

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

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**EUROPE** – Highlight: Wet In The West, Warm And Dry In Central And Eastern Europe

- Rain eased drought concerns for winter crop establishment in **France** and **Spain**.
- Dry, very warm weather elsewhere maintained or exacerbated drought in **Germany** and **Poland** and further reduced topsoil moisture for winter crop planting and establishment in the **Balkans**.

**MIDDLE EAST** – Highlight: Widespread Showers

- Widespread showers in **Turkey** eased drought concerns for winter grain planting on the **Anatolian Plateau** but slowed summer crop harvesting in **southern and eastern portions of the country**.
- Showers conditioned soils for upcoming winter grain planting in **Syria** and **Iran**.

**FSU** – Highlight: Drier Weather Returned To The West, But Increasingly Unsettled In The East

- After recent rain, sunny skies in **Ukraine** and **western Russia** promoted winter wheat establishment.
- Dry, warm weather promoted spring grain harvesting in **Kazakhstan** and **central Russia** before rain and snow arrived by week's end.
- Cold, rainy conditions impeded cotton harvesting in **Uzbekistan and environs**.

**SOUTH ASIA** – Highlight: Drier Across Portions Of India; Tropical Cyclone Titli

- Summer monsoon showers continued to withdraw at a near-normal pace across **India**, with drier conditions promoting **summer crop** maturation and harvesting.
- Tropical Cyclone Titli brought heavy showers to **eastern India** and **Bangladesh**, increasing moisture supplies for immature rice.

**EAST ASIA** – Highlight: Dry Weather Aided Fieldwork In Eastern China

- Seasonably dry weather in **eastern China** aided summer crop harvesting as well as the start of wheat and rapeseed planting.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA** – Highlight: Dry Weather Aided Maturing Rice

- Mostly dry weather in **Indochina** and the **western Philippines** promoted rice maturation.

**AUSTRALIA** – Highlight: Some Drought Relief

- In the **east**, rain aided summer crop sowing and germination but came much too late to benefit wheat.
- Showers helped stabilize winter crop prospects in the **southeast**, but yield prospects remained subpar.
- In the **west**, showers maintained generally good yield prospects for immature winter grains and oilseeds.

**SOUTH AFRICA** – Highlight: Showers Provided A Timely Boost In Topsoil Moisture

- Showers provided an early boost in topsoil moisture in **eastern sections of the corn belt**.

**SOUTH AMERICA** – Highlight: Brazilian Soybean Planting Advanced

- Showers maintained adequate to abundant moisture for germination of **Brazilian soybeans**.
- Generally warm conditions spurred growth of winter grains and early-sown summer crops in **Argentina**.

**MEXICO** – Highlight: Tropical Moisture Boosted Irrigation Reserves In The Northwest

- Tropical Storm Sergio brought locally heavy rain to **northwestern watersheds**.