International



- Europe Warm In The East; Favorably Drier In The North But More Rain In The South
 - Continued warmth hastened <u>winter crop</u> development up to four weeks ahead of normal over **eastern** Europe. Moisture supplies remained favorable, though short-term dryness intensified in the **Balkans**.
 - o Drier weather was welcome in **England** and **France** following recent excessive wetness.
 - o Heavy rain across the **Mediterranean Basin** boosted moisture supplies for vegetative <u>winter grains</u>.
- Western FSU Continued Warm In The West And South
 - Above-normal temperatures in Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, and western Russia continued to promote
 unusually early winter grain and oilseed greening (north) and vegetative growth (south).
- Middle East Rain In Turkey
 - Widespread rain in Turkey boosted moisture supplies for vegetative winter grains.
 - Light to moderate showers in northern Iraq and Iran benefited vegetative (north) to reproductive (south) winter wheat and barley.
- Northwestern Africa Much-Needed Rain In Morocco
 - Much-needed rain in Morocco eased severe drought but was mostly too late to offer much benefit to reproductive to filling <u>winter wheat</u> and <u>barley</u>.
 - Widespread light to moderate showers in Algeria and Tunisia provided drought relief in western
 Algeria and further boosted prospects for reproductive <u>winter grains</u> elsewhere.
- South Asia Stormy Weather In The North
 - Localized stormy weather moved through northern India, bringing beneficial rainfall to immature wheat and no significant damage.
- East Asia Warmer Weather Supports Spring Growth
 - Following last week's cold outbreak in eastern China, temperatures returned to near normal, promoting spring growth for <u>wheat</u> and <u>rapeseed</u>.
 - Seasonably warmer weather in southern China allowed <u>early-crop rice</u> sowing to begin.
- Southeast Asia More Southern Showers
 - Widespread heavy showers in Indonesia and most of Malaysia supported <u>rice</u> and <u>oil palm</u>, while unseasonable dryness in the **Philippines** maintained yield concerns for <u>rice</u> and <u>corn</u>.
- Australia Scattered Showers In The Northeast
 - o In **southern Queensland** and **northern New South Wales**, scattered showers maintained local moisture supplies for immature <u>cotton</u> and <u>sorghum</u> but had minimal impact on early harvesting.
- South America Warm, Showery Weather Overspread The Region
 - Locally heavy rain increased moisture for reproductive to filling <u>corn</u> and <u>soybeans</u> in much of **Argentina**.
 - o In **Brazil**, scattered showers benefited immature <u>corn</u>, <u>soybeans</u>, and <u>cotton</u>, although a few pockets of dryness persisted.
- South Africa Unseasonable Warmth And Dryness Persisted In Most Eastern Farming Areas
 - Unseasonable warmth, accompanied by widely scattered, mostly light showers, sustained declining prospects for corn and other rain-fed summer crops.