

Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures for 11:10 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - July 11, 2025

- In the *West*, mostly dry weather accompanies above-normal temperatures. Any precipitation, related to the *Southwestern* monsoon circulation, is largely limited to the *central and southern Rockies*. Today's high temperatures should reach 110°F as far north as *California's Sacramento Valley*.
- On the *Plains*, widely scattered showers and thunderstorms are causing only minor fieldwork delays. Most of the region's lingering drought impacts exist across the *northern half of the Plains*, with rangeland and pastures still struggling to recover from long-term drought, and some spring-sown crops still experiencing stress. On July 6 in *Montana*, 59% of the rangeland and pastures were rated in very poor to poor condition.
- In the *Corn Belt*, showers and thunderstorms are maintaining mostly favorable soil moisture reserves for summer crops, some of which are entering or moving through reproduction. According to an overlay of crop production areas and the *U.S. Drought Monitor*, only 12% of the U.S. corn crop was growing in an area experiencing drought on July 8, along with 9% of the soybeans. Additionally, *Midwestern* temperatures remain below stressful thresholds for corn and soybeans.
- In the *South*, scattered showers and thunderstorms from the *Mississippi Delta to the southern Atlantic Coast* are keeping most pastures and summer crops well-watered. Very warm, mostly dry weather prevails in the *western Gulf Coast region*, where today's high temperatures should approach or reach 95°F.

Outlook: Loosely organized but widespread showers and thunderstorms will occur during the next 5 days, with rainfall expected to total 1 to 3 inches or more from the *southern Plains into the upper Midwest* and in portions of the *Atlantic Coast States*. Some of the thunderstorms may be accompanied by high winds and large hail. Among areas *east of the Rockies*, only *southern Texas* should remain completely dry through early next week. Farther west, hot, dry weather will dominate the *West*, although monsoon-related thundershowers will pepper the *central and southern Rockies*. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for July 16 - 20 calls for near- or above-normal temperatures in most areas *west of the Rockies* and along and east of a line from the *western Gulf Coast region into the lower Great Lakes States*. Cooler-than-normal conditions will cover the *Plains* and *upper Midwest*. Meanwhile, near- or above-normal rainfall should occur nationwide, with *southern sections of the Rockies and High Plains* having the greatest likelihood of experiencing wet weather.

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