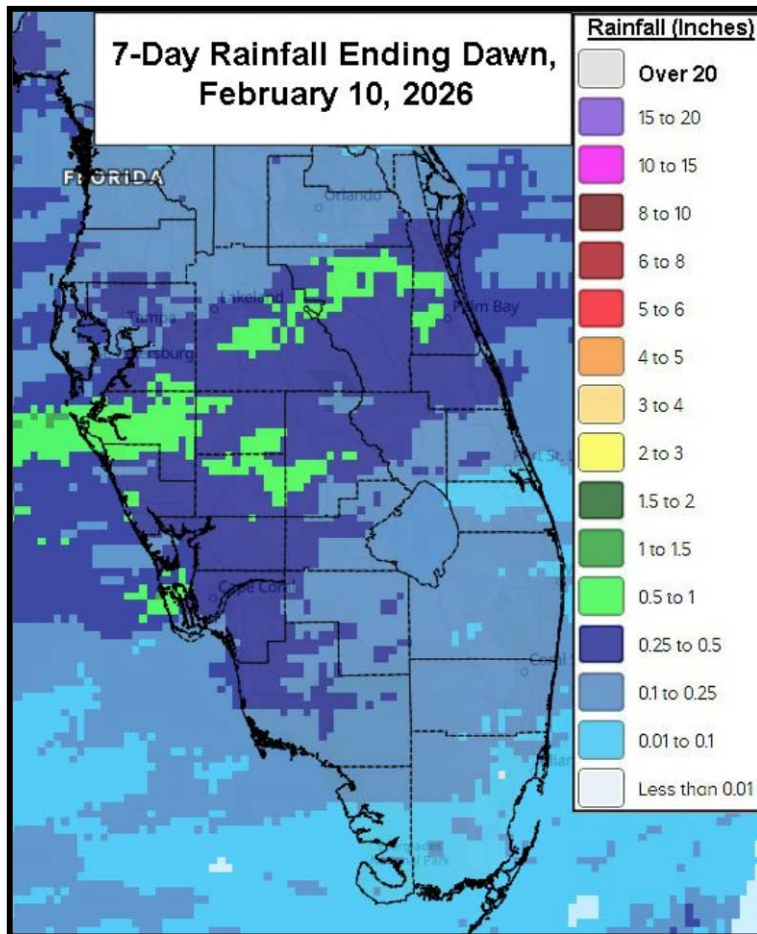


# Weekly Citrus Weather

By Andrew Owen

Kansas City, February 10 (World Weather Inc.) – *Frost and light freezes were again noted at times in Florida during the past week. Temperatures were not as cold as those in the previous week with lowest readings generally in the upper 20s and 30s Fahrenheit. Additional citrus damage was likely minimal. Florida will now experience seasonable to seasonably warm weather during the coming week with periods of erratic rain. Drought will continue across the state.* Brazil's citrus areas saw several waves of rain during the past week with more on the way during the coming week. Citrus prospects will remain relatively favorable. Mexico's citrus areas will receive little or no rain during the coming week. The need for timely precipitation is increasing as citrus trees begin to flower.

## FLORIDA



The main citrus areas in Florida saw a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.10 to 0.50 inch with local amounts up to 1.00 inch from Manatee and Sarasota Counties into Brevard County. Rainfall may have briefly disrupted harvesting and general farming activity.

Temperatures again fluctuated between warm and cool across Florida's citrus country during the past week. Daytime highs only reached the 50s and lower 60s February 5 and were only in the 60s February 3 and again February 6. Highs most other days during the past week reached the upper 60s and 70s. Low temperatures February 4 and again February 8-9 were in the 30s and lower 40s. Lows February 5 increased

to the 40s and lower 50s before dropping to the upper 20s and 30s February 6. Lows most other days were in the 40s and lower 50s with pockets in the upper 30s. *While frost and light freezes were noted at times during the past week, most areas did not see extended periods of damaging cold weather.* Assessments are still ongoing for the amount of damage that occurred from the outbreak of cold weather late in January and early in February. *The*

