Colored boxes within the map above indicate whether crop conditions will be declining or improving for each crop in each major global growing region, incorporating current conditions and 10 day CropCAST forecast.

**The Brazil corn/soybean belt forecast is unchanged today.**

- A few isolated showers favored northern Sao Paulo yesterday. Amounts were 0.25 to 0.5”, with 10% coverage of corn and soybeans.
- A few showers should favor northwestern Mato Grosso, southern Minas Gerais, eastern Sao Paulo, Para, and Santa Catarina through Saturday. Amounts will be 0.25 to 1.0”, with 35% coverage of corn and soybeans (-15% from yesterday).
- A downturn in rains this week will allow drydown and early harvesting to improve.
- The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.

**The Argentina corn/soybean belt forecast is unchanged today.**

- Dry weather prevailed yesterday.
- Showers should build across much of the region Thursday through Saturday. Amounts should be 0.25 to 1.5”, locally 3”, with 90% coverage (+5% from yesterday).
- An upturn in showers later this week will slow drydown and early harvesting, but will favor second crop soybeans.
- The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.

**The Plains wheat belt forecast is unchanged.**

- Dry weather prevailed yesterday.
- Showers should return to NE and northeast CO later today and Wednesday, and should also build across eastern KS, eastern OK, and east central TX on Wednesday. The showers will likely mix with snow in western NE and northeast CO. Amounts should be 0.25 to 0.5”, with 15% coverage (-20% from yesterday). Snow amounts should be 2-6”. Dry weather should return Thursday through Saturday.
- Showers in northern areas will improve moisture, but dryness will continue in central and southwestern areas.
- The 6-10 day outlook is warmer.
- The 11-15 day outlook is drier in southern areas.

**Other Major Crop Areas**

- **South Africa:** Forecast is unchanged today; dry weather this week will allow moisture to decline again.
- **Midwest:** Forecast is slightly wetter Friday; showers later this week should improve moisture a bit.
- **China:** Forecast is unchanged today; showers in eastern Yangtze Valley and southeast N. China Plain should improve moisture.
**6-10 Day Forecast: Sun Apr 3-Thur Apr 7**

**6-10 Day Temperatures**

**Previous Forecast:**

**6-10 Day Precipitation**

**Previous Forecast:**

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**11-15 Day Forecast: Fri Apr 8-Tue Apr 12**

**11-15 Day Temperatures**

**Previous Forecast:**

**11-15 Day Precipitation**

**Previous Forecast:**

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**CHANGES:**

The precipitation outlook is slightly wetter in the eastern Midwest. Temperatures are warmer in the central Plains.

**CROP IMPACT:**

Showers in the eastern Midwest would slow corn/soybean planting, while planting would progress well in the southwestern Midwest and Delta. Continued drier weather in the central and southern Plains would allow moisture shortages to build further. Mild conditions in the Plains would favor wheat growth.

**RISKS:**

There is a drier risk in the southeastern Midwest.

**CONFIDENCE:**

Confidence in the temperature outlook is slightly above normal. Confidence in the precipitation outlook is slightly above normal.

**MODEL PREFERENCE:**

ECM ensemble

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**CHANGES:**

The precipitation outlook is drier in the southern Plains and east central Midwest. Temperatures are slightly cooler in the eastern Midwest and Delta.

**CROP IMPACT:**

Continued dry conditions in the central Plains would maintain moisture shortages and stress on wheat, and moisture will also remain short in the southwestern Midwest. Wetness will continue to ease in the Delta, while corn/soybean planting increases as well. Continued mild conditions in the Plains would favor wheat growth.

**RISKS:**

There is a wetter risk in the southeastern Plains and northern Delta.

**CONFIDENCE:**

Confidence in the temperature outlook is slightly above normal. Confidence in the precipitation outlook is near normal.

**MODEL PREFERENCE:**

ECM ensemble
The Midwest wheat belt is slightly wetter Friday.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should return to northwestern areas later today, then build across central and western areas Wednesday, and eastern areas Thursday. A few showers should linger in eastern areas on Friday. Drier weather should return Saturday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Widespread rains later this week will once again slow corn and soybean planting and may also increase wetness concerns.

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The Delta wheat belt is unchanged.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor southern areas today, then build across the region Wednesday and Thursday. Dry weather should return Friday and Saturday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Heavier rains later this week will once again slow corn and soybean planting and may also increase wetness concerns.

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The Pacific Northwest wheat belt is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** A light wintry mix favored eastern Idaho yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** A wintry mix should continue in eastern Idaho today, then favor northeastern Washington and northern Idaho on Saturday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Limited showers this week will allow moisture to begin to decline again, mainly in west central Idaho, southern Washington, and Oregon.

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The Plains wheat belt is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should return to Nebraska and northeastern Colorado later today and Wednesday, and should also build across eastern Kansas, eastern Oklahoma, and east central Texas on Wednesday. The showers will likely mix with snow in western Nebraska and northeastern Colorado. Dry weather should return Thursday through Saturday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Showers this week in Kansas will be too light to significantly improve soil moisture. Little improvement is expected in eastern Colorado, northwestern Oklahoma, and northwestern Texas as well. However, rain and snow in Nebraska should improve soil moisture a bit. Freeze damage is not expected this week.

