



# International

- **Europe** – Continued Warm With More Rain
  - Continued warmth sped winter grains and oilseeds through the vegetative stages of development up to four weeks ahead of normal; in fact, wheat and rapeseed were rapidly approaching more freeze-sensitive crop stages in **Italy** and the **lower Balkans**.
  - Widespread showers eased dryness in the **lower Danube River Valley** but kept soils unfavorably saturated in **England, France, western Germany, and northern Italy**.
- **Western FSU** – Western Rain Eased Dryness, But Not As Warm
  - Much-needed rain eased dryness concerns in **Moldova** and **southwestern Ukraine**.
  - Cooler weather slowed the recent rapid pace of winter crop development over the **Black Sea Region**.
- **Middle East** – Widespread Showers
  - Widespread showers in **Turkey** and **Iran** boosted moisture supplies for vegetative winter grains.
  - Sunny skies favored the development of vegetative (**north**) to reproductive (**south**) wheat and barley from the **eastern Mediterranean Coast into Iraq**.
- **Northwestern Africa** – Drier Weather Returned, Hot In Morocco
  - After recent much-needed rain in **Morocco**, sunny and hot weather renewed stress on drought-afflicted winter wheat and barley; crops were rapidly advancing through the filling stages of development.
  - Sunny skies and seasonable temperatures further boosted prospects for reproductive to filling winter grains in **Algeria** and **Tunisia**.
- **South Asia** – Hot And Dry
  - Early-season heat continued to build in **southern India** as rabi crop harvesting was underway.
- **East Asia** – Unseasonable Warmth Supported Spring Growth
  - Unseasonable warmth across **eastern and southern China** promoted vegetative development of winter crops.
  - Showers in **southeastern China** benefited early-crop rice establishment.
- **Southeast Asia** – Southern Showers, Some Drought Relief In The Philippines
  - Showers in **southern locales (Indonesia and Malaysia)** supported oil palm and rice.
  - While showers in the **northern Philippines** provided some relief to long-term dryness, significant moisture deficits remained for seasonal rice and corn.
- **Australia** – Mostly Dry
  - In the **east**, relatively dry weather favored summer crop maturation and harvesting, although some later maturing crops would likely benefit from additional rain or supplemental irrigation.
- **South America** – Rain In Argentina Contrasted With Dryness In Southern Brazil
  - Soaking rain provided abundant to locally excessive moisture for immature summer crops in **central and northeastern Argentina**.
  - Warm, mostly dry weather hastened maturation of corn and soybeans in **southern Brazil**, but moisture was becoming limited for second-crop corn in **Paraná**. Meanwhile, scattered showers helped to stabilize conditions of corn and cotton in **central and northeastern farming areas**.
- **South Africa** – Unseasonable Warmth And Dryness Increased Stress On Summer Crops
  - Hot, sunny weather compounded stress on corn and other rain-fed summer crops, particularly in **western sections of the corn belt**, where daytime highs reached the upper 30s and lower 40s (degrees C).