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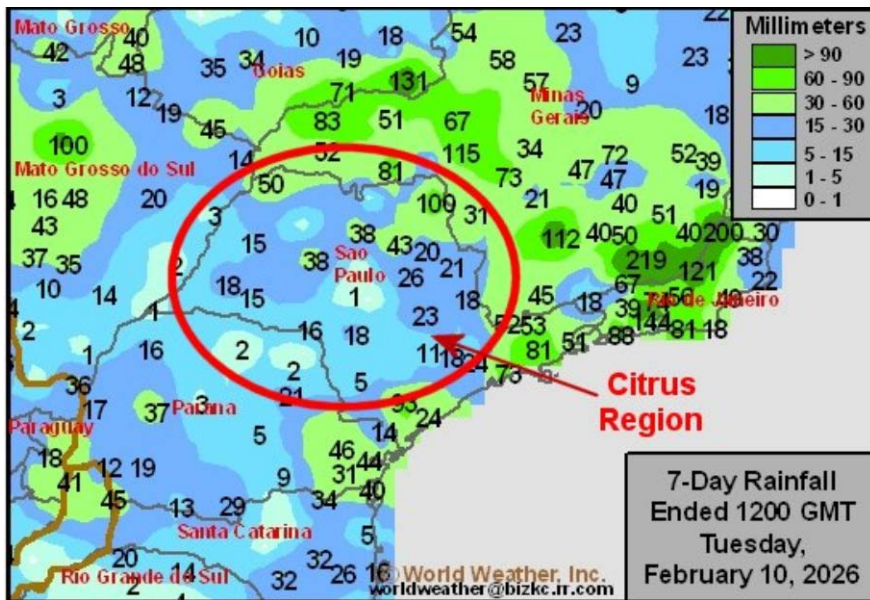
## periods of cold in recent days likely had minimal impact on unharvested citrus and general conditions for the trees.

Florida's citrus region will have a few opportunities for rain during the coming week. Light showers will occur in a few pockets late Wednesday and Thursday with the passage of a weak cold front. Light rain will linger in a few locations near the Atlantic coastline Friday and Saturday. A stronger disturbance tracking from the southern Plains into the U.S. southeast will then generate more widespread rain late Sunday and Monday. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25 to 1.00 inch with drier pockets in southern fringes of citrus country. Rainfall early next week may be enough to slow harvesting and general farming activity, though no major delays are expected.

Seasonable to seasonably warm weather is slated for Florida during the coming week. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s and lower 80s most often with pockets only warming to the upper 60s Monday and next Tuesday. Nighttime lows will be in the 50s and lower 60s with pockets cooling to the upper 40s Wednesday and Thursday.

## BRAZIL

Southwestern Minas Gerais and northern Sao Paulo received the most significant rain in Brazil's main citrus areas during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 1.50 to 4.00 inches. Other areas in Sai Paulo received 0.43 to 1.69 inches of rain. Temperatures were near to above normal with highest readings in the upper 80s and 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 60s. Precipitation in



recent weeks was enough to maintain a good environment for citrus development.

Rain will be scattered across the main citrus areas on a near daily basis during the coming week. A frontal boundary will promote more significant rain for several locations later Friday into Saturday while lighter amounts of rain occur most other days. Moisture

