

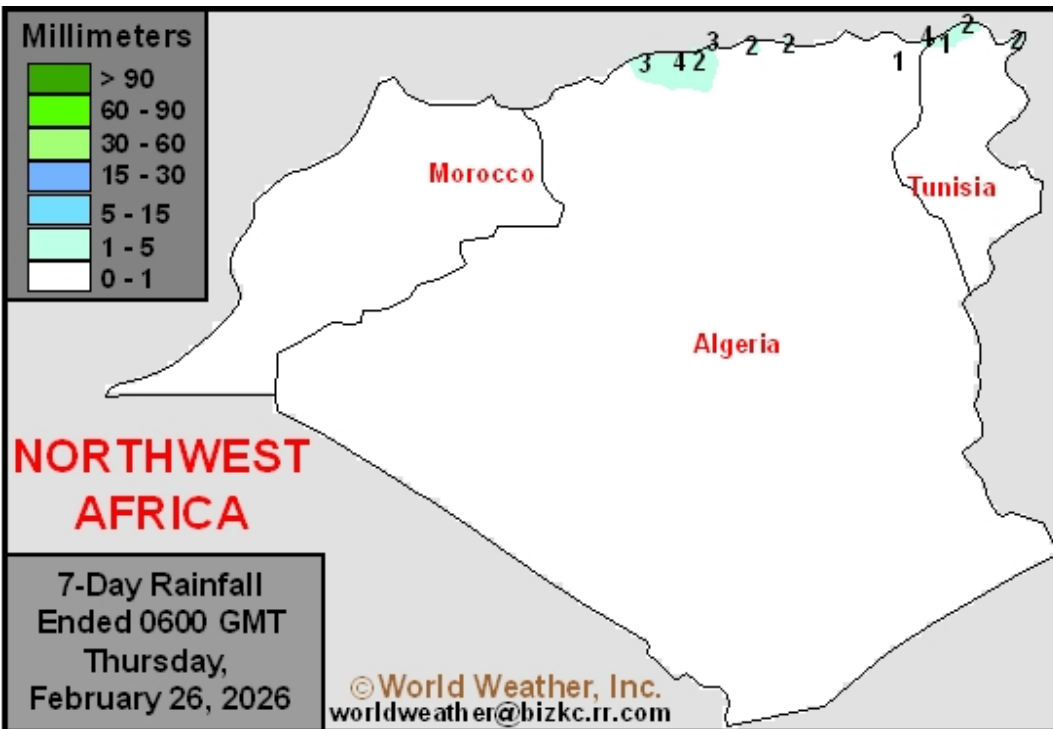
# Morocco Rainfall To Resume Next Week

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Kansas City, February 27 (World Weather Inc.) – *Drying has been occurring across North Africa during the past week to nearly ten days. The drier bias was welcome after weeks of frequent rainfall impacted the region from Morocco to Algeria. The wetter bias has already greatly improved production potentials for 2026 relative to the past few years. Drying in this most recent week was more beneficial than detrimental and since Morocco and parts of Algeria will get back involved with rain over the next week to ten days the entire scenario for early season crop development continues to look quite favorable.*

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Pockets along the Algerian and Tunisian coastlines received up to 0.16 inch of rain for the seven-day period ending Thursday morning. However, a large section of northwestern Africa's main winter wheat, barley, and oilseed areas were mostly dry during the past week. The moisture profile remains favorable across the region despite the lack of recent rainfall. Morocco and northern sections of Algeria and Tunisia still received near to above normal precipitation for the 30-day period ending February 23. A few locations in central and north-central Morocco and pockets in Algeria received two to four times normal precipitation.

