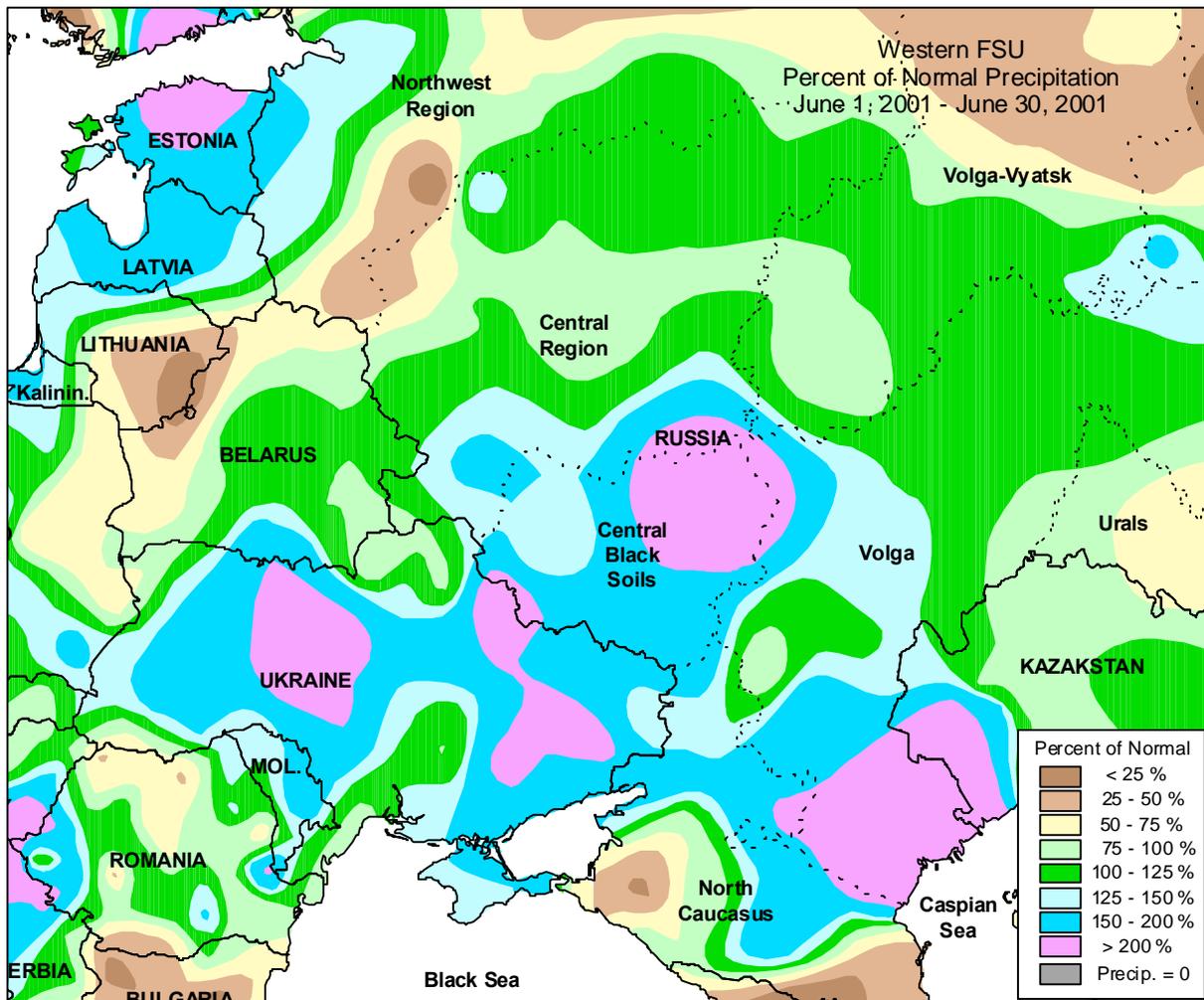


FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

Percent of Normal Precipitation (June 2001)



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In June, above-normal precipitation in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltics, and Moldova, maintained adequate moisture for winter grains in the reproductive to filling stages and spring-sown crops in the vegetative stage.
- o More than twice the normal amount of rain fell in western and eastern Ukraine, increasing concerns about the potential for disease development and crop lodging.
- o In major spring wheat producing areas of Russia and Kazakstan, near- to above-normal precipitation in most areas maintained favorable moisture conditions for crops in the vegetative stage.