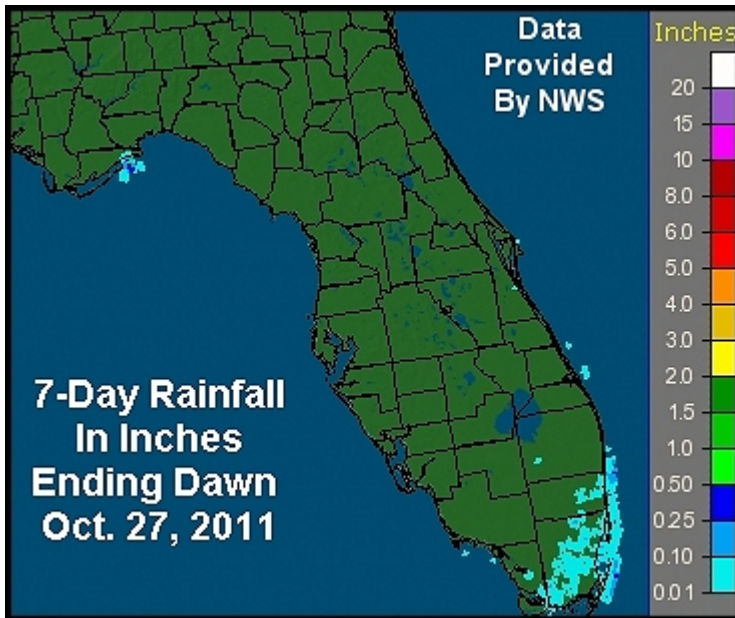


# Weekly Citrus Weather

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Kansas City, October 28 (World Weather, Inc.) – Weather patterns shifted into a more cool weather regime this past week as the tropical weather pattern for 2011 shifted to



the south of Florida allowing mid-latitude weather systems to take control of citrus weather. The change in air masses resulted in much drier and cooler air being present over the state's citrus production region.

Temperatures were nearly 10 degrees Fahrenheit colder during this past week than they were in the previous week. Highs were often in the 70s Fahrenheit followed by lows in the 50s and lower 60s. Precipitation was virtually absent and it was a welcome change after two tropical weather disturbances had

influence over portions of citrus country during the two previous weeks.

Tropical Storm Rina was located over the northeastern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula at the time of this report. The storm system was going contribute some moisture influx to Florida citrus areas as a cold front moves across the region Saturday. However, the center of the tropical cyclone was expected to turn back to the south toward Central America during the weekend and early part of next week minimizing the threat of a land falling tropical cyclone in Florida. Rainfall today and Saturday will vary from 1.00 to 3.00 inches with the greatest rainfall expected in southern citrus counties. Northern areas will not likely receive more than 1.00 inch of moisture with a few areas getting around 0.50 inch.

An easterly wind will develop across Florida Sunday and a new low pressure center will form off the lower east coast of the state resulting in some enhanced rainfall in coastal areas. Some heavy rain will be possible in eastern citrus areas and a subtropical low pressure center "may" form and move to the northeast of the region. Another 0.50 to 1.50 inches of rain will result in conjunction with the developing low pressure center, but it will move away from the area fast enough to minimize its significance. Drier weather should overspread Florida again during the middle to latter part of next week with only a few showers likely in the east and south producing restricted amounts of moisture.

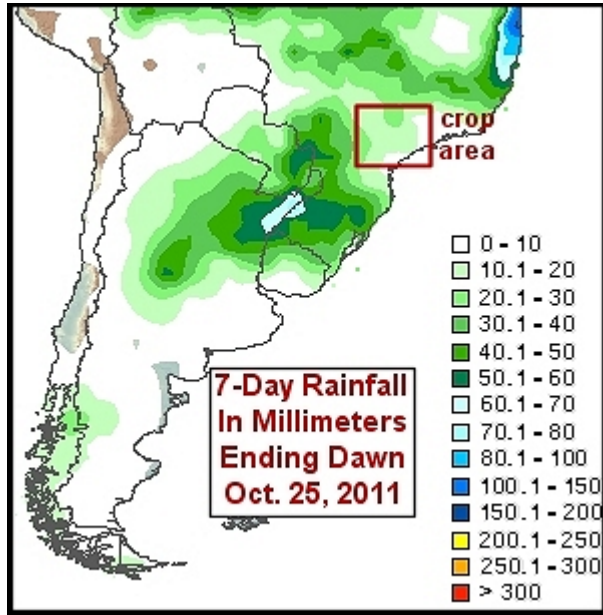
Temperatures will trend a little warmer today (Friday) into Saturday with some showers developing Saturday to restrict any warming from occurring. Highs will be in the upper 70s and lower 80s, but cooling will evolve late in the weekend into early next week when highs may slip back into the lower and middle 70s followed by lows in the 50s and lower 60s.

**BRAZIL**

Light rainfall fell in Brazil citrus areas during the past week. Most areas reported less than 0.80 inch of moisture with coverage close to 100%. The precipitation was lighter than expected, but was likely welcome. Citrus trees have begun flowering due to recent rain

of greater significance, but the crop needs more routinely occurring rainfall to assure the best production potential.

Rain will fall periodically across most of the citrus region in Sao Paulo this week. Daily rainfall will vary from a few hundredths of an inch to 0.65 inch most often with a few locations to receive more than 1.00 inch. The precipitation will all be welcome, but the best citrus fruit setting conditions will occur if a more significant rain event impacts the region and continues frequently over the next few weeks. Rain is expected periodically, but it will be more infrequent and lighter than usual leaving some concern about pollination and fruit counts for 2012.



during the coming week. Highs most days will range in the upper 70s and 80s with a few extremes over 90 followed by low temperatures in the 60s and lower 70s.

Temperatures during the past week were a little cooler than usual with a few days of highs limited to the upper 60s and 70s with low temperatures in the middle 50s and lower 60s.

Temperatures will be seasonable

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