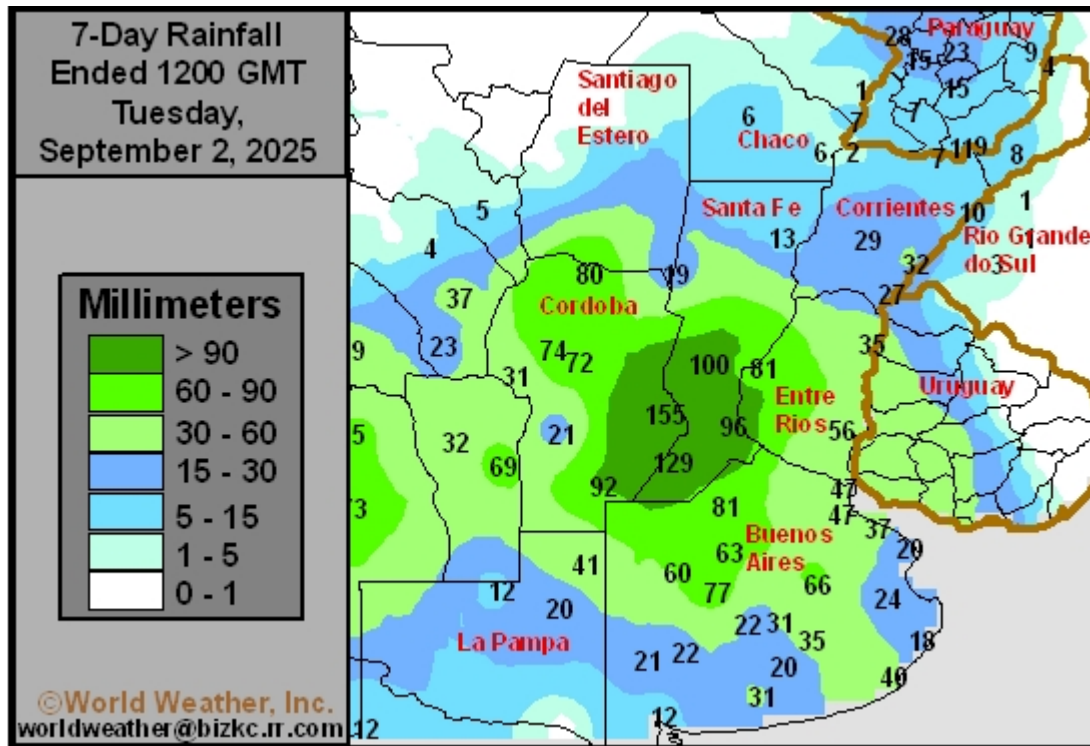


Western Argentina Dryness Greatly Eased By Weekend Rain

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Kansas City, September 2 (World Weather Inc.) – [The season's greatest rain fell in the western portions of Argentina during this past weekend bolstering topsoil for much improved wheat and barley establishment prior to the start of aggressive spring crop development.](#) A little farther to the east, though, the rain proved to be a little too much for some fields and local flooding resulted. Most of the weekend precipitation event will prove to be beneficial for winter and spring crop needs, but the late harvest of summer crops was disrupted for a little while. Drier weather has already returned to the region and it will prevail for the next ten days resulting in better field working conditions and eventual improved root and tiller development in the previously driest winter crop areas of the nation.

Cordoba and the southern half of Santa Fe received some of the most significant rain in Argentina during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.83 to 6.10 inches. Entre Rios, Buenos Aires, La Pampa, and San Luis received 0.79 to 3.19 inches of rain. Corrientes, northern Santa Fe, and southern fringes of Santiago del Estero received 0.51 to 1.26 inches of rain. Pockets in Chaco and Formosa received up to 0.28 inch of moisture.

