

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Dry Weather Favors Western Fieldwork, Rain Alleviates Southeastern Drought

- Dry weather in **western Europe** promotes small grain harvesting and winter rapeseed planting.
- Heavy showers in the **Balkans** alleviate drought but hamper summer crop harvesting and winter crop planting.

FSU – Highlight: Rain Continues To Hamper Fieldwork In Ukraine

- In **Ukraine**, early-week rain maintains wet soils, hampering fieldwork for corn, sunflower, and sugar beet harvesting and winter wheat planting.
- In **Russia**, showers cause brief interruptions in summer crop harvesting and winter grain planting in the **Southern District**, while dry weather aids spring wheat harvesting in the **Siberia District**.
- In **Kazakhstan**, dry weather allows spring wheat harvesting to near completion.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Mostly Dry Weather Aids Summer Crop Harvesting

- Dry weather in **Manchuria** aids corn and soybean maturation and harvesting.
- Drier weather on the **North China Plain** benefits cotton harvesting nearing completion.
- Typhoon Hagupit brings high winds and flooding to sugarcane in **southern China**.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Monsoon Showers Diminish; Typhoon Hagupit Causes Flooding

- Drier weather in **Thailand** and **southern Vietnam** eases wetness and provides more favorable conditions for rice and corn.
- Typhoon Hagupit causes some damage to rice and corn in the **northern Philippines**.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Drier In The North

- Drier weather in **central and northern crop areas** favors reproductive to filling summer crops, following last week's unseasonably heavy downpours.
- Heavy rain in **Bangladesh** and **northeastern India** maintains ample moisture for summer rice.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Turkish Rains Ease Long-Term Drought

- Showers in **Turkey** provide moisture for winter crop planting and ease long-term drought.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Mixed Conditions For Reproductive Winter Grains

- In **Western Australia**, soaking rains provide a welcomed boost in topsoil moisture for reproductive winter grains, but a recent freeze may at least partially offset the benefits of the wet weather.
- In **southern Australia**, mostly dry weather limits moisture for reproductive winter grains.
- In **New South Wales** and **Queensland**, widespread showers favor reproductive to filling winter grains.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Rain Develops Over Central Argentina

- Recent showers bring some much-needed drought relief to winter wheat areas of central Argentina.
- In **Brazil**, rain increases moisture for flowering coffee and the upcoming planting of soybeans and other summer crops. Cold, damp conditions are untimely, however, for maturing winter wheat.

CANADA – Highlight: Conditions Are Mostly Favorable For The Prairie Spring Crop Harvest

- Dry weather favors harvesting of spring grains and oilseeds in most major production areas.

MEXICO – Highlight: Showers Boost Reservoir Levels In The East And South

- Rain increases reservoir levels in **Veracruz** and many other important winter farming areas.