

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Colder, With Some Snow

- In **central and northern growing areas**, colder weather along with some light to moderate snow favored dormant winter grains and oilseeds.
- Showers continued across **southern Europe**, benefiting vegetative winter wheat.

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA – Highlight: Showers Expanded

- Additional showers benefited vegetative winter grains in **Algeria** and **Tunisia**.
- Showers returned to **Morocco**, maintaining excellent prospects for winter wheat and barley.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Warm, Wet Weather Persisted

- Unseasonably warm, wet weather from **Turkey into Iraq** and **Iran** kept much of the region devoid of a protective snow cover and reduced winter grain cold hardiness.

FSU – Highlight: Unseasonable Warmth Kept The Region Devoid Of Snow

- Above-normal temperatures kept much of the region devoid of snow cover, exposing winter crops.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Unseasonable Rain Benefited Most Rabi Crops

- Widespread, unseasonable rainfall benefited filling wheat and other rabi crops throughout much of **India**, but was unfavorable for maturing rapeseed in **western India**.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Showers For Winter Crops

- A narrow band of showers **south of the Yangtze River** maintained favorable moisture supplies for winter rapeseed breaking dormancy.
- Light snow on portions of the **North China Plain** kept moisture reserves adequate for overwintering wheat.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Showers Favored Filling Rice In Java, Indonesia

- Widespread rainfall in **Java, Indonesia**, benefited late-filling rice, although drier weather would be welcomed as the crop begins to mature.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Favorable For Summer Crops

- In **northern New South Wales**, showers maintained moisture supplies for immature summer crops.
- Mostly dry weather in **southern Queensland** aided drydown of early maturing cotton and sorghum.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Showers Brought Some Relief From Argentine Dryness

- Rain benefited late-planted corn and soybeans in portions of **central Argentina**, but more was needed to more fully recharge soil moisture reserves.
- Beneficial rain continued throughout most soybean and corn areas of **southern and central Brazil**, although dryness expanded into summer row crop areas of the northeastern interior.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Warm, Mostly Dry Weather Spurred Crop Development

- Warm, sunny weather promoted growth of corn and other rain-fed summer crops. Showers were timely for reproductive crops in **western sections of the corn belt**.