

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Increasing Warmth Erased Most Developmental Delays

- Much warmer weather eased or erased lingering wheat and rapeseed developmental delays from **England and France into eastern Europe**.
- Occasional showers mixed with periods of sun favored reproductive to filling winter grains in **Spain**.

NORTHWEST AFRICA – Highlight: Winter Grain Prospects Remained Excellent

- Sunny skies maintained excellent prospects for reproductive to filling wheat and barley in **Morocco and Algeria**, while showers were beneficial for reproductive winter grains in **Tunisia**.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Warm With Additional Showers

- Warm, showery weather favored wheat and barley development from **Turkey into Iran**. Winter grains have entered the reproductive stages of development two to four weeks ahead of average.

FSU – Highlight: Warm Weather Promoted Wheat Development

- Warm, mostly sunny weather promoted winter wheat development in **Moldova, Ukraine, and Russia**. Lingering developmental delays are most pronounced from **eastern Ukraine into west-central Russia**.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Seasonal Heat In India And Pakistan

- Seasonally hot weather continued across interior **India and Pakistan**, as wheat, rapeseed, and other rabi (winter) crop harvesting progressed.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Unseasonably Warm

- Unseasonably warm weather continued to advance reproductive wheat and rapeseed development in **eastern China** and increase water demands.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Favorable Rainfall In Indonesia And The Philippines

- Pre-monsoon showers in **Thailand and environs** boosted soil moisture and reservoir levels as field preparations continued for wet-season rice sowing.
- Somewhat drier weather in the **northern Philippines** aided field preparations for summer rice sowing.
- Late-season showers continued to maintain good moisture conditions for rice in **Indonesia** while improving soil moisture for oil palm in **western Malaysia**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Scattered Showers

- In the **northeast**, scattered showers likely slowed local cotton and sorghum harvesting but may have triggered some early winter wheat planting, especially in **central Queensland**.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Seasonal Rainfall Continued In Brazil's Center-West Region

- Showers maintained favorable conditions for corn and cotton in **major production areas of central Brazil**. However, showers receded from the **northeastern interior** and **parts of the south**.
- Wet weather slowed summer crop harvesting in **central Argentina**.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Mild And Sunny For Late Summer Crop Development

- Mostly dry, sunny weather favored development of filling to maturing corn.

MEXICO – Highlight: Mostly Dry Weather Prevailed

- Additional rain was needed for planting corn and other rain-fed summer crops.