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.
- Showers favored northern Mato Grosso, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul yesterday. Amounts were 0.25 to 1.5", locally 3", with 20% coverage of corn and soybeans.
- Showers should favor western Mato Grosso, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul through Monday. Amounts will be 0.25 to 1.0", with 10% coverage of corn and soybeans (-15% from yesterday).
- Continued drier weather in central and northern areas will favor soybean harvesting but will lower moisture for safrinha corn.
- The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in southern areas.

The Midwest corn/soybean/wheat belt forecast is unchanged today.
- Dry weather prevailed yesterday.
- Showers should favor far northwestern areas Friday and Saturday. Amounts should be 0.25 to 1.5", with 30% coverage of corn/soybeans (+15% for corn/soybeans and unchanged for wheat from yesterday). Dry weather should prevail otherwise through Monday.
- Drier weather in central and eastern areas through early next week will favor corn and soybean planting.
- The 6-10 day outlook is unchanged.
- The 11-15 day outlook is wetter in central areas.

The Plains wheat belt forecast is unchanged today.
- Showers favored central OK yesterday. Amounts were 0.25 to 0.5", with less than 10% coverage.
- Showers should return to central and western areas Friday through Sunday, then favor northern and eastern areas Monday. Amounts should be 0.25 to 1.5", with 90% coverage (unchanged from yesterday).
- The upturn in showers across much of the region should significantly improve moisture for wheat.
- The 6-10 day outlook is drier in north central areas.
- The 11-15 day outlook is wetter in southeastern areas.

Other Major Crop Areas
Europe: Forecast is unchanged today; dryness will continue in Italy, northern Germany, Hungary, and northwest Poland.
Argentina: Forecast is unchanged today; additional showers in northeastern areas will maintain harvest delays and increase wetness.
China: Forecast is unchanged today; dryness will continue across central and northern North China Plain.
**6-10 Day Forecast: Tue Apr 19-Sat Apr 23**

**Drier north central Plains**

**CHANGES:** The precipitation outlook is slightly drier in the north central Plains. Temperatures are warmer in the western Plains.

**CROP IMPACT:** Additional showers in the southern Plains would continue to improve moisture for winter wheat. However, showers in the Delta would again slow corn and soybean planting. Drier weather in the Midwest would continue to favor corn and soybean planting. Mild temperatures will help accelerate wheat growth as well as corn and soybean germination.

**RISKS:** There is a drier risk in the southwestern Plains.

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

**MODEL PREFERENCE:** ECM ensemble

**11-15 Day Forecast: Sun Apr 24-Thur Apr 28**

**Wetter central Midwest**

**CHANGES:** The precipitation outlook is wetter in the central Midwest and western Delta. Temperatures are slightly cooler in the western Plains, and warmer in the eastern Midwest.

**CROP IMPACT:** Additional showers in the Plains would continue to improve moisture and wheat conditions. Showers in the northern and western Midwest would slow corn and soybean planting, but showers in the western Midwest would further improve moisture. Showers should also improve moisture in the northern Plains and Prairies. Warm temperatures will continue to favor crop growth.

**RISKS:** There is a drier risk in the western Plains.

**CONFIDENCE:** Confidence in the temperature outlook is near normal. Confidence in the precipitation outlook is near normal.

**MODEL PREFERENCE:** ECM ensemble
**United States**

**The Midwest corn/soybean/wheat belt is unchanged today.**

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

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor far northwestern areas Friday and Saturday. Dry weather should prevail otherwise through Monday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Limited rains in all but far northwestern areas through early next week will favor corn and soybean planting. Warmer temperatures through the weekend will also help to increase soil temperatures.

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**PAST 24 HOURS:** A few showers favored central Oklahoma yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers will return to central and western areas Friday through Sunday, then favor northern and eastern areas Monday.

**CROP IMPACT:** The upturn in rains across the region later this week and over the weekend are expected to significantly improve moisture supplies and wheat conditions. The best improvements should be in central Oklahoma, central and northwestern Kansas, Nebraska, and eastern Colorado. Rain amounts should be lightest in western Texas and far western Oklahoma, where some limited dryness may remain.

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**The Delta wheat belt is unchanged today.**

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Showers favored southern Mississippi and Louisiana yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor southern areas through Friday. Drier weather should return Saturday through Monday.

**CROP IMPACT:** The downturn in showers in northern areas through early next week will allow some planting to resume. Additional showers in southeastern areas through the end of the week will keep planting there very slow, although planting will improve this weekend as rains ease.

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**The N. Plains/Prairies wheat belt is slightly drier Sunday.**

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Showers favored north central Alberta and north central Saskatchewan yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should build across the northern Plains and southeastern Prairies today through Saturday. A few showers should linger in South Dakota Sunday and Monday.

