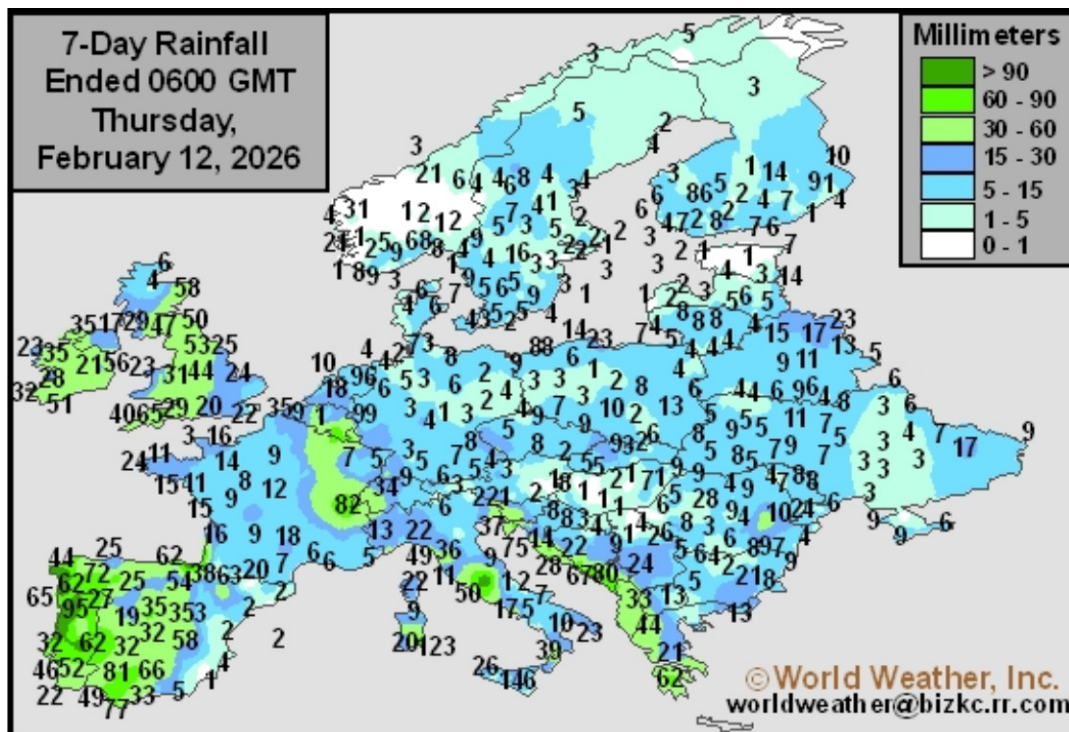


# Western Europe Flood Threats High As Precipitation Persists

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Kansas City, February 12 (World Weather Inc.) – Portugal and several areas in Spain and France were inundated with rain since early this month. A large section of Europe already experienced wetter than usual conditions in January and continued rainfall since then caused severe flooding in several locations in Western Europe. Damage to infrastructure was noted and standing water is likely a concern for several agricultural regions. Wet weather will prevail for at least another week to ten days, notably from France, the United Kingdom, and Ireland into portions of Germany, Italy, and southeastern Europe. The ground will remain saturated for several locations and additional flooding is likely. Europe’s main agricultural areas have ample moisture for planting this spring, which may get off to a sluggish start or be delayed if wet weather continues through March. The need for drier and warmer weather will increase late this month and early this spring to improve early-season planting potentials and winter grain and oilseed development.