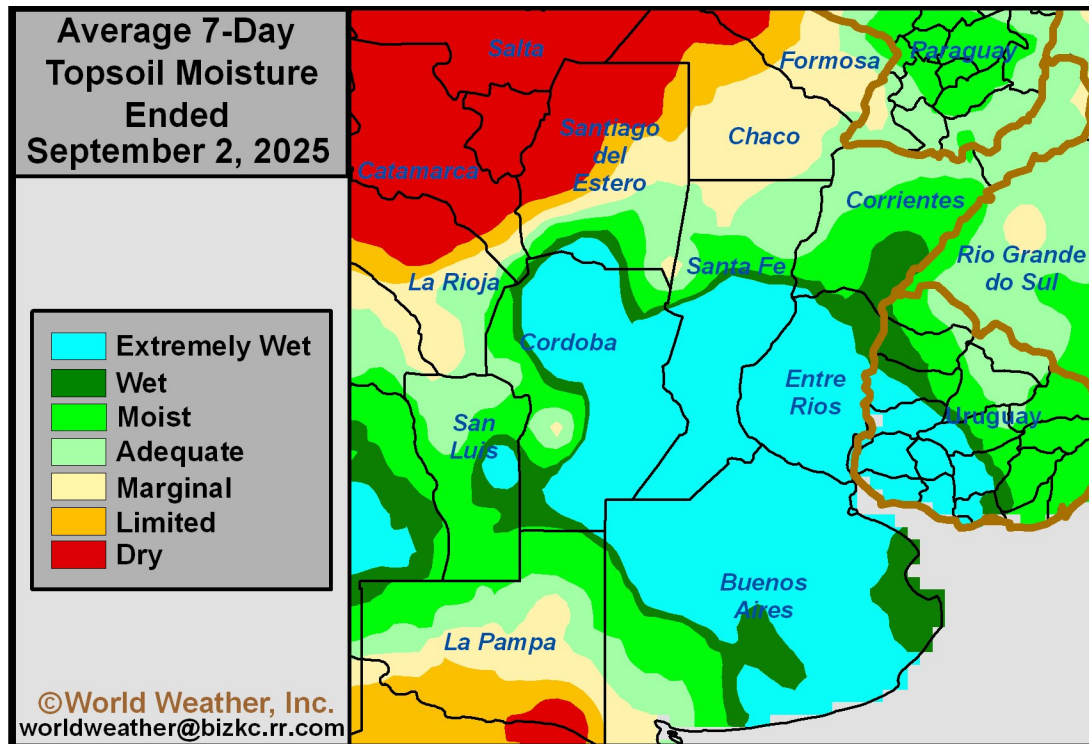


Soil moisture increased to adequate or excessive levels in much of Argentina. However, several locations in Santiago del Estero still have short or critically short soil moisture.

Winter wheat planting is virtually complete in Argentina. Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, and Entre Rios received enough rain over the planting season to support favorable establishment. Cordoba, San Luis and La Pampa were a little too dry for ideal conditions

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before this past week's rainfall. Overall, production potentials are now either favorable or improving.



Harvesting of the summer crops is generally complete. However, corn harvesting was not yet complete as of August 28 with 96% of the crop out of the ground. Recent precipitation may have slowed or delayed any harvesting that was not yet finished. Planting of next season's sunseed was also underway with 15% of the crop in the ground. [Rainfall in recent days was welcome for establishment and early-season development, though planting and general fieldwork may have advanced slowly in the wettest fields.](#)

Precipitation will be limited for a large section of Argentina during the coming week. A frontal boundary will still generate rain in Entre Rios, Corrientes, Chaco, and Formosa today into Thursday. Little to no rain will occur most other days. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.50 inches in Corrientes, northern Entre Rios, eastern Chaco, and Formosa. Other locations in Entre Rios and Chaco and extreme northeastern Santa Fe will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain. Other locations will be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Argentina will have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall September 10-16; though, a large section of crop country will be drier than usual.

Winter wheat prospects will remain favorable across Argentina because of sufficient soil moisture throughout the production region. Any summer crop harvesting that is not yet complete will advance under more favorable conditions weather conditions, although some of the wettest areas will need a few days of drying before producers are able to resume fieldwork. Early-season planting of the sunseed will advance swiftly as well.

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