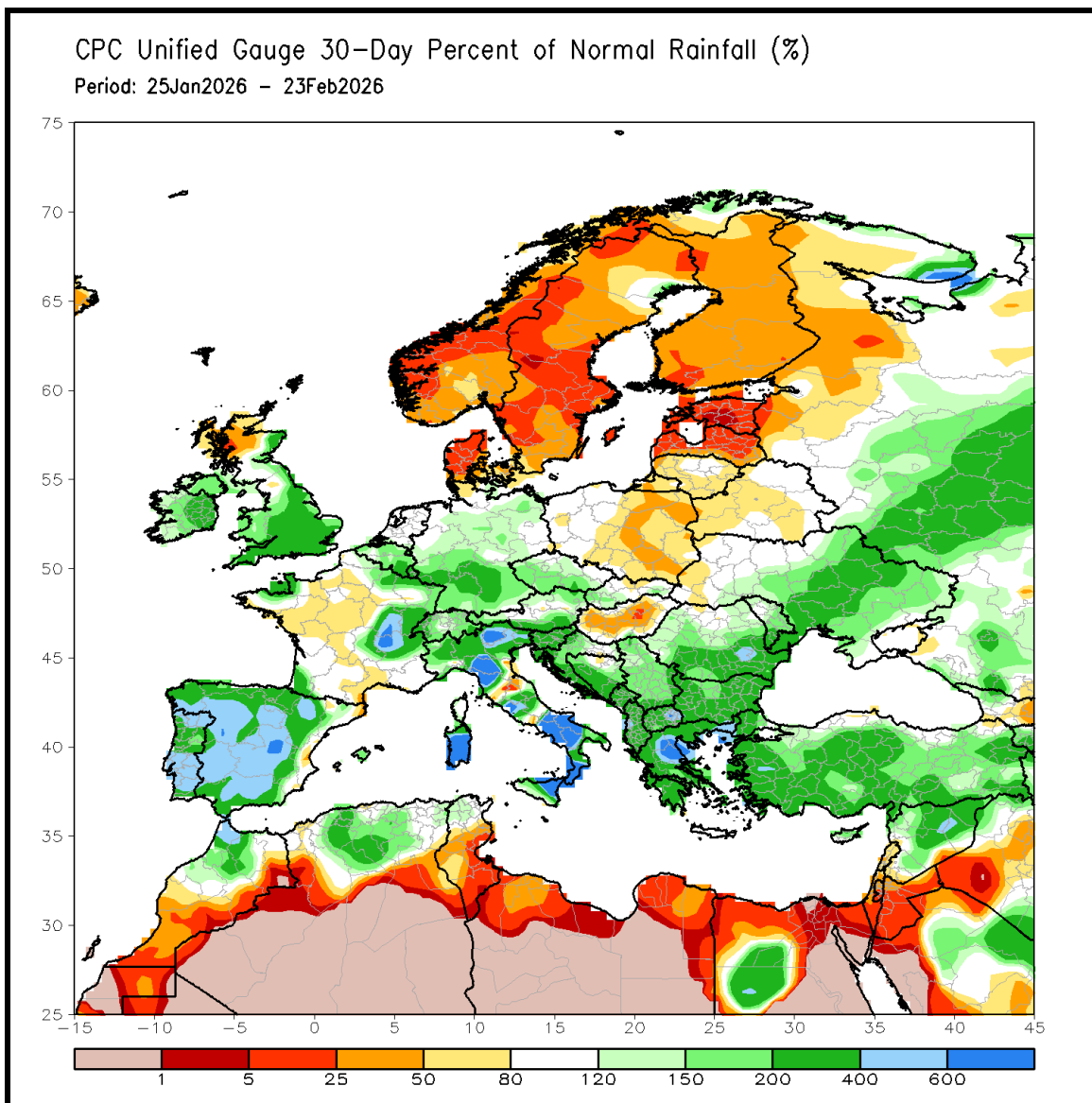


Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia still had ample moisture to support favorable development conditions during the past week despite the lack of rain. Yield potentials remain far greater than in recent past years, especially in Morocco where drought improved or was even erased. As long as periods of spotty rain continue in the coming weeks, the outlook for the upcoming season will remain good.

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Spotty rain will occur in Morocco over the weekend while Algeria and Tunisia remain dry. A disturbance tracking across the northeastern Atlantic Ocean will then promote spotty rain for several locations at the beginning and middle of next week. Morocco's production region will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain with local amounts up to 2.00 inches by next Friday. Pockets in Algeria will receive 0.25 to 0.75 inch of rain, though much of crop country will receive little or no rain. Tunisia will also be mostly dry outside a few spotty showers. Much of northwestern Africa will then have a few opportunities for erratic precipitation March 6 – 12.

*The periods of erratic rain will maintain a favorable outlook for the winter grains and oilseeds across Morocco. Algeria and Tunisia will likely dry down marginally, even if rain potentials increase during the second week of the outlook. Grain and oilseeds conditions will remain generally favorable for these locations despite the lack of abundant rain.*



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