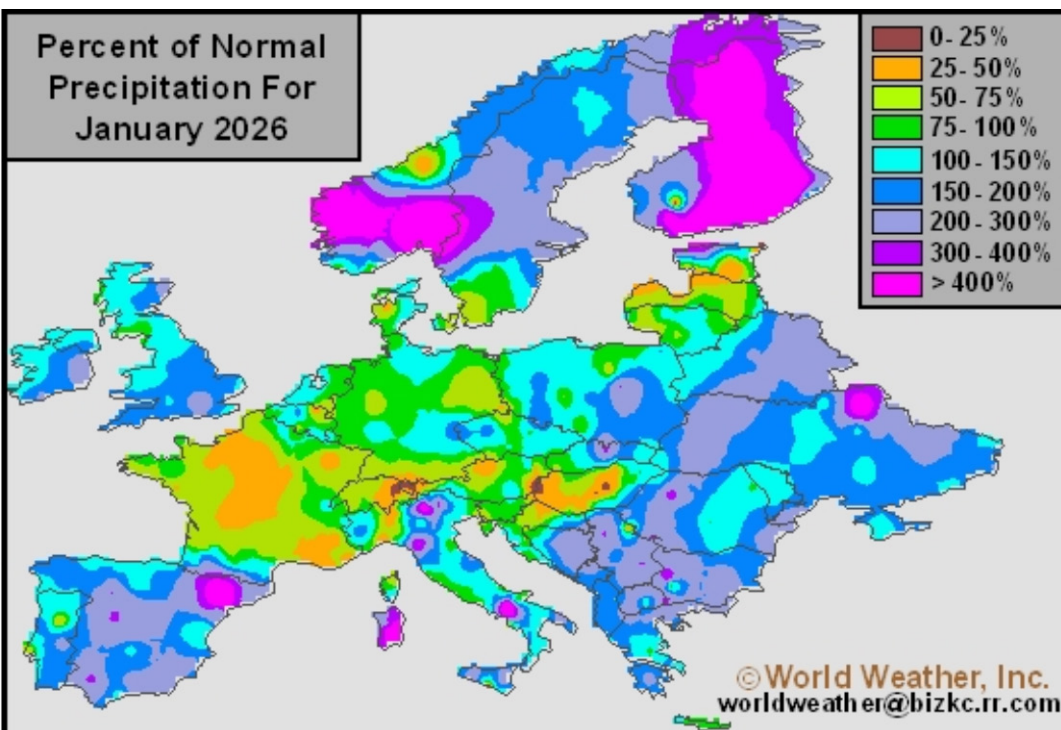
Varying amounts of precipitation were noted across Europe during the past week. Several areas in Spain, Portugal, eastern France, the United Kingdom, and Ireland received 1.35 to 3.75 inches of rain with local amounts up to 6.77 inches in Portugal for the seven-day period ending this morning. Several areas along the Adriatic Sea and in central Italy received 0.50 to 3.00 inches of rain with locally greater amounts. The remaining locations in Europe generally received 0.20 to 1.00 inch of moisture with drier pockets. Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic States, and several areas in Poland and Germany had snow on the ground as of February 11. Other production areas in Europe were relatively snow-free.



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**Many areas in Europe are saturated with moisture after waves of precipitation were noted since the beginning of the year.** A large section of Europe outside portions of France and German experienced wetter or much wetter than usual conditions in January with waves of precipitation continuing so far in February. **Significant flooding was noted in Portugal and Spain, along with a few pockets in France and the United Kingdom.**

While damage to crops was likely minimal in Western Europe in recent weeks due to flooding and excess moisture, the need for drier and warmer weather is high. Standing water and damage to infrastructure may slow or delay early-season planting and general fieldwork this spring in some of the wettest locations; although, there is plenty of time for the weather to change in the next few weeks. Winter grain and oilseed development may get off to a sluggish start as well. Wet weather diseases for winter crops will also be possibility later this spring if there is not sufficient drying.

