



Satellite image with enhanced cloud-top temperatures for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights – Friday - November 6, 2009

- In the *West*, mild weather prevails, while showers are confined to the *northern Rockies* and the *Pacific Northwest*. *Northwestern* winter grains are benefiting from the mild, showery conditions.
- On the *Plains*, dry, unusually warm weather continues to promote fieldwork and winter wheat growth. Summer crop harvesting is accelerating, but remains behind the normal pace in nearly all locations.
- In the *Corn Belt*, late-season warmth is expanding across *western areas*, while chilly conditions linger in the *Ohio Valley* and the *lower Great Lakes region*. Dry weather throughout the *Midwest* favors a gradual increase in fieldwork, although many producers continue to struggle with wet soils and harvested crops that need to be mechanically dried due to high moisture content.
- In the *South*, a window of opportunity for fieldwork remains open in most areas, despite a surge of cool air into the *southern Atlantic States*. However, harvest activities remain stalled in portions of the *Delta States* due to residual lowland flooding.

Outlook: During the weekend, tropical moisture—including the remnants of Hurricane Ida—will move northward across the *Gulf of Mexico*. Rainfall could reach portions the *U.S. Gulf Coast* by Sunday before overspreading the *Southeast* early next week. Farther north, showers will return to the *Midwest* early next week, trailed by a surge of cool air. Meanwhile, the *West* will also experience a cooling trend, along with rain and snow in the *northern half of the region*. Rain and snow will be heavy at times in the *Pacific Northwest*, where as much as 4 to 6 inches of additional precipitation may fall by the middle of next week. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for November 11-15 calls for above-normal temperatures from the *Plains to the East Coast*, while cooler-than-normal weather will be confined to the *Far West*. Meanwhile, above-normal precipitation in the *Pacific Northwest, central and southern Plains, western Corn Belt, and Southeast* will contrast with drier-than-normal conditions in *New England, northern and central California, and the northern High Plains*.

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