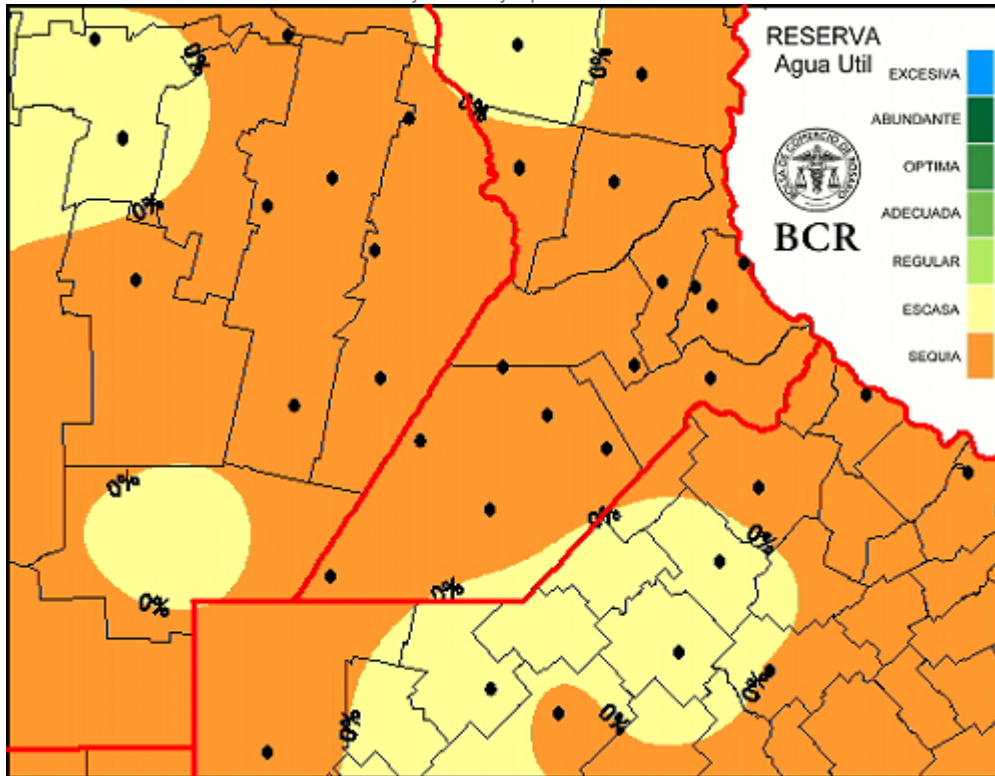


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It is need more than 140 mm of water In the next 15 days it should rain more than 140 mm, with peaks of 160 mm east of Córdoba, so that the soil will once again reach the optimum humidity conditions. The very few rains of the last 3 months leave 80% of the core region in drought conditions. And the forecasts predict rains that will have the same characteristics of the rains this summer: rains only in very specific and limited areas.



Second soybean with yields below of 1,5 Tn/ha The potential yield of the second soybean continues to decrease with each day without rain. Average yields are estimated below 1,5 Tn/ha. 70% of the crop is forming the pods and the remaining 30% in flowering. Late corn 200 thousand hectares are between regular and bad conditions. The crop is ending flowering with a large water deficit. Some farmer of the south center of Santa Fe let cattle enter in the crop in order to be feed. Early soybean 70% of the plots of soybeans are reaching the maximum size of the grains (R6), with the yields practically defined. The average yields are around 3,3 Tn/ha. 65% of the plots are classified between good and very good conditions and 35% between regular and bad. The positive news is that the costs of control treatments were reduced due to the low presence of end-of-cycle pests and diseases. Slow harvest of early corn 750 thousand hectares of early corn are waiting for the optimum humidity of their grains in order to be harvested. Engineers point out that many growers choose to left the grain in the plant in order to avoid paying for the drying. The yield of the few plots harvested in the center-south of Santa Fe are between 8,0 and 10,0 Tn/ha.