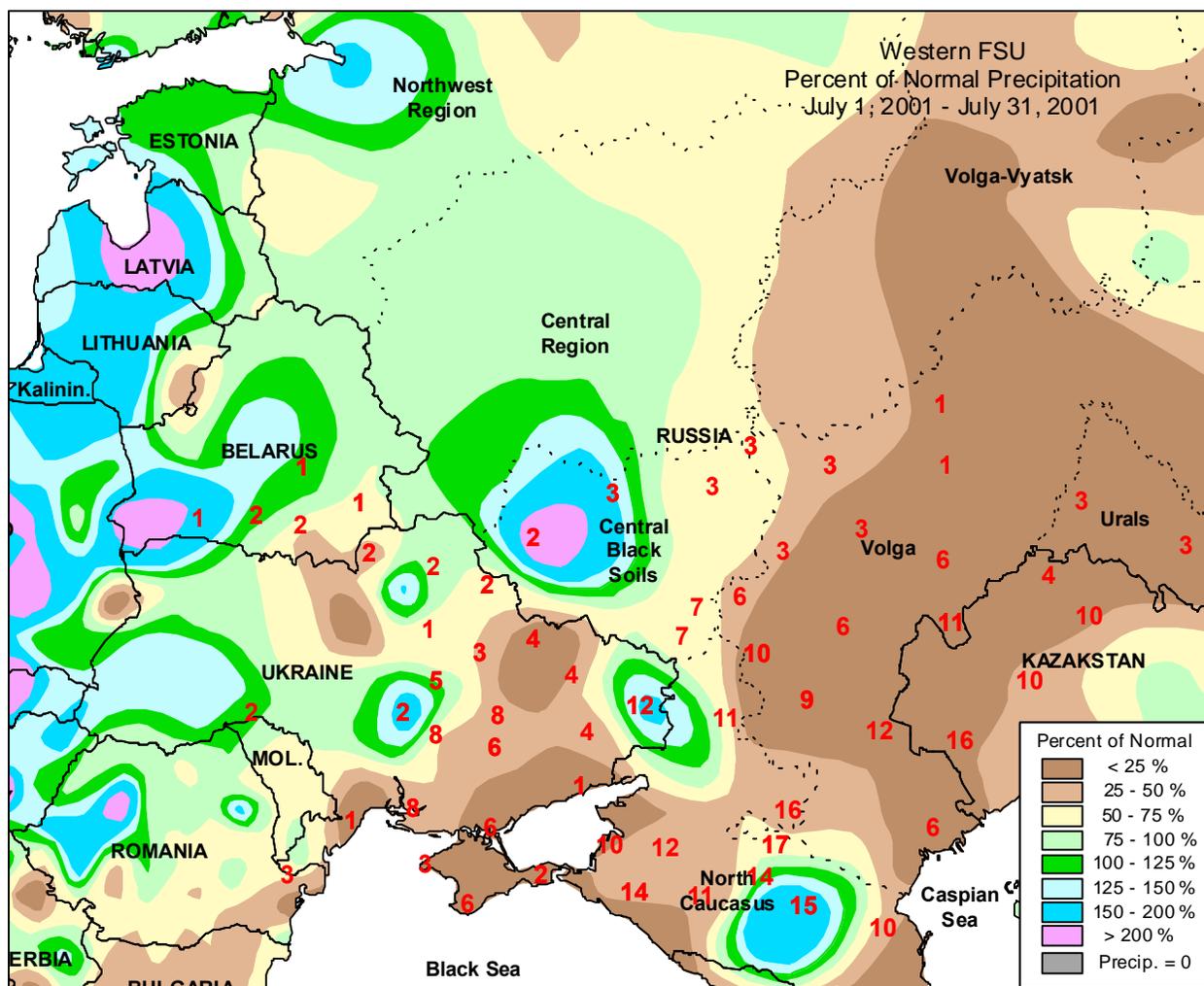


FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

Percent of Normal Precipitation and the Number of Days (Plotted in Red) With Maximum Temperatures Greater Than 34 C in July 2001



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In July, oppressive heat and dryness developed in major summer crop growing areas of southern Russia and the eastern two-thirds of Ukraine, placing moderate to severe stress on corn and sunflowers advancing through reproduction.
- o In late July and early August, scattered showers and cooler weather stabilized conditions for summer crops in Ukraine and southern Russia. However, hot weather recently returned to these areas, increasing heat stress on filling crops.
- o In major spring grain producing areas of Russia and Kazakstan, near- to above-normal precipitation was observed in most areas in July, maintaining adequate moisture conditions for crops, which advanced through reproduction.