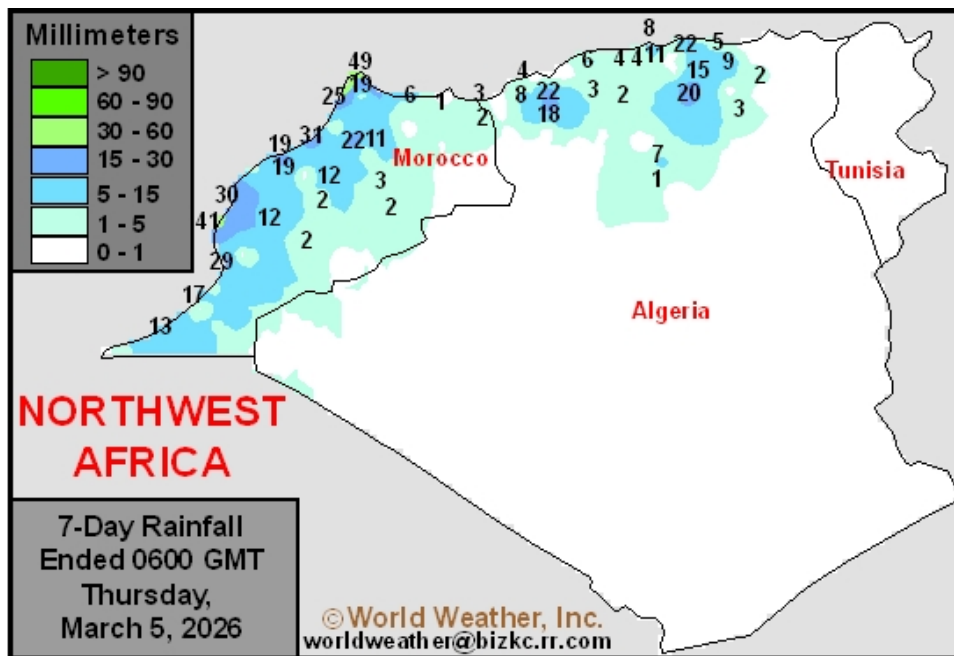


# Northwest Africa Rain Will Again Favor Morocco

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Kansas City, March 5 (World Weather Inc.) – Morocco and portions of Algeria again saw a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the past week while Tunisia was mostly dry. **The main winter grain and oilseed areas either received enough rain or had enough moisture to maintain favorable development conditions. Yields are still expected to be much higher in Morocco than previous years due to the frequent precipitation over the winter.** Northwestern Africa will again see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the coming week as two disturbances pass nearby. Rainfall will be greatest from Morocco into northwestern and north-central Algeria while northern Tunisia and northeastern Algeria only receive light amounts of rain. **Crop conditions will remain mostly favorable, though northern Tunisia and northeastern Algeria would benefit from a good shot of rain later this month.**

Morocco into northwestern and north-central Algeria saw a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged from 0.12 to 0.87 inch in the main production areas. Northern Tunisia and northeastern Algeria were dry. Soil moisture remains at adequate or marginally adequate levels, even in Tunisia and northeastern Algeria.



