



500 thousand tons of soybeans could be lost due to excessive water in the core region

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Soybean 2017/2018 In mid-April, when rains had returned after four months of drought, there was enthusiasm. The end of the worst drought that had occurred in the last 50 years was near. But the precipitations did not stop and now the excesses of water are a threat. 7% of the first soybean and 45% of the second soybean still could not be threshed. And the plots are very resentful of the effect of the succession of days with humidity and high temperatures that has dominated the region for almost four weeks. Sprouted grains, decreases in weight and opening pods are some of the consequences. Losses could cut production in the region by about 500 thousand tons of soybeans. The north of Buenos Aires and the south of Santa Fe are the areas with the lowest progress of soybean harvesting, so it would be the area with the most hectares affected. The quality of the merchandise that is collected from here will be much worse and will suffer penalties in the commercialization. It will take 4 to 10 days of sun and wind to return to the harvest. The degree of the conditions in the crop without harvest depends on the time it takes to enter the plots. And the state of the roads is terrible. It will take between 4 and 10 days of sun and fresh wind to enter the fields. The situation reminds us of the month of April 2016, when the days of continuous rains destroyed a large part of the soybean crop due to the impossibility of entering the plots. In three weeks there were rains up to 300 mm. Since mid-April the incessant rains have left accumulated from 100 to 300 millimeters in 60% of the core region. From April 15 to May 8, Ramallo received 308 millimeters. Rojas follows with 291 millimeters, also in the northeast of Buenos Aires, which suffered rains ranging from 220 millimeters to 280 millimeters. To the east, the accumulated water decreases. In the east of the region, there are still sectors that would need between 40 to 80 millimeters to reach ideal reserve conditions.



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