

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Cold Weather Threatens Winter Crops

- Increasingly cold weather threatens exposed winter crops in **northern Europe**. The greatest threat for freeze damage is to **northern France's durum wheat** as well as wheat and rapeseed in **northeast Germany** and **northwest Poland**.
- Dryness remains a concern for wheat and barley in **Spain** and **northern Italy**.

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA – Highlight: Showers Intensify, Change To Snow

- Locally heavy showers maintain favorable prospects for vegetative wheat and barley.
- Rain changes to snow in **northern portions of Algeria**, although the cold does not threaten winter grains.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Additional Snow Insulates Crops

- Locally heavy snow in **Turkey** and **northern Iran** insulates winter grains from cold weather.
- Rain maintains excellent winter crop prospects from **northern Syria** into **northern Iraq**.

FSU – Highlight: Snow Protects Against Bitter Cold

- Bitter cold intensifies over the region. A deep snowpack protects winter crops in **Russia**, while increasing snow cover in **Belarus** and most of **Ukraine** provides timely insulation.
- Snow cover is shallow in **southern Ukraine**, where some wheat is potentially at risk to winterkill.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Beneficially Cool For Wheat

- Cool, sunny weather continues to benefit reproductive winter wheat and rapeseed in **northern India**.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Cold On The North China Plain

- A brief spell of frigid weather in **eastern China** has little effect on well-hardened winter wheat.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Seasonable Rainfall In The Philippines

- Seasonable rainfall maintains favorable corn and rice prospects in the **Philippines**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: More Heavy Rain In Eastern Australia

- In **southern Queensland** and **northern New South Wales**, widespread, locally heavy rain causes some additional flooding but maintains overall excellent yield prospects for cotton and sorghum.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Warmth And Dryness Stress Crops In Southern Brazil

- Warm, dry weather stresses corn and soybeans in **southern Brazil**.
- In **Argentina**, rain brings some relief from another brief spell of heat and dryness.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Warm, Dry Weather Fosters Rapid Corn Development

- Unseasonable warmth and dryness dominate the corn belt, hastening summer crop development and reducing moisture for reproduction.