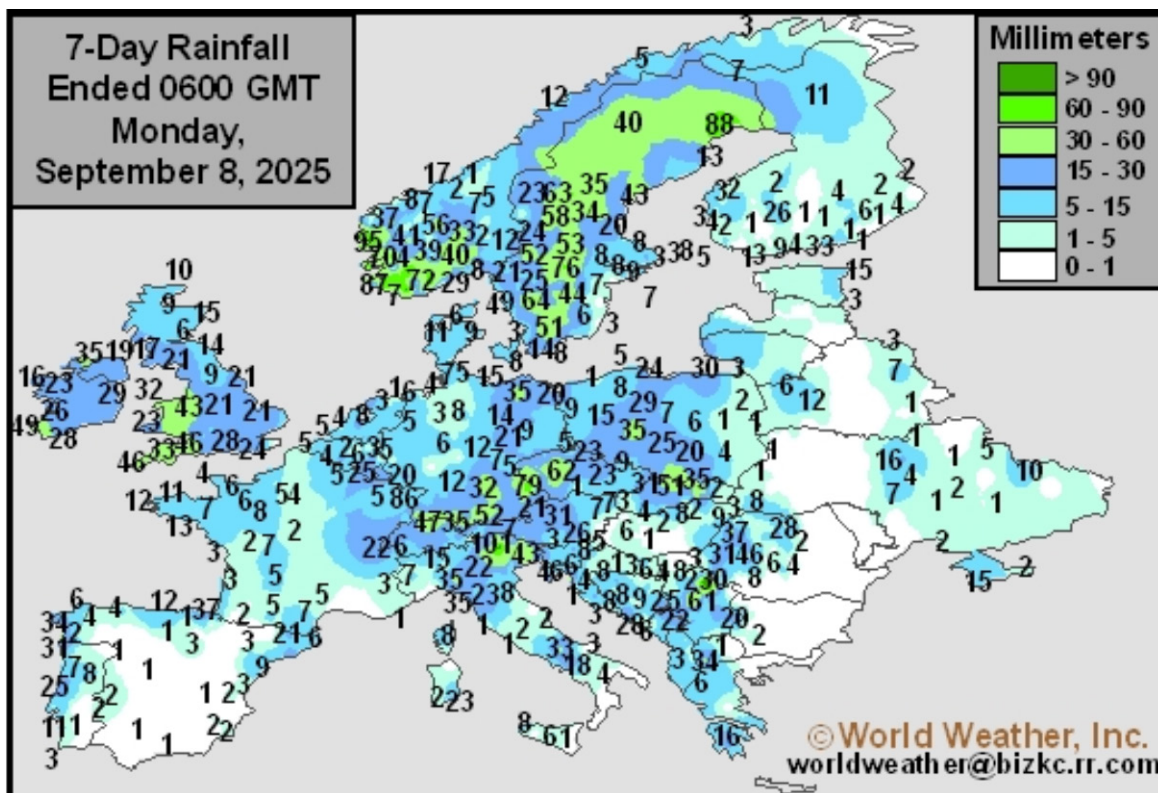


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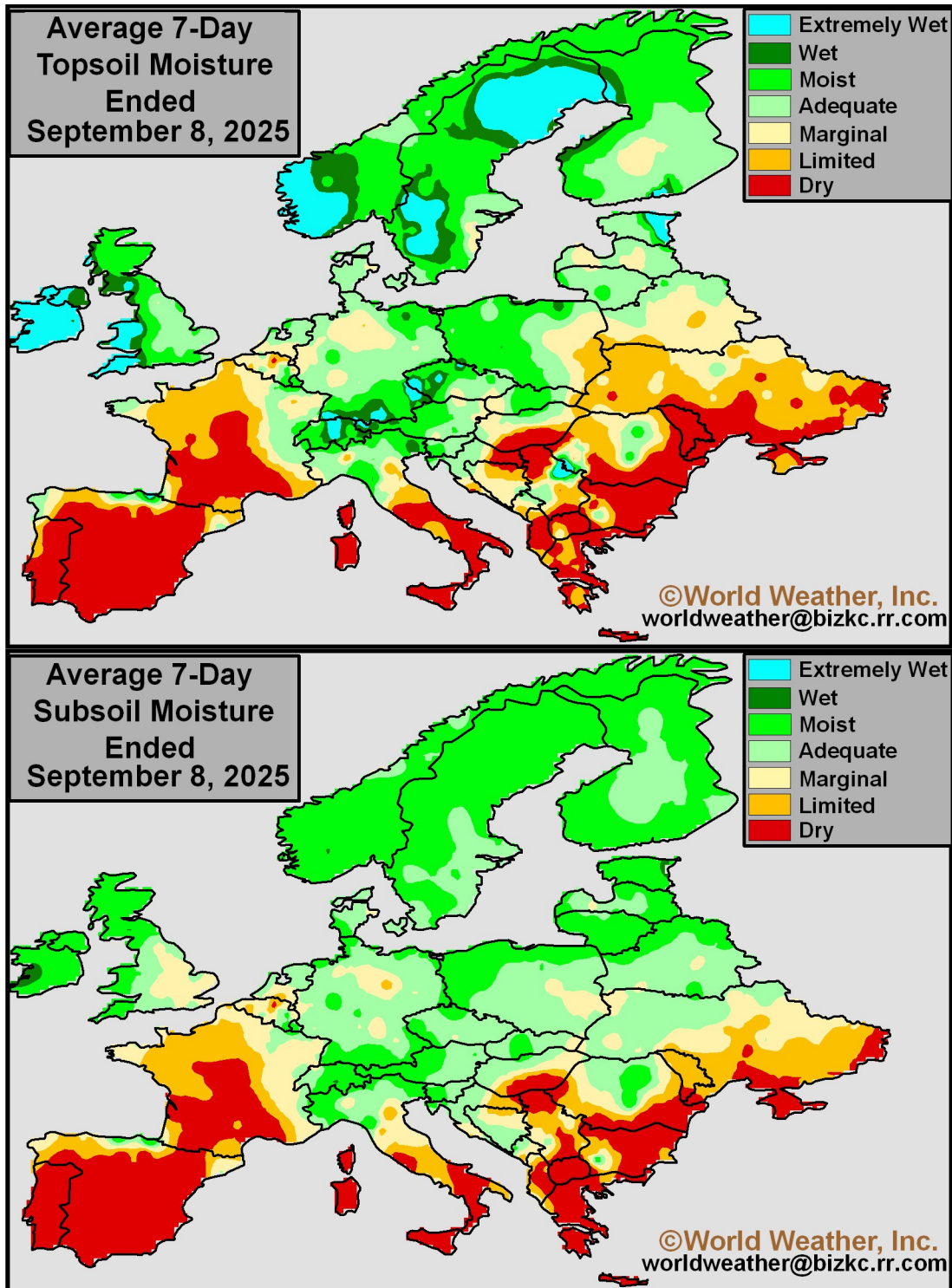
Kansas City, September 9 (World Weather Inc.) – Several areas in France and southeastern Europe remain too dry to support favorable late-season development for the summer grains and oilseeds. Other production areas in Europe received some rain during the past week, which was welcome for the crops that were still in the development stages. Yield potentials remain highly variable across the continent due to extended periods of dryness in France and southeastern Europe. *The main production areas will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the coming week with portions of Eastern Europe receiving significant moisture. The rain will be too late to impact yields in the driest locations of France and southeastern Europe. Maturation and early-season harvesting may advance slowly in the wettest locations as well. The rain will otherwise be welcome for the winter crops that will be planted in the coming weeks.*

Rainfall varied across the main production areas in Europe during the past week. Portions of Poland, Germany, northern Italy, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Serbia, western Romania, and neighboring locations received 0.24 to 1.81 inches of rain with local amounts up to 3.11 inches for the seven-day period ending September 8. Pockets in Ukraine, Belarus, Croatia, France, Belgium, Netherlands, northern Spain, and Portugal received 0.12 to 0.63 inch of rain with local amounts up to 1.00 inch. The remaining locations received little to no rain. Temperatures were often warmer than usual with highest readings in the 80s and lower 90s Fahrenheit. However, much of the United Kingdom and Ireland only saw highest readings in the 60s and 70s.