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Minimum Temp Forecast

Next 24 Hours

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Minimum Temp Forecast

Friday, April 01, 2016

Saturday, April 02, 2016

Sunday, April 03, 2016

1-5 Day Temperatures Anomalies
**Argentina**

**Past 24 Hours:**
Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 Day Forecast:**
Showers should build across much of the region Thursday through Saturday.

**6-10 Day:**
The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.

**Crop Impact:**
Dry weather continues to favor drydown and early harvesting of crops. Showers later this week will slow early harvesting, but will favor second crop soybean growth.

**Risks:**
There is a drier risk in eastern Buenos Aires through Saturday.

**Confidence:**
Near normal.

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**Brazil**

**The Brazil corn/soybean belt forecast is unchanged today.**

**Past 24 Hours:**
A few isolated showers favored northern Sao Paulo yesterday.

**5 Day Forecast:**
A few showers should favor northwestern Mato Grosso, southern Minas Gerais, eastern Sao Paulo, Parana, and Santa Catarina through Saturday.

**6-10 Day:**
The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.

**Crop Impact:**
Limited rains this week should allow drydown and harvesting to improve across much of the region. However, moisture will begin to decline in north central and northwestern safrinha corn areas.

**Risks:**
There is a wetter risk in Mato Grosso do Sul and central Minas Gerais through Saturday.

**Confidence:**
Near normal.
Europe/N. Africa

The Europe/N. Africa wheat/rapeseed belt forecast is unchanged.

PAST 24 HOURS: Showers favored northwestern Spain, northern France, southern UK, and west central Germany yesterday.

5 DAY FORECAST: Showers should favor UK, northern and eastern France, northwestern Spain, Italy, northern Italy, central Germany, and northern Poland through Saturday.

6-10 DAY: The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in northern Italy and Germany.

CROP IMPACT: Rains this week should further improve soil moisture across the UK, northeastern France, central Germany, and northern Poland. Drier weather in southern Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, and Former Yugoslavia should ease dryness there.

RISKS: There is a wetter risk in southern Spain through Saturday.

CONFIDENCE: Near normal.

Former Soviet Union

The FSU wheat belt forecast is unchanged today.

PAST 24 HOURS: A few showers favored northeastern Ukraine yesterday.

5 DAY FORECAST: Snow should favor Central Region through Saturday, with rain expected in Belarus, northeastern and western Ukraine, and North Caucasus.

6-10 DAY: The 6-10 day outlook is drier in Central Region, and wetter in southwestern Ukraine.

CROP IMPACT: Rains this week in southeastern North Caucasus should further improve soil moisture. However, some spotty dryness will continue in south central Ukraine. Warmer temperatures this week will keep freeze threats limited.

RISKS: There is a wetter risk in western Ukraine and western Central Region.

CONFIDENCE: Near normal.
**SE Asia Precip % Coverage**

- Past 24 Hours:
  - > 6 mm (0.25") : 21
  - > 25 mm (1.0") : 14

- 5 Day Forecast:
  - > 6 mm (0.25") : 91
  - > 25 mm (1.0") : 44

**China % Precipitation Coverage**

- Past 24 Hours:
  - W. Wheat : 0
  - Corn : 0
  - Rapeseed : 0
  - Soybeans : 0

- 5 Day Forecast:
  - W. Wheat : 63
  - Corn : 52
  - Rapeseed : 88
  - Soybeans : 71

**China**

The China corn/soybean belt forecast is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor central and southern North China Plain and Yangtze Valley through Tuesday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is slightly drier in southeastern North China Plain.

**CROP IMPACT:** Showers this week in eastern Yangtze Valley and southeastern North China Plain should improve moisture, favoring wheat and rapeseed growth. Little improvement is expected in northern North China Plain, where rainfall will need to increase in the coming weeks to support the winter wheat crop as growth accelerates.

**RISKS:** There is a drier risk in central North China Plain through Saturday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.

**Southeast Asia**

The Southeast Asia palm oil belt forecast is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Showers favored central Malay Peninsula, and central and northwestern Kalimantan yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Rains should favor central and southern Sumatra, Kalimantan, and central and southwestern East Malaysia through Saturday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is slightly wetter in southwestern Malay Peninsula.

**CROP IMPACT:** Showers yesterday in west central Malay Peninsula resulted in only limited improvement in moisture. Continued dry weather across much of Malay Peninsula, northern Sumatra, and northeastern East Malaysia will maintain moisture shortages and stress on palm.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in northwestern Sumatra through Saturday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.
Australia

**The Australia wheat/sorghum belt forecast is unchanged today.**

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Light showers should favor southeastern Queensland and northeastern New South Wales through Saturday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.

**CROP IMPACT:** Dryness continues in southeastern Queensland and northern New South Wales, and showers there this week should result in only minor improvements. Sorghum harvesting should progress with only minor delays. Some spotty dryness will also continue in southern New South Wales. Recent showers in Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia improved moisture there ahead of wheat planting.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in central Queensland through Saturday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.

South Africa

**The South Africa corn belt forecast is unchanged today.**

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Dry weather prevailed yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Dry weather should prevail through Saturday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, and Mpumalanga.

**CROP IMPACT:** Recent showers in southwestern Free State favored late corn growth, but dryness remains significant across much of Free State and southern Northwest Province. Dry weather this week will allow soil moisture to decline in most areas, but corn growth will be finishing up soon.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in Northwest Province in the 6-10 day period.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.