International

- **Europe** – Unfavorably Wet In France And England
  - Unfavorably wet weather persisted in *France* and *England*, raising concerns for reproductive to filling *winter rapeseed*, *wheat*, and *barley* while also hampering *spring grain* and *summer crop* sowing.
  - Widespread showers further eased dryness concerns for reproductive *winter crops* in the *Balkans*.
  - Sunny skies favored small grain and *summer crop* planting in *Poland* and the *Baltic States*.

- **Western FSU** – Continued Dry But Much Colder In Russia
  - Continued dry but much colder weather in *eastern Ukraine* and *western Russia* maintained drought concerns for jointing to heading *winter wheat* but facilitated a rapid pace of *summer crop* sowing.
  - Sunny skies over *Moldova, western Ukraine, Belarus, and northwest Russia* facilitated the development of vegetative *winter crops* (*south*) and emerging *spring grains* (*north*) after recent rain.

- **Eastern FSU** – Showers Expanded Across The Spring Grain Belt
  - Expanding showers over *northern Kazakhstan* and *central Russia* maintained adequate to abundant moisture for *spring grain* emergence but slowed planting activities.
  - Dry, warm weather in *Turkmenistan* and *western Uzbekistan* favored *cotton* planting and accelerated *winter wheat* development, while more rain farther east boosted soil moisture and irrigation supplies.

- **Middle East** – Showers In Turkey, But More Heavy Rain In Central Growing Areas
  - Showers returned to *Turkey*, improving moisture supplies for reproductive to filling *winter grains*.
  - Unseasonably heavy rain returned to *Iraq* and *western Iran*, maintaining abundant moisture supplies for filling *winter wheat* and *barley* but likely renewing localized flooding.

- **South Asia** – Pre-Monsoon Heat
  - Pre-monsoon heat continued to expand across the region, with many locales topping 40°C.

- **East Asia** – Favorable Showers In The South
  - Showery weather spread across *southern China*, benefiting vegetative *rice* and reproductive *rapeseed*.
  - Rain largely missed the *North China Plain*, but soil moisture remained mostly adequate for reproductive *wheat*.

- **Southeast Asia** – Intense Heat In Indochina
  - Scorching heat continued across *Indochina* with daytime temperatures reaching into the mid-40s (degrees C).
  - Rainfall shifted northward with drier weather moving into *Java, Indonesia*.

- **Australia** – Beneficial Rain In The West
  - Rain arrived in the *west*, promoting germination of recently sown *wheat* and *canola*, but dry weather persisted in *South Australia*.
  - In the *east*, showers further benefited *winter crops* but *summer crop* harvesting likely advanced.

- **South America** – Flooding Rain Devastated Sections Of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil
  - Record-setting rainfall (totaling well over 300 mm locally) likely caused some degree of damage to unharvested *soybeans* in *Rio Grande do Sul*, one of Brazil’s leading producers. Statewide, harvesting had reached 76 percent completion as of May 2.
  - Cool, sunny weather supported *summer crop* harvesting throughout much of *Argentina*.

- **Mexico** – Unseasonable Warmth And Dryness Persisted In Eastern Farming Areas
  - Rainfall was needed for planting *corn* and other rain-fed *summer crops*. 