

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Showers Provide Soil Moisture

- Showers return to **central and northern Europe**, providing soil moisture for vegetative winter crops.
- Dry weather in **northern Italy** favors fieldwork but reduces irrigation reserves for winter wheat.
- Showers in **eastern Europe** hamper summer crop harvesting, notably cotton in **Greece**.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: First Storm Of The Season

- Locally heavy rain and snow in **Turkey** provide much-needed moisture for winter wheat and barley.

NORTHWEST AFRICA – Highlight: Hot, Dry Weather Favors Fieldwork

- Dry, hot weather favors early winter wheat and barley planting in **Morocco** and **Algeria**.

FSU – Highlight: Showers Slow Fieldwork, Cold Weather Arrives In The East

- Showers from **Belarus** into **Russia's Volga District** provide additional moisture for winter wheat establishment but slow summer crop harvesting.
- Dry conditions persist in **southern Russia**, reducing soil moisture for winter wheat establishment.
- An arctic front brings an end to the growing season in **Kazakhstan** and **Russia's Siberia District**.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Dry Weather Benefits Winter Wheat Planting

- Dry weather throughout **India** favors summer crop harvesting and winter crop planting but reduces soil moisture for winter rapeseed emergence in **Rajasthan**, where little irrigation exists.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Showers Favor Winter Wheat And Rapeseed

- Showers favor emerging winter wheat on the **North China Plain** and winter rapeseed in the **Yangtze Valley**.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Typhoon Mirinae Strikes The Philippines

- Typhoon Mirinae crosses the **northern Philippines**, renewing flooding in **minor rice areas of southern Luzon**.
- Dry weather favors rice harvesting in **Thailand** and coffee harvesting in **Vietnam**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Rain Returns To Eastern Australia

- Soaking rains overspread much of **southern Queensland** and **northern New South Wales**, providing a much-needed boost in topsoil moisture for summer crop germination and emergence.
- **Elsewhere in the wheat belt**, light showers help maintain good to excellent winter grain prospects.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Hot And Dry In Argentina; Still Wet In Brazil

- Hot, dry weather stresses winter grains and pastures in **northern Argentina**. Summer grain and oilseed planting progresses elsewhere.
- In **Brazil**, conditions are generally favorable for soybeans and other summer crops. Drier weather in **Brazil's southern wheat areas** brings some relief from unfavorable wetness.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Conditions Favor Early Corn Planting

- Warm, showery weather benefits germinating summer crops in the **eastern corn belt**.