



Satellite image with enhanced low ground and cloud-top temperatures for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights – Friday - February 15, 2019

- In the *West*, heavy precipitation has largely ended, but widespread showers continue to spread inland across *northern and central California* and the *Pacific Northwest*. Deep snow continues to plague portions of the *interior Northwest*, where the current snow depth in *Spokane, Washington*, stands at 17 inches. Meanwhile in *California*, local flash flood and debris-flow recovery efforts are underway.
- On the *Plains*, frigid conditions continue to grip much of *Montana* and the *Dakotas*. This morning's low temperatures plunged below -30°F in portions of *western North Dakota*. Markedly warmer weather prevails in *central and southern Texas*, where today's high temperatures will top 80°F. Elsewhere, widespread wintry precipitation (snow, sleet, and freezing rain) stretches from *Montana to northern Oklahoma*.
- In the *Corn Belt*, bitterly cold weather covers the *upper Midwest*, where this morning's low temperatures ranged from 0 to -20°F. Cold, breezy weather prevails across the remainder of the *Corn Belt*, with snow showers confined to the *upper Great Lakes region*.
- In the *South*, unusual warmth prevails in the *Gulf and Atlantic Coast States*. Meanwhile, cooler, breezy conditions are spreading across the *mid-South*, in the wake of a cold front's passage. Extensive lowland flooding persists in the *mid-South*, with moderate flooding occurring along *Arkansas' White River*.

Outlook: A series of poorly organized disturbances will traverse the country during the next several days, delivering widespread, generally light rain and snow. In the *West*, precipitation will taper to scattered rain and snow showers, although chilly conditions will persist and—in some areas—further intensify. Substantially below-normal temperatures will also expand to cover all of the *Great Plains*. In contrast, warmth will linger through the weekend in the *Deep South*, and into next week across *Florida*. By next Tuesday, a more cohesive storm system will begin to develop across the *South*, resulting in possible heavy rain in the *Tennessee Valley* and the *southern Appalachians*, and wintry precipitation in the *Mid-Atlantic States*. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for February 20 – 24 calls for below-normal temperatures across the *western and central U.S.*, as well as *New England*, while warmer-than-normal weather will prevail in the *Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic States*. Meanwhile, near- or above-normal precipitation will occur nationwide, except in parts of *Texas*.

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