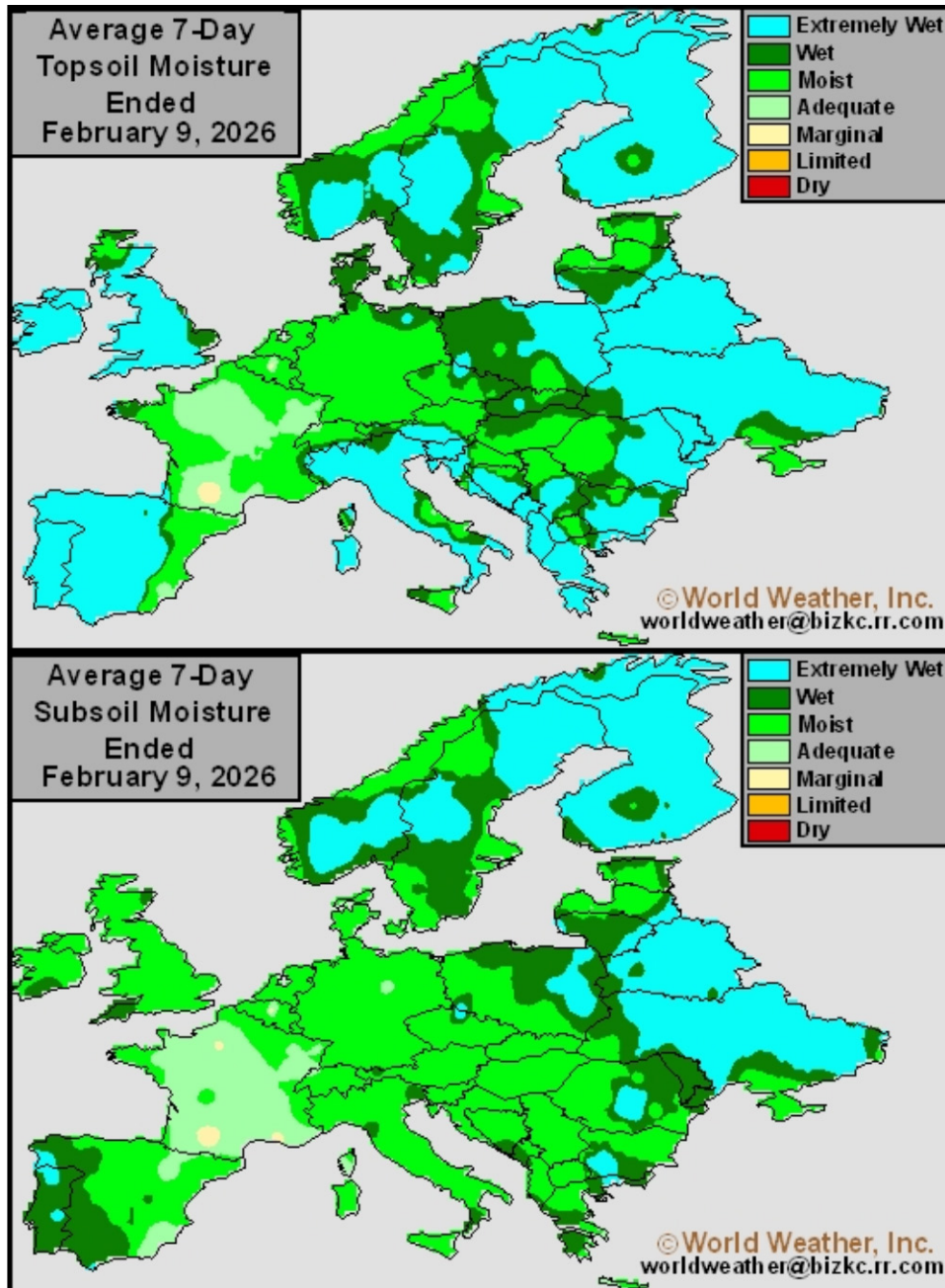


### **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**The wet weather pattern will persist for a large section of Europe during the coming week.** A strong upper-level low-pressure trough will bring precipitation from west to east across the continent today through this weekend. Another disturbance will bring precipitation from west to east this weekend through Tuesday. Yet another system will likely impact Western Europe toward the middle of next week as well. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 1.00 to 4.00 inches with locally greater amounts in France, northern fringes of Spain, northern Portugal, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, western and southern Germany, Bulgaria, and areas along the Adriatic Sea in southeastern Europe. Other production areas in Europe will receive 0.50 to 2.00 inches of moisture with drier pockets.

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Precipitation will often fall as snow or a wintry mixture of precipitation types in a large section of Europe during the coming week. Most of the snow will fall in the east and in the higher elevated areas in central parts of the continent. *Many areas in Ukraine, the Baltic States, Belarus, and southeastern Europe will see 2 to 6 inches of snow accumulate with local amounts of 10 inches or slightly more. Light snow will also accumulate in portions of Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.*



Disturbances will continue to make their way across Europe February 20 – 26. These systems will again promote waves of precipitation for a large section of Europe’s main production region.

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*Waves of precipitation in the coming week will keep the ground saturated for a large section of Europe. Flash flooding will be a concern in France, northern Spain, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, and areas along the Adriatic Sea, which may damage infrastructure.* The need for drier and warmer weather will remain high heading into March to support better early-season fieldwork and winter crop prospects.

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