



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights – Thursday - September 27, 2012

- In the *West*, isolated showers are confined to the *central and southern Rockies*. Elsewhere, warm, dry weather is promoting fieldwork, including *Northwestern* winter wheat planting.
- On the *Plains*, warm, dry weather continues to delay winter wheat seeding across the *northwestern half of the region*, as some producers are awaiting moisture. Farther south, recently planted wheat is benefiting from recent and ongoing shower activity. In the last 24 hours, locations such as *Springfield, Colorado*, and *Liberal, Kansas*, have received more than 1½ inches of rain.
- In the *Corn Belt*, cool conditions linger in portions of the *Great Lakes region*. For example, widespread frost was noted this morning in *Minnesota* and *Wisconsin*. Farther south, beneficial precipitation is gradually ending, although showers continue in parts of *Indiana, Ohio*, and *southern Missouri*.
- In the *South*, a few showers and thunderstorms are edging into the *northern fringe of the region*, including *Kentucky* and *northern Arkansas*. Showers also persist across *southern Florida*. Elsewhere, warm, dry weather favors fieldwork, including summer crop harvesting.

Outlook: A slow-moving cold front draped from the *southern Plains into the northern Mid-Atlantic region* will drift southward. The front will remain the focus for showers and thunderstorms, resulting in additional rainfall totals of 1 to 2 inches. In addition, tropical moisture associated with the remnants of former eastern Pacific Hurricane Miriam will interact with the front across *Texas* and later the *Gulf Coast region*. Five-day rainfall totals of 2 to 4 inches may occur from *central and southern Texas to Florida's panhandle*. In contrast, very warm, dry weather will persist across much of the *West* and from the *northern Plains into the upper Midwest*. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for October 2-6 calls for above-normal temperatures in *New England* and much of the *West*, while cooler-than-normal conditions will develop from the *eastern Plains into the Mississippi Valley*. Meanwhile, near- to below-normal precipitation across the majority of the U.S. will contrast with wetter-than-normal weather in the *Great Lakes region* and much of the *East*.

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