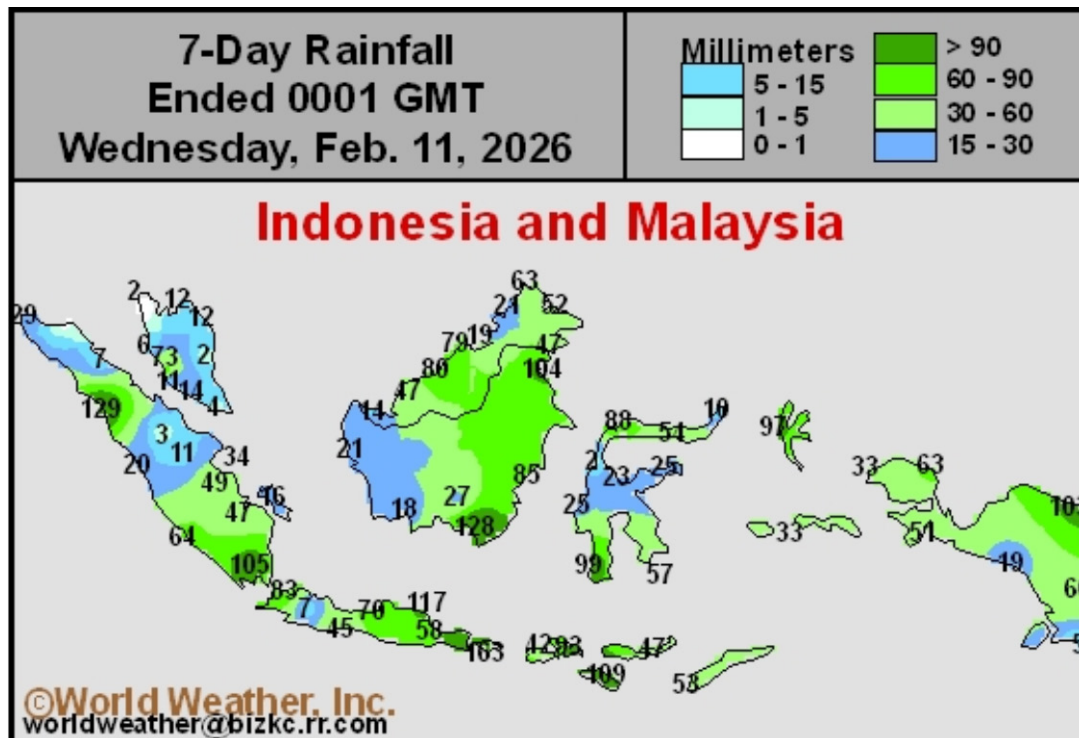


Indonesia, Malaysia To See Waves Of Rain In Coming Week

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Kansas City, February 11 (World Weather Inc.) – *Timely rain in Indonesia and Malaysia in recent weeks continued to support a good environment for rice, corn, sugarcane, oil palm coconut, coffee, tea, rubber and a host of other crops produced this time of year.* Only a few locations in Peninsular Malaysia are a little too dry for ideal conditions and would welcome a boost in rain. Waves of precipitation are slated for both countries through the middle of next week that will bolster or keep soil moisture at adequate to excessive levels. *Crop conditions will remain favorable. Harvesting of the main-season crops may otherwise advance slowly in the wettest areas.* In the **Philippines**, Mindanao and many areas in northern Luzon Island were drier biased in January. *Tropical disturbances promoted periods of heavy rain in portions of southern Luzon and the Visayan Islands in January, which may have damaged a small amount of crops.* Mindanao and northwestern parts of Luzon Island will remain drier biased through the middle of next week while other areas in the Philippines see a mix of rain and sunshine.

Rain was often scattered across **Indonesia** and **Malaysia** during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.75 to 4.00 inches with local amounts up to 6.42 inches in southern Kalimantan and eastern Java. Several areas in Peninsular Malaysia and pockets in northern Sumatra also only received up to 0.50 inch of rain. Peninsular Malaysia was drier than usual in January with much of the region receiving less than 50% of normal rainfall. Indonesia and the remaining locations in Malaysia otherwise received near to above normal rainfall.

