

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Drier In The West, Wet In The East

- In **western Europe**, drier weather favors filling to maturing winter grains and oilseeds.
- Rain in **northeastern Europe** maintains abundant to locally excessive soil moisture for summer crops.
- In the **southern Balkans**, needed rain eases stress on vegetative summer crops and filling winter grains.

FSU – Highlight: Hot, Dry Weather Returns To Eastern Ukraine And Southern Russia

- Hot, dry weather extends from **eastern Ukraine through southern Russia**, accelerating winter grain maturation and placing renewed stress on spring-sown crops.
- Warm, showery weather in **western Ukraine** favors crop development.
- Cooler weather in **Kazakhstan** and the **Volga and Urals Districts in Russia** eases heat stress on spring grains, although drier-than-normal conditions continue to reduce soil moisture.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Showers Favor Crops In Manchuria; Hot And Dry In Central China

- Showers continue to benefit corn and soybeans across **Manchuria**.
- Hot, dry weather increases irrigation requirements for corn, cotton, and soybeans on the **North China Plain** and in the **Yangtze Valley**.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Tropical Cyclone Nangka

- Tropical Cyclone Nangka crosses the **central Philippines**, bringing heavy showers and localized flooding.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Increasing Showers In Central India

- Increasing showers in **Maharashtra** and **Madhya Pradesh** boost soil moisture for oilseeds.
- **Northern India** remained unseasonably dry, reducing moisture for cotton and rice planting.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Showers Continue To Benefit Winter Crops

- Scattered showers fall throughout the **wheat belt**, helping the germination and emergence of recently sown crops and further aiding the establishment of more fully developed winter grains and oilseeds.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Rain Continues For Brazil Wheat; Still Dry In Argentina

- Mild, showery weather continues to benefit vegetative winter wheat in **southern Brazil**.
- Drought limits winter wheat planting in **Argentina**.

CANADA – Highlight: Beneficial Rain In The Western Prairies

- Much-needed rain provides topsoil moisture for spring grain and oilseed establishment.

MEXICO – Highlight: Seasonal Rains Continue In The South And West

- Rain benefits corn and other summer crops in key production areas of the **south**. Monsoonal showers boost reservoir levels in the **west**, but conditions remain favorable for the **northwestern wheat** harvest.