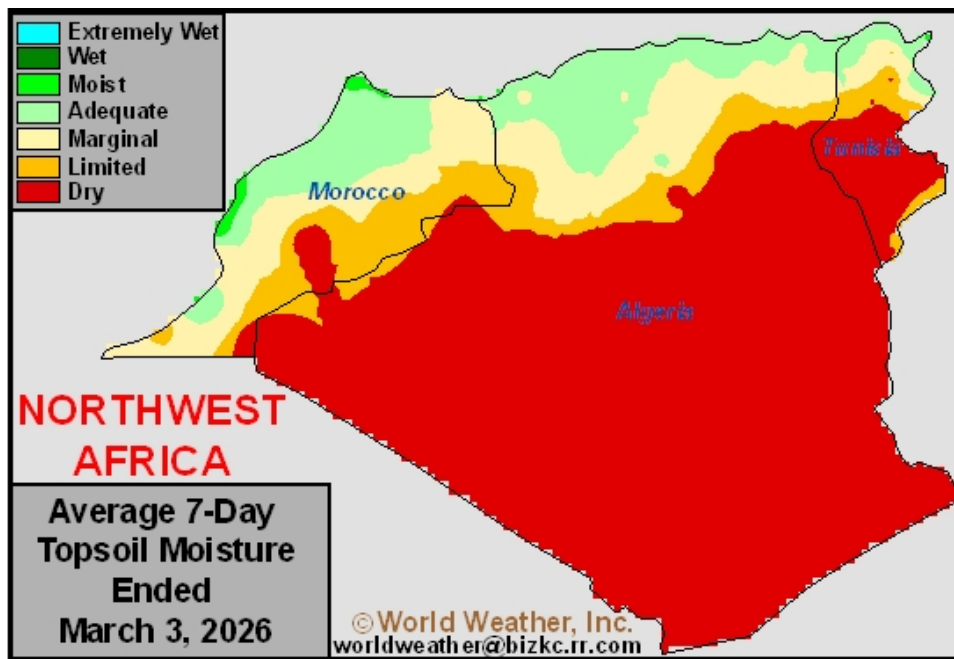
Additional rain during the past week helped maintain a good environment for the winter wheat, barley, rapeseed, and other crops produced this time of year. Yield potentials remain favorable, especially in Morocco where drought severely impacted production in recent years. Northern Tunisia and northeastern Algeria would benefit from a good shot of rain later this month to ensure good late-season growth.

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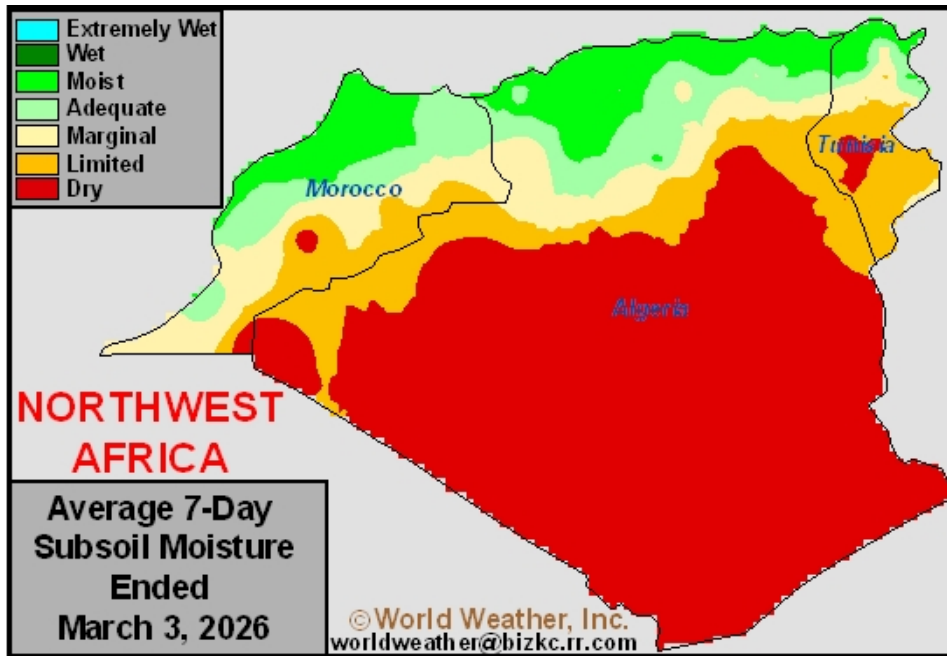
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rain today into Monday. Another disturbance will generate rain late Monday into Wednesday. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.50 to 3.00 inches in Morocco and much of northwestern and north-central Algeria. Northern Tunisia and northeastern Algeria will receive 0.10 to 0.75 inch of rain. The region will have a few opportunities for erratic rain March 13 – 19, though rain totals will generally be lower compared to the first week of the outlook.

Morocco and much of Algeria will receive enough rain to maintain favorable development conditions for the winter grains and oilseeds. A few locations in Morocco may even benefit from drier weather later this month. Tunisia would still benefit from additional rain later this month to ensure favorable development. Overall production potentials will remain favorable across the region.



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