



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.