



International

- **Europe** – More Soaking Rain, Continued Warm In The East
 - Continued anomalous warmth in **eastern Europe** hastened winter grains and oilseeds toward the reproductive stages of development two to four weeks ahead of normal.
 - Heavy showers maintained abundant to excessive moisture supplies for winter crops in **western Europe**, with locally excessive rain causing lowland flooding in **southern Spain** and **northern Italy**.
- **Western FSU** – Western Rain Contrasted With Eastern Dryness
 - Additional moderate to heavy showers in **Moldova** as well as **western and central Ukraine** boosted moisture supplies for vegetative winter wheat, barley, and rapeseed.
 - Acute short-term dryness and above-normal temperatures further reduced topsoil moisture for winter crop development in **eastern Ukraine** and **western Russia**, though rain returned to the **Volga District**.
- **Middle East** – More Widespread Rain, Crop Prospects Remained Good To Excellent
 - A slow-moving storm triggered widespread moderate to heavy showers in **Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran**, boosting moisture reserves for vegetative (**north**) to reproductive (**south**) winter grains.
 - Unusually heavy rain in **southwestern Iran** erased the last vestiges of winter drought.
- **Northwestern Africa** – Late-Arriving But Sorely Needed Drought Relief In Morocco
 - Moderate to heavy rain over **Morocco** eased drought and provided a late boost to filling to maturing winter wheat and barley, though some drought-related yield losses are still likely.
 - Warm and showery weather favored reproductive to filling wheat and barley from **central Algeria into northern Tunisia** but did little to ease long-term drought in **western Algeria**.
- **South Asia** – Favorable Harvest Weather
 - Seasonably dry weather supported maturation and harvesting of rabi crops in **India**.
- **East Asia** – Unseasonable Warmth Supported Spring Growth
 - Widespread showers and unseasonable warmth across **eastern and southern China** promoted winter crop development.
 - Showers in **southeastern China** benefited early-crop rice establishment.
- **Southeast Asia** – More Drought Relief In The Philippines
 - Showers in the **northern Philippines** provided further relief from season-long drought, although significant moisture deficits remained for rice and corn.
- **Australia** – Wet In The Northeast, Dry Elsewhere
 - Soaking rain in **southern Queensland** hampered cotton and sorghum drydown and harvesting.
 - More rain would be welcome in **southern and western portions of the wheat belt**, where dry weather persisted, reducing soil moisture in advance of upcoming winter crop planting.
- **South America** – Dry Weather Dominated Argentina And Southern Brazil
 - Warm, sunny weather promoted rapid development of summer grains, oilseeds, and cotton throughout much of **Argentina**.
 - Locally heavy rain benefited corn and cotton in **central and northeastern Brazil**, but drier conditions returned to **southern farming areas**, where moisture was limited for corn and other summer crops.
- **South Africa** – Rain Lingered Over Eastern Farming Areas
 - Locally heavy showers benefited sugarcane areas in **KwaZulu-Natal** and **eastern Mpumalanga**, but mostly dry weather persisted in much of the corn belt.