



International

- **Europe** – More Rain, But Favorably Drier In The Northwest
 - Drier weather returned to **northern France** and **southeastern England**, providing a respite from recent excessive wetness that has afflicted reproductive to filling winter rapeseed, wheat, and barley.
 - Widespread showers maintained adequate to abundant moisture supplies for reproductive to filling winter crops across much of **western Europe** and further eased dryness concerns in the **Balkans**.
 - Sunny skies favored small grain and summer crop planting in **northeastern Germany** and **Poland**.
- **Western FSU** – An Untimely Hard Freeze Accompanied Intensifying Drought
 - An untimely hard freeze (as low as -7°C) over **west-central Russia (Rostov and environs)** caused significant damage to emerged corn, soybeans, and sunflowers as well as jointing winter wheat.
 - Intensifying drought from **southeastern Ukraine into southwestern Russia** continued to afflict reproductive (**south**) to vegetative (**north**) winter wheat.
- **Eastern FSU** – Hard Freeze In The Spring Grain Belt, Heavy Rain In The South
 - A hard freeze over **northern Kazakhstan** and **central Russia** threatened emerged spring grains and summer crops, though wheat and barley sowing typically peaks during the latter half of May.
 - Heavy rain across the **Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)** hampered fieldwork but supplied supplemental moisture for filling winter wheat and boosted irrigation supplies for cotton.
- **Middle East** – More Widespread Showers
 - Showers from **Turkey into northern Iran** boosted prospects for flowering to filling wheat and barley.
 - Drier weather in **southern growing areas** favored winter grain maturation and seasonal fieldwork.
- **South Asia** – Pre-Monsoon Showers
 - Pre-monsoon showers spread across **southern and eastern India**, including heavy showers in **Bangladesh**, providing some relief from seasonal heat and boosting moisture supplies ahead of the main growing season.
- **East Asia** – Favorable Conditions For Summer And Winter Crops
 - Showers and warm weather in **northeastern China** encouraged corn and soybean sowing.
 - Dry, warm conditions on the **North China Plain** promoted wheat maturation.
- **Southeast Asia** – Showers Provide Relief From Heat
 - Pre-monsoon showers throughout **Thailand and environs** eased intense seasonal heat and increased moisture supplies ahead of the main growing season.
- **Australia** – Too Dry In The South
 - Dry weather persisted in **South Australia**, further hampering early winter crop development.
 - Showers benefited germinating to emerging winter grains and oilseeds in the **east** and parts of the **west**, but the wet weather likely slowed local fieldwork, including summer crop harvesting.
- **South America** – Lingering Showers Delayed Flood Recovery In Southern Brazil
 - Rainy conditions slowed efforts to assess damage to summer crops in **Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil**. Meanwhile, sunny skies promoted growth of corn and cotton in **central and northeastern Brazil**.
 - In **Argentina**, mostly dry conditions favored harvesting of summer grains, oilseeds, and cotton.
- **Mexico** – Drought Maintained Unfavorable Prospects For Corn And Other Crops
 - Unseasonable heat and dryness reduced water resources for crops and livestock.