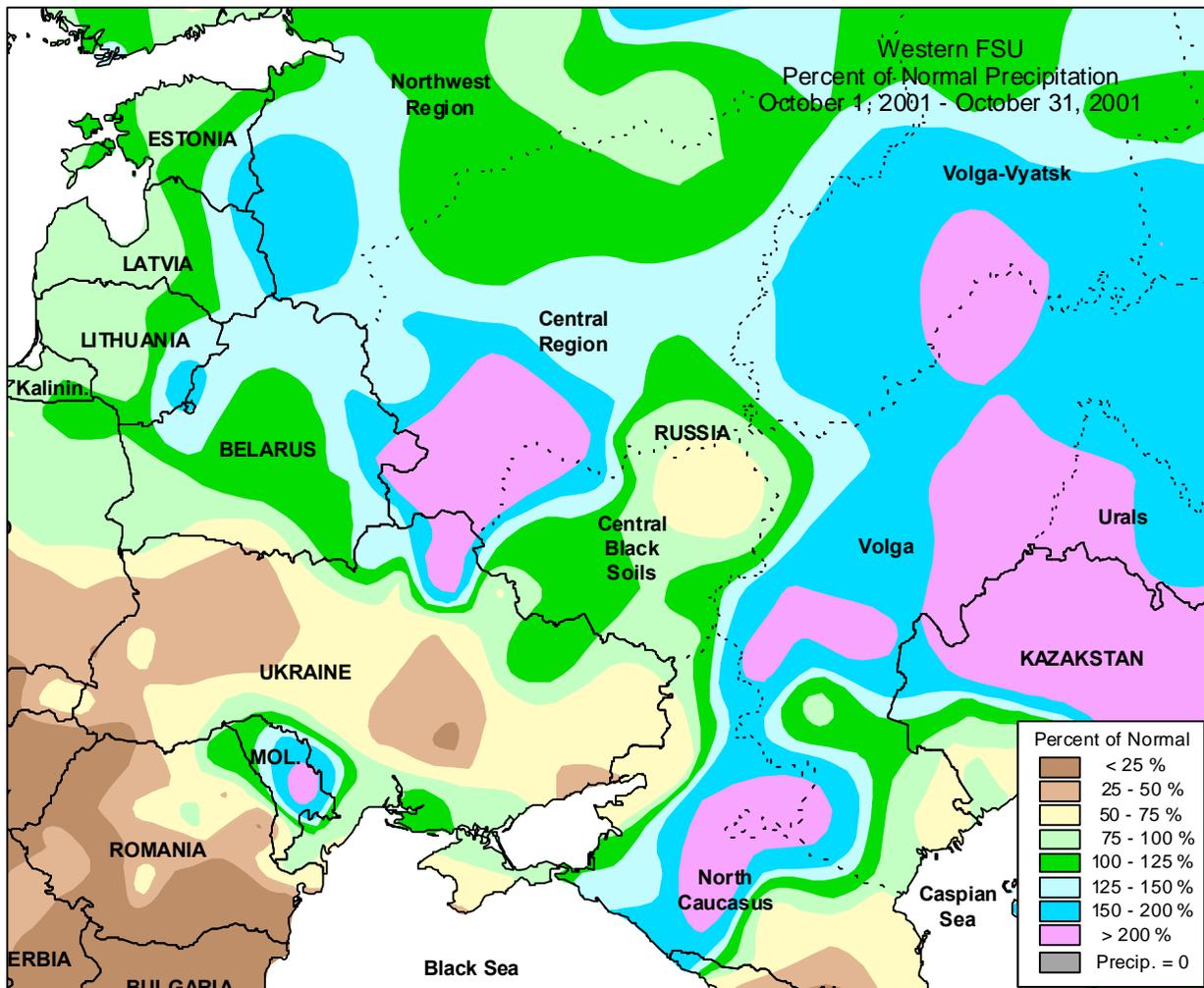


FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

Percent of Normal Precipitation for October 2001



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In Russia, above-normal precipitation in October favored winter grain establishment, but slowed corn and sunflower harvesting. Temperatures in October promoted cold-hardening in winter grains, and crops in northern Russia were well established prior to entering dormancy during the month.
- o In Ukraine, below-normal precipitation in October allowed rapid corn, sunflower and sugar beet harvesting. However, chronic dryness in parts of south-central and southeastern Ukraine limited winter wheat establishment.
- o Since early November, mostly dry weather helped late-season summer crop harvesting in Ukraine and southern Russia, although the dryness continued to hinder winter wheat establishment in parts of Ukraine.