

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Additional Snow Favors Dormant Winter Crops

- Additional snowfall insulates dormant winter grains from bitter cold in **central and eastern Europe**.
- Sunny skies favor vegetative winter wheat in **Spain**, following weeks of rain.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Colder Weather Arrives In Turkey; Unseasonable Warmth Lingers In Iran

- Cold, snowy weather arrives in **Turkey**, favoring winter wheat and barley.
- Unseasonable warmth lingers in **Iran**, although some recent snow offers winter grains protection from potential incursions of bitter cold.

NORTHWEST AFRICA – Highlight: Heavy Rain Benefits Vegetative Winter Grains

- Widespread, locally heavy rain maintains adequate to abundant soil moisture for winter grains.

FSU – Highlight: A Deep Snow Pack Protects Crops From Extreme Cold

- A deep, region-wide snow pack protects dormant winter grains and oilseeds from extreme cold.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Dry Weather Maintains Irrigation Requirements For Crops

- Dry, warm weather in **northern India** maintains irrigation demands for jointing winter wheat.
- Seasonably dry conditions in **southern India** favor cotton development.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Mild Weather Favors Overwintering Grains And Oilseeds

- Above-normal temperatures benefit dormant wheat.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Rain Continues Across Java

- Seasonal rains benefit rice and other crops across **Indonesia** and **Malaysia**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Scattered Showers In Summer Crop Areas

- In **southern Queensland** and **northern New South Wales**, scattered showers maintain local moisture supplies for cotton and sorghum, but hot weather increases evaporative losses.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Warmth And Dryness Cover Argentina And Southern Brazil

- Warmer, drier weather promotes development of summer grains, oilseeds, and cotton in **Argentina** and **much of southern Brazil**.
- In **central Brazil**, heavy rain keeps sugarcane and coffee unseasonably wet in **Sao Paulo** and **southern Minas Gerais**.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Widespread Rain Continues

- Conditions remain overall favorable for corn and other reproductive summer crops.