

**INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS**  
**USDA/WAOB Joint Agricultural Weather Facility**

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**EUROPE** – Highlight: Dry Weather Accelerates Fieldwork

- Dry weather returns to **Europe**, accelerating summer crop harvesting and winter crop planting.
- However, soil moisture reserves are declining across **northern and eastern crop areas**, and remain very short in **Spain**.

**MIDDLE EAST** – Highlight: Showers Continue

- Showers in **Turkey** and **northwestern Iran** provide topsoil moisture for winter wheat planting.

**FSU** – Highlight: Unseasonably Warm, Dry Weather Favors Summer Crop Maturation And Harvest

- In **western Russia** and **Ukraine**, warm, dry weather continues to aid summer crop harvesting and winter grain planting. Rain is needed for winter grain germination and establishment.
- Several days of dry weather help spring grain harvesting in **Kazakhstan**, while intermittent showers cause some harvest interruptions in the **Urals and Siberia Districts in Russia**.
- In cotton areas of Central Asia, warm, dry weather in the **south** favors boll maturation and harvest.

**EAST ASIA** – Highlight: Mostly Dry Weather Favors Harvesting

- Several days of dry weather favor summer crop harvesting and late-season corn and rice maturation throughout **China**.
- Freezing temperatures are confined to **northernmost growing areas in Heilongjiang**.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA** – Highlight: Tropical Cyclone Ketsana Crosses The Philippines

- Tropical Cyclone Ketsana worsens flooding in the **Philippines**, delaying preparations for rice and corn harvesting.
- Widespread showers benefit rice throughout **Thailand** and **Vietnam**.

**SOUTH ASIA** – Highlight: Dry Weather Continues In Key Oilseed Areas

- Unfavorable dryness in **central and northern India** reduces soil moisture for filling oilseeds.
- Showers in **southern India** maintain favorable prospects for groundnuts and sugarcane.

**AUSTRALIA** – Highlight: Favorable In The Southeast And West, Unfavorable In Queensland

- In **southeastern Australia**, soaking rains are very beneficial for reproductive to filling winter grains; crop conditions are likely good to excellent across most of this region.
- Showers continue to favor winter grain and oilseed development in **Western Australia**.
- Heat and dryness plague **Queensland**, further reducing the yield potential of filling winter wheat.

**SOUTH AMERICA** – Highlight: Cool And Dry In Argentina; Rain Covers Central Brazil

- Drier weather promotes summer grain and oilseed planting in **central Argentina**, but patchy frost raises concern for potential damage to heading winter wheat.
- Rain in **central Brazil** increases moisture for corn and soybean planting and promotes coffee flowering.

**CANADA** – Highlight: Unseasonable Warmth Continues Across The Prairies

- Warm, mostly dry weather aids maturation of late-developing spring grains and oilseeds.

**MEXICO** – Highlight: Drier Weather Prevails On The Southern Plateau

- Rainfall was lighter than in recent weeks, reducing moisture for corn and other rain-fed summer crops.