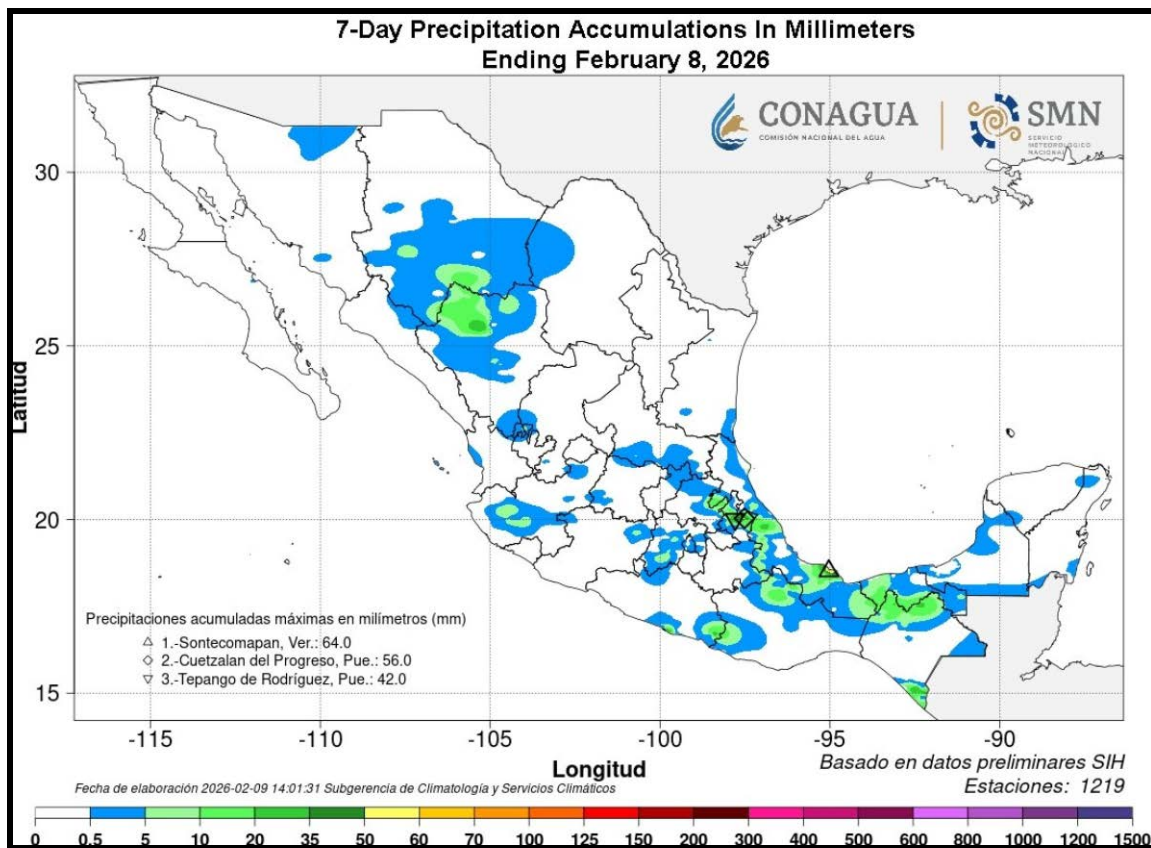
totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 1.00 to 3.00 inches and locally greater amounts. Temperatures will be near to slightly above normal. Daytime highs will peak in the upper 70s and 80s with pockets in western Sao Paulo often warming to the lower 90s. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s.

Rainfall through early next week will help bolster soil moisture and maintain relatively favorable conditions for new growth. Overall, production potentials will remain mostly unchanged.

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## MEXICO

Veracruz and a few locations in northern and southwestern Oaxaca and eastern Puebla saw a mix of erratic rain and sunshine in recent days. Rainfall for the seven-day period ending February 8 ranged from trace amounts to 0.39 inch with local amounts of 0.79 inch or slightly more. Other citrus areas in northeastern, east-central, and western Mexico received little to no rain. Temperatures were warm with highest readings in the 70s and 80s with pockets along the western coast often warming to the lower 90s. Lowest temperatures were in the 40s and 50s. The lack of significant rain was beneficial for any harvesting and general farming activity that is ongoing. More widespread rain would otherwise be welcome in the coming weeks as flowering begins and expands.



Precipitation will be limited for much of Mexico's citrus areas during the coming week. Spotty rain will still occur at times in Veracruz, Oaxaca, and neighboring areas through Friday. A weak frontal boundary will also generate light and erratic rain over the weekend. Portions of Veracruz, northern and southwestern Oaxaca, and eastern Puebla will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain with locally greater amounts by next Tuesday morning. Other areas will either be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Temperatures will be warm with daytime highs in the upper 70s and 80s. Pockets in western and northeastern Mexico will also warm to the lower 90s. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in northeastern and east-central Mexico often cooling to the 40s.

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*The environment will remain mostly unchanged for flowering in much of Mexico during the coming week. East-central Mexico will have some moisture for trees while northeastern and western Mexico would benefit from increased rainfall, especially in rain-fed areas.*

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