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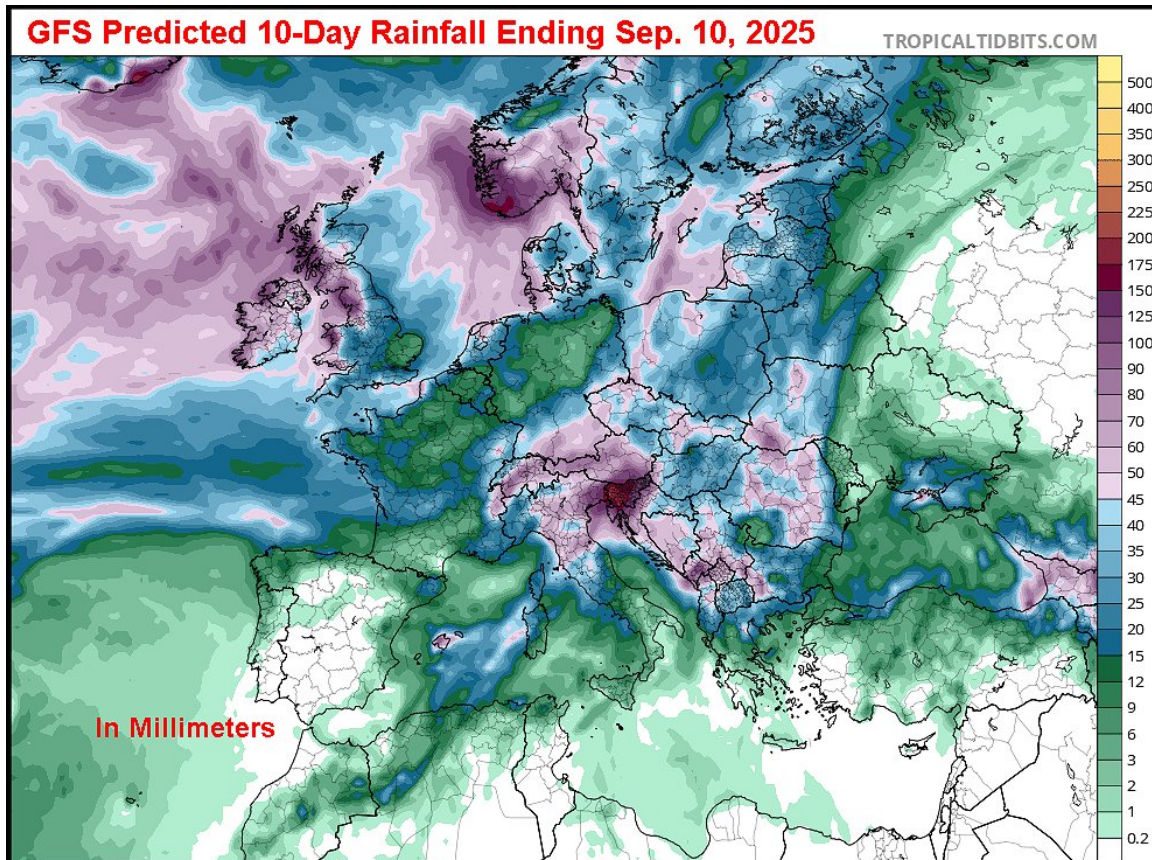
Soil moisture remains short or marginally adequate in a large section of France, southern Italy, Ukraine, and portions of southeastern Europe. The Iberian Peninsula remains critically dry. Other locations in Europe have adequate or marginally adequate moisture.



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The precipitation in Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, Serbia, western Romania, and neighboring locations was welcome to crops still in the developmental stages while it was a little late for the earlier-maturing crops in southeastern Europe, which have struggled with dryness in recent weeks. France, Ukraine, and the remaining portions of southeastern Europe were otherwise too dry for ideal late-season growth and production potentials continued to decline.

EUROPE WEATHER OUTLOOK



An upper-level trough of low pressure will meander around the northeastern Atlantic Ocean during the coming week. The trough will send disturbances into mainland Europe that will promote alternating periods of rain and sunshine. The United Kingdom and Ireland, The Baltic States, Poland, and western Belarus into western Ukraine, northwestern Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, and neighboring areas in the Balkans region will receive 0.50 to 3.00 inches of rain with locally greater amounts by next Tuesday morning. France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, and most other locations in southeastern Europe will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with local amounts of 1.50 inches or more. The Iberian Peninsula and most other locations in Ukraine and Belarus will either be dry or not receive enough rain to impact long-term soil conditions. Europe will again see a mix of precipitation and sunshine September 17 – 23, though southern Europe will likely trend a little drier than usual.

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The waves of rain in Europe in the coming week will generally occur too late in the growing season to have much of an impact on summer crop production. The lack of moisture in unirrigated fields during late summer caused many crops to mature earlier than usual and production potentials remain less than favorable in dryland fields of France and southeastern Europe. There is some concern over crop quality in areas that receive significant rain.

In the meantime, *the precipitation will help improve or keep soil moisture at adequate levels in portions of Eastern Europe, the United Kingdom, and neighboring locations. Winter grain and oilseed planting conditions will get off to a good start for these locations due to the additional rain. Many areas in France, Ukraine, Belarus, and neighboring locations will otherwise remain too dry to support ideal early-season planting. Producers may wait for better rainfall before putting a significant amount of crop in the ground.*

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