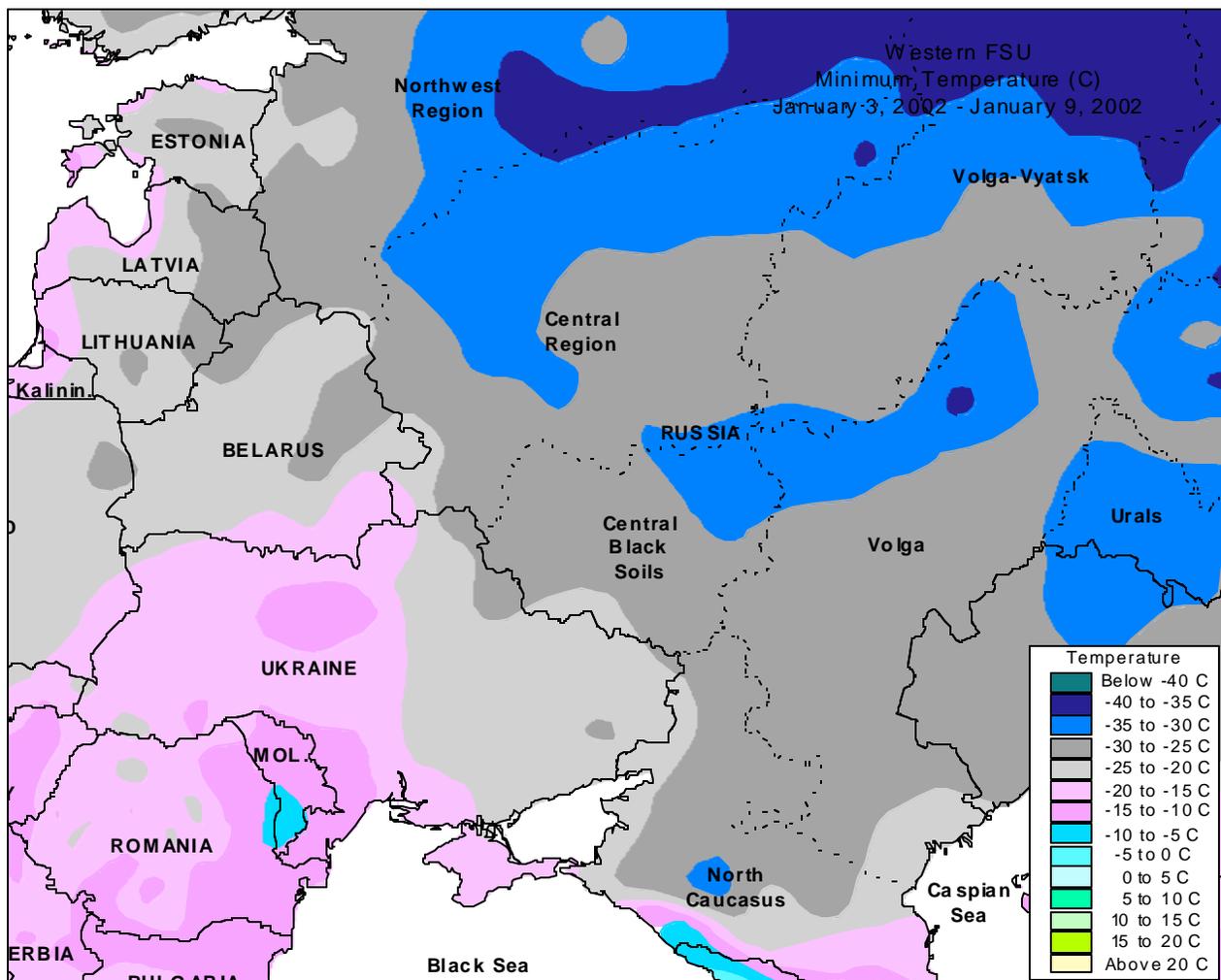


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Lowest Temperatures for January 3-9, 2002



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

January 11, 2002

- o A bitterly cold air mass persisted over most of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and the Baltics in most of December and early January.
- o Lowest temperatures were observed from December 16-22, 2001, and from January 3-9, 2002. In both cases, snow cover was sufficient enough in most areas to protect winter grains from significant damage.
- o However, some isolated damage was possible in easternmost areas in Russia and the southeastern Ukraine, where snow cover was insufficient.