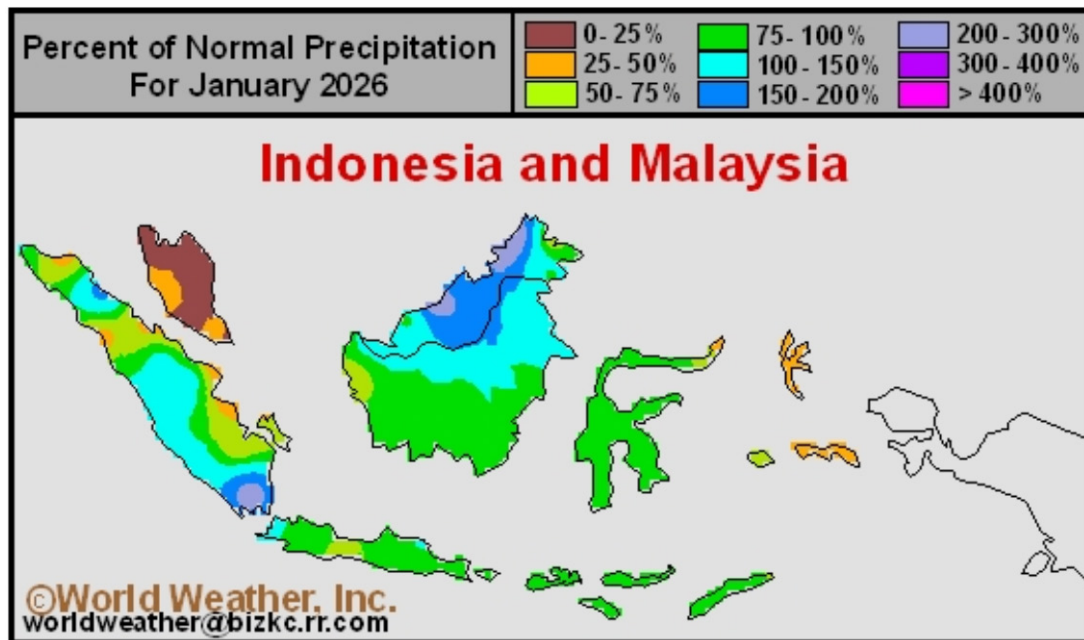


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Indonesia and Malaysia have enough moisture and received enough rain in recent weeks to support a good environment for all crops in the region. Second-season rice is planted in February and March and most locations had enough moisture for aggressive establishment. Harvesting of the main-season crops likely advanced well around the periods of erratic rain. Overall production potentials are favorable, despite some bouts of flooding rain previous weeks and months.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Waves of rain are slated for Indonesia and Malaysia through the middle of next week. Rain will be scattered across both countries on a daily basis in part due to a Madden-Julian Oscillation wave advancing over the Indian Ocean in the coming days. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 1.00 to 4.00 inches with locally greater amounts in Java and Sumatra. Drier than usual weather will likely evolve February 19 – 25 due to the positive of the MJO, though periods of erratic rain will continue.



Rainfall in the coming days will help maintain a good environment for the grains, oilseeds, and other crops that are still developing across Indonesia and Malaysia. Production potentials will remain favorable. Harvesting and general fieldwork may otherwise advance slowly through the middle of next week due to the frequent rainfall. A gradual reduction in rain during the second week of the outlook will improve harvest conditions.

PHILIPPINES WEATHER AND CROP CONDITIONS

In the Philippines, rainfall during the past week varied significantly across the country. Samar Island, southeastern Luzon Island, and northern Mindanao received 3.50 to 7.05 inches of rain with local amounts up to 11.06 inches for the seven-day period

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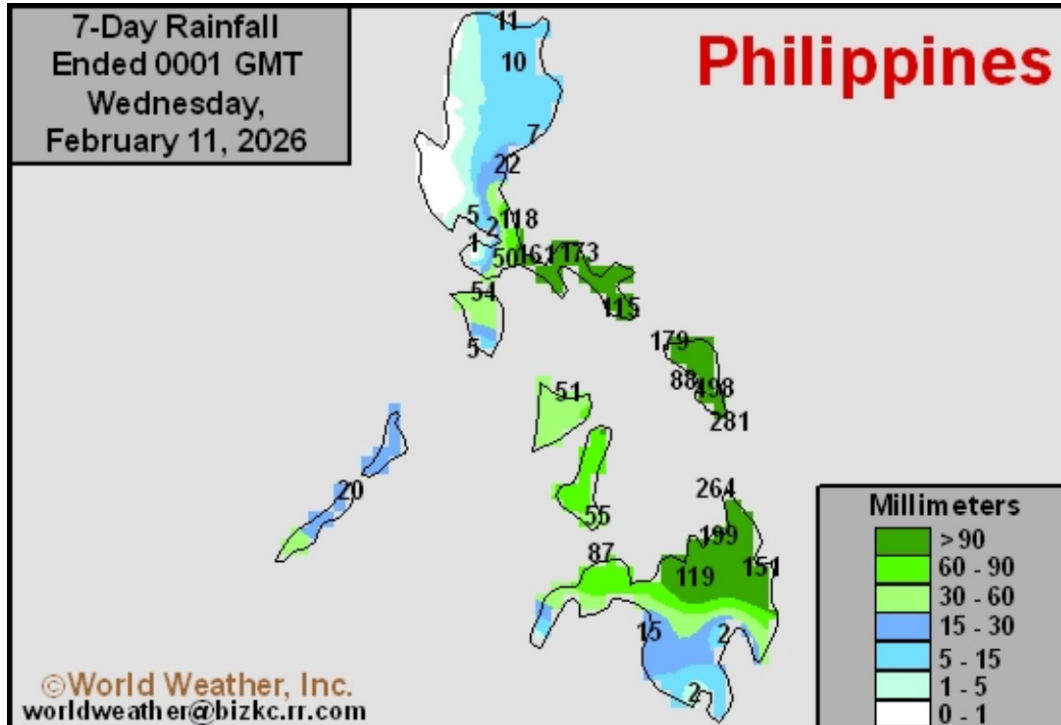
ending this morning. One location in Samar Island also reported 19.61 inches of rain.