**CROP IMPACT:** Abundant showers across the northern Plains and southeastern Prairies over the next few days will improve moisture, which will favor spring wheat germination. The rains will, however, slow planting a bit. Also, some dryness will continue in west central Saskatchewan, as well as southern and western Alberta.

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

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

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor central areas through the remainder of the week.

**CROP IMPACT:** The drought in areas through the end of the week will keep planting there very slow, although planting will improve this weekend as rains ease.

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Forecast Precipitation Totals

Friday, April 15, 2016

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Monday, April 18, 2016

5 Day Total
PAST 24 HOURS: Showers favored central Buenos Aires and northern Santa Fe yesterday.

5 DAY FORECAST: Showers should favor eastern Cordoba, Santa Fe, Entre Rios, eastern Buenos Aires, and La Pampa through Monday.

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

CROP IMPACT: Additional rains across the region will maintain slow corn and soybean harvesting. Also, some wetness will continue to build in Santa Fe and Entre Rios as rains there will be quite heavy again. Drier weather in western and southern areas next week will allow harvesting there to improve.

RISKS: There is a drier risk in Cordoba through Monday.

CONFIDENCE: Near normal.
The Europe/N. Africa wheat/rapeseed belt forecast is unchanged.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Showers favored east central France, southern and east central Germany, and Czech-Slovak Republics yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor northwestern Spain, east central France, southern Germany, southern UK, southern Poland, and Czech-Slovak Republics through Monday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in central Spain.

**CROP IMPACT:** Showers in southern Germany and Czech-Slovak Republics are improving moisture a bit, and additional improvements are expected there. However, dryness will build further in central and northern Italy, northwestern Poland, northern Germany, and Hungary which will stress wheat and rapeseed growth.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in UK and Morocco in the 6-10 day period.

**CONFIDENCE:** Slightly above normal.

The FSU wheat belt forecast is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** A few showers favored Belarus yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should build across central and western Ukraine and Central Region through Monday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is drier in central and western Ukraine, and wetter in North Caucasus.

**CROP IMPACT:** An upturn in rains in north central and western Ukraine over the next few days will improve moisture and prevent stress on winter wheat growth. However, some spotty dryness will likely linger in far south central Ukraine. The total dry area should remain rather small, though. Continued warm temperatures through the weekend will further accelerate wheat growth as well as spring crop germination. Temperatures should cool a bit next week.

**RISKS:** There is a drier risk in North Caucasus in the 6-10 day period.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.
**CHINA**

The China corn/soybean belt forecast is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Rains favored western Yangtze Valley and east central Northeast China yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Rains should favor Yangtze Valley, southern North China Plain, and eastern Northeast China through Monday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in northern Yangtze Valley and northern Northeast China.

**CROP IMPACT:** Persistent showers in southern Yangtze Valley will increase wetness concerns. Meanwhile, showers in far western and southern North China Plain and eastern Northeast China will improve moisture for corn and soybeans as planting increases. However, dryness will continue in central and northern North China Plain and western Northeast China.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in northeastern North China Plain through Monday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.

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**Southeast Asia**

The Southeast Asia palm oil belt forecast is unchanged today.

**PAST 24 HOURS:** Showers favored southern Sumatra, east central Malay Peninsula, central Kalimantan, and central East Malaysia yesterday.

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Rains should favor central and southern Sumatra, Kalimantan, southern Malay Peninsula, and East Malaysia through Monday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is drier in north central Sumatra and southern Malay Peninsula.

**CROP IMPACT:** Showers should continue to improve moisture and palm conditions in southern Malay Peninsula. However, dryness will continue to stress palm across northern Malay Peninsula, northern Sumatra, and far northern East Malaysia. Moisture should remain adequate for favorable palm conditions in central and southern Sumatra, Kalimantan, and southwestern East Malaysia.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in western Malay Peninsula and northern Sumatra through Monday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.
Australia

The Australia wheat/sorghum belt forecast is unchanged today.

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

**5 DAY FORECAST:** Showers should favor Western Australia and far eastern New South Wales through Monday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in Victoria, eastern South Australia, and southern New South Wales.

**CROP IMPACT:** Dryness will continue in eastern Queensland, central and southern New South Wales, northwestern Victoria, and eastern South Australia through early next week, which will allow moisture shortages to build further and will slow wheat early planting. However, some improvement will be possible in Victoria and eastern South Australia later next week. Sorghum harvesting should progress well, though.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in central New South Wales through Monday.

**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 Sunday.

**6-10 DAY:** The 6-10 day outlook is wetter in North-west Province, Free State, Kwazulu-Natal, and Mpumalanga.

**CROP IMPACT:** Dry weather across the region through early next week will allow moisture shortages in Free State and southern Limpopo to build further. However, the corn growth will continue to finish up and stress will ease.

**RISKS:** There is a wetter risk in eastern Limpopo through Monday.

**CONFIDENCE:** Near normal.