

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
USDA/WAOB Joint Agricultural Weather Facility

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EUROPE – Highlight: Rain In The West And South

- Widespread rain further eased dryness concerns in **France** and improved prospects for vegetative winter grains in **Spain** and **Italy**.
- Warm weather lingered over **central and southern Europe**, while the return of colder conditions across **northern Europe** kept winter crops dormant.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: Milder Weather Returned

- Milder weather returned to the region, facilitating winter grain development in the **south** while eroding the protective snow cover for dormant winter crops in **Turkey** and **northwestern Iran**.

NORTHWEST AFRICA – Highlight: Showers Returned

- Showers returned, maintaining adequate to abundant soil moisture for vegetative wheat and barley in **Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia**.

FSU – Highlight: Winter Wheat Dormant Under Moderate To Deep Snow Cover

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Favorable Weather Across Most Of India

- Sunny, warm conditions aided development of winter (rabi) crops in **India**, including filling wheat in the **north**.
- Dry weather returned to **southern India** and **Sri Lanka** exacerbating long-term drought conditions.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Showers And Seasonable Temperatures For Winter Crops In China

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: More Showers Albeit Lighter In Some Areas

- Showers maintained favorable moisture conditions for rice and other crops in **the Philippines** and **Indonesia**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Heat And Dryness Continued

- In **southern Queensland** and **northern New South Wales**, unfavorably hot, dry weather increased irrigation requirements for cotton while reducing the yield prospects of dryland crops.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Widespread, Locally Heavy Showers For Summer Crops

- Showers increased moisture for corn, soybeans, and cotton in **southern and northeastern Brazil**.
- Locally heavy showers overspread key **farming areas of Argentina**, sustaining adequate to excessive levels of moisture for corn and soybeans.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Conditions Remained Favorable For Corn

- Warm, showery weather maintained favorable prospects across the corn belt.