

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Continued Sunny And Mild

- Sunny, mild weather benefited dormant winter crops across **England, France, Italy**, and the **Balkans**.
- Additional showers in **Portugal** and **Spain** favored wheat and barley establishment.

MIDDLE EAST – Highlight: More Rain And Snow

- Rain and snow further improved moisture reserves for dormant winter grains in **Turkey**.
- Much-needed rain in **Iraq** eased drought and improved prospects for wheat and barley establishment.

NORTHWEST AFRICA – Highlight: Showers Favored Vegetative Winter Wheat

- Widespread showers favored vegetative winter grains in **Morocco** and **Tunisia**.

FSU – Highlight: Fresh Snow Good For Winter Wheat

- Fresh snowfall was beneficial for dormant winter wheat in **Ukraine** and **southern Russia**.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Tropical Cyclone Vardah

- Tropical Cyclone Vardah brought heavy, largely beneficial showers to **southeastern India**, easing short-term dryness for winter (rabi) crops.

EAST ASIA – Highlight: Mild In China

- Mild weather continued across **eastern China**, favoring overwintering crops.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Torrential Rainfall In Northern Areas

- Torrential showers in **central Vietnam** and **the northeastern Philippines** caused flooding and fieldwork delays.
- Seasonal rainfall in **Indonesia** maintained ample moisture supplies for rice and oil palm.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Rain Slowed Local Harvesting

- Soaking rains stalled winter grain and oilseed harvesting in **New South Wales** and **Western Australia**.
- Mostly dry weather in **South Australia** and **Victoria** favored rapid winter crop harvesting.
- Scattered showers benefited vegetative cotton and sorghum in **southern Queensland**.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Warmth And Dryness Dominated Southern Farming Areas

- A continuation of warmth and dryness limited moisture for corn and soybeans in **central Argentina**.
- Locally heavy showers maintained favorable soybean and cotton prospects in **central Brazil**, but drier conditions returned to key **southern soybean and corn areas**.

SOUTH AFRICA – Highlight: Conditions Favored Emerging Summer Crops

- Warm, showery weather maintained overall favorable conditions for corn.