Agricultural Weather Highlights – Monday - June 1, 2015

• In the **West**, a pattern change is resulting in mostly above-normal temperatures. Cool weather prevails, however, along and near the **Pacific Coast**. Showers and a few thunderstorms are spreading inland across the **Pacific Northwest**, providing beneficial moisture for pastures and small grains.

• On the **Plains**, warm weather prevails in **Montana** and the **western Dakotas** in advance of an approaching storm. Meanwhile, isolated showers dot the **central and southern Plains**, although the bulk of the rain has moved to the east. Nevertheless, widespread river flooding persists across the **southeastern Plains**.

• In the **Corn Belt**, cool, dry weather prevails, except for some rain in the **Ohio Valley**. Frost advisories were in effect this morning in the **upper Great Lakes region**—outside of the **Corn Belt**—from northeastern Minnesota to portions of northern Lower Michigan.

• In the **South**, lowland flooding persists in the **western Gulf Coast region**, despite the return of favorably dry weather. Farther east, showers stretch from **Kentucky southward to the Gulf Coast**. Despite recent showers, pockets of dryness persist in the **southern Appalachians** and the **southern Atlantic States**.

**Outlook:** For the remainder of the week, the focus for significant rainfall will shift eastward, away from still-flooded sections of the **southeastern Plains, mid-South, and western Gulf Coast region**. Five-day rainfall totals could reach 1 to 3 inches or more in the **Atlantic Coast States**. Meanwhile, showers will also become more numerous across the **northern half of the U.S.**, with totals reaching 1 to 3 inches from the **northern Rockies into the upper Midwest**. In contrast, mostly dry weather will prevail through week’s end from **California to the lower Mississippi Valley**. During the next several days, cool weather will cover many areas of the U.S. However, warmth will develop on the **southern High Plains** and appear by week’s end across the **Northwest**. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for June 6 – 10 calls for the likelihood of near- to above-normal temperatures and rainfall across the majority of the U.S. Cooler-than-normal conditions will be limited to the **southern Rockies**, while drier-than-normal weather will be confined to the **Pacific Northwest** and portions of the **south-central U.S.**

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