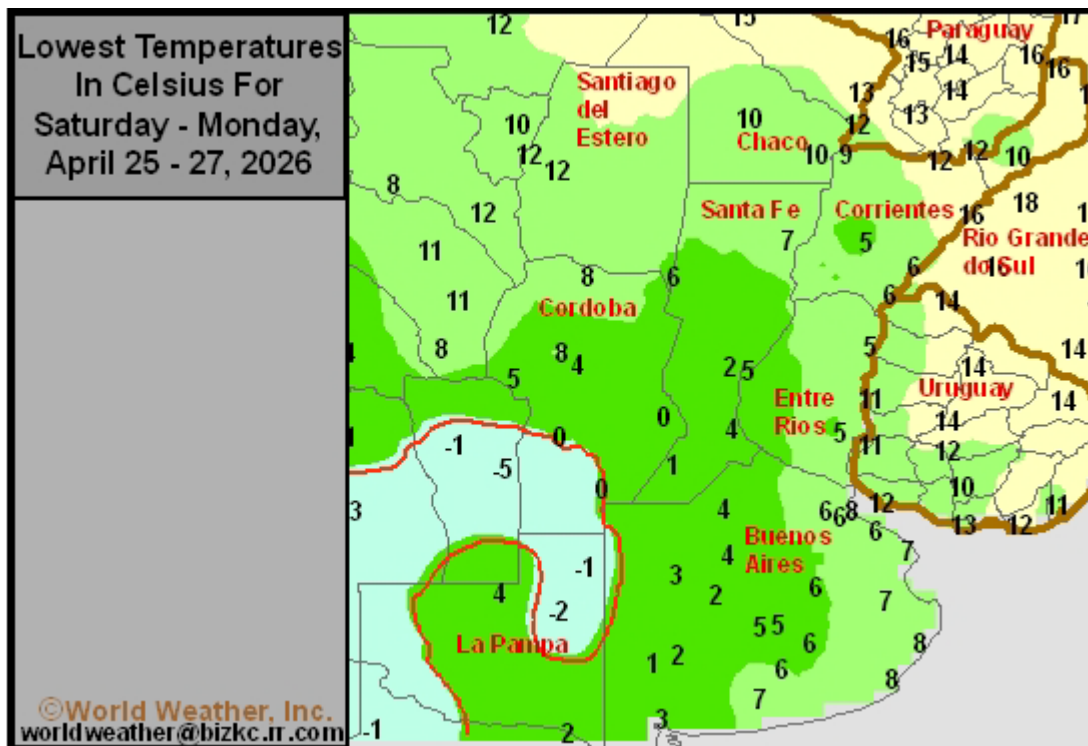


SW Argentina Frost, Freezes Nip At Late Season Crops

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Kansas City, April 27 (World Weather Inc.) – *Frost and a few freezes occurred this morning in southwestern Argentina impacting late season crops in San Luis, La Pampa and southwestern Cordoba. Early indications suggest only a few of the most immature crops may have been impacted. Most of the grain and oilseed crops were filling, maturing and being harvested. The majority of temperatures were not low enough for a long enough period to harm the most immature crop.* Recent rainy weather has some of the crop maturing a little more slowly than usual.



Late season corn, peanuts and sorghum were not completely mature in the southwest of Argentina this morning as temperatures fell into the upper 20s and 30s Fahrenheit. For most of the immature crop the temperatures were not low enough for a long enough period of time to have much permanent impact. A few crops might suffer a minor quality decline because of the cold, but the area impacted in that manner is suspected of being low. No production cuts are likely.

Normally, crops would have been a little more advanced by this time of year, but recent rainy weather has left some more immature than usual. Nonetheless, crop damage should be low. *After the freeze, crops will likely accelerate their maturation rate especially since precipitation will be kept low for the next week to ten days.*

The cold will abate for a little while this week, but *there is potential for additional cold this weekend. When frost and freezes return again. The weekend frost will be more widespread in southern and some central Argentina locations with a few more freezes occurring farther to the east relative to those recorded this morning. The impact of returning freezes should be no different than that of today.*

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Normal first freezes occur in southwestern Argentina during May.

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