Other areas in the Visayan Islands and a few locations in south-central Luzon received 0.79 to 4.65 inches of rain. The remainder of the Philippines received trace amounts to 0.59 inch of rain with drier pockets in western Luzon.

Southern Luzon and the Visayan Islands were generally wetter than usual in January with many areas receiving more than 200% of normal rainfall. Mindanao and northern Luzon were drier than usual.

Tropical disturbances promoted waves of heavy rain for portions of the Visayan Islands and southern Luzon in January. Some crop and property damage resulted in areas of excessive rain; though, overall losses were suspected of being low relative to the nation as a whole. Harvesting was delayed by the wetter periods and some crop quality declines were suspected for rice and other crops vulnerable to such conditions during the harvest and maturation period. Late-season development and harvest conditions were more favorable in the remaining production areas of the Philippines due to the drier than usual weather.

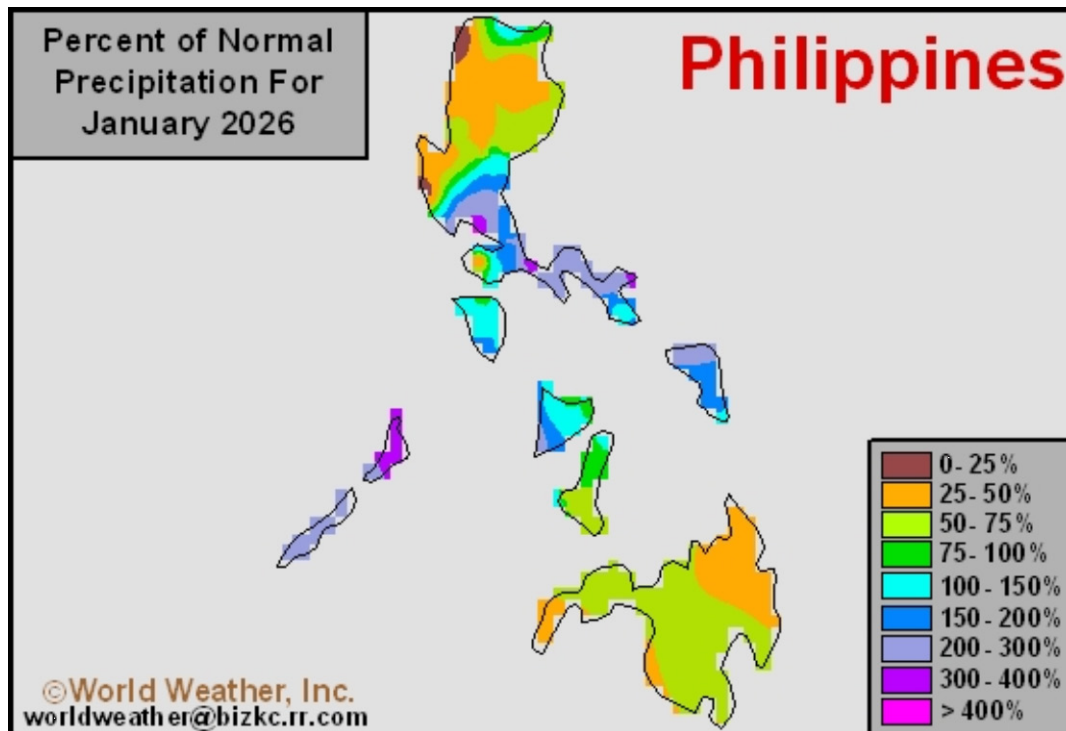
The **Philippines** will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. The Visayan Islands and Luzon Island will receive the most significant rain with totals ranging from 0.50 to 3.00 inches and local amounts of 6.00 inches or slightly more in Samar Island and southeastern Luzon. Portions of southwestern and west-central Luzon will also only receive trace amounts to 0.50 inch of rain. Mindanao will be drier biased and will only receive trace amounts to 0.75 inch of rain. Precipitation potentials could then increase across the Philippines February 19 – 25 due to the positive of the Madden-Julian Oscillation.



Harvesting of the second-season rice, corn, and other crops will likely advance around the periods of rain in the Philippines through the middle of next week. Minor

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delays will be possible in the wettest locations of Samar Island and southern Luzon Island, though crop impacts should be minimal. Increased rainfall during the second week of the outlook could also slow harvesting and general fieldwork across the country.



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